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News from the International Symposium “*Digestive Health: how to preserve-how to restore*”, a pre-symposium of the Asian Pacific Digestive Week - APDW 2018 organized in Seoul with an unrestricted grant of "Fondazione Internazionale Menarini"

### **Newest advances in gastrointestinal health to be discussed in Seoul**

*The focus will be on advances in understanding, prevention and management of upper gastrointestinal tract and pancreas diseases, with particular emphasis on malignancies. Epidemiology and burden of benign and malignant digestive diseases are among the main topics of a symposium where major experts in the field will gather to discuss new approaches in prevention and treatment of GERD, esophagitis and esophageal, pancreatic and gastric cancer.*

Seoul, November 15th 2018 – Major experts in the field of gastrointestinal diseases are going to discuss the most recent advances in epidemiology, prevention and treatment during the International Symposium *Digestive Health: how to preserve-how to restore*, a pre-symposium of the Asian Pacific Digestive Week - APDW 2018 hosted in Seoul November 15th and organized with an unrestricted grant of "Fondazione Internazionale Menarini". Digestive symptoms and diseases are a common problem in the practice of every physician: while some digestive diseases may shorten life, digestive diseases generally erode quality of life more than lifespan and most of them strike individuals in their productive years, seriously compromising productivity, participation in the workforce, family life and activities of daily living. Digestive diseases present with great and heterogeneous complexity and carry the highest global burden of disease that ranges from impairment of quality of life, morbidity and mortality. In the field of digestive diseases, "geographical and regional" epidemiology is very pronounced due to the complex interdependence of genetics, environmental factors and host properties: the symposium will be a unique opportunity to discuss the burden of diseases in different geographical context and the newest advances in the field, thanks to the world renowned specialists gathering here. “*The major experts will trace the route from early steps of disease events to their clinical manifestation – says Peter Malfertheiner, president of the meeting - New important insights from epidemiological explorations have identified the risk factors to be addressed in preventing disease, new molecular pathways have paved the way for early diagnosis and the development of targeted therapies. The implementation of this progress has already taken place and should be further encouraged and disseminated in clinical strategies of prevention and treatment of malignant digestive diseases. Global perspectives and sharing of knowledge on basic mechanisms of esophageal, gastric and pancreatic disease will stimulate and help progressing in this field with the intention of the meeting for preventing and restoring health. This scientific event, held thanks to the generous support of Menarini Foundation, should ultimately benefit individuals and the society*”.