<u>IJGE Issue 6 Vol 1 2006</u> Iraq GIT 2005-2006

## Iraq GIT 2005-2006

## \* Makki H. Fayadh

Dear colleagues...

Our GIT Society, Hospital & Journal survived in spite of all the tragic events occurring in our country.

These events forced many eminent figures in our society to leave Iraq or work with very low profiles hoping for a better tomorrow.

The society and the hospital maintained their activities by the dedicated members.

We maintained our contacts with the international organizations that showed an understanding to our current situation & offered chances for training Iraqi gastroenterologists in many of the international centers especially the European & American centers.

Our friends in these centers are ready to help our colleagues in Iraq.

Of these colleagues, Firas Al Kawas from ASGE,G.Costamagna from ESGE, L.Griener From Germany & many others

Our Arab colleagues, Ziad Sharaiha, Fayez Sanduk, Ibrahim Mustafa, Sulaiman Fedhail and many others are willing to help in training our young colleagues.

We need governmental support to achieve our goals in training our colleagues in advanced techniques in our field.

The OMGE, OMED colleagues expressed their readiness to help.

Thanks for all the Iraqi heroes in our society and hospital who maintained their practice in gastroenterology and maintained our specialty.

Special thanks to our senior society colleagues, Professors Zuhair Bahrani & Amira Shubber, for their presence in all the scientific activities.

Many thanks for our GIT Doctors in the hospital who maintained the hospital and society activities and also our staff and secretaries.

May we all pray for GOD to help our country and maintain our specialty to the benefit of our patients.

<sup>\*</sup> Makki H. Fayadh FRCP ed , Consultant Gastroenterologist /Hepatologist President / Iraqi society of Gastroenterology & Hepatology Chief editor / Iraqi Gastroenterology journal