

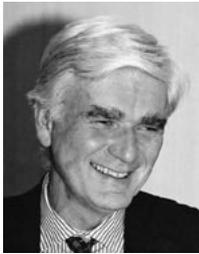


International Society of Surgery (ISS)
Société Internationale de Chirurgie (SIC)

NEWSLETTER

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**FOREWORD
BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL**



Felix Harder

Dear Member

April 30, 2005 was the deadline for early registration at the International Surgical Week in Durban. We were happy to learn, that the organizers in Durban had been overwhelmed by a large number of early registrations and they are well prepared to welcome and register many more within the next three months to go. If you have not as yet quite made up your mind to take part in this prestigious congress of our society – it is by the way the first one in the history of ISS/SIC being organised in Black Africa – or if you have forgotten to register, complete your registration now and send it to the congress secretariat in Durban.

Invitation to Durban

Besides the superb and versatile scientific program the many opportunities to meet experts from the African Continent, South Africa and Durban are offering splendid and most interesting opportunities for recreation, sports and sightseeing. Indeed, South Africa is among the top destinations for European tourists. Take this unique opportunity and visit this country in combination with a very worthwhile up-date in a wide array of surgical topics. Registration forms are

available on the congress or society homepage at www.isw2005.org.za respectively www.iss-sic.ch.

Scientific Sessions and Abstracts

The scientific program (www.isw2005.org.za) has been established in cooperation with our four Integrated Societies and with the various participating Societies. On our web-page you will also find details about the Main Sessions and all the accepted abstracts. Please note that no abstract book will be produced for the Durban congress but CD Roms will be available from where abstracts may be printed on paper at the congress. We recommend that you review and print abstracts in which you are specially interested from the homepage well before leaving home for Durban. Towards the end of June, the exact day, time of presentation and room assignment for all presentations included in the Final Program will also be available on our web-page. Updates of Sessions or unexpected changes will be made public periodically on the congress homepage.

The Tsunami Session

On Thursday afternoon, August 25, 2005 in closing ISW 2005 a very special public session about the Tsunami catastrophe in South East Asia will be held at 16.00 hrs. The Local Organizing Committee was successful to commit outstanding and high-ranking experts who were personally involved in the Tsunami itself or in the quite unique solidarity movement that followed. This session will not only provide perspectives from surgeons and disaster experts but also from victims. The participation at this meeting is strongly recommended to all participants and their friends.

ISS/SIC Functions at the Congress

The scientific program of the ISW in Durban will start officially with the Presidential Address by the Society

and Congress President J. Rüdiger Siewert followed by the Grey Turner Lecture given by our past president Samuel A. Wells. On Wednesday afternoon another prestigious ISS/SIC Lecture, the Martin Allgöwer Lecture will be given by Mr. William E.G. Thomas preceding the General Assembly.

South Korean hands-on skill course

Following the decision to become more involved in the teaching process of surgical skills, our Society President Siewert has initiated a hands-on course in South Korea together with the local hosts. On April 30 and May 1, 2005 the first gastrointestinal surgery hands-on course under the auspices of ISS/SIC in conjunction with the Davos course organization has taken place at the National University in Seoul. This course was exceedingly well accepted and it is expected that similar courses will follow in South Korea or in other Asian countries.

Administrative matters

Despite a large agenda for the General Assembly at ISW 2005 in Durban with the financial reports and an intense revision of the constitution (please study the following pages!) we are expecting that the GA can be closed in good time. As a member you are kindly

invited to take part in it and to let us know your comments in advance by the end of June 2005. The Executive Committee has unanimously decided to propose an increase of the annual dues to €/\$ 135.00 which is a marginal increase after 8 years at \$ 120.00. In return for this increase, ISS/SIC-members will get free access to new and old issues of the World Journal of Surgery on-line and to some additional surgical journals published by Springer Verlag New York.

Some of you have still failed to react to our invoice of November 2004 concerning the annual dues for 2005. If your dues payment has remained open in our books you will find enclosed your reminder. If you are late in paying your dues, please react immediately by arranging your transfer. This way you will help reducing administrative costs and workload.

In the name of the ISS/SIC Executive Committee and on behalf of the Local Organizing Committee I wholeheartedly encourage you to attend the congress and I am looking forward to welcoming you personally soon in Durban.

Felix Harder,
Secretary General ISS/SIC



The Guest- and Host Faculty with Participants at the hands-on course in Seoul, South Korea

**ISS/SIC General Assembly 2005 at International Convention Center Durban
Wednesday, August 24, 2005, 4.45 p.m.**

AGENDA

- 1) Call to order and address by the President of ISS/SIC** **J. R. Siewert, Germany**
- 2) Report by the Secretary General** **F. Harder, Switzerland**
 - a) Situation of membership
 - b) New Members
 - c) new contract World Journal of Surgery
 - d) Presentation of Prize Winners and Honorary Members
 - e) Revision of the Constitution
- 3) World Journal of Surgery** **J. Hunter, USA**
 - a) Report by the Editor in Chief
 - b) Report by Springer Verlag New York
 - c) Election of the Editorial Board Members
- 4) Report by the General Treasurer** **E. Lezoche, Italy**
 - a) Audited Statements of Accounts 2001 to 2004
 - b) Budgets for 2006 and 2007
 - c) Vote for Membership Fees 2006 and 2007
- 5) Report by the Secretary - Treasurer of ISS - Foundation** **J. Grosfeld, USA**
 - awarding of Theodor Kocher Benefactors
 - presentation and conferment of scholars
- 6) New election or re-election of Officers** **J. R. Siewert, Germany**
 - President-elect 2005 – 2007 (new)
 - Secretary General 2005 – 2009 (old)
 - Editor in Chief 2005 – 2009 (old)
 - General Treasurer (new)
 - Councilors (new)
- 7) Information and Confirmation of Officers** **J. R. Siewert, Germany**

already elected for the term of 2005 – 2007

 - Past President of ISS/SIC 2005 – 2007: J. R. Siewert, Germany
 - Councillors 2003 to 2007: A. Scendes, Chile & M. Sarr, USA
 - President of ISS/SIC 2005 – 2007
and Congress President ISW 2007: M. Kitajima, Japan
- 8) Address by the new Society President** **M. Kitajima, Japan**
- 9) Election of Congress Vice Presidents ISW 2007** **M. Kitajima, Japan**
 - 2 ISS/SIC Congress Vice Presidents
 - 4 Integrated Societies Congress Vice Presidents
- 10) ISW 2007 in Montreal – Information** **G. Beauchamp, Canada**
- 11) ISW 2009 in Adelaide – Information** **I. Gough/P. Malycha, Australia**
- 12) ISW 2011 decision for Yokohama, Japan** **F. Harder, Switzerland**
- 13) Varia** **F. Harder, Switzerland**

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SURGERY (ISS/SIC)

Modification of the Constitution: Comments

For adoption at the General Assembly in Durban (August 24, 2005)

The Executive Committee of ISS/SIC proposes a revision of the constitution because of the essentially for three reasons:

- a) Regulate the use by ISS of modern electronic communication**
- b) Reposition Integrated Societies and National Chapters**
- c) Improve function of Presidency**

The preferential use of electronic devices

- facilitates communication for committees and the general membership as well
- reduces meeting- and postal expenses
- shortens and simplifies the membership application procedure.

Integrated Societies and National Chapters

The numbers of members adhering to Integrated Societies and National Chapters vary to a great extent. Yet this is not accounted for sufficiently.

Integrated Societies with a minimum of 150 Active Members shall be represented by one councilor in the Executive Committee. This same person also represents the Integrated Society in the Program Committee of a forthcoming congress (reduces size of committee, traveling expenses, improves continuity of information).

Integrated Societies with less than 150 members may be represented by one councilor in the Executive Committee without voting rights and at their own expenses.

All Integrated Societies are invited to have one representative in the Editorial Board of World Journal of Surgery. The Editorial Board will convene only during the International Surgical Week for which no reimbursement of expenses will be made.

The "informative" meeting of the International Committee (assembly of the National Delegates) during the International Surgical Week has not proven to be effective in the past. Instead the National Delegates shall communicate their concerns by the end of the year of the incoming congress to the Secretary General for presentation to the General Assembly.

Membership application and World Journal of Surgery

Applications for membership can now be filed either by still using the existing paper version or else on-line by way of the electronic membership application form. While the requirements remain unchanged the procedure itself will be shortened substantially.

The membership to ISS includes the subscription to World Journal of Surgery. The latter will be available in an on-line version besides the paper version. It will be possible to subscribe to the on-line version exclusively at a slightly reduced membership fee. Senior Members will be offered to subscribe the Journal at the reduced cost price to the society as in former years. Subscriptions suspended to Members having failed to pay their dues will be reactivated upon receipt of the dues owed.

Time sequence of Congress- and Society Presidency

In the past the incoming President started his term as President of a Congress in the organization of which he had not at all been involved. His term as President of ISS started at the end of the Congress. The cancellation of the Bangkok-Meeting offered an opportunity to invert this sequence smoothly and thereby enabling the ISS president to organize "his" ISW over a period of 2 years besides heading ISS for this same time interval. This change makes sense in many ways, primarily because the Society President knows best all business related to the congress and people involved in the organization. It requires however the President-elect to be listed separately as a committee member. Society President. J. R. Siewert was elected Congress President of ISW 2005 in Durban by the Executive Committee.

Meetings of the Executive Committee

Increased use of modern telecommunication will bring about a significant reduction in traveling. It is expected that a full Executive Committee Meeting will be necessary only once every two years at the occasion of International Surgical Week. However, the president may call meetings at other opportunities such as during the ACS Annual Congress or other important meetings where most Executive Committee Members are expected to attend. He also may arrange a conference call to settle urgent matters.

Members of the Program Committee

Some years ago it was decided that the Program Committee of ISS/SIC shall be identical with the Executive Committee of ISS/SIC mostly for good economic reasons. Also each Integrated Society delegated one and the same person in both committees. Integrated Societies with less than 150 Active Members may still have one representative without voting rights (for whom they have to pay the traveling expenses) in the Program Committee. During the past few years there were anyway always members of Integrated Societies (IASMEN or BSI) in the regular ISS/SIC Executive Committee who therefore acted in a dual function.

Dissolution of the International Committee

The International Committee (which includes National Delegates, Congress Vice-Presidents and the Executive Committee) has in the past always met on Sunday before the opening of International Surgical Week but has lost quite of its importance. As a consequence of amendments in the Constitution (1993 and 1995) in relation with the selection of future congress venues, with the election of new Committee Members, Honorary Members and Prize Winners, the International Committee has become a consultative body. It also became quite evident that the General Assembly can impossibly vote on matters that have been set on the agenda only 3 days before. For matters as those mentioned above much more time is needed for appropriate preparation and presentation before the General Assembly. For such items to be put on the agenda 8 months before the ISW are required. The Executive Committee will decide and inform awardees some 6 months before the congress. As a consequence of this situation it will be best to dissolve the International Committee. The National Chapters will communicate with the Executive Committee and the Administrative Office in good time before the ISW. In order to further facilitate the contacts between members of the Executive Committee, the Administrative Office and the National Delegates, the latter will be invited to the Presidents Dinner at the ISW.

Election of Editor in Chief and Editorial Board

According to the contract between ISS/SIC and Springer Verlag, the Editor in Chief is to be chosen by Springer and the Executive Committee. The election must be ratified by the General Assembly of ISS/SIC. The Editor in Chief will chair the Editorial Board. Members in the Editorial Board must be members of ISS/SIC. They will be nominated by the Editor in Chief and the Editorial Board and must be ratified by the General Assembly.

Special items

After dissolution of the International Committee any expulsion of ISS-members will be transferred to the responsibility of the National Delegates. This also asks for appropriate corrections in the Constitution. Since the congress in 1997 all Prize Winners and Honorary Members are being awarded at the Opening Ceremony of the congress. Therefore their election may only be ratified at the General Assembly.

Recommendation by the Executive Committee

The suggested amendments to the constitution have been carefully reviewed, discussed and adjusted by the Executive Committee. They are recommended by all members of the Executive Committee without exception for acceptance at the General Assembly.

Pratteln, April 29, 2005

REVISION OF THE ISS/SIC CONSTITUTION

(Corrected by the Executive Committee in March 2005)

Corrections:

- words to be removed are crossed out
- words to be added are given italic and underlined

Actual Constitution (amended 1995)	<u>Proposed changes for vote at General Assembly 2005</u>
ARTICLE I - NAME	
The Organization, which was founded in 1902 in Brussels / Belgium, shall be named International Society of Surgery (ISS) / Société Internationale de Chirurgie (SIC)	The Organization, which was founded <u>on September 9, 1902</u> in Brussels / Belgium, shall be named International Society of Surgery (ISS) / Société Internationale de Chirurgie (SIC)
ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES	
The objectives of the SOCIETY shall include advancement of the science and art of surgery by research, education and nurturing of surgical practice throughout the world. For implementation of these objectives the following functions are to be provided:	No change
I The WORLD CONGRESS OF SURGERY, organized as INTERNATIONAL SURGICAL WEEK (ISW) This Congress shall have four main objectives: - to hold the General Assembly with its governing function in all matters pertaining to the administration of the SOCIETY - to present progress and problems of interest to all surgeons - to function as venues for simultaneous meetings of various surgical specialties - to promote scientific exchange between the various surgical specialties by means of joint presentations, panels and workshops	No change
II REGIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS AND COURSES held under the auspices of the SOCIETY with active involvement of the local Chapters	No change
III THE WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY - the official organ of the SOCIETY	No change
IV NEWSLETTERS, keeping a direct personal contact with the individual members	No change
V BOOKS, MANUALS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS	No change
ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP	
Section 1 - Categories	
The category of membership shall be Active, Senior and Honorary	No change

<p>Section 2 - Qualifications</p> <p>All members shall be medical doctors who have received training in a field of surgery and are or have been engaged as their main professional endeavor in a career involving a recognized field of surgery, including care of the critically ill and/or recognition of expertise in surgical research.</p>	<p>All members shall be medical doctors who have received training in a field of surgery and are or have been engaged as their main professional endeavor in a career involving a recognized field of surgery, including care of the critically ill and/or recognition of expertise in surgical research. <u>Non-medical scientists involved in medical research related to surgery may also be accepted as members.</u></p>
<p>a) Active Members (AM) shall be medical doctors of good ethical character who have distinguished themselves by well-recognized professional and/or scientific achievements in a field of surgery. Candidates for Active Membership should be members of one of the recognized national societies. Upon recommendation of a National Chapter (or of two Active Members for countries where there is no National Chapter), the Executive Committee can accept nominations for membership of individuals in fields of endeavor related to surgery. For medical reasons an Active Member may request in writing to the Secretary General that his/her dues be waived.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>b) Senior Members (SM) shall be members who have retired from active practice of surgery and who have been Active Members for at least 15 years. They must submit a request for Senior Membership status in writing to the Secretary General direct or through the National Delegate (or Chapter Secretary). For special reasons, the Executive Committee may confer Senior Membership to members having rendered special services to the SOCIETY and who terminate their professional activity after less than 15 years of Active Membership.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>c) Honorary Membership (HM) shall be awarded by the Executive Committee. Recipients shall be members of undoubted international reputation and who have rendered distinguished services to the SOCIETY.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>d) Related surgical societies</p>	
<p>1/ Integrated Societies</p> <p>Members of an Integrated Society enjoy full membership privileges of the SOCIETY with all its rights and obligations. Such societies maintain their identity and structures. Their members are identified in the Membership Roster of the SOCIETY. Integrated Societies with a minimum of 150</p>	<p>1/ Integrated Societies</p> <p>Members of an Integrated Society enjoy full membership privileges of the SOCIETY with all its rights and obligations. Such societies maintain their identity and structures. Their members are identified in the Membership Roster of the SOCIETY. Integrated Societies with a minimum of <u>150 Active</u></p>

members shall delegate one of their members as Councilor with voting rights to the Executive Committee of the SOCIETY and one to both the Editorial Board and the Program Committee with full voting rights (cf. ARTICLE IV, Section 1h, ARTICLE V, Section 2 and 6). Current Integrated Societies are:	Members shall delegate one of their members as Councilor with voting rights to the Executive <u>and to the Program</u> Committee of the SOCIETY. <u>Integrated Societies shall be represented on</u> the Editorial Board. (cf. ARTICLE IV, Section 1h, ARTICLE V, Section 2 and 6). Current Integrated Societies are:
- The International Association of Endocrine Surgeons (IAES)	No change
- The International Association for the Surgery of Trauma and Surgical Intensive Care (IATSIC)	No change
- The International Association for Surgical Metabolism and Nutrition (IASMEN)	No change
- The Breast Surgery International (BSI)	No change
2/ Associated Societies Associated Societies may participate in the WORLD CONGRESS OF SURGERY, organized as INTERNATIONAL SURGICAL WEEK (ISW), and other meetings organized by the SOCIETY without committing their members to individual Active Membership. Their involvement in the Congress will be regulated by mutual agreement.	No change
Section 3 - Nomination and Election	
Nomination and election of candidates shall be as follows:	
Active Members (AM) - Names of candidates nominated for Active Membership shall be submitted to the Secretary or National Delegate of the Chapter on the standard application form of the SOCIETY. Two Active Members, sponsors of the Chapter , must sign the application form and send accompanying letters of recommendation in support of the nominee. The Secretary or National Delegate of a Chapter shall promptly forward copies of application forms of Candidates, who are approved for membership by the National Committee to the Secretary General of the SOCIETY.	Active Members (AM) - Names of candidates nominated for Active Membership shall be submitted to the Secretary <u>General of the SOCIETY</u> on the standard application form of the SOCIETY. Two Active Members, must <u>confirm</u> the application form in support of the nominee. <u>The support of the applicant by the National Delegate is Mandatory and shall be asked for by the Administrative Office. In case of unavailability of a National Delegate, the application will be directly handled by the Executive Committee of the SOCIETY.</u>
In Chapters of more than 200 members the following procedure applies: Complete applications for membership, as described in the first paragraph of Section 3, shall be reviewed by the National Committee of the Chapter and such other members as may be appointed by the Chapter President as an Advisory Membership Committee , and a recommendation regarding election of each candidate shall be made by the National Committee to the membership at a regular meeting. An affirmative vote of at least three fourths of the members present is required for proposing the candidate for election to Active Membership in the SOCIETY. The Secretary of the Chapter shall promptly forward copies of application forms of candidates, who are approved for membership by the National	In Chapters of more than <u>150 Active Members</u> the following procedure applies: Complete applications for membership, as described in the first paragraph of Section 3, <u>may</u> be reviewed by the National Committee of the Chapter. A recommendation regarding election of each candidate <u>may</u> be made by the National Committee to the membership at a regular meeting. The Secretary of the Chapter shall promptly forward copies of application forms of candidates, who are approved for membership by the National

<p>Committee, to the Secretary General of the SOCIETY. Candidates who are not approved for membership by the National Committee shall be reconsidered automatically for membership by the National Committee for two consecutive years following the initial vote, unless the application is withdrawn. Candidates who fail to gain election may be again proposed by the Chapter after a one year waiting period.</p> <p>All completed applications of candidates proposed for membership by the Chapter shall be presented by the Secretary General to the Executive Committee of the SOCIETY for confirmation.</p> <p>In countries without a Chapter, two Active Members from any country may serve as sponsors of direct nominees, and the usual application forms shall be used. An unanimous favorable vote of the Executive Committee of the SOCIETY shall be required for election of such direct nominees to Active Membership.</p>	<p><u>Chapter</u>, to the Secretary General of the SOCIETY. Candidates who are not approved for membership by the National <u>Chapter</u> shall be reconsidered automatically for membership by the National <u>Chapter</u> for two consecutive years following the initial vote, unless the application is withdrawn. Candidates who fail to gain election may be again proposed by the Chapter after a one year waiting period.</p> <p>All completed applications of candidates proposed for membership by the Chapter shall be presented by the Secretary General to the Executive Committee of the SOCIETY for confirmation.</p> <p>In countries without a Chapter, two Active Members from any country may serve as sponsors of direct nominees, and the usual application forms shall be used. An unanimous favorable vote of the Executive Committee of the SOCIETY shall be required for election of such direct nominees to Active Membership.</p>
<p>Section 4 - Rights and responsibilities of members</p>	
<p>a) Active Members (AM) must pay the dues and Chapter assessments established by the SOCIETY at its General Assembly. They may vote, serve as officers of the SOCIETY and serve on committees. They shall receive all publications of the SOCIETY including WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY.</p>	<p>a) Active Members (AM) must pay the <u>annual</u> dues established by the General Assembly. They may vote, serve as officers of the SOCIETY and on committees. They shall receive <u>or have access to</u> all publications of the SOCIETY including WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY.</p>
<p>b) Senior Members (SM) are not required to pay the dues and Chapter assessments. They may vote but may not serve as officers. They shall receive notifications of Congresses but not the publications of the SOCIETY without charge.</p>	<p>b) Senior Members (SM) are not required to pay the <u>annual</u> dues. They may vote but may not serve as officers. They shall receive <u>or have access to</u> notifications of Congresses <u>and Newsletters. The subscription to the official organ (World Journal of Surgery) may be obtained at special rates.</u></p>
<p>c) Honorary Members (HM) have all of the rights of Active Members. They are not required to pay dues or assessments. They shall receive all of the publications of the SOCIETY without charge.</p>	<p>c) Honorary Members (HM) have all of the rights of Active Members. They are not required to pay <u>annual</u> dues. They shall receive <u>or have access to</u> all of the publications of the SOCIETY without charge.</p>
<p>d) Resignation from the SOCIETY must be submitted in writing to the National Delegate and to the Secretary General at least 3 months prior to the end of the year. Annual dues must be paid in full to the end of the year of resignation.</p>	<p>No charge</p>
<p>e) Failure to pay annual dues for 2 years - after due warning and writing - will lead to loss of membership. Exclusion from the SOCIETY will be communicated to the member in writing.</p>	<p>e) Failure to pay annual dues for 2 years - after due warning <u>in</u> writing <u>annually</u> - will lead to loss of membership. <u>The subscription to the official organ (World Journal of Surgery) will be suspended after the second reminder for owed annual dues.</u></p>

<p>ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS</p>	
<p><i>Section 1 - Types of elected officers and duties</i> The elected officers of the SOCIETY shall be the President of the SOCIETY, the President of the Congress (President-elect), the Secretary General, the General Treasurer, the Editor in Chief of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY, four Councilors at large and one additional Councilor to be appointed by any Integrated Society with a minimum of 150 members. All officers of the SOCIETY serve in a honorary position. A Secretary General-elect shall be elected as an ex officio officer as soon as the Secretary General has given written notice of his resignation date but at the latest two years before the end of his third term. The duties of the officers and their terms of office shall be as follows:</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>a) The President of the SOCIETY shall preside at all meetings of the SOCIETY, preserve order, regulate debate, appoint committees not otherwise provided for, announce results of elections and represent the SOCIETY in undertaking in which a specific representative is not otherwise specified. The President shall be elected by the members for a term of two years and shall not be eligible for re-election. The President has a casting vote in any meeting where positive and negative votes are equal. After finishing the term as President, this person shall remain as a non-voting ex-officio consultant in the Executive Committee for a period of two years.</p>	<p>a) The President of the SOCIETY shall preside at all meetings of the SOCIETY, preserve order, regulate debate, appoint committees not otherwise provided for, announce results of elections and represent the SOCIETY in undertaking in which a specific representative is not otherwise specified. The President shall be elected by <u>the General Assembly and serves until the end of the following General Assembly at the next congress</u> and shall not be eligible for re-election. The President has a casting vote in any meeting where positive and negative votes are equal. <u>After his/her term, the President will serve as immediate Past-President for one additional term in the Executive Committee.</u></p>
<p>b) The President of the Congress</p>	<p><u>b) The SOCIETY President will be the Congress President of the congress at which his/her term as SOCIETY President ends.</u></p>
<p>b) The President of the Congress shall perform all of the duties of the President of the SOCIETY in the absence or incapacity of the President of the SOCIETY. The President of the Congress is President-elect of the SOCIETY. The President of the Congress shall be elected by the members for a term of two years and shall not be eligible for re-election to this office. This person takes office as President of the SOCIETY at the General Assembly of his/her congress.</p>	<p><u>c) The President-elect</u> shall perform all of the duties of the President of the SOCIETY <u>and Congress</u> in the absence or incapacity of the President of the SOCIETY <u>and Congress. The President-elect shall be elected by the General Assembly for one term only</u> and shall not be eligible for re-election to this office.</p>
<p>e) The Secretary General shall keep minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the SOCIETY and of the standing committees, receive and process applications for membership, notify new members of their election to membership in the SOCIETY, maintain an accurate register of the members with their current addresses, send out announcements of meetings of the SOCIETY,</p>	<p>No change except indexing d)</p>

<p>send out a list of candidates for Active Membership in advance of regular meetings of the Executive Committee and conduct the correspondence of the SOCIETY not otherwise provided for by the Constitution. The Secretary General shall perform the duties of the President of the SOCIETY in the absence or incapacity of the President of the SOCIETY and the President of the Congress. The Secretary General shall be elected by the members for a term of four years and shall be re-eligible for two more four-year terms for a total of 12 years.</p> <p>Two years before the term of the office holder terminates, nomination of a Secretary General-elect should be submitted to and voted upon by the General Assembly. The Secretary General-elect shall be a non-voting ex officio member of the Executive Committee becoming a full member after the two year period.</p>	
<p>d) The Assistant Secretary General shall be elected by the Executive Committee as an ex officio member without vote for four years with re-eligibility at the discretion of the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>No change except indexing e)</p>
<p>e) The General Treasurer shall be responsible for the auditing of the annual statements of accounts, prepared by the Administrative Director and audited by a professional auditing firm. The General Treasurer shall present an annual report of the financial condition of the SOCIETY, and shall report annually to the Executive Committee the names of members who have failed to pay their dues and are in arrears. The General Treasurer shall be elected by the members for a term of four years and shall be re-eligible for two more four-year terms for a total of 12 years.</p>	<p>No change except indexing f)</p>
<p>f) The Editor in Chief, Chairman of the Editorial Board of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY, shall be elected by the members for a term of four years and shall be eligible for re-election at four-year intervals. The Editor in Chief shall be a full member of the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>No change except indexing g)</p>
<p>g) Councilors at Large, shall participate in all of the deliberations and decisions of the Executive Committee as voting members. There shall be four Councilors at Large, and normally two of these shall be elected by the members every two years. Councilors at Large shall serve for a term of four years and shall not be eligible for re-election.</p>	<p>No change except indexing h)</p>

<p>h) Councilors of Integrated Societies An additional Councilor shall be delegated by each Integrated Society. Their time in office shall be the same as that of the four Councilors at Large.</p>	<p>i) Councilors of Integrated Societies An additional Councilor shall be delegated by each Integrated Society <i>with more than 150 Active Members</i>. Their time in office shall be the same as that of the four Councilors at Large <i>or less, depending on their official terms in the Integrated Societies.</i></p>
	<p>k) Congress Vice Presidents shall be elected at a regular General Assembly, as recognition of outstanding services to the SOCIETY and to surgery in general. Each integrated Society may nominate one Congress Vice President. Nominated Candidates at large (up to 6 total) shall be selected from nominations from National Chapters and the Executive Committee. Congress Vice Presidents shall not be eligible for re-election.</p>
<p>Section 2 - Election of Officers</p>	
<p>Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present and voting at the General Assembly of the SOCIETY. Nominations for office shall be presented to the Membership</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>- by the Nominating Committee, published in the agenda of the General Assembly.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>- by any 10 Active Members in writing to the Secretary General no later than 12 weeks before the General Assembly of the SOCIETY, the nomination being accompanied by a statement of the nominee to the effect that she/he will agree to accept the office if elected. Such nominations will be published in the agenda of the General Assembly.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>The elected officers shall take office immediately upon their election.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>Section 3 - Vacancies in Office</p>	
<p>Vacancies occurring in office other than that of Presidents shall be filled by appointment of the President until the next regular General Assembly of the SOCIETY, when the usual procedure for election of officers will be used to fill the vacancy.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>ARTICLE V - STANDING COMMITTEES</p>	

<p>Section 1 - Executive Committee</p> <p>The Executive Committee of the SOCIETY shall consist of the President of the SOCIETY, President of the Congress (President-elect), Secretary General, General Treasurer, Editor in Chief of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY, four Councilors at Large and one Councilor delegated by each Integrated Society with a minimum of 150 members. The immediate Past President, the Secretary General-elect, the Assistant Secretary General and the Administrative Director shall act as ex officio members without vote. At no time the Executive Committee be composed of a majority of voting members who are citizens of the same country. The President of the SOCIETY shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee and shall call its meetings. The Executive Committee shall nominate a Program Committee (see Section 2)</p>	<p>The Executive Committee of the SOCIETY shall consist of the President of the SOCIETY <u>and Congress, President-elect</u>, Secretary General, General Treasurer, Editor in Chief of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY, four Councilors at Large and one Councilor delegate <u>from</u> each Integrated Society with a minimum of 150 members. The Secretary General-elect, the Assistant Secretary General and the Administrative Director shall act as ex officio members without vote. At no time <u>may</u> the Executive Committee be composed of a majority of voting members who are citizens of the same country. The President of the SOCIETY shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee and shall call its meetings. The Executive Committee shall <u>constitute</u> a Program Committee (see Section 2)</p>
<p>The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the general administration and financial management of the SOCIETY. In urgent matters, it shall have the authority to take any necessary actions on behalf of the SOCIETY. For such actions to become permanent policy, they must be ratified ultimately by the membership (General Assembly or mail ballot). The Executive Committee shall select the recipients of awards and prizes of the SOCIETY. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year. A majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for taking actions.</p>	<p>The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the general administration and financial management of the SOCIETY. In urgent matters, it shall have the authority to take any necessary actions on behalf of the SOCIETY. For such actions to become permanent policy, they must be ratified ultimately by the membership (General Assembly or mail ballot). The Executive Committee shall select the recipients of awards and prizes of the SOCIETY. The Executive Committee <u>in full</u> shall meet at least once <u>every two years at the occasion of the congress. At the discretion of the President, conferences may be called in preferentially within the frame of some larger event attended anyway by a significant number of Executive Committee Members.</u> A majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for taking actions.</p>
<p>Section 2 - Program Committee</p>	
<p>The Program Committee of the SOCIETY shall consist of the President of the SOCIETY, the President of the Congress, the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General, the Editor in Chief of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY and the Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), as well as of 8 to 10 members including one member of each Integrated Society.</p>	<p>The Program Committee of the SOCIETY shall consist of the <u>Executive Committee of the SOCIETY</u> and the Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). <u>The Executive Committee may invite additional representatives of involved Societies if needed.</u></p>
<p>The Program Committee shall be responsible for the organization, subject matters, selection of papers and selection of speakers for future congresses. Members of the Program Committee shall be elected by the General Assembly for a term of four years, with re-eligibility for one term only.</p>	<p>The Program Committee shall be responsible for the organization, subject matters, selection of papers and selection of speakers for future congresses.</p>

<p>Section 3 - Nominating Committee</p>	
<p>The Nominating Committee shall consist of the President of the SOCIETY as Chairman, the President-elect and the Past President, the Secretary General, the General Treasurer and the Editor in Chief of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY and the Executive Committee representative of each Integrated Society.</p> <p>It shall present to the membership for a vote at a regular meeting of the SOCIETY nominations for the office of the President of the SOCIETY, the President of the Congress (President-elect), the Secretary General elect, the General Treasurer, the Editor in Chief and four Councilors at Large. It shall also make recommendations for Honorary Membership to the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>The Nominating Committee shall consist of the President of the SOCIETY as Chairman, the President-elect and the <i>Immediate</i> Past President, the Secretary General, the General Treasurer and the Editor in Chief of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY and the Executive Committee representative of each Integrated Society with <i>more than 150 Active Members</i>.</p> <p>It shall present to the membership for a vote at a regular meeting of the SOCIETY nominations for the office of the President of the SOCIETY, the President <i>elect and</i> the Congress, the Secretary General-elect, the General Treasurer, the Editor in Chief and four Councilors at Large. It shall also make recommendations for Honorary Membership to the Executive Committee.</p>
<p>Section 4 – International Committee</p>	<p>Disolved: Section 4 – International Committee</p>
<p>The International Committee shall consist of the following members:</p>	
<p>a) The members of the Executive Committee</p> <p>b) The Vice Presidents of the Congress, who shall be nominated by the International Committee and elected by the members of the SOCIETY at a regular General Assembly, in view of outstanding services rendered to the SOCIETY and to surgery in general. There shall be up to 6 Vice presidents of the Congress, the number to be determined by the International Committee. Vice Presidents shall not be eligible for re-election.</p>	<p>Transferred to National Chapter</p>
<p>c) The National Delegate from each member country and the — President of a Chapter with more than 200 Active Members.</p>	
<p>The President of the SOCIETY shall serve as Chairman of the International Committee and call its meetings, which will be held at least once every two years.</p>	
<p>The responsibilities of the International Committee shall be to:</p>	
<p>a) Discuss and suggest to the membership the policy of the SOCIETY.</p>	<p>Transferred to National Chapter</p>
<p>b) Recommend to the membership, for vote at a regular General Assembly, the location and dates of future congresses.</p>	<p>Transferred to National Chapter</p>
<p>c) Nominate up to 6 Vice Presidents of the next congress.</p>	<p>Transferred to National Chapter</p>
<p>d) Recommend to the Executive Committee Members, for vote at a regular meeting, candidates to be awarded the —Honorary Membership —Prize of the "Société Internationale de Chirurgie"</p>	<p>Transferred to National Chapter</p>

<p>-Robert Danis Prize -René Leriche Prize -other prizes sponsored by third parties Such recommendations must be addressed to the Secretary General in writing, no later than by the end of the year preceding the next General Assembly.</p>	
<p>e) Recommend to the membership, for vote at a regular General Assembly, expulsion of members for due cause.</p>	<p>Transferred to National Chapter</p>
<p>Section 5 - National Committees</p>	<p>Section 4 - National Chapters</p>
<p>The International Committee shall consist of the following members:</p>	
<p>In each country that has 10 or more Active Members of the SOCIETY the members shall constitute a Chapter. The Members of each Chapter shall elect a National Committee composed of a National Delegate and two Active Members. The members of the National Committee shall be elected by the majority vote of the Members present and voting at a regular meeting of the Chapter. They shall serve for a four-year term, with re-eligibility for one term only. In countries without a Chapter, the Executive Committee of the SOCIETY will appoint a National Delegate. The National Delegate shall be responsible for processing the applications for membership and maintaining communication with the office of the Secretary General of the SOCIETY. Each Chapter conducts one business meeting per year. If a Chapter fails to communicate and to elect a National Delegate once the term of the previous National Delegate comes to its end, the Executive Committee of the SOCIETY shall appoint a new National Delegate to safeguard communication. The National Delegate of the country in which a congress is to be held shall have major responsibility for helping to organize the congress.</p>	<p>In each country that has 10 or more Active Members of the SOCIETY the members shall constitute a Chapter. The Members of each Chapter shall elect a National Delegate, by the majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular meeting of the Chapter. <u>He/she</u> shall serve for a four-year term, with eligibility for one additional term only. In countries without a Chapter, the Executive Committee of the SOCIETY may appoint a National Representative. The National Delegate or National Representative shall be responsible for approval of the applications for membership and maintaining communication with the office of the Secretary General of the SOCIETY. <u>The National Delegate of the country in which a congress is to be held shall have major responsibility for helping to organize the congress.</u> <u>If a Chapter fails to communicate and to elect a National Delegate once the term of the previous National Delegate comes to its end, the Executive Committee of the SOCIETY shall appoint a new National Delegate or Representative to safeguard communication.</u></p>
	<p><u>The responsibilities of the National Chapters shall be to:</u></p>
	<p><u>a) Elect a National Delegate.</u></p>
	<p><u>b) Conduct one business meeting per year.</u></p>
	<p><u>c) Discuss with the membership the policies of the SOCIETY.</u></p>
	<p><u>d) Recommend to the membership the location and dates of future congresses.</u></p>
	<p><u>e) Recommend to the Nominating Committee potential Vice Presidents of the next congress for election by the members of the SOCIETY at a regular General Assembly.</u></p>
	<p><u>f) Recommend to the Executive Committee Members, for vote at a regular meeting, candidates to be awarded the</u> <u>- Honorary Membership</u> <u>- Prize of the "Société Internationale de</u></p>

	<p><u>Chirurgie"</u> <u>- Robert Danis Prize</u> <u>- René Leriche Prize</u> <u>- other prizes sponsored by third parties</u> <u>Such recommendations must be addressed to the Secretary General in writing, no later than by the end of the year preceding the next General Assembly.</u></p>
	<p><u>g) Recommend to Executive Committee and to the membership, for vote at a regular General Assembly, expulsion of members for due cause.</u></p>
<p>Section 6 - Editorial Board of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY</p>	<p>Section 5 - Editorial Board of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY</p>
<p>The Editorial Board of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY is composed of ex officio members and members nominated by the Executive Committee and elected at a regular General Assembly of the SOCIETY. The ex officio members are the President of the SOCIETY, the President elect, the Secretary General and the Editor in Chief. The other members shall serve for a four-year term with re-eligibility for one term only. Appointments to consultants of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY are made by the Editorial Board at the proposal of the Editor in Chief. The Chairman of the Editorial Board shall serve as Editor in Chief of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY and as representative of the SOCIETY in all matters related to the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY.</p>	<p>The Editorial Board of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY is composed of ex officio members and members nominated by the Executive Committee <u>who must be members of the SOCIETY</u> and elected at a regular General Assembly of the SOCIETY. The ex officio members are the President of the SOCIETY, the President elect, the Secretary General and the Editor in Chief. The other members shall serve for a four-year term with re-eligibility for one <u>additional</u> term only. <u>Nominations for the Editorial Board</u> of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY are made by the Editorial Board at the proposal of the Editor in Chief. The <u>Editor in Chief of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY</u> shall serve as <u>Chairman of the Editorial Board</u> and as representative of the SOCIETY in all matters related to the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY.</p>
<p>Integrated Societies with more than 150 members shall have one representative on the Editorial Board who shall serve for a four-year term, with re-eligibility for one term only.</p>	<p>Integrated Societies with more than <u>150 Active Members may</u> have one representative on the Editorial Board who shall serve for a four-year term, with re-eligibility for one term only.</p>
<p>ARTICLE VI - GENERAL ASSEMBLY</p>	<p>ARTICLE VI - GENERAL ASSEMBLY</p>
<p>A General Assembly of the members of the SOCIETY shall be held during each WORLD CONGRESS OF SURGERY. The President of the SOCIETY shall call the General Assembly, arrange the agenda and serve as Chairman of the meeting. The Agenda shall be published no later than the first day of the Congress and at least 48 hours before the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall receive reports and proposals of the President, the Secretary General, the General Treasurer, the Editor in Chief (Chairman of the Editorial Board of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY) the International Committee and of the Nominating Committee (by the President of the SOCIETY).</p>	<p>A General Assembly of the members of the SOCIETY shall be held during each WORLD CONGRESS OF SURGERY. The President of the SOCIETY shall call the General Assembly, arrange the agenda and serve as Chairman of the meeting. The Agenda shall be published no later than the first day of the Congress and at least 48 hours before the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall receive reports and proposals of the President, the Secretary General, the General Treasurer, the Editor in Chief (Chairman of the Editorial Board of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY) <u>the Executive Committee and by the Nominating Committee (by the President of the SOCIETY).</u></p>

<p>a) Recommendations by the International Committee with regard to priorities for the locations and dates of future congresses. Based on this the final decision shall be made by the Executive Committee after careful consideration of all relevant questions (convention facilities, visa restrictions, hotels and other important aspects).</p>	<p>a) <u> Ratification of final decisions taken by the Executive Committee with regard to priorities for the locations and dates of future congresses.</u> The final decision shall be made by the Executive Committee after <u>consultation of the concerned National Delegates and after</u> careful consideration of all relevant questions (convention facilities, visa restrictions, hotels and other important aspects <u>as outlined in the guidelines to host a future International Surgical Week.</u>)</p>
<p>b) Election of up to six Vice Presidents for the next congress. Each Integrated Society has the right to elect one Vice President out of the six during its own General Assembly.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>c) Nominations by the Nominating Committee or from the membership as specified in Art. IV, Section 2, for the President of the next congress (President-elect), the Secretary General-elect, the Treasurer, the Editor in Chief of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY and four Councilors at Large, according to Article IV, Section 1 and 2.</p>	<p>c) Nominations by the Nominating Committee or from the membership as specified in Art. IV, Section 2, for the President-elect, the Secretary General-elect, the General Treasurer, the Editor in Chief of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY and four Councilors at Large, according to Article IV, Section 1 and 2.</p>
<p>d) Nominations from the Executive Committee for the Editorial Board and the Program Committee.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>The General Assembly shall receive from the International Committee recommendations for expulsion of members for due cause and shall vote on such recommendations. The General Assembly shall consider, discuss and, when indicated, vote upon all other matters placed on the agenda by the President of the SOCIETY or by the Executive Committee. Upon written request of no less than 10 Members to the Secretary General, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, any matter - except election of officers - may be placed on the agenda for consideration. Honorary Membership shall be conferred at the General Assembly and the Prizes and Distinctions of the Society shall be awarded. All votes are by simple majority of voting members present at the General Assembly, except:</p>	<p>The General Assembly shall receive from the <u>Executive Committee upon request by the National Chapters</u> recommendations for expulsion of members for due cause and shall vote on such recommendations. The General Assembly shall consider, discuss and, when indicated, vote upon all other matters placed on the agenda by the President of the SOCIETY or by the Executive Committee. Upon written request of no less than 10 Members to the Secretary General, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, any matter - except election of Officers, <u>Honorary Members and Prize Winners</u> - may be placed on the agenda for consideration. Honorary Membership shall be conferred <u>at the Opening Ceremony of the Congress</u> and the Prizes and Distinctions of the Society shall be awarded. All votes are by simple majority of voting members present at the General Assembly, except:</p>
<p>a) changes of Constitution (see Article IX)</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>b) change of location of Headquarters of the General Secretariat (see Article VII)</p>	<p>b) change of location of Headquarters of the <u>Administrative</u> Secretariat (see Article VII)</p>
<p>c) dissolution of the SOCIETY (see Article IX) Acceptance of these three items requires two thirds of the voting members present at the General Assembly.</p>	<p>No change</p>

ARTICLE VII - GENERAL SECRETARIAT	ARTICLE VII - <u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u> SECRETARIAT
<p>The Headquarters of the General Secretariat to the SOCIETY shall be located in a city/country selected by the Executive Committee of the SOCIETY with the approval of the majority of the members present and voting at a meeting of the General Assembly. The location may be changed upon recommendation of two thirds of the voting members present and voting at a meeting of the General Assembly.</p>	<p>The Headquarters of the <u>Administrative</u> Secretariat to the SOCIETY shall be located in a city/country selected by the Executive Committee of the SOCIETY with the approval of the majority of the members present and voting at a meeting of the General Assembly. The location may be changed upon recommendation of two thirds of the voting members present and voting at a meeting of the General Assembly.</p>
<p>The General Secretariat works at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the SOCIETY and of the Secretary General. The composition of the General Secretariat include a surgeon as Assistant Secretary General, an Administrative Director, an Executive Secretary and perhaps others as proposed by the Secretary General and approved by the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>The <u>Administrative</u> Secretariat works at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the SOCIETY and of the Secretary General. The composition of the General Secretariat include a surgeon as Assistant Secretary General, an Administrative Director, an Executive Secretary and perhaps others as proposed by the Secretary General and approved by the Executive Committee.</p>
<p>ARTICLE VIII - FUNDS</p>	
<p>The funds of the SOCIETY shall be derived from dues as decided by the General Assembly, registration fees at meetings, sale of publications, advertisements in its publications and at its meetings, donations, legacies, interest on reserve funds, investments and other resources as may become available. The SOCIETY shall fulfill all of the requirements for status as a non-profit scientific, educational and professional organization and shall use its funds for the worthwhile objectives stated in the Constitution. Annual Chapter Assessments decided by National Chapters or membership Societies will be regulated separately.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>The SOCIETY has two permanent funds of special designation.</p>	
<p>a) Membership Fund: permitting reduction of annual dues according to specific financial limitations of certain countries.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>b) The ISS/SIC Foundation which collects its contributions and directs its activity according to the special bylaws of this Foundation.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS / DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY</p>	
<p>Amendments to this Constitution or Dissolution of the SOCIETY may be proposed by majority vote of the Executive Committee, majority vote of the International Committee or by no less than 20 Active Members of the SOCIETY. Amendments or dissolution of the SOCIETY must be proposed in</p>	<p>Amendments to this Constitution or Dissolution of the SOCIETY may be proposed by majority vote of the Executive Committee, majority vote of the <u>National Delegates</u> or by no less than 20 Active Members of the SOCIETY. Amendments or dissolution of the SOCIETY must be proposed in</p>

<p>writing to the Secretary General at least 12 weeks prior to a meeting of the General Assembly and shall be sent to all voting members of the SOCIETY at least 4 weeks prior to a meeting of the General Assembly and shall be adopted only if there is an affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the voting Members present at a regular meeting of the General Assembly.</p>	<p>writing to the Secretary General at least 12 weeks prior to a meeting of the General Assembly and shall be sent to all voting members of the SOCIETY at least 4 weeks prior to a meeting of the General Assembly and shall be adopted only if there is an affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the voting Members present at a regular meeting of the General Assembly.</p>
<p>ARTICLE X - ADOPTION</p>	
<p>Upon presentation of this Constitution at a regular meeting of the General Assembly of the SOCIETY and an affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members present, this Constitution shall be adopted and take effect immediately.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>*****</p>	<p>*****</p>
<p>The Constitution of the International Society of Surgery (ISS)/ Société Internationale de Chirurgie (SIC) has been ratified at the General Assembly in TORONTO, on September 13, 1989 and amended at the General Assemblies in 1991, 1993 and 1995.</p>	<p>The Constitution of the International Society of Surgery (ISS)/ Société Internationale de Chirurgie (SIC) has been ratified at the General Assembly in TORONTO, on September 13, 1989 and amended at the General Assemblies in 1991, 1993, 1995 <i>and 2005</i></p>

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Balance sheet December 31, 2001 - 2004 (expressed in USD)

	31.12.2004 USD at rate 1.14	31.12.2003 USD at rate 1.24	31.12.2002 USD at rate 1.38	31.12.2001 USD at rate 1.63
ASSETS				
<i>Current assets</i>				
Cash	2'990.40	3'077.90	3'074.90	2'989.95
Postal account	5'581.70	4'123.50	3'293.15	4'942.90
UBS, bank account	27'260.30	68'445.40	24'830.30	257'244.00
Debtors	18'400.00	350'000.00	7'923.70	38'629.40
Money Market Funds	163'725.10	164'359.70	262'173.20	119'415.00
Postgraduate courses	0.00	0.00	0.00	8'697.55
Debtors Congress "Brussels" 2001	0.00	0.00	0.00	56'587.75
Debtors Congress "Bangkok" 2003	0.00	0.00	200'286.95	44'521.65
Debtors Congress "Durban" 2005	253'501.53	37'358.95	35'926.10	0.00
Debtors Congress "Montreal" 2007	16'949.10	1'145.10	0.00	0.00
ISS Foundation	0.00	0.00	0.00	4'521.00
History books	1.00	1.00	7'246.40	16'777.50
Accrued income	8'500.60	8'163.90	0.00	0.00
Total assets	496'909.73	636'675.45	544'754.70	554'326.70

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LIABILITIES				
<i>Borrowed liabilities</i>				
Creditors	32'504.83	192'316.45	284'855.95	319'877.15
UBS, bank account (CHF-account)	59'106.55	0.00	0.00	10'556.10
Annual dues	6'613.55	59'595.51	0.00	0.00
Accrued liabilities	5'701.75	7'621.60	4'927.55	2'760.75
	103'926.68	259'533.56	289'783.50	333'194.00
<i>Capital</i>				
Congress fund	59'460.83	59'460.85	59'460.85	59'460.83
Retained earnings	317'681.04	195'510.35	161'671.87	154'989.17
Exchange differences	9'473.33	65'548.32	73'134.38	1'100.40
Net profit/loss	6'367.85	56'622.37	- 39'295.90	5'582.30
	392'983.05	377'141.89	254'971.20	221'132.70
Total liabilities	496'909.73	636'675.45	544'754.70	554'326.70

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Profit and loss account for the year ended December 31, 2001 - 2004

	2004 USD	2003 USD	2002 USD	2001 USD
INCOME				
Annual dues	86'574.06	13'601.90	85'535.20	21'160.40
World Journal of surgery subscr.	269'901.28	306'816.30	279'360.00	303'991.00
Chapter Assessments	13'945.00	18'315.70	12'240.00	13'552.20
Interests	0.00	4'501.60	10'768.30	12'275.40
Reimbursement costs WJS	280'000.00	280'000.00	280'000.00	280'000.00
Various	0.00	27'338.45	20'505.00	33'386.10
Extra profit WJS	0.00	267'284.00	0.00	0.00
Total income	650'420.34	917'857.95	688'408.50	664'365.10
EXPENSES				
<i>Direct costs</i>				
World Journal of Surgery	283'846.28	325'132.00	291'600.00	317'543.20
IAES Chapter Assessment	6'703.90	8'665.70	5'420.00	6'455.40
IATSIC Chapter Assessment	3'970.40	5'211.00	3'960.00	3'960.00
IASMEN Chapter Assessment	1'175.50	1'949.30	1'280.00	1'416.80
BSI Chapter Assessment	2'095.20	2'489.70	1'580.00	1'720.00
National Chapter Australia	1'736.60	2'296.70	1'580.00	1'880.00
National Chapter Japan	7'888.20	11'387.00	8'000.00	8'720.00
Executive committee meetings	25'274.55	26'367.86	22'774.75	28'508.35
Repr. expenses Secretary General	6'140.35	5'645.15	15'863.75	0.00
Canceled Expenses ISW 2003	0.00	129'779.50	0.00	0.00
Congress Durban 2005	0.00	7'574.25	2'436.70	0.00
Congress Montreal 2007	0.00	849.75	0.00	0.00
Congress Adelaide 2009	0.00	0.00	1'380.95	0.00
ISS-Found. (US Donations not incl.)	5'790.00	12'297.92	11'031.05	9'939.75
Prizes of the ISS/SIC	5'244.80	9'494.50	0.00	4'397.55
History of the Society, History book	0.00	0.00	443.25	16'696.85
Bank charges, credit-card charges	8'531.01	10'033.10	10'983.65	8'594.15
Various memberships	2'366.85	650.10	1'346.20	500.00
Centennial celb.	0.00	0.00	0.00	1'351.55
	360'763.64	559'823.53	379'680.30	411'683.60

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Profit and loss account for the year ended December 31, 2001 - 2004

	2004 USD	2003 USD	2002 USD	2001 USD
<i>Personnel expenses</i>				
Salaries/Social insurances	186'561.45	211'800.40	182'138.15	170'000.00
	<i>186'561.45</i>	<i>211'800.40</i>	<i>182'138.15</i>	<i>170'000.00</i>
<i>Other operating expenses</i>				
Office need	2'900.80	0.00	620.70	4'472.20
Postage	8'303.70	7'742.55	16'245.30	3'420.55
Telephone/Telefax, E-Mail	1'260.35	4'308.10	3'169.15	4'290.50
Rent of computer equipment	10'526.30	9'677.40	10'144.95	7'361.95
Rent of office furniture	3'947.35	3'629.05	3'260.85	2'760.75
Office rent and maintenance	28'969.30	26'633.05	23'931.15	17'546.00
Insurance	759.00	591.90	531.85	592.65
Various office costs	15'647.40	13'976.95	10'680.80	14'261.50
Membership list	0.00	0.00	0.00	139.25
Certificates	163.05	1'085.25	395.60	455.35
Newsletters	7'877.70	2'609.90	2'252.15	4'281.40
Promotion, Web pages, Travel exp.	9'391.65	4'364.10	7'645.10	6'982.30
Invoices and reminders	0.00	534.70	4'451.50	6'423.00
Reduction of reimbursement VAT	4'257.85	3'730.55	3'629.45	3'211.80
Non-Reimbursement VAT Brussels	0.00	0.00	66'356.90	0.00
Various expenses	2'722.95	2'664.45	0.00	900.00
Depreciation History books	0.00	8'063.70	12'570.50	0.00
	<i>96'727.40</i>	<i>89'611.65</i>	<i>165'885.95</i>	<i>77'099.20</i>
Total expenses	644'052.49	861'235.58	727'704.40	658'782.80
Total income	650'420.34	917'857.95	688'408.50	664'365.10
Total expenses	644'052.49	861'235.58	727'704.40	658'782.80
Net profit/loss for the period	6'367.85	56'622.37	- 39'295.90	5'582.30

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

to the meeting of the
International Society of Surgery (ISS/SIC), Pratteln,
about the examination for the years 2001 - 2004

As auditors, we have audited the accounting records and the financial statements of International Society of Surgery (ISS/SIC), Pratteln, for the financial statements, ended in each case on December 31, for the years 2001 - 2004.

These financial statements are the responsibility of the executive committee. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We confirm that we meet the legal requirements concerning professional qualification and independence.

Our audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards promulgated by the Swiss profession, which require that an audit be planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. We have examined on a test basis evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We have also assessed the accounting principles used, significant estimates made and the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the accounting records and financial statements comply with the Swiss law and the statutes of the association.

We recommend that the financial statements, for the years 2001 - 2004 submitted to you be approved.

WEIDINGER & PARTNER AG

Chur, February 28, 2005
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Markus Riedi
 Swiss certified Accountant
 (Auditor in charge)



Ruedi Roth
 Trustee

Enclosures:

- Financial statements
- Profit and loss account

Budgets 2006 and 2007

(annual dues as proposed US\$ 135.00/€ 135.00)

	Budget 2006 2'450	Budget 2007 2'500
INCOME		
<i>Number of paying members</i>		
Annual Dues USD 66.-(dues USD/€uro 135.00)	161'700.00	165'000.00
Subscription to WJS	169'050.00	172'500.00
Banking Interests	5'000.00	6'000.00
Profit WJS (estimated according to new contract)	140'000.00	145'000.00
Support from Durban congress (projected is USD 100'000)	50'000.00	50'000.00
Various	2'000.00	3'000.00
Result ineffective income (same amounts as expenses)		
Integrated Societies Assessments (IAES, IATSI, IASMEN, BSI)	15'000.00	15'500.00
National Chapter Assessments via Pratteln (Japan and Australia)	11'500.00	12'500.00
ISS-Foundation donations paid to Pratteln	12'000.00	12'000.00
TOTAL INCOME	566'250.00	581'500.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES	543'550.00	560'800.00
PROJECTED RESULT - PROFIT	22'700.00	20'700.00

Budgets 2006 and 2007

(annual dues as proposed US\$ 135.00/€ 135.00)

	Budget 2006	Budget 2007
EXPENSES		
Subscription to WJS according to new contract average USD 69.-	169'050.00	172'500.00
Executive Committee Meetings	25'000.00	25'000.00
General Secretariat Expenses	8'000.00	9'000.00
Membership Roster and Web Page	10'000.00	12'000.00
Future Congresses (VAT legal advices and investigations)	10'000.00	10'000.00
Prizes of ISS/SIC 2007 at Montréal Congress	2'000.00	2'000.00
Personel Expenses	185'000.00	190'000.00
Legal Advises & Auditing	5'000.00	5'000.00
Various Membership in other organizations	1'000.00	1'000.00
Office Expenses		
- Office Rent	22'500.00	22'500.00
- Newsletters	6'000.00	7'000.00
- Postage, Telephone/Fax, E-mail	8'000.00	8'800.00
- Computer & Office Equipment, E-Mail	11'000.00	11'000.00
- Book-keeping	12'000.00	12'500.00
- Various Office Need, Print Costs various items	10'500.00	11'000.00
- Insurances (liability meetings, congress etc.)	2'500.00	2'800.00
- Promotion, Travel, Training of staff	3'000.00	3'000.00
- VAT charges in Switzerland	3'500.00	3'500.00
- Banking/Credit Card Charges (approx. 4 % of dues income)	11'900.00	12'200.00
Result ineffective Expenses (equals with income)		
- Integrated Societies Assessments	14'500.00	15'500.00
- National Chapter Assessments	11'100.00	12'500.00
- ISS-Foundation Donations (USA not included: direct payment)	12'000.00	12'000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	543'550.00	560'800.00

Pratteln, March 4. 2005

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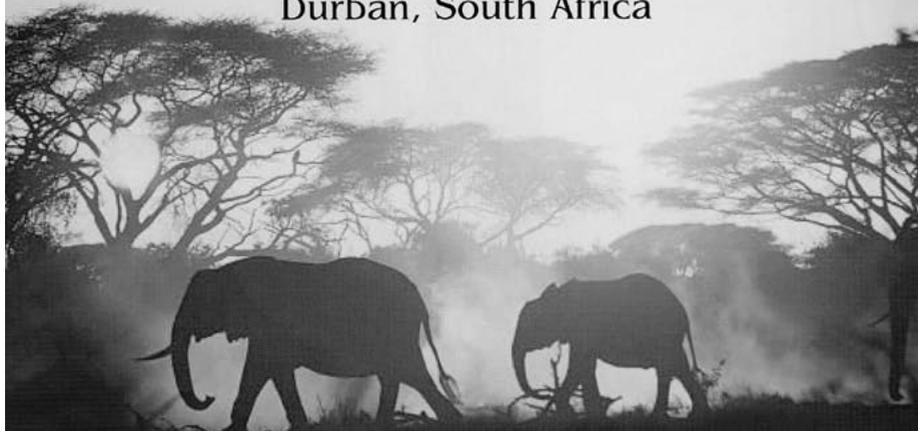


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