



Newsletter

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ISS/SIC President's Welcome



Marco G. Patti
President ISS/SIC

Dear Friends,

The executive committee of the International Society of Surgery met in Zurich on March 11 and 12, 2016. It was a very productive meeting, characterized by a new energy and enthusiasm. The following summarizes some of the key subjects discussed during the meeting:

Even though the World Congress of Surgery held in Bangkok in August 2015 was a great scientific success, it was marked by the tragic death of Professor J.-C. Givel, the ISS/SIC Secretary General who had led the ISS/SIC for the last 6 years. Professor Ken Boffard of South Africa has been chosen as new Secretary General for the next period. Ken is an internationally known trauma surgeon who led the ISS/SIC as President between 2009 and



Sculpture on a fountain at historic city center, Basel

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The City of Basel from a bird's eye view (© Basel Tourismus)

2011. His experience will help tremendously during these difficult times.

In January of 2016, it was decided that the 2017 World Congress of Surgery could not take place in Buenos Aires as planned. This decision was very difficult but necessary considering the current financial situation in Argentina. We are very grateful to Professor Alberto Ferreres for his efforts as President of the Local Organizing Committee. Almost uniformly Basel, Switzerland was chosen as the venue for the World Congress of Surgery that will take place on 13–17 August 2017. Basel is a lovely city, widely considered the cultural capital of Switzerland. It is situated at the Swiss-German-French tripoint, and it is easy to reach from any country in the world. With the participation of many different surgical associations, we are planning a strong scientific program which will take place in a modern and efficient congress center.

We thank Professor Andrew Hill for identifying important issues that are relevant to the future of the ISS/SIC. Five subcommittees were created and we hope more members will decide to contribute:

1. Decrease costs of the World Congress of Surgery for surgeons from LMIC.
2. Establish a Fellowship of the ISS/SIC.
3. Appoint a small committee/editorial board to run the website and social media.
4. Establish a process for medical students and surgical trainees/residents to join the ISS/SIC for a minimal fee.
5. A membership strategy to be developed by each Collective Member Society (formerly Integrated Society).

Overall, I feel that this was a great start of a new cycle. Working together we will be able to make the ISS/SIC and all the participating Societies more relevant on the national and international level.

Best Regards,

Marco Patti,
President ISS/SIC &
Congress President WCS 2017

ISS/SIC Editorial

I hope you enjoy the ISS/SIC Spring newsletter. This is one of the largest newsletters ever produced by the ISS/SIC office, and is a reflection of the enthusiasm that the new Executive has brought to the organisation, and a specific compliment to Mr. Chris Storz from our office who has had the task of putting everything together. Our new Administration, led by Mr Mike Iliopoulos is settling in, assisting Mr Victor Bertschi as Executive Director. Prof. Andrew Hill heads our membership Committee. We are reviewing several proposals to make membership easier to obtain, especially to those surgeons working in developing countries who wish to play a part in global surgery. We will report back in due course.

In this issue:

- An update and report from the Local Organising Committee (LOC) for the Basel Congress, which is confirmed for Sunday 13 – Thursday 17 August 2017,

(Week 33). This avoids any conflict with Swedish meetings. Lots of exciting activities for members and their families are planned.

- The ISS Foundation is expanding. We hope to allow more travel scholars, but additionally, to broaden the entire funding base, in order to assist our educational initiatives across the world. The report from the new Secretary/Treasurer, Mike Sarr, is important to all of us, and affects the future of the ISS/SIC Education program.
- The World Journal of Surgery, under the able Leadership of the Editor, John Hunter, is going from strength to strength. We have listened very carefully to all your input, and the Journal is going fully electronic. However, if you still feel the need for a print copy, please let us know. The WJS is now on Twitter as well.

- Our Collective Member Societies are looking at ways of delivering the maximum value, both in terms of education, and providing members with the support and information they need, and expanding what the Society can do for you. This edition of the newsletter contains key information from the Collective Member Societies.

I hope you enjoy reading what is planned for our future. As always, please write, email, tweet, but let us know your thoughts and where you would like the Society to be headed, and what you can do for the Society, or what the Society can do for you.

Kenneth D. Boffard
Secretary General ISS/SIC

Report by the General Secretary



Kenneth D. Boffard
Secretary General
ISS/SIC

Dear Friends,

The 46th World Congress of Surgery which was held in Bangkok in August 2015 was a great success, both financially and in the number of attendees. It was also marked by the tragic death, during the Congress, of Professor Jean-Claude Givel, the ISS/SIC Secretary General.

I have been appointed as Secretary General of our extraordinary International Society of Surgery from the beginning of April. In its entire history, the Society has

only had 10 Secretaries General. I have had the privilege of being a member of the Society more than two decades, working with such exceptional people as Thomas Rüedi, Ruediger Siewert, Felix Harder, and Jean-Claude Givel. Felix has very ably steered the Society as Acting Secretary General, since Bangkok, and my thanks are especially due to him for the stable transition he was able to achieve at a difficult time, and for being a mentor to me as well. I have had the honour of serving as an elected officer in the Society, both as President of IATSIC, and as President of the Society itself. Over the years, it has been a real privilege to have had interaction with so many members of the Society in so many countries, and so it is with both pleasure and humility that I look forward to serving you and the Executive Committee.

In addition, after consultation, and for a number of reasons, President Marco Pat-



ti, and a large majority of the Executive Committee felt circumstances did not allow for the 2017 World Congress of Surgery meeting to take place in Buenos Aires, as planned. The Executive Committee of the International Society of Surgery met in Zurich on March 11 and 12, 2016, and Basel, Switzerland, has been chosen as the venue for the 47th World Congress of Surgery for 2017, and it will take place on 13-17 August 2017. With the participation of many different surgical associations, we are planning a strong scientific program which will take place in a modern and efficient congress centre. The dates

of the meeting have been moved earlier so that there are no clashes with European meetings. This should also suit many visitors from other parts of the Northern hemisphere especially, as it now takes place during school vacations. More information will be regularly posted on our new website (www.iss-sic.com and www.wcs2017.org). Make Switzerland the jumping off point for a European family holiday, and enjoy the sights and sounds of some of the great European capitals before or after the World Congress. No matter where you land, Basel is not far away. Put the dates in your diary!

The Basel Local Organising Committee (LOC) met on the 4th of April, and planning is advancing rapidly for a great WCS. The Scientific Program is being finalised, and caters for all the needs, not only of the Collective Member Societies, but for the many more “General” Surgeons who attend from all corners of the world.

President Patti, and the Executive, following the March meeting, have launched a number of initiatives to make the Society more accessible to younger members, and to those from Lower and Middle Income Countries, and increasing the membership attractions to broaden our mem-

bership base, as well as trying to make it more affordable to attend the World Congress. Under the overall Chairmanship of Andrew Hill, from Auckland, a number of ad hoc Committees have been created to study the situation and to report back with proposals to address the problem. Specifically, issues such as the costs of the World Congress, a process to involve medical students and surgical trainees, reviewing of the website and social media, and other issues which are important for the expansion of the Society will be addressed. We are also trying, with increased input from our Collective Member Societies, to increase the educational activities on behalf of the Society, especially in years between Congresses.

I also think it is time to review the role of the Society’s National Delegates. These individuals are our representatives in the countries where we have members. I am sure that the role of the National Delegate can be expanded, and their efforts appreciated more, both by the National Members, and by the Society itself. Please let me have your views.

This has been an “interesting” year for the Society. The events in Bangkok caused great sadness. Victor Bertschi, our Execu-



*Lake Lucerne in Central Switzerland
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tive Director, is reducing his role in the Society, as is Felix Harder, from whom I have taken over. We have a new Administrative Director, Mike Iliopoulous, a new office in Zurich, a dynamic Executive Committee, and a new Secretary General! I look forward towards the future.

Please write to us in the office, and let us have your views. You are the Society.

Kenneth D. Boffard
Secretary General ISS/SIC



Evening in Lucerne with the internationally renown Chapel Bridge. Just 1:15 hrs from Basel (©Switzerland Tourism/Ivo Scholz)

Welcome to Basel WCS 2017



*Pierre-Alain Clavien
Co-President LOC
WCS 2017*



*Nicolas Demartines
Co-President LOC
WCS 2017*

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to Basel, Switzerland, the city on the Rhine and home to one of the oldest medical Faculties in Europe. Basel – embedded between Switzerland, Germany and France – is very proud of its past, currently counting about 800'000 inhabitants in the agglomeration on the River Rhine.

Basel was a Celtic settlement and became an important roman military stronghold during the first century B.C. An earthquake destroyed part of the city in 1356, but 100 years later the University of Basel was founded in 1460 as the first Swiss University.

Paper manufactory and printing were established in Basel and attracted scholars,



Old University of Basel (©Andreas Gerth)

humanists or anatomists like Paracelsus, Erasmus of Rotterdam or Andreas Vesalius.

The strong cultural heritage in Basel was also developed through intense exchanges with German and French cultures across the borders. Here you will find an amazing concentration of art museums like the Basel Museum of Art with its magnificent extension opened in April 2016 or the world-renowned Beyeler Foundation among others.

The pharmaceutical giants like Roche and Sandoz and Ciba Geigy, now known as Novartis were all founded in Basel, and still have their headquarters and strong research facilities. Relevant for the ISS/SIC, was the leadership of Martin Allgöwer as Secretary General for many years, and he moved the ISS/SIC office from Brussels to Basel in 1979, which was very important for the success of the Society.

The WCS 2017 Local Organizing Committee (LOC) had a relative late start due to some external circumstances well explained by President Patti. The LOC is now well catching up – along with our congress organizer MCI – to propose a landmark meeting. A very attractive scientific program, prepared by ISS/SIC and the 6 Collective Member Societies, is about to be finalized. Various hands-on courses for breast surgeons (BSI), GI-surgeons (ISS/SIC), trauma-surgeons (DSTC by IATSIC) will be available.



Art Museum, Basel (©Basel Tourismus)



Colmar, France (©Basel Tourismus) – 50 min. from Basel



View onto Eiger, Moench and Jungfrau mountains in the Bernese Oberland (©Switzerland Tourism/Lucia Degonda) – 2 hrs. from Basel

Once more, the most appreciated scientific writing course will take place, as well as several special lectures and internationally recognized speakers. Attractive pre- and post-congress tours will be proposed, if delegates choose to take some additional days to visit Switzerland or neighboring countries.

Remain updated through the wcs2017.org webpage, which will be active shortly. **Put the congress dates in your agenda, 13–17 August 2017** and don't miss the offer for the "early birds"!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you here in Basel in August 2017.

With our profound friendship

Pierre-Alain Clavien & Nicolas Demartines
WCS 2017 LOC Co-Presidents

Report by the Local Organizing Committee WCS 2017

47th World Congress of Surgery, Basel, Switzerland, 13 – 17 August 2017

As outlined by President Marco Patti in this newsletter the 47th World Congress of Surgery is being transferred to Basel, Switzerland. As always in the past this particular destination has been booked as an emergency back-up should special circumstances require such action. It is evident that some cutbacks have to be taken into account when a local organization at a new venue takes off just 18 months before the event. Consequently, a group of LOC-, ISS/SIC- and MCI-staff performed together a first site inspection at the Basel Convention Center on February 12 to make sure that the infrastructure will be adequate to host WCS 2017 which in fact is the case. President Marco Patti visited Basel and the Congress Center shortly thereafter and was quite thrilled both about the center and the city. To avoid a clash with the Swedish Surgical Week and the involvement of IAES, WCS will be held from August 13 to 17, 2017. Make sure to put the right date into your agenda!

Basel Convention Center is offering top equipment in all respects as demonstrated year after year at the occasion

of events with global reputation such as “ART BASEL” or “BASELWORLD”.

The City of Basel with a population of some 200'000 is located on the banks of the Rhine River in Switzerland at the junction of the Swiss, German and French borders, the so called “Three Country

Corner”. Have breakfast in Switzerland, lunch in Germany and dinner in France! And within 1.5 and 2.5 hours you reach marvelous places like Lucerne, Interlaken, the alps with the Matterhorn or the Mont-blanc, the highest alpine peak in Europe. Besides its attractive medieval old town center Basel is also the “birthplace” of



Basel Convention Center (© Basel Tourismus)



LOC, ISS/SIC and MCI-staff at site inspection

prominent pharmaceutical companies. Novartis and Roche headquarters are located in Basel. You will be surprised to find an unexpected number of outstanding art-museums. You will enjoy free rides on a very dense network of public transportation (if staying at a hotel in Basel).

Basel Airport is ideal for low cost flights from many European cities as Easy Jet, Ryanair and Wizz which offer many daily flight connections. Participants from overseas will either arrive in Zurich or Frankfurt Airport and continue from there directly by train to Basel for 1 or 3 hours respectively. The city offers ample hotel accommodation in different categories. Those wishing to stay in low budget hotels may choose to stay in a hotel in Germany or France which can be reached by a 20 min. tram ride from the Convention Center for which tram tickets are to be purchased.

Three weeks after the March ISS/SIC Executive Committee a first meeting of the Basel WCS 2017 Local Organizing Committee (LOC) convened on April 4. Initial steps to start with the heavy burden of work have been started immediately. While Prof. Pierre-Alain Clavien and Prof. Nicolas Demartines have agreed to act



ISS/SIC President Marco Patti at the "Three Country Corner" in Basel where France, Switzerland and Germany meet



A lane in the Old City of Basel (©Basel Tourismus)

as Co-Presidents of LOC, representing the German and French speaking part of Switzerland, Prof. Marcel Jakob, incoming president of the Swiss Society of Surgery SSS represents the University of Basel and Prof. Raffaele Rosso from Lugano the Italian part of Switzerland as well as the SSS as its actual president. The neighboring countries are represented in the Local Organizing Committee by Prof. Doris Henne-Bruns from Ulm for Germany; Prof. Albert Tuchmann from Vienna for Austria and Prof. Georges Manton from Besançon for France. Finally, the LOC is supplemented by our Swiss National Delegate PD Dr. Walter Schweizer, Prof. Felix Harder, Prof. Daniel Scheidegger and Mr. Elio Tomasetti. Victor Bertschi will act as Secretary of LOC.

We expect strong support by the industry despite the very late date and short notice of less than 18 months to go. The SSS would have liked very much to join WCS. However the late change of destination regrettably made this impossible and SSS will convene as planned by the end of May 2017 but has assured its support.

Please follow the congress-activities, pre- and post-congress tours and other interesting details on our congress Homepage that is being updated regularly:

www.wcs2017.org



Rhine River in Basel with the "Muenster" (© Basel Tourismus)

Now is the time to mark your participation at this congress in your diary and take advantage of travelling from far to visit friends in Europe and explore most attractive sites in and around Switzerland. Your family will appreciate joining you.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in 2017 in Basel

Victor Bertschi
Secretary LOC

Report by the ISS-Foundation



Michael G. Sarr & Jay L. Grosfeld

As the new Secretary/Treasurer of the ISS Foundation, I thought I would update the Society about the plans for the ISS Foundation in the near future. The Executive Committee of the ISS Foundation plans to build on the excellent work pioneered by Dr Jay Grosfeld over the last decade to increase the educational opportunities offered by the ISS/SIC for the developing world via the following objectives:

1. To increase the number of traveling scholarships to the 2017 World Congress of Surgery, not only those given by the ISS/SIC itself, but to help and

encourage the member societies and the various country chapters to also increase the number of their traveling scholarships

2. To serve as a clearing house to encourage and help provide access to developing countries to use the outreach educational programs offered by our Collective Member Societies, such as the IAES, IATSIC, BSI, and any other member societies or educational programs developed through interaction with the ISS/SIC, ISS Foundation, and affiliated societies.

To do this, the ISS Foundation will need to actively and aggressively raise monies to fund such initiatives **and here is where you come in!** You will be hearing from me as the Secretary/Treasurer. I will be approaching and encouraging all of you to give even just small donation (5 to 10 Euros) along with your annual dues. I personally have started this off with a USD 1'000 donation to the Foundation as have other members of the Executive Committee of the ISS Foundation as a **com-**

mittment to the mission of the ISS Foundation. I will also be approaching all the local country chapters of the ISS/SIC to urge their members to donate again even a small amount in order to increase the number of travelers sponsored by their organizations to attend the World Congress of Surgery in 2017 in Basel.

In addition, I will be approaching many of the humanitarian organizations and philanthropic groups to also get involved in our worthy mission to increase the educational opportunities in the developing world to address the all-to-often overlooked burden of surgical disease.

As always, I am very open to any suggestions from the membership of the ISS/SIC on how to further this mission as well as any suggestions of organizations or humanitarian causes that the ISS Foundation should approach. **Please e-mail me directly with any suggestion that you have to:** sarr.michael@mayo.edu.

Michael G. Sarr
Secretary/Treasurer ISS-Foundation



Event at Basel Convention Center (©Baselworld)



John G. Hunter
Editor in Chief WJS

The World Journal of Surgery continues to be very popular amongst surgeons from around the world. Again this year, we will receive close to 2'000 submissions, and publish less than 20% of the material received. While the acceptance rate is thin, it keeps the journal quality high, putting the WJS into the top 10 general surgery journals as rated by the Google H-5 index. However, the experience of the WJS for the 80% who receive rejection notices is less pleasing. We recognize that we are entrusted with a prize possession of every surgeon who sends us a manuscript. We are given the gift of data, original research, and words. And, in appreciation of this gift, most authors will receive a rejection notice from us. To these many individuals, and teams of surgeons, I can only thank you for thinking of the WJS when you complete your research study. I hope you will not get discouraged by one or more rejection notices, and instead use them as experience to improve your work, so that your next paper will be published in the WJS or another high-quality surgical Journal.

The quality of our Journal is not only proportional to the number of submissions received, but it is directly influenced by the quality of reviews performed by our editorial Board and guest reviewers. Through this voluntary activity, we are able to provide authors with constructive criticism designed to improve the quality of the revised manuscript for WJS or for another Journal. If the authors are the farmer's, the editorial board and expert reviewers are the chefs who turn remarkable raw materials into a finished dish, –hopefully tasteful and to your liking!

This year the Journal is evolving our electronic transformation. For many years we



WJS Writers' Workshop at WCS 2015 Bangkok

have received requests from our readers that a print copy of the WJS on the coffee table may no longer be necessary or desirable. This year, we have made their wishes come true. Unless a member of the ISS/SIC makes a specific request to receive a paper Journal, no journals will be sent. As a result, we are printing less than half the number of copies of the World Journal of Surgery than we used to, saving many trees in the process. If you have noticed that your paper Journal is not appearing, but would like to still receive one, please let the ISS/SIC office know as they are providing the mailing list to Springer, our publishers.

For those who enjoy social media, the WJS has expanded its Twitter footprint to >700 followers. 3-4 tweets a week are drawing attention to our publications and provide a venue for brief commentary on our publications. If you are not yet a follower of the WJS, please join us on Twitter **@worldjsurg**.

At the next World Congress of Surgery, August 2017 in Basel, we will again offer the Writers' Workshop in conjunction

with the Academic Career Development Course. The Sunday afternoon session of the Career Development Course will focus on writing, publication, and CV building. The didactic material presented on Sunday afternoon will be directly applicable to the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning sessions. We strongly encourage all participants in the Writers' Workshop to sign-up for the Career Development Course as well.

In closing, the World Journal of Surgery continues to be your Journal, and we look forward to hearing from you as an author, or as an ISS/SIC member. Let us know how we can do better!

Until next time,

John Hunter
Editor in Chief, WJS

Report by the Administrative Office



Mike Iliopoulos
Administrative
Director

iss-sic.com) and we hope you will like the new design and functions.

A new membership system is in progress which we hope to bring online soon. This system should facilitate our members to easily access their recorded information and dues control. More to come soon.....



Chris Storz
Scientific Director

Springer Verlag NY has now stopped the 2015 access codes to World Journal of Surgery and members who have not yet covered the 2016 annual dues had their subscription ceased. Of course, we will be happy to reactivate your subscription upon receipt of your payment towards 2016 dues.

of existence. Starting with 800 pages in 1977 it is now at 3'030 pages in 2015. Congratulation to WJS and a great thanks to all who have contributed to this success!

We look forward enthusiastically to a prosperous future of ISS/SIC and WJS.

Mike Iliopoulos & Chris Storz
ISS/SIC Administrative Office

Dear Members

After the transition of the ISS/SIC Administration from Lupsingen to Zurich, we have well established our new premises and are happy about a smooth transition process. Please note that also our office e-mail has changed to **surgery@iss-sic.COM** – please delete the former e-mail address **surgery@iss-sic.CH** from your address book and only use the new one. Also, Mike Iliopoulos has been successful to launch the new ISS/SIC website (**www.**

Only recently we have realized that the World Journal of Surgery WJS, established in 1977, may celebrate 40 years

In Memoriam

On a sad note, we have recently been informed by the Japan Chapter that the ISS/SIC Honorary Member Prof. Koichi Ishikawa has passed away on January 12, 2016. Prof. Ishikawa has joined the ISS/SIC in 1967 and was awarded honorary membership in 1999 at the Vienna Congress. Our heartfelt condolences on behalf of the Society go to his family.

News from IAES



Dimitrios Linos
President IAES

The IAES meeting in Bangkok was a highly productive and enjoyable meeting. Although attendance was somewhat diminished because of the bombing shortly before the start of the meeting, those of us who attended were treated to wonderful Thai hospitality and a well-run and scientifically stimulating meeting. We would like to thank our local arrangement chair **Dr. S Chantawibul** for organizing an enchanting banquet and the Pre-Congress workshop on Endoscopic Thyroidectomy. Out-going President **Dr. Chen-Hsen Lee** gave an interesting Presidential Address on Endocrine Diseases in Traditional Chinese Medicine. This year's Peter Heimann Lecture was given remotely by Dr. Virgin-

ia LiVolsi on The Pathologic Prognostic Factors in Thyroid Carcinoma: What the Clinician Should Expect. In addition, we had two State-of-the-Art lectures; one by the ever entertaining **Dr. Ian Hay** on Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma Managed at Mayo Clinic During 7 Decades. **Dr. Akira Miyauchi** updated us on the data for Active Surveillance of Papillary Microcarcinoma of the Thyroid. Under the guidance of the Program Committee Chair **Dr. Jean Louis Kraimps**, 47 excellent podium presentations and numerous posters made up the rest of the scientific meeting. **Dr. Julia Ann Sosa** and I would like to thank all the reviewers for the World Journal of Surgery for your help in providing honest



Janice L. Pasieka
Secretary/Treasurer
IAES



Basel City Hall outside

and constructive feedback not only to those manuscripts generated from our meeting, but for your ongoing help and support throughout the year. Thirty of the podium presentations were accepted by the World Journal of Surgery and will be included in the IAES issue of the journal in the near future. If you haven't received a request to review an endocrine surgical manuscript for the WJS and would like to do so, please let us know and we will be sure to find you some work!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Dr. Geoffrey Thompson** and his trusted assistant **Marilyn Churchward** for the last 6 years of dedicated service to the IAES as our Secretary-Treasurer. Geoff has done a wonderful job in this capacity and will continue to serve the IAES as Council-coordinator. **Dr. Dimitrios Linos** our current President and **Dr. Gerry Doherty** President-Elect, along with myself, round out the IAES Executive Council. The council of the IAES consisting of **Drs. Greg Randolph, Göran Wallin, Tsuneo Imai, Stan Sidhu, Euy Soh, Jean Louis Kraimps, Martha Zeiger, Sally Carty and Euy Young Soh**, have been busy working on your behalf. We continue to grow and as of this year

12 new members have been inducted into the IAES. We have made efforts to streamline the membership process, so encourage your endocrine surgical colleagues to join this wonderful association.

Plans for the 2017 program for the IAES are already underway. The dates our our next meeting will be **August 13–17, 2017 in Basel, Switzerland. Dr. Daniel Oertli** has agreed to serve as our Local Arrangement Chair and we are very appreciative of him stepping into this role on short no-



....and inside (© Edition Phoenix)

tice. Our 2017 program, along with the usual podium and poster presentations will also include two very exciting panel discussions. The first one will be on Transitioning; Highlighting the Key Milestones of an Endocrine Surgeon, from Fellow into retirement. There will also be a round table discussion on the future of Endocrine Surgical Societies and the role the IAES will play going forward. An Endocrine Video session will again take place for the early risers in the group. **Professor George Chrousos** has agreed to deliver the Peter Heimann Lecture for 2017 on Cushing's Syndrome. The State-of-the-Art Lectures will be given by **Drs. Nancy Perrier** and **CY Lo**. In keeping with our theme of providing relevant, thought-provoking topics they have agreed to tackle the ever changing landscape of MEN 1 syndrome and the value of Clinical Practice Guidelines. Of course not to be missed will be the Presidential Address. Dimitrios has just recently sent me the title of his talk;

Ο Βίος τη Χειρουργική αναφύεται...!

It is a great honour to have been elected as your Secretary-Treasurer for the next six years. My assistant **Tammy Mierau** and I are looking forward to serving in this capacity and to help make the IAES a strong and meaningful association for Endocrine Surgeons world-wide. Please feel free to contact us at **IAES_JP@icloud.com** with any thoughts or suggestions.

Janice L. Pasioka
Secretary/Treasurer IAES

News from IATSIC



*Manjul Joshipura
President IATSIC*

As you might be aware, we are back in Europe for WSC 2017. After Helsinki in 2013 we are returning to Basel in Switzerland for WSC 2017. Basel is a wonderful destination and an academic feast awaits you at Basel ! The scientific programme for WSC 2017 is being finalized by the executive team, keeping in mind the topics of contemporary interest in trauma and acute surgery. Any suggestion for enriching our IATSIC scientific sessions is welcome.

One of the common goals for ISS and IATSIC is to raise our membership base, visibility and influence in the surgical

community globally and our educational programs, are important tools to achieve these goals. Over the years, we have made a lot of progress in promoting education in surgery of trauma through DSTC and NTMC courses. With introduction of DATC (Definitive Anaesthetic Trauma Care) course, we would be able to cater to the educational needs of our colleagues with interest in anaesthesiology and resuscitation. By adding the DATC, we would aim to educate our very important colleagues in the trauma team – the anaesthetists and the intensivists with relevant knowledge for the definitive management, ICU care and peri-operative management of the trauma patients. The DATC covers the Damage Control period until re-operation for definitive treatment. Mutual understanding of the concepts and procedures specific to each speciality will ultimately lead to an improved patient outcome.

Keeping small societies like IATSIC vibrant and relevant, is challenging in today's competitive environment, our fast paced

professional live and rapidly changing surgical paradigms. We meet generally every other year at WCS but other than that huge event, our contact remains virtual and occasional. World Trauma Congress 2016 in August in Delhi would be one such platform where IATSIC would be visible as one of the sponsors. We are also invited to present a scientific session and your participation there is welcome.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Ken Boffard, our Past President of IATSIC and ISS/SIC, who has been selected to take over as Secretary General of ISS/SIC. I wish him a fruitful career ahead to support the organization and all its Collective Member Societies.

Best wishes,
Manjul Joshipura,
President IATSIC



Fountain in Basel by artist Jean Tinguely (© Tourismus Basel)

News from IASMEN



*Dileep N. Lobo
President IASMEN*

The guidelines on enhanced recovery after colonic, rectal and pancreatic surgery co-sponsored by the Enhanced Recovery After Surgery® Society and IASMEN, published in the World Journal of Surgery in 2013 have been among the most downloaded and most cited articles published in the journal. Since their publication, these guidelines are helping to shape perioperative care world-wide. The joint ERAS® Society-IASMEN guidelines on perioperative care in bariatric surgery have just been published in the World Journal of Surgery and are available as a free download (<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs00268-016-3492-3>) and the Altmetric score of this article is rising rapidly.

Members of IASMEN were involved actively with the Annual Conference of the Japanese Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (JSPEN) at Seoul in March 2016 under the stewardship of Prof. Takashi Higashiguchi who is the President Elect of IASMEN and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of JSPEN. The President of IASMEN and Past Presidents (Profs. Ken Fearon and Olle Ljungqvist) and ISS/SIC Council Member (Prof. Andrew Hill) were prominent speakers at the recently concluded 4th World Congress of the ERAS Society (<http://www.erassociety.org/index.php/final-programme>) at Lisbon, Portugal. Other members of IASMEN also participated. The Congress was a resounding success and the combined effort of the two societies is helping change perioperative care worldwide.

The Scientific Chair of IASMEN, Professor Anders Thorell has drawn up an interesting and stimulating academic programme for the 47th World Congress of Surgery to



Pilatus (2120 m), panoramic summit in Central Switzerland. From Alpnachstad reachable by cog-wheel railway. (©Switzerland Tourism/F. Villiger)



Evening view from the Riffel lake to the Matterhorn (©Switzerland Tourism/Ivo Scholz)

be held at Basel in 2017 and this promises to be an exciting meeting.

IASMEN continues to work on developing guidelines, increasing its membership and stimulating research and teaching in the

fields of surgical nutrition and metabolism and perioperative care.

Dileep N. Lobo
President IASMEN

News from BSI



*Cheng Har Yip
President BSI*

BSI is pleased to announce that the Veronesi Lecturer at the WCS 2017 in Basel will be Dr Monica Morrow.



Monica Morrow is chief of the Breast Surgery Service, Anne Burnett Windfohr Chair of Clinical Oncology, co-chief of the Breast Program at Memorial Sloan-Ket-

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Breast Surgery International is dedicated and committed to the advancement of the science and art of breast surgery and maintenance of high standards in practice of breast surgery. An area of emphasis for the society is towards developing quality breast cancer care in low and middle income countries. To achieve this mission, BSI takes part in breast courses in different parts of the developing world. This year, BSI was involved in the SGPGI Breast Course in Lucknow in February 2016, and plans to hold a course in Hue,

Vietnam in June 2016. Together with the IAES, BSI will run a Breast and Endocrine Course in Kota Baru, Malaysia in August 2016. BSI will also take part in the Annual ASAP Meeting in Mombasa in Dec 2016, and has been invited to run a BSI Course at the Breastanbul meeting in Nov 2016 in Turkey.

Below is the report of the SGPGI Breast Course in Lucknow.

Cheng Har Yip
President BSI

The SGPGI Breast Course 2016



The **SGPGI (Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute) Breast Course-2016** was held at SGPGIMS (Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences) Lucknow, India on 13th-14th February 2016. The course was organized by Department of Endocrine & Breast Surgery, SGPGIMS, under auspices of **SGPGI Breast Health Program & Association of Surgeons of India (UP Chapter)**. The Organising Chairman was Professor Gaurav Agarwal, who is in the

BSI Council, and the Organising Secretary and Course Convener was Dr Sabaretnam M. The **Breast Surgery International** co-sanctioned this course, and supported it by facilitating participation of two overseas BSI guest faculty, namely Dr Jean-Francois Boileau from Montreal Canada from and Dr Owen Ung, Secretary BSI from Brisbane Australia. In addition, BSI was represented by Dr Mikael Hartman from NUHS Singapore, and a large number of BSI members from India.

The course faculty included, besides BSI guest faculty, overseas experts including Mr Rishikesh Parameshwar from UHMB Lancaster UK and a galaxy of eminent Indian breast surgeons, radiation oncologists, medical oncologists, radiologists, pathologists and other allied specialists. The course was well attended by 85 faculty and 271 delegates from various parts of the country. Altogether, 18 Indian states and two union territories were represented by the delegates. In addition, 3 over-



seas delegates from United Kingdom and Bangladesh participated in the course.

The forenoon session on first day of the course was devoted to the **course workshops** on “**Breast Radiotherapy Planning Practicum**”, “**Mastology Refresher for Non Mastologists**” and “**Venous access and chemoports in breast cancer patients**”, which were very popular. Simultaneously, the **Breast Pathology symposium** was held in the forenoon of 13th February. A wide spec-

trum of breast pathology related issues including model breast cancer pathology reporting, ER, PR and HER neu testing protocols and uniform reporting, as well as pathological evaluation of the sentinel lymph nodes were discussed by expert pathologists and surgeons, and attended by about 110 delegates. It was followed by a hands-on F.I.S.H. workshop participated by 32 pathologists. In the afternoon session, breast cancer evaluation, breast imaging and pathology of breast cancer were discussed, followed by debate on

Pathologic diagnosis of breast cancer- FNAC vs Core Biopsy, and Mini symposium on breast cancer genetics. Lectures on breast conservation in EBC, Oncoplastic breast surgery and Management of axilla in EBC were received with great interest by the audience. Tumour Board discussion involving three cases with a panel of breast surgeons, medical oncologist, radiation oncologist, radiologist and pathologist was well received. Twenty free posters were presented by young surgeons and radiation oncologists. The 5

best posters were chosen for presentation in the competition paper session, and the three best were awarded.

The second day of SGPGI Breast Course started with sessions on Free Video/ paper and poster discussion. The session on “large and locally advanced breast cancer” including tumour board style discussion and session on “critical issues in breast cancer management and follow up” focused on contentious issues in management of breast cancer in limited resource environment. The session on “advanced and metastatic breast cancer” threw light on supportive and palliative care and also limited role of surgery in such cases.

A **breast quiz** for post-graduates was keenly contested by 50 participants, and the best three performers were awarded prizes. There was an interactive quiz in which all delegates participated. The last session of course included seven breast surgery master videos.

In order to encourage participation of young surgeons and oncologists, the course organizers offered “**Travel Grants**” to seven of those who had their abstracts accepted for presentation at the course. Course participants were given a e-questionnaire to rate the scientific contents and provide feedback. Majority of participants found the scientific contents of excellent quality. Some of them have provided the feedback that the time for discussion may have been less. Some surgical residents and practicing surgeons have expressed the need for hands-on surgical training sessions- something that seems impractical for such short course.

The contributions of the BSI guest faculty were widely appreciated by participants for their quality and relevance to the local practice. The course also provided a great opportunity to the faculty and participants to make new friends and renew old friendships. The social evening- “**Shaam-e-Awadh**” which provided a glimpse of the “**Lucknawi Tehzeeb**”- culture, and the

famed **Oudhi “Music”** and “**Zaika**”- **culinary delights** was enjoyed and appreciated by one and all.

The course organizers are thankful to the BSI, and the BSI guest faculty, and hope the society would continue this support to our future courses as well.

Sabaretnam M
Organizing Secretary
Course Convener

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News from ISDS



*Alberto R. Ferreres
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On behalf of the International Society of Digestive Surgery and its Executive Committee, I am sad and regretful announcing that the 47th World Congress of Surgery was cancelled from its original venue in

Buenos Aires and will take place in the city of Basel, Switzerland between August 13 and 17, 2017. The decision was supported by ISS/SIC Executive Committee and MCI, the Congress Organizer.

The 46th WCS 2015 took place in August in Bangkok, Thailand and although fear from attacks was present, the Thai hospitality overcame all difficulties with a very wide attendance of representatives from the 5 continents and a significant outcome.

The ISDS Program had several highlights, including two widely attended Presiden-

tial Sessions: one by ISDS President, Prof Tonia Young Fadok (Scottsdale, Arizona) and the other one by SSAT President Board of Trustees, Prof Fabrizio Michelassi (New York, New York). This reflects a long standing partnership between both Institutions and with reciprocal sessions in each meeting (World Congress of Surgery and DDW).

The ISDS, originally created as the Collegium Internationale Chirurgiae Digestivae, is organized alongside three pillars: the Japanese section, the European Federation and the American (North, Central and South America), plus digestive tract surgeons from worldwide. A new Executive Committee was recently voted in Bangkok which accurately reflects worldwide representation.

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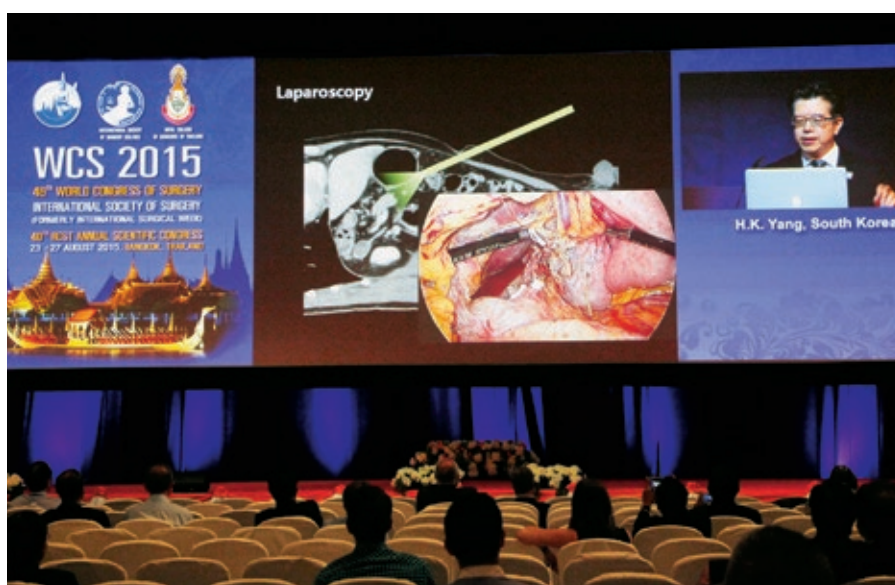
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ISDS Sessions at WCS 2015 Bangkok

Due to the change of venue and the appointment of a new Local Organizing Committee, the ISDS Program Committee, headed by our President Elect, Prof H. Konno, is reformulating the scientific program with the aim of including experts from all over the world and in all fields of digestive tract surgery. New modalities are being discussed to improve the educational experience of attending the Congress, with a focus on young attendees.

The Congress will overview all the recent advances in foregut, bariatric, abdominal wall, hepatopancreatobiliary and colorectal surgery, with participation of key opinion leaders in their fields of expertise and will be profitable not only for the experts but to all general surgeons and trainees as well. We are also looking to the participation of all our members through posters and oral presentations, which

will enlighten the Scientific Program. The Program Committee is also organizing Pre Congress courses with “hands-on” methodology.

The LOC and all the ISDS officers will work very hard to provide an amazing and very attractive social program, so as to provide excellent opportunities for networking among gastrointestinal surgeons from all over the world.

I look forward to your presence and meeting you in Basel at the 47th World Congress of Surgery, under the Presidency of Prof. Marco Patti during August 13-17, 2017! Save the dates in your schedule!

Alberto R. Ferreres
President ISDS &
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ASAP Newsletter



Stephen W. Bickler
President ASAP

The Alliance for Surgery and Anesthesia Presence (ASAP) is pleased to announce that our 2016 annual meeting will be held in partnership with the College of Surgeons of East Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) and the Surgical Society of Kenya (SSK). Taking place on December 8th and 9th in Mombasa, Kenya at the Pride Inn Paradise hotel and conference center, the COSECSA meeting will focus on the theme, “Surgical Oncology 2016 – Advances in Africa.” ASAP has been invited to collaborate on some of the plenary sessions exploring the central meeting theme. We hope to contribute our multi-specialty expertise on such topics

as the epidemiology of cancer in Africa and the management of cancer related pain. Parallel sessions will focus on the surgical workforce crisis in sub-Saharan Africa and safe surgery initiatives.

We encourage all ASAP members as well as all interested members from across the ISS/SIC to participate in this meeting. There will be opportunities to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations, with a submission deadline for these is August 31st. More information can be found on the SSK website (<http://www.ssk.or.ke/index.php/latest-news-and-events/58-cosecsa-conference-2016>), and in the future on the COSECSA and ASAP websites. If you would like to be added to ASAP’s newsletter distribution for further updates, please contact Dr. Milliard Derbew at milliardderbew@gmail.com.

We hope to see you in Mombasa!

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