



BECA FAECP-COVIDIEN: The European Coloproctology Fellowship

Department of Surgery

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Valencia, Spain

An applied programme in the subspecialty of Coloproctology organized by the Department of Surgery of the University of Valencia, in collaboration with the Units of Coloproctology of the Hospital Universitario y Politecnico La Fe, Hospital Clínico Universitario, and the Consorcio Hospital General, Valencia, Spain. Supported by the FAECP (Foundation of the Spanish Association of Coloproctology) and sponsored by COVIDIEN

1-Objectives

The aim of this programme is to extrapolate the Coloproctology training system already present in other countries (mainly USA) to the European and Spanish medium. The objective is to carry out a training programme in this subspecialty with a logbook of procedures which can be recognised by other accredited centres.

The programme will be exportable to other centres and will shortly be approved by the scientific community.

2-Characteristics of the bursary:

- **Income: 32.000 € (8000 €/ trimester).** This income will be subject to the current Spanish taxation laws. The scholarship funds are subject to income taxation of approximately 40-45%.

- **Sponsors: COVIDIEN**

- **Organised by: Prof. Eduardo Garcia-Granero,** University Department of Surgery, through the Department of Research Trust of the Hospital Clínico Universitario (INCLIVA),Valencia.

- **Period:** One year (October 1st 2012-September 30th 2013)

- **Annual call for applicants**

- **Regulations:** The applicant must be a EU citizen, licensed in General Surgery. The degrees obtained outside Spain must be officially recognised in Spain at the beginning of the Fellowship.

- **Applications should be accompanied by:**

- + Photocopy of the National Identity Card or Passport (for foreigners)
- + Photocopy of the specialist degree in General and/or Digestive Surgery
- + Curriculum Vitae

- **The successful candidate** will have to comply with spanish requirements regarding recognition of prior medical training and certification of good standing from their own national medical governing body. The candidate is advised to undertake these administrative responsibilities promptly following notification of acceptance:

- Achieving mutual recognition of academic and surgical professional titles by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science.
- A “Certificate of Good Standing” (also translated into Spanish by a sworn translator).
- The Fellow will also have to register with the Official Medical Association in Valencia and will be assisted and advised in taking an annual malpractice insurance policy.

- **At the end of the programme,** the candidate will be awarded a certificate by the University Department of Surgery, University of Valencia.

- **Applications should be presented** in person or sent by email to the address below **NO LATER THAN THE 30TH JULY 2012:**

eggranero@telefonica.net

- **Criteria for the evaluation of merits:**

- + Previous scientific publications
- + Doctoral thesis
- + Prior clinical activity
- + Introduction letters or reports (maximum of three) from the mentors/tutors, regarding training, merits of the aspirant and above all future perspectives for progress and work in the area of Coloproctology.
- + Possible personal interview
- + Knowledge of languages
- + The bursary cannot be granted twice to the same person

- **The bursary** will be granted by an evaluation committee with a COVIDIEN representative, after approval of the committee board representing the FAECP:

President: Dr Eduardo Garcia Granero

Vice-president: José Vicente Roig

Vocales. Dr Antonio Codina Cazador

Dr Sebastiano Biondo

Dr Eloy Espin

- **Commitment on behalf of the candidate:**

- + finish the period of the bursary.
- + podium presentation of a clinical research study at the AECP annual meeting.
- + to sit at the end of the year, the EBSQ- Coloproctology exam. performed annually by the ESCP (European Society of Coloproctology).

3- Activities to be carried out by the applicant:

- **Clinical activities** as a specialist doctor tutored by the staff from the units. The candidate will have a logbook of surgical activities performed. Moreover, the

fellow will spend a month visiting one of the referral Colorectal Unit in Spain, according to the committee board.

- **Educational activities:** Participation in the educational activities of the unit: courses and meetings
- **Research:** Incorporation to the research projects.
- **Presentation of abstracts at the:** Reunión Anual de la Asociación Española de Coloproctología. Congreso/Reunión de la Asociación Española de Cirujanos. Annual meetings of the ASCRS or ESCP
- **Participation in scientific publications**

4- Characteristics of the Coloproctology Group:

Background

The activity of the Fellow will be supervised by the Director of the Fellowship, Prof. Eduardo Garcia-Granero.

The clinical activity will take place in the Coloproctology Units of the Departments of General and Digestive Surgery of the following hospitals:

- Hospital Clínico Universitario, chaired by Prof. J. Ortega
- Hospital Universitario y Politécnico La Fe (www.nuevohospital-lafe.com) chaired by Prof. M. De Juan.
- Consorcio Hospital General, chaired by Prof. JV Roig.

The group has an ample experience in the treatment of patients as can be seen by over 8500 surgical procedures performed and registered in the Unit's database. It also has prestigious research experience which is reflected in the scientific publications, together with a consolidated tradition in postgraduate training in Coloproctology for General Surgical residents and also for over 200 doctors who have visited the unit to improve their theoretical and practical knowledge in the subspecialty.

- **Human resources:** 16 staff surgeons with complete dedication to Colorectal Surgery, six of them qualified with the **European Board Surgical Qualification in Coloproctology (EBSQ-C)**. A **stoma therapy nurse** with complete dedication in each Coloproctology Unit.

- Clinical activities and resources:

+ **Surgery:** Each coloproctology unit performs around 225-250 colorectal surgical procedures and 125-150 proctology procedures every year. There are 8-10 major operations per week in each Unit.

Intelligent operating room for advanced Colorectal laparoscopic surgical procedures is available in each Unit.

+ **Clinics:** two weekly clinics with four simultaneous completely equipped offices in each Hospital.

+ **Anorectal ultrasound** performed by the Units that has studied over 1000 rectal cancers from 1996

+ **Surgical ward** with programmed and emergency admissions

-Available specialities related to the unit: Gastroenterology. Gastrointestinal motility unit, Endoscopies, Conventional radiology, CT and MRI, Intensive Care, Urology, Gynaecology, Pathology, Oncology

- Coloproctology Functional Units:

The units are planned for assistance and research, together with some of the previously mentioned specialities and organize their clinical activity based on the following multidisciplinary groups:

MDT of Colorectal Cancer

MDT of Inflammatory Bowel Disease

MDT of Pelvic Floor

- Teaching Activities in the units:

+Annual practical course in Colorectal Surgery since 1995, (week's duration) & directed towards specialist surgeons.

+Annual course in Coloproctology for residents promoted by the Asociación Española de Cirujanos.

+Annual course of Imaging in Colorectal surgery since 2006 (week's duration) & directed towards specialist surgeons.

- Research activities

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