

The EFISDS has been involved with the concept and establishment of the UEGF from the very outset in 1990, when Professor Vincenzo Speranza, ISDS President at that stage, commenced discussions with prominent European gastroenterologists in Rome about the formation of such Federation. Prof. Antonio Basoli, EFISDS Secretary and Treasurer and close collaborator of Prof. Speranza, was actively engaged in the first developments of this dynamic initiative at that time.

In 1992 the EFISDS was part of the final formation of the UEGF and as one of the Seven Sisters, the only surgical society, involved as a founding member ever since.

The EFISDS has been deeply committed in the activities of the UEGF and its role has been always recognized. Two of the UEGF Presidents in fact were executive EFISDS Councillors, Professors Vincenzo Speranza and Professor Edward Farthmann.

As it stands, now 20 years on, the activities within the UEGF have been an important and prominent aspect within the topical landscape of the EFISDS activities.

The EFISDS has enjoyed being part of the annual UEGW and participation in the various councils to represent the surgical aspects within the UEGF. In addition EFISDS members have had the benefit from various UEGF grants for educational projects such as PG Courses and Professional Training courses.

Whilst taking a keen interest in all activities within the UEGF, the EFISDS prides itself on quiet performance and progress ensuring that energies contributed by its members are directed only towards its vision of always challenging and improving the standard.

The EFISDS was officially launched as an initiative by the ISDS in 1990 to set up regional Federations all over the world in order to improve communications and optimize efforts in surgical training and education.

As a result the EFISDS was formed and formally registered in the Netherlands.

The EFISDS has a focus on delivering quality training and education, mentoring and peer support through the most intelligent methodology with latest digitally technologies available to date. Some of the recent activities involve, annual PG Courses, monothematic professional training initiatives, on line surgical tutorials including real time collaboration and the official support and endorsement of the Laparoscopic Surgical Skills accreditation of as rolled out by the LSS Foundation.

The EFISDS recognizes the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to digestive surgery with the ultimate aim to provide their members with the best possible materials required for best practice patient care.

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