

The endoscopy nurse's guide to the GI galaxy

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This educational presentation maps the landscape of professional development resources available to gastroenterology and endoscopy nurses in Europe, highlighting the evolution of training programs and the role of scientific societies in providing education, certification, and networking opportunities.

KEY POINTS

- The speaker reported that European endoscopy nurse education has evolved from predominantly short courses of 1-8 weeks in 1998 to university-based programs of 1-2 years in many countries by 2023, though educational gaps persist between and within countries.
- GINA (European Society of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy Nurses and Associates) offers members an immersive grant program providing up to one week of in-person training at European centers with all expenses covered, currently in Basel, Zagreb, and Bern.
- GINA hosts two annual conferences in conjunction with ESGE Days and UEG Week, offering hands-on training, abstract presentations with free registration for accepted work, and opportunities to connect with international colleagues.
- The speaker recommends that nurses engage with their national gastroenterology societies to access webinars, guidelines, reprocessing courses, and professional development programs, citing Greece as an example where societies helped establish structured training.
- GINA has joined with ESGE in a Green Endoscopy Working Group to promote sustainable practices, with resources available through the working group's website.
- Individual GINA members can combine membership with ESGE to access the ESGE Academy e-learning platform, and all nurses can access archived webinars, position statements, and curricula through the GINA website.

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