



# Newsletter

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Société Internationale de Chirurgie (SIC)

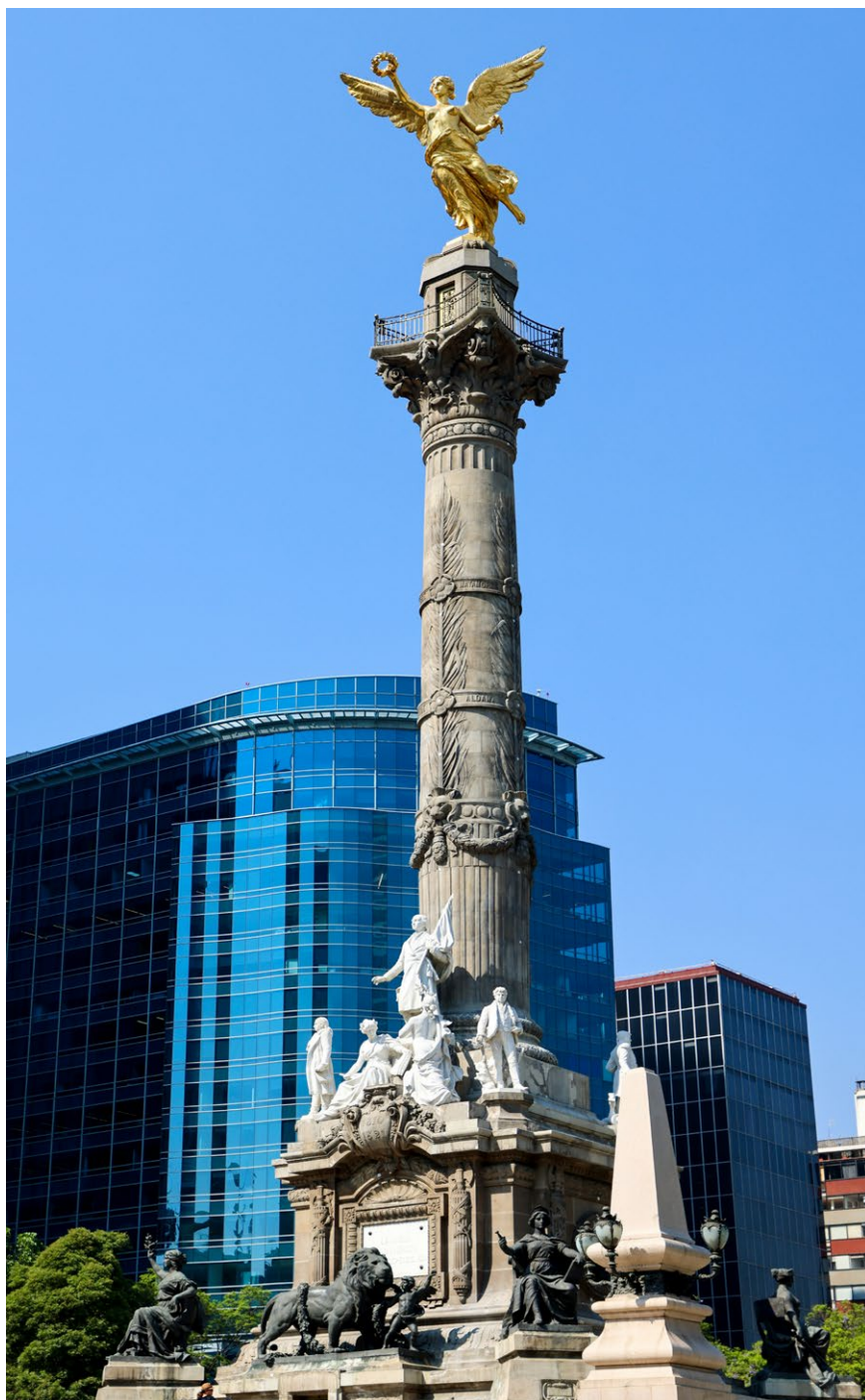
**May 2025**

## Report by the President ISS/SIC



*Ari K. Leppäniemi,  
President ISS/SIC &  
Congress President  
ISW 2026*

Since our last newsletter, we have seen many significant developments of our society. The program for the next congress, International Surgical Week April 19-23, 2026 in Mexico City is getting ready and also other plans in terms of the congress venue and other practicalities are in good standing. I am sure that we will have a great meeting, and there are so many fantastic things to see in Mexico City and nearby. Having visited the city multiple times, I can recommend the Archeological Museum, one of the best of its kind in the world. The Diego Rivera's murals in the Presidential Palace are a must for anyone interested in art. Also, next to the central plaza, Zocalo, are the magnificent ruins of the Aztec city of Tenochtitlan. And just about 40 km from the city is the ancient city of Teotihuacan with its massive temples of the Sun and the Moon. And for those who are worried about safety, I can tell from personal experience that the place of the congress is located in



*The Angel of Independence Monument, Mexico*

**May 2025**

a pleasant and safe area, and next to a beautiful park. So, I hope to see as many of you as possible in April 2026!

We also have confirmed the host for our following meeting in 2028, and that will be Cape Town in South Africa, again a wonderful city to visit and enjoy the beauty of the city and the country.

We have decided on a new logo for our society and the cover for our journal, the World Journal of Surgery. I hope that you will like them!

Personally, I have engaged in multiple interactions with G4 Alliance, a conglomerate of parties interested in global health and as ISS/SIC is a founding member of G4, it confirms and strengthens our com-

mitment to helping to improve systems of health care in the global south, and emphasizes our commitment to be one of “the phone numbers” of surgery for the whole world.

Finally, I have been able to promote the vision of our society and especially our next meeting during multiple congresses, surgical visits and educational courses I have attended since our meeting in Kuala Lumpur in August 2024, and include Budapest, San Francisco, Belgrade, Acapulco, Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, Dublin, Doha and Rome.

In spite of the horrible things taking place now in Ukraine, Gaza, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Sudan and some other less known conflicts, I hope that in

the long run these atrocities will end, and the principles of rule-based world order are again respected more than we see now.

I wish all our members a peaceful spring!

Ari K. Leppäniemi  
President ISS/SIC & Congress President  
ISW 2026



*Metropolitan Cathedral / Zocalo, Mexico City*



# Report Secretary-General



*Kenneth D. Boffard,  
Secretary-General  
ISS/SIC*

2024 has been a diverse year for your Society with significant changes on a number of fronts:

This has been a busy year both for your Society and for our Office. International Surgical Week (ISW) in 2024 was held in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia in August. This turned out to have been one of the most successful congresses we have had in the last few years, and under the presidency of our immediate past president Cheng Har Yip, associated with the College of Surgeons of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia. To our members, thank you for attending, and thank you for making the event such a rewarding experience for all concerned.

Plans are far advanced for our next International Surgical week, in Mexico City from 19 – 23 April 2026, jointly with the Mexican Association of Endoscopic Surgery / Asociación Mexicana de Cirugía Endoscópica, (ACME). The planned meeting will take place earlier than our normal schedule, as Mexico is also hosting the Football World Cup from mid-year – an exciting time. The full report from our hosts appears later in this Newsletter.

## World Journal of Surgery

The most important event in 2024 was the change of publisher of the World Journal of Surgery. This has now been published by Wiley, with whom we have already developed a fruitful and rewarding relationship. This has been enhanced by the efforts of our editor-in-chief, Dr Sherry Wren, who, with Wiley have already bought number of innovative ideas, and you will see changes in the journal, including the Journal's new Logo, continue to develop as we broaden its appeal. As from the end of this year, the Journal will become fully electronic, and we will bid farewell to the print edition.

See Dr Wren's plans later in this newsletter.

## Logo

There has been considerable discussion regarding the Logo of ISS/SIC, first used in 1957, but perhaps no longer reflective of your Society as it is today. Nearly 100 designs were submitted, and these have now been reduced to a single design for our future. See the separate section on our Logo below this report

## International Surgical Week 2028

We are delighted to announce that planning has already started for the designated venue of our meeting in 2028, which has been awarded to Cape Town, South Africa.

## Integrated and other Societies.

As one of our founding integrated societies, the endocrine surgeons have long been associated with this organization. They have now elected to go their own way although we will continue to have close ties with them, share journal, and share teaching at International Surgical Week. There is a global need for all aspects of the endocrine repertoire, involving both Specialist Endocrine Surgeons, and General Surgeons performing en-

docrine surgery. We hope that our close relationship with IAES will continue even as the interests diverge. Many of our members are endocrine surgeons, and we hope they will remain with us and continue to invest and assist in the global nature of surgery.

The other major change is that having welcomed the Alliance for Surgery and Anesthesia presence (ASAP) in 2013, the nature of surgery across the world has changed, perhaps making the need for a separate specialist Integrated Society such as ASAP less critical than it once was. ASAP was disbanded in August 2024, and its members integrated into ISS itself. We are hugely grateful to the founders of ASAP, and the principles for which it stood. And the Global program planned for Mexico City reflects their efforts within your Society.

At the other end of the spectrum, a decision was taken at the General Assembly that we should welcome a society with whom we have had a long association, the International Association for Surgical Student Societies (IASSS), currently with some 6000 members. The IASSS, in its 8 years has confirmed our view of the best place to recruit surgeons is when



*Planning meeting of the LOC ISW 2026*

students start in medical school, and introduce them to the stimulation and camaraderie of surgery. If maintained throughout their training, we will retain our association with them, and they with Surgery for the rest of their lives.

The IASSS will become a constitutionally fully integrated Society in 2026. I would like to congratulate Dr Sulé Burger, the IASSS Secretary-General, and the entire team for their efforts. We look forward to a lifetime of surgery with you.

As you know, we have other categories of Participating independent Societies, such as Association for Women Surgeons (AWS), Burns (ISBI), Military (APIMSF) and others. We have excellent relationships with other Colleges of Surgeons; there is the American College of Surgeons (ACS) chapter and Japanese Surgical Chapter with the ISS/SIC. We work with participating societies, includ-

ing Malaysia, Sri Lanka, COSECSA and the Egyptian Surgical Society (ESS), all of whose members get reduced rates.

#### Non-surgical members

The general assembly endorsed the view of the council that your society needed to become more inclusive, particularly to recognize other members of health-care professions whose delivery of care is fully integrated into surgery. Foremost amongst these are our anesthesiological and critical care colleagues. We also recognize that the lines between surgeons and other health care providers have become blurred, involving nurses, especially in Breast Care (BSI), Trauma and Critical Care (IATSIC), technicians (ISDS), and other advanced care disciplines such as Paramedics. We have therefore developed a new category of Associate Membership for these individuals with reduced rates, allowing our health care delivery to be much broader

than before. This allows the building of surgical teams, not just surgeons.

On behalf of the Society, I congratulate Eduardo E. Montalvo-Jave, President AMCE & President LOC ISW 2026, on his award of Honorary Fellowship of the American Surgical Association.

I wish all our members and their families a wonderful year to come and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible when you attend ISW 2026 in Mexico City.

Kenneth D. Boffard  
Secretary-General ISS/SIC



*Celebrating the "día de los muertos"*

## New Logo for the International Society of Surgery.

Although your Society was founded in 1902, at the congress of Belgian surgeons on the initiative of Antoine Depage and his group, with guests from France, Germany and Switzerland, it was decided to establish an international surgical society, "La Société Internationale de Chirurgie" the permanent headquarters of which were to be in neutral Belgium in part by a donation of the Belgian King. The first Congress of the ISS/SIC took place in Brussels 1905.

In the chair was a citizen of another neutral country, the Swiss Theodor Kocher (1840-1917), who was well known in Europe and overseas through his widely translated scientific work.

The first Journal of the Society, introduced in 1936, required a logo, which showed a surgical Operating Room:



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In 1957, the Presiding President Robert Danis, introduced the new Society Logo. The engraving shows a woman on a deep blue background. She is rising from the operating table, and she is looking towards the sun. Above on the left side is the fountain of life. The inscription in the circle is Greek, previously the customary scientific medical language. The words mean: "Life is reborn through surgery". It has been in use as the Society's Logo for nearly 70 years.



1957

By 2024, many of our members had become less comfortable with the logo, due to the dated graphic and change in societal norms. It was suggested that the actual logo no longer represented our ideals and goals for our now Global Society in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and after the Council meeting in March 2024 a call for suggestions resulted in almost one hundred different submissions for a new logo, from both members and Societies.

The priorities included keeping the theme and traditions of our Society where possible, and the logo had to incorporate its use in both small (badges), large format (posters) and electronic media. The submissions were analyzed, refined, and gradually whittled down from a baseline design to the final product, approved by the Council of the Society on 14 March 2025.

The design chosen as the basis for the Logo image of the Society was submitted by:

- Manu Sharan Srivastava, (India)  
National Delegate: International Association of Student Surgical Societies (IASSS)
- Prachi Raghav (India)  
Medical Students  
National Pirogov Memorial Medical University, Ukraine

It is perhaps fitting that one of our youngest members has suggested the core for the new logo of what is one of the world's oldest International Surgical organizations. For capitalizing on the strengths and vision of our Society, congratulations and thanks.

- The central part of the logo is a two-dimensional map of the world, to represent both our Global presence, and the members whom we represent
- The map of the world is surrounded by our motto in Greek: Ο ΒΙΟΣ ΤΗ ΧΕΙΡΟΥΡΓΙΚΗ ΑΝΑΦΥΕΤΑΙ, meaning "Life is reborn through surgery", paying homage to the past and paving the way for the future.
- The Organization's names in English and French (Our two constitutional names) also surrounding the world, and the central ISS/SIC – Essential for visibility since the Logo will be used with large formats, to within small badges.
- The Fountain of Life has been preserved
- The rays of the sun, shining down on our global world, have been preserved
- The Rod of Asclepius, who was the God of Healing in Ancient Greece has been replaced by the staff and twinned serpents of Caduceus to represent all disciplines of medical care within our Surgical Organization, highlighting our

members' contributions, leadership, and expertise in advancing medical innovation and patient care worldwide.

- The laurel wreaths represent knowledge and learning for excellence with compassion.
- Bringing it all together, the circle signifies unity, wholeness and infinity,

In addition I would particularly compliment and thank:

- Claude Barbé Brown from Wiley for additional design input
- Chris Storz, both with his knowledge of our history, and his flair for graphic design
- The ISS/SIC Office Team and ISS/SIC Council who put the concept into practice

Welcome to our new logo for our future.



# Report ISS Foundation



*Cheng-Har Yip,  
President  
ISS Foundation*



*Michael G. Sarr,  
Secretary/Treasurer  
ISS Foundation*

The International Society of Surgery Foundation - ISSF ([issfoundation-issf.org](http://issfoundation-issf.org)) in conjunction with the European-based ISS foundation, the Foundation for Global Surgical Care (FGSC) ([foundationforglobalsurgicalcare.org](http://foundationforglobalsurgicalcare.org)) offers a number of Travel Grants to ISW2026 in Mexico City to young surgeons and anaesthesiologists, in general surgery, trauma surgery, digestive surgery, metabolic surgery, and surgical critical care. These grant awards are focused on individuals from developing countries who have demonstrated interest in teaching and research. The award will permit the recipient access to the 2026 International Surgical Week (ISW 2026, the 51<sup>st</sup> Congress of the International Society of Surgery ISS/SIC) in Mexico City, Mexico, which takes place from 19 to 23 April 2026. The award is a substantial monetary contribution that should cover reasonable travel, hotel, and living expenses. The congress registration will be waived (i.e. free for awardees).

Applicants must be documented graduates of Schools of Medicine and be younger than age 40 years at the time of application. Applicants whose careers are in the developing stage are deemed more suitable candidates than those in senior academic positions. NOTE that this award is NOT available to medical students or residents in their first 2 years of training.

Applications will be accepted only when the applicant is in some form of surgical or anaesthetic practice, teaching, or re-

search in a field of or related to surgery/ anaesthesia for a minimum of one year after completion of all formal training.

Individuals economically funded by any third party or who have received a prior ISS Foundation travel award in the past will not be eligible for this award.

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## Application Requirements

- Completed application form with a photo
- Applicants must have demonstrated some form of commitment to teaching and clinical or basic research by their country-of-origin standards.
- Applicants should provide separate lists of all published scientific journal articles, book chapters, and abstracts (avoid articles in development or in press).
- Applicants must provide a short statement of personal goals and career objectives in the discipline of surgery and/or anaesthesia.
- Applicants should have a working knowledge of English (proceedings of the ISS/SIC Congress are in English only).
- Applicants must submit 3 letters of recommendation, one of which must be from the chairman of the department in which they hold their appointment or their senior surgeon in charge. This letter must include a specific statement detailing the nature and extent of the applicant's past interest in teaching and other academic involvement.
- Additionally, each applicant must submit an abstract for potential presenta-

tion to the meeting and include this abstract with the application (submission at <https://www.isw2026.org/abstracts>)

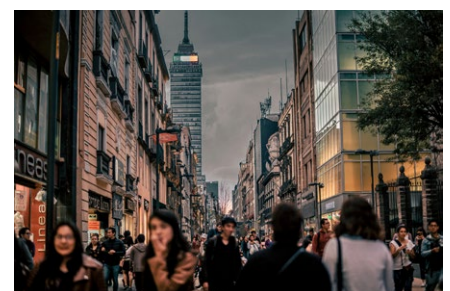
Further information and travel award applications for the International Surgical Week (ISW) 2026 will be available on or before 20 June 2025 and can be obtained from the ISS Foundation website ([issfoundation-issf.org](http://issfoundation-issf.org)) or from the ISS/SIC Office ([surgery@iss-sic.com](mailto:surgery@iss-sic.com)).

Please note: ALL APPLICATIONS will need to be submitted by 20 September 2025. Successful applicants will be notified by 31 October 2025. The award must be used for the International Surgical Week ISW 2026.

Applications are to be submitted by email to [surgery@iss-sic.com](mailto:surgery@iss-sic.com)

Cheng-Har Yip, President,  
ISS Foundation

Michael G. Sarr, Secretary-Treasurer,  
ISS Foundation



*Street life in Mexico City*



# The Foundation for Global Surgical Care (FGSC)



*Peter Vogelbach,  
President FGSC*



In the meantime, we are always open to further suggestions and demands to organize or sponsor other courses or meetings in developing countries.

For the ISW 2026 in Mexico we have planned to jointly support Travel Scholars through the ISS-Foundation and FGSC – more details can be found in the report of the ISS-F.

For the Foundation for Global Surgical Care

Peter Vogelbach  
President FGSC

Since the ISW in KL, in August 2024 where the FGSC sponsored a very successful Hands-on practical surgical workshop which was fully booked and very well accepted, we had one other activity in Nepal. The Davoscourse performed 2 practical, laparoscopic surgical workshops in Nepal - a 3-day course in Dhulikhel, University of Kathmandu, hospital.

Another laparoscopic course took place in the very remote area at the municipal hospital in Jumla, also with great interest.

The same courses are planned to be repeated by the end of this year or early next year. It is also planned to co-sponsor these courses in these hospitals in Nepal by the FGSC.

After the success of the surgical workshop at the ISW in KL, the FGSC is planning to organize the same courses again at the beginning of the ISW in Mexico City in April 2026, together with the LOC.

We thank the ISS/SIC for the help and the opportunity to organize these courses.

## Report Administrative Office



*ISS/SIC Office team:  
Mike, Lara, Laurie,  
Denise and Chris*

hotel of ISS/SIC and the Integrated Societies (IATSIC, IASMEN, BSI and ISDS). We strongly encourage the congress delegates to book their stay at Camino Real Polanco Hotel by taking advantage of the congress facilities under the same roof. More information can be found in the LOC ISW 2026 report. Also check the congress website ([www.isw2026.org](http://www.isw2026.org)) – the site will regularly be updated.

Let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding your ISS/SIC membership or the ISW 2026 – we will be happy to help you.

With best regards.  
Chris Storz  
on behalf of the Administrative Office Team

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Dear ISS/SIC Member and Reader

Our staff at the ISS/SIC Administrative Office is working hard towards a successful ISW 2026 in Mexico City. In view of an “early ISW” (April 19-23, 2026) the planning schedule had to be adapted accordingly. Please consider the below dates and deadlines:

### **28 May 2025**

On-line publication of the preliminary program / Opening Abstract Center

### **8 August 2025**

Deadline Abstract Submission

### **31 October 2025**

Information of acceptance or rejection to presenting authors of abstracts

### **30 November 2025**

Deadline congress registration for presenting authors of abstracts

ISW 2026 will take place at the Convention Center of the Camino Real Polanco Hotel. This will also be the headquarters

## Report Editor in Chief WJS



*Sherry M. Wren,  
Editor in Chief WJS*

It has been an exciting time since the close of the 2024 Congress in Malaysia. The journal has signed affiliation agreements with three surgical societies. These agreements are an excellent means to attract great papers, authors, reviewers, and readers to the journal. In addition, each society gets to nominate candidates to the Editorial Board and provide a list of members who will serve as reviewers. Please welcome the International Society of Endocrine Surgeons (IAES), Global Initiative for Children's Surgery (GICS), and UN Global Surgery Learning Hub (SURGhub) to the WJS family. I am exploring other relationships with societies interested in this type of arrangement.

The journal continues to grow with submissions from around the globe. We have started two new article types: Research Letter (800 words limit, two figures/tables, <10 references) appropriate for concise, focused reports, and Clinical Practice Guidelines developed by recognized international or national organizations. Article impact is high, with 470,000 full-text views in 224 and an increasing pace in 2025. A growing challenge for all journals is finding reviewers who agree to do the review and complete one. More invitations are being sent per manuscript; only 30% are returned with a review. Lastly, the journal will move to a new Wiley platform in June 2025, an AI-based system that promises improved workflows, author experience, and ease of operations. The entire editorial board team is hoping that this will be true.

Please welcome our new editorial board members: Somashekhar S P, India; Alberto Garcia, Colombia; Tanvir Chowdhury, Bangladesh; Nirav Patel,



South Africa; Somprakas Basu, India, and Adolfo Leyva-Alvizo, Mexico. They will be welcomed formally at our July editorial board meeting. Please get in touch with me at [swren@stanford.edu](mailto:swren@stanford.edu) if you have any questions or wish to discuss WJS. I am eight months into this role and would love to hear from you.

Sherry M. Wren  
Editor in Chief WJS

## Message from the LOC ISW 2026



*Eduardo E.  
Montalvo-Jave,  
President AMCE &  
President LOC ISW  
2026*



*María Fernanda  
Torres-Ruiz,  
Secretary AMCE &  
Member LOC ISW  
2026*



### International Surgical Week

The World's Congress of Surgery

51st World Congress of the International Society of Surgery ISS/SIC

Jointly organized with the 34th International Congress of the Mexican Association of Endoscopic Surgery

**19 - 23 April 2026 Mexico City, Mexico**



International Surgical Week, 2026  
April 19-23, 2026, Convention Center of the Camino Real Polanco Hotel, Mexico City, Mexico.

On behalf of the International Society of Surgery (ISS/SIC) and the Local Organizing Committee, led by Eduardo E. Montalvo-Jave MD, PhD, FACS, we are

delighted to extend a warm and heartfelt invitation for you to join us at the 51<sup>st</sup> World Congress of the International Society of Surgery – International Surgical



Week (ISW) 2026 and 34<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Mexican Association of Endoscopic Surgery (AMCE).

This prestigious event, scheduled to take place from April 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, will be held concurrently with the International Congress of the AMCE at the renowned Convention Center of the Camino Real Polanco Hotel in the vibrant heart of Mexico City.

The scientific and academic program, currently meticulously curated by the ISS/SIC, its Integrated Societies, and the Mexican Association of Endoscopic Surgery (AMCE), is poised to deliver a world-class congress experience. ISW 2026 will unite surgeons, clinicians, researchers, fellows, residents, and students of medicine and healthcare professionals from every corner around the world, representing a broad spectrum of surgical specialties. This gathering promises an exceptional educational journey, designed to foster excellence in educa-

tion, recent advances in surgical practice, inspire innovation, and encourage global collaboration.

Welcome (“Bienvenidos” in Spanish) to Mexico and Discover the historical and vibrant Mexico City.

Beyond the exceptional academic offerings, we are thrilled to welcome you to Mexico City – one of the world's most dynamic and culturally rich cities. With its unique tapestry woven from pre-Hispanic heritage, colonial allure, and modern vibrancy, Mexico City provides a stunning backdrop for both professional discourse and personal enrichment.

Wander through the historic “Zócalo”, where you can admire the Cathedral and National Palace, or pay a visit to the Blue House to admire the captivating artworks of Frida Kahlo and the Anthropological Museum of history. Indulge in the extraordinary flavors of world-renowned Mexican cuisine, from traditional street

food to exquisite fine dining, or soak in the lively ambiance of contemporary neighborhoods such as Condesa, Santa Fe and Polanco, known for their art galleries, boutiques, and cafes.

We are confident that ISW/AMCE 2026 will be both an academically enriching and culturally unforgettable experience. We sincerely hope you will join us in making this event a remarkable success. We look forward to welcoming you to ISW/AMCE 2026 in the enchanting Mexico City!

Eduardo E. Montalvo-Jave  
AMCE President & President LOC ISW 2026

María Fernanda Torres-Ruiz  
Secretary AMCE & Member LOC ISW 2026



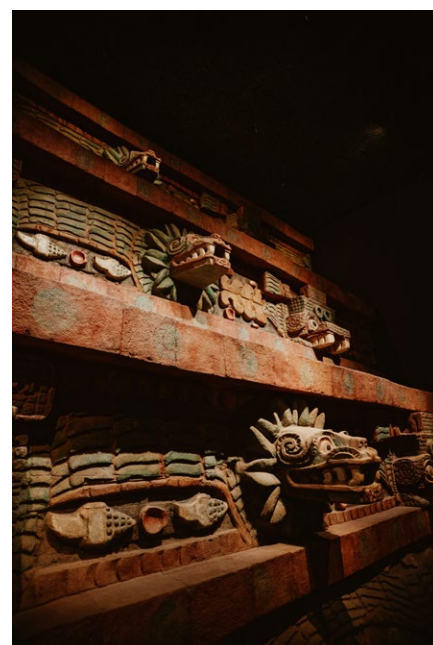
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*Mexican Mariachi*



*Mexican crafts*



*National Museum of Anthropology*





Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo  
House-Studio Museum



Palace of Fine Arts

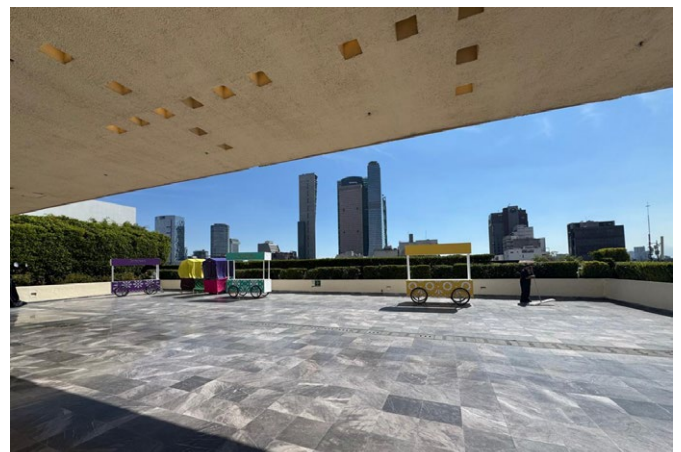
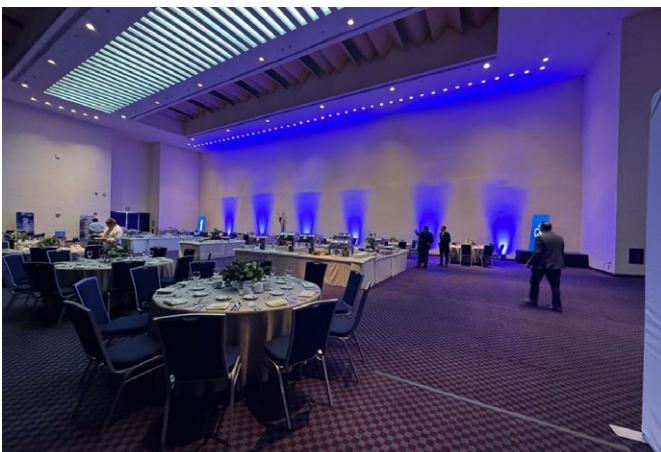


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Chapultepec Castle

## Camino Real Polanco Hotel







David Zonies,  
President IATSiC

IATSiC has been quite active over the past several months. We supported a successful WHO ECO consultation, and that work continues. Key members from IATSiC led a pre-KL Congress workshop related to a new Trauma Operative Course. The course is a collaboration between WHO and IATSiC. Notably, IATSiC and WHO signed an MOU to continue this joint venture. As of this writing, content is being finalized with a plan for a pilot course in early 2026.

IATSiC had its application accepted to join the WHO Acute Care Action Network, a global alliance of key stakeholders committed to saving lives by advancing acute care through collaboration. Additional-

ly, IATSiC leadership is embedded with multiple societies to include the American Association of the Surgery of Trauma International Relations Committee, the American College of Surgeons, and Dr. Gaarder (Norway) was named as the WHO GACI (Global Alliance for Care of the Injured) education subgroup Chair.

We continue to support the IATSiC webinar series, partnering globally with various trauma societies to bring current topics and discussions to the global surgical community. We plan to continue partnering with multiple surgical and anaesthesia societies to produce interesting content for our members.

IATSiC is the home of global trauma surgical training. We continue to offer the DSTC/DSATC course suite. The 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the manual, edited by Professors Bofard and White, was released this summer and is fully incorporated into the current

course offerings. In 2024, we completed 48 courses, 28 including the DATC portion. As of this update we have completed 4 courses in 2025, scheduled 15 courses, and expect to offer more than 50 courses this year. To date more than 750 DSTC courses have been run since 1996.

In this issue, I would like to highlight our National Trauma Management Course (NTMC) offered in Sri Lanka. Since its inception, 72 programs have been conducting in Sri Lanka, training more than 3,500 doctors. Under the direction of Dr. Prof Ranjith Ellawala, they have planned 8 programs for the year 2025. The NTMC program has 15 faculty members participating per course, restricting participation to 50 students per course, with a wait list exceeding 600. The presentations were updated at the end of last year and working through the manual content.

A large project briefly discussed during our last report is nearing completion. A collaborative between ERAS and IATSiC launched almost 2 years ago, the ERATIC project (Enhanced Recovery After Trauma & Intensive care) will help to deliver best practice standards with best available evidence answering questions that we all face when managing injured patients. These standards should be able to be utilised regardless of the resources available. With experts across regions and specialties, to include anaesthesiology, a series of manuscripts have been finalized for publication.

IATSiC Council 2024-2026			
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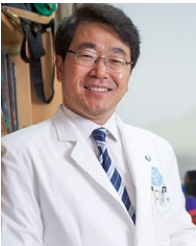


Mayan pyramid Chichen Itza, Yucatan, Mexico

Finally, as an integrated society of ISS/SIC, IATSiC is delighted to support two traveling scholars for the next Surgical Week in Mexico City. Please consider applying and encouraging your trainees to submit manuscripts. We have created an exciting preliminary program and believe the 2026 IATSiC meeting will be outstanding.

David Zonies  
IATSiC President

# Report IASMEN



Ho-Seong Han,  
President IASMEN

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this message finds you in excellent health and great spirits.

As I write this, in early April, I finally feel the arrival of spring. Here in Seoul, South Korea, cherry blossoms are in full bloom across many scenic spots. However, their beauty is fleeting – by the time this newsletter reaches you, the petals will have fallen. Instead, fresh green leaves will be emerging in their place, bringing a lively atmosphere.

As we admire the beauty of the season, it is also a time to reflect on advancements shaping the future of our field. It is well known that surgical procedures impose significant physiological stress on patients. This surgical stress can profoundly impact postoperative recovery as well as both short- and long-term outcomes. In recent years, efforts to minimize surgical stress have led to the rapid expansion of minimally invasive surgery (MIS), with many elective surgeries now being performed using laparoscopic or robotic techniques.

At the same time, the Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) program, founded on the principles of surgical metabolism, has played a crucial role in reducing surgical stress and promoting early postoperative recovery. ERAS brings together a multi-disciplinary team – including surgeons,

anesthesiologists, and other medical and healthcare professionals – who work in parallel to provide a comprehensive approach that addresses not only the physical but also the psychological and social aspects. With the aging of the global population, the demand for even less invasive surgical approaches continues to grow, and ERAS has become an essential part of modern surgical practice worldwide.

Recently, the concept of ERAS has evolved beyond the perioperative period. The “pre-operative waiting period” is now being recognized as a “preoperative preparation period” in which even earlier interventions – such as nutritional support and exercise therapy – are implemented to optimize patients’ postoperative recovery. As you may be aware, this concept is referred to by the coined term ‘prehabilitation’ and is gaining wider recognition. This approach holds great promise for further improving surgical outcomes. Additionally, efforts to personalize and stratify ERAS protocols are advancing, further enhancing their effectiveness. These topics were a major focus at the IASMEN program during ISW 2024 in KL, leaving a huge impact on participants. Another highlight was another main session with leading experts in the surgical metabolism field from across Asia, who came together to present cutting-edge research and practice – a truly stimulating session.

Looking ahead to ISW 2026 in Mexico, we are planning a Global Surgery Panel to address key global challenges in surgery. IASMEN will focus on global ERAS expansion, particularly in Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs), through in-depth discussions on international collaboration in surgical metabolism. In addition, academic sessions will explore nutrient metab-

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## International Association for Surgical Metabolism and Nutrition

olism and its biological impact, advances in perioperative care, new evidence from ERAS-leading countries, and cutting-edge innovations in this field. We anticipate a highly engaging and productive meeting.

Spring marks the beginning of the careers of newly graduated doctors. In my home country, South Korea, as well as in neighboring Japan, a severe shortage of surgeons has become a pressing social issue. Many Western countries are facing similar challenges to varying degrees. I firmly believe that the academic advancement in the field of surgical metabolism will not only enhance patient outcomes but also improve job satisfaction, research enthusiasm, and work-life balance for surgeons – ultimately helping to reignite interest in surgical careers for next-generation doctors.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Mexico next April and sincerely hope for the participation of even more colleagues.

With best regards,

Ho-Seong Han  
President IASMEN

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# Report BSI



*Ines Buccimazza,  
President BSI*



*Kavitha Däster,  
Honorary Secretary  
BSI*

## 2026 Mexico City Programme

BSI is excited to announce the progress of our upcoming program for the 2026 meeting in Mexico City. The 2024 - 2026 BSI Council has embraced its role with enthusiasm and dedication. Each Council member is committed to advancing the mission of BSI with distinction. Virtual quarterly meetings via Teams are scheduled leading up to the Mexico City meeting in 2026. So far, the meetings were held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024 and 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025, with the next one scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025.

We have also been working closely with two local breast surgeons, Dr. Enrique Bargallo and Dr. Alberto Sahagun, who have been instrumental in assisting with program planning. As our local co-coordinators, they have attended all the virtual Planning Committee meetings and provided valuable input on suitable local speakers and potential venues for our pre-congress workshops.

The program for the Scientific Meeting (20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026) has now been finalized, featuring 14 dynamic sessions, including three prize sessions, two co-presented sessions with AWS, and the highly anticipated Umberto Veronesi Lecture, delivered by **Professor Armando Giuliano**, a leading expert in axillary surgery de-escalation.

In addition to these sessions, we are exploring the feasibility of three morning

breakfast sessions, one of which will be a video prize session. Our pre-congress workshops have been well-received in previous years, and we are pleased to confirm the following:

- **Ultrasound Workshop:** Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 08:00 to 17:00 – Limited to 80 delegates on a first-come, first-served basis. Venue to be determined.
- **Oncoplastic Surgery Workshop:** Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 08:00 to 17:30 – Limited to 100 participants, also on a first-come, first-served basis. Venue still to be confirmed.

We are working diligently to ensure this will be a memorable and informative event for all attendees. Abstract submission will be open soon. Please submit your abstracts before the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

## Journal Club

We are excited to report that the first virtual BSI Journal Club was successfully launched earlier this year. Thanks to the incredible support from the ISS/SIC office, particularly Ms. Denise Egger, the first session took place on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2024 at 14:00 CET via Zoom. The paper, "Universal Genetic Testing for Newly Diagnosed Invasive Breast Cancer", published in JAMA, was presented by one of the co-authors, Professor Stephanie Wong from McGill University in Canada. It was a thought-provoking session with engaging discussions on the latest developments in breast cancer research.



Looking ahead, we are pleased to announce our next Journal Club meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025, where we will continue to explore cutting-edge research and share knowledge within the BSI community. More details will be shared closer to the time.



## BSI COLLABORATIONS: Research

BSI is honored to be part of an international collaborative study with the Edinburgh Breast Unit on axillary management in node-positive breast cancer patients undergoing neoadjuvant chemotherapy. This Delphi study aims to refine and improve treatment protocols for better patient outcomes.

## Training Course

BSI has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia to offer a Breast and Endocrine Surgery Training Course in Malaysia. This collaboration will enhance the skills and knowledge of healthcare professionals in the region, fostering better practices in breast and endocrine surgery.

## BSI PARTICIPATION:

BSI is honored to have been invited to speak at the Taiwan Breast Cancer Society's Annual Meeting. Dr. Sharon Chan will represent BSI as a keynote speaker, sharing valuable insights on the latest advancements in breast cancer treatment.

Mee Hoong See has been invited to present at The Optimal Practice in Breast Surgery event later this year, where she will share her expertise on the latest advancements in breast surgery practices.

## Other Updates:

- **Clinical Resources:** Visit the BSI website to explore a collection of interesting articles on breast cancer treatment, management, and cutting-edge research. These resources are regularly updated to keep you informed of the latest clinical insights.

- Stay connected with BSI for more updates, events, and opportunities to collaborate in the global fight against breast cancer.

Kavitha Däster  
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## Fancy foods of Mexico



# Report ISDS



*Lorenzo Ferri,  
President ISDS*



Dear Friends and Colleagues

It is with pleasure that I provide an update on the activities of the International Society for Digestive Surgery, a vibrant and energetic group of surgeons and allied health from across the globe focused on the science and management of conditions spanning the GI tract. Building off of the success of the ISDS-ISS/SIC International Surgical Week meeting in Kuala Lumpur, the ISDS executive committee put significant efforts into establishing a new slate of committee chairs and members to re-invigorate the society's activities during the periods between bi-annual meetings. An expanded list of 6 committees were struck, each chaired by an executive committee member and included several self-nominated surgeons of the general membership. The committees include: Education (chaired by Matt Walsh, USA); Membership (chaired by Pauli Puolakkainen, Finland); International Relations (chaired by Italo Braghetto, Chile); Social Media/Communications (chaired by Sheraz Markar and

Jamie Murphy, UK); Industry Relations (chaired by Go Wakabayashi, Japan); and Program (chaired by myself, Lorenzo Ferri, Canada).



Maya location at Tulum, Mexico

The Program committee for the ISW 2026 meeting in Mexico City in around 1 year has met several times and has nearly finalized an exciting program consisting of 15 main plenary sessions covering the entire GI tract from esophagus to colorectal and everything in between. In addition to site specific sessions (Upper GI/Bariatric,

Hepatic/Pancreatic/Biliary, and Colorectal), there are several site agnostic sessions to engage the entire membership of the society at one setting. We are excited to have several co-sponsored plenary sessions with other regional and international societies including FELAC (Management of GI Emergencies), IASMEN (Optimizing Peri-Operative Outcomes for Digestive Surgery), ISDE (Updates in Upper GI Surgery), AHPBA (Updated in HPB Surgery), IFSO (Updates in Bariatric Surgery), and SSAT (Symposium on Anastomotic Leaks). The program promising to be outstanding, and we look forward to welcoming you to Mexico City.

The Education Committee, with a mandate to expand the society's educational outreach to current and future members, is preparing a regular webinar series for the next two years. In addition, an ISDS-SSAT joint symposium titled "Intraoperative Complications during Robotic/Laparoscopic GI Surgery and How to Manage Them", with a combination of both ISDS and SSAT speaker, is scheduled for the Digestive Diseases Week In San Diego USA May 3-6. The International Relations committee chaired by Italo Braghetto has been very active in engaging with like-minded national and regional societies across the globe and has already signed several letters of memorandum of agreement to hold joint educational activities including vertical and in-person events on digestive surgical topics. The Social Media Committee co-chaired by Sheraz Markar and Jamie Murphy have been busy expanding the LinkedIn and X/Twitter presence of the society and are actively developing the 2025-2026 webinar series with the Education committee. Go Wakabayashi chairs a newly formed committee to expand industry engagement and partnership in the form of sponsorship of both the bi-annual meeting and webinars. If any member wishes to join a committee, please reach out to the Secretary (Jim Park, USA) or Associate Secretary (Francisco Schlottmann, Argentina).

I look forward to seeing both prior and new members of the society in both our on-line/virtual events and future in-person meetings.

Lorenzo Ferri  
President, ISDS

## ISDS Executive Committee 2024-2026

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# Report IASSS



SangEun Lee,  
President IASSS

As of March 2025, the International Association of Student Surgical Societies (IASSS) proudly reports a thriving and expanding global network, now comprising over 8,000 members. This diverse membership spans all major regions, with Asia, Africa, and Europe representing the highest concentrations of participants. India, Georgia, and Malaysia stand as the top three countries with the largest number of members. Committed to fostering surgical education, mentorship, and cross-border collaboration, IASSS continues to unite the next generation of surgical leaders, drawing members from over 133 countries and more than 1,000 universities worldwide. IASSS serves as a vital platform for aspiring and early-career surgeons, with medical students constituting the majority, followed by junior doctors, medical officers, registrars, and attending specialists.

## Introducing the IASSS Executive Committee 2025

The IASSS welcomes its **2025 Executive Committee**, consisting of **85 members**, including **37 national delegates**. As part of our mission to enhance international representation, the committee continues

to grow through an open call for national delegates from all regions of the world.

## IASSS Key initiatives for 2025:

IASSS has launched several impactful initiatives to enhance global engagement and provide meaningful opportunities for its members:

**The Societies Project**, aimed at strengthening partnerships with affiliated national and regional surgical societies through tailored support and meaningful collaboration.

**IASSS Research Hub**, a dedicated platform promoting global collaboration and driving innovation in surgical research. Currently under development. <https://www.iasss.org/the-surgical-hub/research>

**IASSS SurgiConnect**, an expanding program offering new partnerships and enriched educational resources. Featuring key educators in surgical field, including Mayo Clinic, AIS Channel, and Behind the Knife Podcast. <https://www.iasss.org/the-surgical-hub/iasss-surgical-education-resources/>

**IASSS Mentorship Program<sup>1</sup>**: Following a successful 2023–2024 pilot, the full-scale mentorship program aims to connect aspiring surgeons with experienced mentors. Interest is currently being gathered to structure the program effectively and ensure valuable experience for participants at all levels. Expressions of



interest<sup>2</sup> are open to both prospective Mentors and Mentees. <sup>1</sup><https://www.iasss.org/iasss-mentorship-program/>; <sup>2</sup><https://forms.gle/WkNVFR62Y3UYfywc8>



Form link : <http://bit.ly/41GkR1r>  
Also available on our Instagram bio.

**International Vascular Surgery Interest Group (IVSIG)**: In partnership with the International Society for Vascular Surgery, IASSS launched this student-led global initiative to foster interest in vascular surgery. IVSIG provides mentorship, community engagement, and specialty-specific educational resources. Local chapters are now forming worldwide.

## IASSS Event Highlights:

### The Greening of Surgery

Led by Prof. Shireen Anne Nah, this discussion explored the environmental impact of surgical practices, emphasizing the integration of surgical care with planetary health principles. Prof. Nah called for systemic reforms and encouraged young professionals to champion sustainability in healthcare.

<https://www.iasss.org/2025/03/17/the-greening-of-surgery/>





### EmpowHER – International Women's Day 2025

Held on March 8, this virtual panel featured inspirational women surgeons from around the world:

Dr. Maria Gala Santini Araujo (Argentina), Dr. Jaymie Henry (USA), Dr. Mumba Chalwe (Zambia), Dr. Sushma Chandak (UK), and Dr. Mariela Rivera (USA). Topics included mentorship, maternity leave policies, and the pursuit of gender equity in surgery.

<https://www.iasss.org/2025/03/01/empowher-an-iasss-fireside-chat/>



### AIS Channel Collaboration

IASSS hosted three sessions on the AIS Channel in early 2025:

- Dr. Jessica Davies (Chief Development Officer) spoke on the future of surgical education.  
<https://www.iasss.org/2025/01/29/a-coffee-with-dr-jessica-davis/>
- Dr. Kirtana Ponnuswamy addressed mental health challenges among junior doctors.  
<https://www.iasss.org/2025/01/29/a-coffee-with-dr-kirtana-ponnuswamy/>
- Dr. Tatenda Mbanje (Immediate Past President) shared insights on Global Surgery and surgical equity.  
<https://www.iasss.org/2025/03/14/a-coffee-with-dr-tatenda-mbanje/>



### Beyond the Scalpel: Palliative Surgery in Cancer Care

A powerful webinar featuring Dr. Emanuel Livin Nundu (Ocean Road Cancer Institute, Tanzania), with Sonia Sokoine and Kelvin Sawe (Kairuki University), exploring the role of palliative surgery and the cultural dimensions of cancer care in Sub-Saharan Africa.

<https://www.iasss.org/2025/03/09/beyond-the-scalpel-palliative-surgery-in-cancer-care/>



### Surgery Unfiltered: The Path, The Challenges & The Passion

Held on April 19, 2025, this interactive panel featured early-career surgeons sharing personal journeys and challenges. Speakers included:

- Dr. Mark Mburia (Kenya)
- Dr. Shah Zaib Ahmad (Pakistan)
- Dr. Jin-Jiun Mah (Malaysia)

<https://www.iasss.org/2025/04/06/surgery-unfiltered-the-path-the-challenges-the-passion/>



### Through the Scalpel: The Journey of Organ Transplantation

This live webinar on April 16, 2025 featured leaders from YMCODTF, Georgia. Vaishali and Swarali Chodnekar, discussed ethical and surgical dimensions of organ transplantation.

<https://www.iasss.org/2025/04/13/through-the-scalpel-the-journey-of-organ-transplantation/>



### Celebrating Excellence: Achievements of our Future Surgeon Program Alumni:

IASSS is proud to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our Future Surgeons Program (FSP) alumni, who continue to inspire and uplift global surgical community through their dedication and excellence:

- **Dr Jyi Cheng Ng:** Strategic Information Officer | FSP 2024 Alumna  
Congratulations to Dr Ng on successfully matching into the prestigious General Surgery Residency Program at Johns Hopkins University in the United States. IASSS recognises her outstanding contributions to the society since 2023 and celebrates this exceptional milestone.
- **Dr Eesha Shah:** Surgical Education Subcommittee Member | FSP 2024 Alumna  
Dr Shah is commencing a postdoctoral research fellowship in the Depart-

ment of Thoracic Surgery at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, USA. She has served on the IASSS Committee since 2024.

- **Dr Michael Petrus:** Brand Alignment Director | FSP 2024 Alumnus  
A Nelson Mandela Scholarship recipient, Dr Petrus is currently pursuing a Master of Public Health at the University of Cape Town. He has also been awarded the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship and will commence his studies at Oxford University in August 2025.
- **Mr Nathan Kengo:** Africa Chapter Lead | FSP 2024 Alumnus  
Mr Kengo was awarded the LifeBox Scholarship to present his research at the 16<sup>th</sup> Pan-African Paediatric Surgical Association Conference in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, in May 2025.
- **Dr Sule Burger:** Secretary General | FSP Alumna & Co-Founder | IASSS Co-founder  
We warmly congratulate Dr Burger

on commencing her General Surgery Residency at Stellenbosch University. Her unwavering commitment to IASSS since its inception has played a vital role in shaping our organisation and empowering aspiring surgeons worldwide.

### IASSS Welcomes New Partnerships:

- **Society of Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgeons (SLS)**  
IASSS is proud to partner with SLS — a global, multispecialty organisation at the forefront of innovation in laparoscopic and robotic surgery, surgical simulation, endoscopy, and minimally invasive procedures. SLS brings together pioneers and key opinion leaders (KOLs) driving excellence in surgical practice and education. <https://sls.org/>
- **SURGhub – The United Nations Global Surgery Learning Hub**  
IASSS is excited to collaborate with



SURGhub, a UN-based online platform providing high-quality, expert-curated surgical, obstetric, anaesthesia, and perioperative nursing education to frontline providers, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. Led by UNITAR in partnership with the Global Surgery Foundation and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, SURGhub supports global progress toward Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). <https://www.surghub.org/>

### Global Presence & Upcoming Highlights

IASSS makes an effort to empower future surgeons through international collaboration and high-level representation in global surgery forums:

- **International Surgical Week (ISW) and Future Surgeons Program (FSP) 2025 – Mexico City**

The IASSS Conference Team is curating an exciting program for students and trainees. The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Future Surgeons Program will once again

welcome exceptional young surgical leaders from around the world. Applications will open later this year.

- **IASSS at the World Health Assembly 2025**

17 May 2025 | Geneva, Switzerland  
IASSS has been officially invited to participate in the G4 Alliance Meeting Session just prior to the commencement of the WHA: Emerging Leaders in SOTA Care, where it will share insights into its work and impact. Delegates will be announced at the end of April.

- **IASSS Delegates at PAPSA 2025**

27–30 May 2025 | Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire  
IASSS will be represented at the 16<sup>th</sup> Pan-African Paediatric Surgical Association Conference and will host a dedicated side event titled Future of Africa Summit: Paediatric Surgery in Africa. <https://www.papsa-africa.org/simple-event/papsa-2025/>

- **IASSS Delegates at International Conference of Innovation in Global Surgery (ICIGS) 2025**

4–6 May 2025 | Blantyre, Malawi  
IASSS will attend the International

Conference on Innovation in Global Surgery (ICIGS), actively contributing as part of the organising team and championing the voice of students and trainees in global surgery. <https://www.surgicalinnovations.org/>

IASSS remains committed to advancing surgical education, fostering global collaboration, and supporting the aspirations of future surgical leaders. Connect with us on:

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## ATTEND INTERNATIONAL SURGICAL WEEK (ISW) 2026

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### WHO CAN APPLY?

- Surgeons or anesthetists from developing countries, under 40
- In practice → 1 year post-training, with involvement in teaching/research
- Not eligible if previously funded by ISSF or receiving other support for ISW 2026
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