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Final Report:

International Working Group for Disorders of GI Motility and Function 2015-17

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am pleased to update you on the output of the International Working Group for Disorders of GI Motility and Function. The current cycle, supported by a long-term grant from UEG Education and endorsed by ESNM, ESCP and international NGM committees including the ANMS, SLNG, ANMA and ANGMA came to a successful conclusion at the end of last year.

Five working groups were formed, each focused on a specific organ or disease, covering the gastrointestinal tract from the esophagus, reflux disease, stomach / intestine, to the anorectum. Based on extensive literature reviews, consensus statements regarding the current status of motility and function testing in each of the areas were developed. **Below is a list of papers with links to the original papers** on-line at Nature Reviews in Gastroenterology and Hepatology. This includes an overview with clear guidance as to “who and when to refer” to the Neurogastroenterology Laboratory. Together, these documents represent the current state-of-the-art regarding clinical NGM investigations, written for a general readership and approved by NGM experts from all parts of the World.

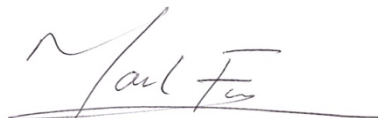
Finally, I have been approached by colleagues concerning a possible “**Ascona III: Advances in Clinical Measurement of GI Motility & Function**” meeting in April 2020. At this early stage, a detailed program has not been drafted; however, items for discussion are likely to include:

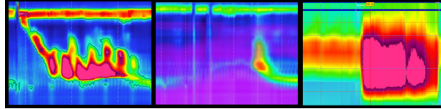
- (i) Chicago Classification for esophageal motility disorders version 4.0
- (ii) Early experience with the new, Lyon Classification of Gastro-Esophageal Reflux Disease
- (iii) Diagnosis and classification of disorders of gastric and intestinal motility (to include gastric emptying studies, breath tests and a range of new technologies)
- (iv) First consensus classification system for disorders of anorectal function

Once again, many thanks to all of those that have been involved in this project! Looking ahead, the next step is to disseminate this information to ensure best practice where-ever these tests are applied. To meet this need the [EU Gastrointestinal Motility Hub](#) has been formed and is currently looking for senior and junior faculty. If you have an interest in disorders of gastrointestinal and anorectal motility and function, then get involved!

Yours sincerely,

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International Working Group for Disorders in GI Motility and Function

Key Publications in this cycle

Section: Working Group Leads:

Introduction Mark Fox

- [Clinical measurement of gastrointestinal motility and function: who, when and which test?](#)

Esophagus Peter Kahrilas, John Pandolfino

- [The Chicago Classification of esophageal motility disorders, v3.0.](#)
- [Expert consensus document: Advances in the management of oesophageal motility disorders in the era of high-resolution manometry: a focus on achalasia syndromes](#)

Reflux Sabine Roman, Eduardo Savarino, Prakash Gyawali

- [Expert consensus document: Advances in the physiological assessment and diagnosis of GERD](#)
- [Modern diagnosis of GERD: the Lyon Consensus](#)

Gastrointestinal Jutta Keller, Michael Camilleri

- [Expert consensus document: Advances in the diagnosis and classification of gastric and intestinal motility disorders](#)

Anorectal Emma Carrington, Mark Scott, Adil Bharucha, Satish Rao

- [Expert consensus document: Advances in the evaluation of anorectal function](#)

