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Summary

Words of welcome

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UEG Week 2026 opening ceremony in Barcelona welcomed a record 14,000 participants from 122 countries and featured keynote presentations on mRNA vaccines for GI cancers and artificial intelligence applications in digestive disease.

KEY POINTS

- The conference received 5,407 abstract submissions, representing a 30% increase over the previous year, with late-breaking abstracts up 70%.
- Dr. Mustafa Deacon, vice president of vaccines and immunology at BioNTech, presented on mRNA vaccines for GI cancers, drawing on two decades of vaccine development experience.
- Professor Jakob Carter, professor of artificial intelligence at the Institute of Medical AI at University Hospital Heidelberg, presented on artificial intelligence applications to treat and improve outcomes for patients with GI diseases.
- The program includes hands-on training sessions in endoscopy, ultrasound, and surgery, a dedicated nurse program, and industry training hubs.
- Late-breaking abstract sessions feature data being presented for the first time, and moderated poster sessions include first-time presenters such as medical students presenting doctoral theses.

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