

I J G E NEWS

World congress of gastroenterology BANGKOK, February 24 - March 1, 2002

Of 6000 doctors five Iraqi doctors attended the congress & the OMED Endoscopic Post Graduate Course which discussed upper GIT endoscopy upper GIT bleeding - endoscopic ultrasound,- ERCP Pancreas, ERCP biliary tree & Colonoscopy.

Dr. Makki H. Fayadh presented a paper for 30 minutes about the GI lymphoma which showed the difference in the age differences between Iraq & the rest of the world, there was high incidence of lymphoma in the going age group & more undifferentiated tumours. The study showed that 12% of gastric cancers in Iraq are lymphomas compared to 5% in the rest of the world. Lymphoma constitute 12% of all GIT malignancies lymphoma were seen 9 times more in the people exposed to the depleted Uranium & there data were presented to the OMGE committees.

Dr. A. Shubber had impression that although this big scientific gathering was very informative about the recent advances in gastroenterology it showed that we are Iraqi gastroenterologist are not too far behind the current knowledge & practice of gastroenterology.

Dr. H. Al-Hilli added that attending the conference scientific activities was a good opportunity that will have a great impact on a gastroenterology progress & teaching in Iraq.

Visit to south Korea

Dr. Makki & Dr. Maad Mudhat visited the medical GI center in university hospital of Seoul with Professor Shim in which they do 150 endoscopies daily.

A visit to the Seoul general hospital & a meeting with prof. Lee, head of surgical department & liver transplantation team, they are experts in liver donor liver transplantation.

A visit to National Cancer Center of Seoul which was newly build & consist of 500 beds with centers for stomach, breast, lung, liver, colorectal, cervix, special organ cancers, chemotherapy clinical service, cancer prevention & early detection.

At all the centers above we received warm welcome & readiness for cooperation with our center & to share in future training and research.

New center for gastroenterology (Saddam center for gast.)

This center is under construction in the old hospital with 100 beds & 8 operating theaters & 6 endoscopy rooms & we are planning to establish liver transplantation in the near future.