

The transfer to my duties as editor of Thai Journal of Gastroenterology has been a very challenging task for me at the beginning. After a year passed we published two issues already. This year we are able to work much faster and more effective to provide many quality manuscripts and all topics for our readers but we still need a lot of support from our members to submit more original articles. It does not matter at this moment regarding the types of articles; they can be research summaries, case series or topic review. Even nice photographs of endoscopy and radiographs are also welcome.

This year, I would like to congratulate on a big successful of our Gastroenterology research projects done by our fellows. Many of them have been accepted to be presented during Digestive Diseases Week which will be held in New Orleans, USA (May 2004). Please let me name them to show our appreciation.

1) Dr. Patarapong Kamalaporn is having an oral presentation on "Factors Related to Peptic Ulcer Diseases in Cirrhotic Patients"

2) Dr. Phadet Noophun is presenting a poster on "Endoscopic treatment of bleeding gastric varices by cyanoacrylate injection at King Chulalongkorn memorial hospital"

3) Dr. Pradermchai Kongkam is presenting a poster on "Non-anesthetist administered propofol for ERCP; efficacy, safety profile and side effect: A prospective randomized trial"

Needless to say, it is our plan to improve the quality of our journal. This is impossible to accomplish without our editorial boards support. In addition, we would like to say many thanks to our pharmaceutical colleagues. Without their support, we will not achieve this difficult task.

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