



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

NEWSLETTER

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**Extension of deadline for Abstract submission
ISW 2009 to February 15, 2009**

President's Address



*Michael Sarr, USA
President ISS/SIC &
Congress President
ISW 2009*

As the time draws near, ISW 2009 in Adelaide is sooner than you think. We have been working very hard on the final stages of planning the meeting, and especially so in these times of worldwide financial hardship and challenges.

YES, WE HAVE FULLY CONSIDERED THESE CHALLENGES IN PLANNING THE MEETING. ALL attempts at decreasing the costs of running the meeting have been considered, but keeping in mind the importance of putting on a first-class scientific and educational program – we have done so and have a GREAT meeting planned.

One of our good news is that the ISS/SIC Committee has decided in early December to **extend the deadline for Abstract submission to February 15, 2009.**

This will allow you to fully enjoy the forthcoming holiday season and still submit your presentation after the festive days.

I would like to point out several highlights in addition to the fabulous venue in Adelaide.

First: The ISDS (International Society of Digestive Surgery) will hold their every-second-year meeting with ISW 2009 which will expand the breadth of the meeting. Their participation will broaden and strengthen the GI part.

Second: The Martin Allgöwer Lecture will be given by Dr. Catherine Hamlin who helped establish the “fistula Hospital” in Ethiopia. This talk will further emphasize the importance of international health and the burden of disease worldwide.

Third: The programs for all the integrated societies (IAES, IATSIC, IASMEN and BSI), as well as the ISDS and other participating societies are available on the ISW website – www.ISW2009.org or simply Google ISW2009.

Fourth: Adelaide is a wonderful place for families and for children; educational opportunities abound. Keep scanning the website (www.ISW2009.org) for opportunities during as well as before and after the meeting.

Fifth: Several special highlights of the program are outlined below:

IAES – Postgraduate Course on Saturday together with the Australian Endocrine Surgeons AES and Satellite Meeting on Sunday, Clinical skills review for local anesthesia in thyroid/parathyroid surgery, Peter Heimann Lecture to be given by Bruce Robinson on “Molecular Genetics of Endocrine Tumors”

IATSIC - Pre-congress DTSC Program on Thursday & Friday, Donald D. Trunkey Lecture on "A scientific approach to management of mass-casualty incidents requires involvement of the trauma surgeon" by Sten Lennquist.

IASMEN - Tremendous interaction with other affiliated societies, Symposium on ERAS "Enhanced Recovery After Surgery", José F. Patiño Lecture.

BSI - Pre-congress Ultrasound Course on Sunday and Postgraduate Course on Monday, Umberto Veronesi Lecture to be given by Professor Emiel Rutgers on "The breast surgeon in the genomic era".

You will find more details in the respective parts of the integrated societies in this newsletter.

Sixth: Many local, national, and even international tours will be offered before, during, and after the actual meeting. Australia is a long way off from many places – and we should all take in the various opportunities to see, not only this fabulous (and dauntingly large) country down under, but also the close “~3,000 miles away” New Zealand, Thailand, Viet Nam, and the “small islands” on the way there — Hawaii, Fiji, etc. Check out the website www.ISW2009.org!

As always, if there are any questions I can help with, e-mail me at sarr.michael@mayo.edu.

Michael G. Sarr
President ISS/SIC & ISW2009

LOC President's Invitation to travel in Australia

ISW2009, Adelaide, Australia, September 6 -10, 2009

Over the next 10 months I will attempt to paint a picture of Australia in the ISS/SIC Newsletter and on our website to encourage you to visit our part of the world for ISW 2009. I will add to the material available on the website and offer guidance regarding travel and tourism. Please remember that Australia is a large continent and that you can only visit a small part of it in a 2 or 3 week period. In this issue you will be introduced to Adelaide and environs. In the next issue I will discuss other parts of Australia.

Adelaide, South Australia

Accommodation in Adelaide is relatively inexpensive and of excellent quality. Most registrants and their families will stay in hotels on North Terrace within 150 metres of the Adelaide Convention Centre as all ISS/SIC scientific and social programs, including the Out-back Night, will be held there.

Details of the recommended congress hotels and serviced apartments can be found in the ISW2009 registration form and on the congress homepage. Those registrants who wish to stay in loyalty program hotels will not be far from the Convention Centre.

The following official congress hotels and apartments in various price categories have been selected by the LOC. Most of these are in walking distance to the Convention Center:





North Terrace. The Elder Conservatorium of Music, University of Adelaide

HOTELS:

- Hilton Adelaide
- Hyatt Regency Adelaide
- Rendezvous Allegra
- Sebel Playford Adelaide
- Stamford Plaza Adelaide
- Rockford Adelaide
- Holiday Inn Adelaide
- Hotel Grand Chancellor Adelaide
- Mercure Grosvenor Adelaide

APARTMENTS:

- Medina Grand Adelaide Treasury
- Miller Apartments
- Oaks Embassy
- Oaks Horizons
- Quest on King William
- Saville City Suites

BUDGET:

- Royal Adelaide Hospital – Residential Wing

Adelaide is a safe, family friendly, walking city with everything that you need close by. It is ideal for conventions and the Convention Centre rates highly in world ranking each year.

Adelaide was known as the city of churches but in reality it has significantly more pubs. It has a well deserved reputation for fine living and is the home of internationally renowned artistic activities such as the Adelaide Festival of Arts, The Festival of Ideas and WomAdelaide. Restaurants are world class with an emphasis on quality wine which is locally grown as 60% of Australian wine comes from this area. Adelaide in September is still quite cool as spring will have just arrived and blossom will still be on the trees. You can expect clear sunny days with a maximum temperature around 20°C although as it is close to the equinox it can be windy. Therefore all events will be based indoors at the Convention Centre but with access to the river and environs.



Miles and miles of beautiful beaches

We have many miles of white sandy beaches along **Gulf St Vincent** on the western side of the city with good hotels and a tram that can deliver you to the Convention Centre in around 20 minutes. These beaches extend for many miles down the **Fleurieu Peninsula** to the surf beaches near **Goolwa** and the **Coorong** on the Southern Ocean.

The wine growing areas are very close to the Convention Centre with the **Adelaide Hills** vineyards on the eastern slopes of the range where we have many very fine cool climate vineyards best known for their white wines, particularly their sauvignon blancs. They extend south to the **Southern Vales** and north towards the **Barossa**. The Southern Vales are very pretty and have wonderful vineyards and restaurants. We plan trips on the Wednesday afternoon to these regions as they are less than 30 minutes from your hotel. We will include a visit to **“The Cedars”**, the home of Hans Heysen, a famous Australian landscape painter who was probably the first artist to reveal the beauty of the giant eucalypt, the harshness of the land and the wonderful subtle pastel shades of the southern sky.

The German settled **Barossa Valley** which is famous for its shiraz and cabernet sauvignons is an hour away while the **Clare Valley** with its delightful varietal white wines is 30 minutes more. The Clare Valley is a favourite of mine as it is where my forebears settled on arrival in South Australia in the mid 19th Century.



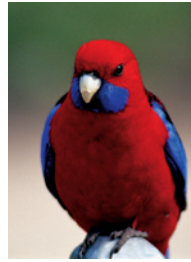
Australian Vineyard

I encourage you to visit the monastery at Seven Hill and **Polish Hill River** vineyards nearby.

Coonawarra is a wonderful wine growing region famous for its terra rossa on limestone soils which produces wonderful cabernet sauvignon. The whole region is known as the limestone coast with a very pretty seaside village and cray-fishing port of Robe in which you can stay. This region is 3 to 4 hours by road south east of Adelaide.

Kangaroo Island is 20 minutes by air from Adelaide and is a great holiday destination for any one who visits South Australia. It is a large island, over 100 km long, and will take several days to see. It has rugged southern ocean beaches with sea lion and American seal colonies as well as an epidemic of koalas (they are at risk of eating themselves out of existence) and an extra-ordinary number of wallabies.

The Adelaide Hills on the Eastern side of the city are a green belt and national park that is virtually on your doorstep. There are multiple bush walking trails within 15 to 20 minutes of your hotel. I walk through these wooded hills most weeks and regularly see many

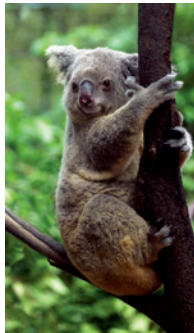


The bright red and blue rosella is a beautiful free flying bird, usually seen with a mate while the pink and grey galah arrives in large flocks and is often seen feeding in the parklands

koalas and kangaroos. **Cleland and Warrawong Wildlife Sanctuaries** are in the hills and places where you can be guaranteed to see animals at close quarters including dingoes, and if you are lucky, a platypus. Australia is a land of parrots and these birds can be seen daily in the city and the parklands. Galahs and rosellas are the most common but glossy black and sulphur crested white cockatoos are also seen.

Alternatively you can see all of these animals and birds by visiting the Adelaide Zoo which is a great place to take children and only a short walk or boat ride from your hotel.

The Flinders Ranges, 400 km north of Adelaide are a large national park in a desert mountain range. The Flinders Ranges are the remnants of an ancient and huge mountain range that have eroded, buckled and folded to expose 600 million years of geological time. This large national park has abundant wild life with emus and red kangaroos being common. September is the best time to visit as the wild flowers will be in bloom and the temperature ideal for walking and sightseeing. Excellent accommodation is available at **Wilpena, Blinman and Parachilna**.



Koalas like this chap are seen regularly in the Adelaide Hills and on occasion in the suburbs. Mothers carry their babies on their back.

Red kangaroos can be seen when walking in the Adelaide hills



Peter Malycha
President LOC ISW 2009

For further information regarding Australia you may visit the following sites:

<http://www.thecoorong.com>
<http://www.southaustralianhistory.com.au/goolwa.htm>
<http://www.southaustralia.com/FleurieuPeninsula.aspx>
<http://www.southaustralia.com/FlindersRanges.aspx>
<http://www.barossa.com/site/page.cfm>
<http://www.southaustralia.com/ClareValley.aspx>
<http://www.winediva.com.au/regions/mclaren-vale.asp>
<http://www.coonawarra.org/>
http://www.postcards.sa.com.au/features/polish_hill_secrets.html
http://www.visitadelaidehills.com.au/product.asp?product_id=9001629

Wilpena Pound. Excellent accommodation is available with many bush walking tracks for all levels

Springer Verlag News

Springer has established a strategic partnership with CiteULike. You may already be familiar with CiteULike and its popularity as a scholarly social bookmarking service. Springer has embarked on this partnership in order to advance the efforts in the web 2.0 environment. The enhanced functionality is intended to save the readers and authors time and effort when conducting research. Since CiteULike facilitates the sharing of references, it will encourage usage and increase the visibility of WJS. More information can be found at the link below:

<http://www.springer.com/company/citeulike?SGWID=0-164102-0-0-0>

Springer would like to encourage subscribers to take advantage of the benefits of CiteULike, so the service is being heavily marketed. The marketing efforts include the placement of CiteULike banner ads on journal home pages on SpringerLink.

Yvonne Chan
Springer Verlag New York



Report ISS-Foundation



*Jay L. Grosfeld, USA
Secretary-Treasurer ISSF*

The International Society of Surgery (ISS/SIC) Foundation would like to recognize the following North American Departments of Surgery for their thoughtful support of the Foundation's travel scholar program for the ISW 2009 meeting scheduled in Adelaide, Australia, September 6-10, 2009:

Albany Medical College, Albany, NY (USA)
Bowman Gray Medical School, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC (USA)
Brigham and Women's Hospital-Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA (USA)
Brown University School of Medicine, Providence, RI (USA)
Case-Western Reserve School of Medicine, Cleveland, OH (USA)
Dalhousie University School of Medicine, Halifax, NS (Canada)
Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, DC (USA)
Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN (USA)
Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA (USA)
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Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI (USA)
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University of Massachusetts School of Medicine, Worcester, MA (USA)
University of Michigan, School of Medicine, Ann Arbor, MI (USA)
University of North Carolina, School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, NC (USA)
University of Oregon Health Sciences Center, Portland, OR (USA)
University of Rochester, School of Medicine, Rochester, NY (USA)

University of Saskatchewan School of Medicine, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (Canada)
University of South Dakota, School of Medicine, Sioux Falls, SD (USA)
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, TN (USA)
Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI (USA)
Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT (USA)

IAES News



Dear IAES member,

The program for the World Congress and the next IAES meeting in Adelaide, September 6-10, 2009, has now been outlined. As previously informed highlights of this program will be the Peter Heimann lecture "Molecular genetics of endocrine tumors" by Bruce Robinson, and the historical lecture by Malcolm Wheeler. There will be State-of-the-Art lectures by Janice Pasiaka "Symptoms and consequences of primary hyperparathyroidism – what are the indications for surgery?", and Quan Duh "The art and indications of laparoscopy for adrenal tumors", and an IAES symposium entitled "Adrenocortical carcinoma". There will be luncheon symposia "Parathyroid and thyroid ultrasound", "Thyroid carcinoma in children and adolescents" (joint session with WOFAPS), and "Primary hyperparathyroidism: techniques and pitfalls", and a lunchtime video session on selected techniques in endocrine surgery. As a new program point there will be a clinical skills review, presenting the technique of local anaesthesia in thyroid and parathyroid surgery. The number of free paper sessions, and the number of papers that will be accepted for publication, will be increased. It is now important for all our members to plan for submission of abstracts which have to be received at the ISS office by February 15, 2009. The IAES will, as for previous meetings, provide Travel Awards to younger investigators with accepted presentations.

The local organiser for the IAES, Rob Parkyn, has made excellent arrangements, with hotel Sebel (just adjacent to the convention centre) selected for the IAES members, and has planned a great social program for us. He has also for Saturday, September 5 (together with the Australian Association of Endocrine

Surgeons) arranged a Postgraduate/Trainee day meeting (at the Sebel hotel) based on the "How I do it" concept with lectures by international experts, luncheon case discussion, and in the evening social meeting with wine-tasting. On the afternoon of Sunday 6 there will be a Satellite meeting (also at the Sebel hotel) for lectures and discussions about suture-less surgical techniques, Debate and practical advice about neuromonitoring, and post surgical management and follow-up of differentiated thyroid carcinoma. Both national and international delegates are cordially invited to the postgraduate meeting on Saturday 5 and the satellite meeting on Sunday 6. The IAES will in a forthcoming membership newsletter with the help of Rob Parkyn provide suggestions on additional touring that might be of interest for you when planning your trip to Australia.

So start planning for the Adelaide meeting, which most certainly will be professionally a most rewarding Conference, with the possibilities to meet closely with Australian endocrine surgeons, and to see some of the magnificent Australia. This, we believe, is going to be one of the most fantastic IAES meetings.

Thus, welcome to Adelaide in September 2009.



*Göran Akerström,
President IAES*



*Gerard M. Doherty,
Secretary IAES*

IATSIC News



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International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care

IATSIC has now completed the programme for the 2009 conference in Adelaide and a comprehensive and engaging format has been developed. Apart from the venue and the social programme both of which will be spectacular, the scientific component will address many of the controversial and multidisciplinary aspects of contemporary trauma care. Telepresence, mass casualty, damage control and lessons from the battlefield are among the broad areas covered and the programme will allow significant time for discussion and presentation of free papers. The presentation of the Donald D. Trunkey lecture by Sten Lennquist will be a particular highlight. We look forward to your attendance.

The educational aspects of IATSIC have continued strongly during the year with 20 DSTC courses being delivered in 14 different countries to date. Future expansion of the DSTC course programme is planned in Latin America and the Middle East. Discussions are continuing with a number of other national surgical organisations with a view to introduction of the course into their jurisdictions. The DSTC manual is also in the process of being translated into Spanish and Portuguese.

We have continued to work closely with Charlie Mock and the WHO and have just completed a document entitled "Guidelines for trauma quality improvement programmes". This has involved an extensive literature review and is intended to be a document which has utility in both developed and developing countries.

We are continuing to progress the development of a IATSIC website but at present this is not yet functional. Hopefully by the time of my next report www.iatsic.org will be a useful and relevant resource.

Membership accrual continues at a slow but steady pace. As of November we have 273 members (compared with 201 in 2007) and 52 have not paid their 2008 dues (compared with 42 in 2007). Members are encouraged to nominate colleagues who have interests in line with those of IATSIC and who are practicing in a trauma related field. Processes have been streamlined to ensure a straightforward path to membership for qualified applicants.

As you can see IATSIC is in good heart and I encourage you to make plans to attend the Adelaide meeting where you will be both educated and entertained.



*Ian D. Civil,
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BSI News



The Breast Surgery International stands committed to carry on with its efforts to assist "Developing quality breast cancer care in the developing countries". The BSI international guest faculty contribute to this cause with their philanthropic gestures, and have been participating and actively contributing to success of numerous surgical workshops and CME's. The BSI would welcome any proposals for supporting future workshops and postgraduate courses, especially in the developing countries.

Information about BSI activities and programs is available on the BSI home page "<http://www.breast-surg-intl.org>". which can also be accessed through the link for integrated societies on the ISS/SIC web-site www.iss-sic.ch. Any suggestions and feedback on the best possible use of the BSI web-pages are welcome from the BSI members as well as the wider membership of the ISS-SIC, and may be submitted to the web-master.

BSI program at ISW 2009, Adelaide Australia:

Preparations are on for the next major meeting of the ISS/SIC and BSI to be held at Adelaide Australia September 6 to 10, 2009. The BSI scientific program will start on Sunday with the **Ultrasound Course**, which will be run by Jay Harness, BSI president elect and Dr. Beverly Barraclough from Sydney, Australia. A full day long **BSI Postgraduate Course** is planned for Monday, September 7, 2009, which will be moderated by Raimund Jakesz, Past-President BSI. Interested participants will have to register separately for the Ultrasound Course and the BSI Postgraduate Course, and are urged to register early as the number of registrants will be limited at both these courses. The scientific program on the remaining three days of the congress will include the Umberto Veronesi Lecture by Professor Emiel Rutgers from the Netherlands, the Presidential Lecture, morning educational sessions, symposia, free paper and poster sessions. The details of the scientific program are available on the BSI website, as well as the congress website. Further updates will be provided on these sites in due course. Jim Kollias - an Adelaide local and BSI member - has graciously volunteered to help us with choosing the BSI hotel, as also charting out an interesting BSI dinner and wine tasting on Tuesday evening.

Breast Surgery International (BSI) - Call for Abstracts

Abstracts based on original unpublished clinical or basic research in the field of Breast Surgery and Oncology are invited for consideration for presentation as **posters or oral papers** at the **BSI scientific program** during the **ISW 2009** at Adelaide, Australia September 6-10, 2009. All abstracts must conform to the abstract submission guidelines, and be submitted online through the ISW 2009 abstract center before the **deadline of February 15, 2009**. Authors submitting abstracts for presentation as oral papers, if successful, should be willing to submit full length original article for publication in the World Journal of Surgery. For detailed guidelines for the submission of abstracts, please refer to the ISW 2009 abstract submission site.

It is recommended that the abstracts be prepared, uploaded on the ISW 2009 abstract center, and be validated at an early date. The validated abstracts can still be modified and up-dated at this stage of process. The validated abstracts would have to be **finally submitted** before the **deadline, i.e. February 15, 2009**. Only such abstracts that have been validated and submitted before deadline will be evaluated. Maximal length of abstract text has been set to 2'500 characters including blanks. Information regarding **acceptance of Abstracts** will be published on ISW 2009 website as well as the BSI web-site by the **end of March 2009**.

Presenting authors must have **fully registered and paid** for congress participation by **April 30, 2009**. Abstracts of presenting authors who have not correctly registered may not be included in the Final Congress Program.

Information on the exact **day and time of presentation** will be communicated to the presenting author at the given e-mail address by the **end of June 2009**. Additionally, these information will be published on the ISW 2009 web-site as well as the BSI web-site.

Presenting authors of **all abstracts accepted for presentation as oral papers** (including those chosen for best oral paper prize session) will have to **submit a full length manuscript to the World Journal of Surgery** through its online submission system at "<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/wjs>" **latest by April 30, 2009**. Failing presenters may be prevented from presenting the paper at ISW 2009. All manuscripts must fully conform to the guidelines for submission of original articles to World Journal of Surgery.

Presenters of posters too are encouraged to submit full length manuscripts of their work to World Journal of Surgery for publication.

BSI Best Free Paper (Oral) Prize

Six abstracts in the field of Breast Surgery based on unpublished original work submitted for presentation as oral papers will be selected for presentation in the BSI Best Paper Award Session. Individuals interested for their abstracts to be considered for the award will need to check the appropriate box in the abstract submission form. The selected presenters will be intimated of the decision by **March 31, 2009**. They will be asked to fully register for the Congress and submit a full length manuscript of the paper to be presented, conforming to the format of original articles in World Journal of Surgery WJS through its online submission platform "<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/wjs>" latest by **April 30, 2009**. These manuscripts will be published in the BSI issue of WJS after undergoing a fast track review process. Failure to register and submit the full length manuscript in time may preclude the selected abstract from being presented in the Congress.

All six selected papers will be presented in the "**Best paper competition session**" on Tuesday September 8, 2009. The presenting author of the best BSI paper in the award session as adjudged by a panel of eminent breast surgeons will be awarded a **Certificate** and **USD 500.- cash prize**. All other presenters will be awarded a **Certificate of Presentation** in the award session.



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BSI Best Poster Prizes

All posters displayed at the BSI program at ISW 2009 will be evaluated by a panel of eminent experts during the poster viewing session on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. Prizes consisting of Certificate and **USD 300.-** respectively **USD 200.-** will be awarded to those adjudged as the best and second best posters. The Presenting Author will be asked to **fully register for the Congress latest by April 30, 2009**. Failure to register in time may preclude the selected abstract from being presented in the Congress.

The Presenting Authors, on their discretion may consider submitting a full length manuscript of the paper to be presented, conforming to the format of original articles in World Journal of Surgery through its online submission platform "https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/wjvs". These manuscripts will be published in the BSI issue of WJS after undergoing a fast track review process.

BSI Travel Awards 2009

Breast Surgery International will award a travel award of **USD 600.- each** to a **minimum of five young** (less than 45 years of age) **Breast Surgery International (BSI) member surgeons from developing countries who have an abstract accepted for presentation** in the BSI program, in order to help them participate in the ISW 2009 at Adelaide and present their work. The BSI travel award is meant to provide partial financial assistance, and it will be the recipient's own responsibility to organize the rest of funds for participation in the Congress.

The travel awardees will be given:

1. **Certificate** of BSI travel award
2. A cash award of **USD 500.-** towards registration and accommodation costs in Adelaide to attend the Congress
3. **USD 100.-** towards registration for the BSI Post-graduate Course on Monday, September 7, 2009

Award money and a certificate will be given during the BSI Business Meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2009.

Interested eligible BSI members are requested to apply with their CV and letter of recommendation from the chairman of their department or from a senior BSI colleague **by June 1, 2009 at the latest**. The application may be sent as e-mail or letter to the secretary BSI at the address below. Applicants will be intimated of outcome by **June 15, 2009**.

Application to:

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With the very best wishes, on behalf of the
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*Traditional
Aboriginal
Boomerangs*

Greetings from the Administrative Office

Another year has passed and we hope that it was a fortunate one for you in spite of the ever increasing challenges and decreasing economics world-wide.

In the attachment you will find your annual dues invoice as an ISS/SIC Member. We would, of course, very much appreciate if you balance your account as soon as possible, thus facilitating our work and reduce expenses – thank you in advance!

The relocation of our offices from Pratteln to the some 15 km farther Lupsingen at the beginning of October went smooth and business was not interrupted during moving. We now enjoy the privilege of the fresh air and pleasant environments in the Swiss countryside.

We take this opportunity to thank you for the good cooperation during 2008 and hope that you have been satisfied with our services.

For the forthcoming holiday season and the incoming year we wish you all the best.

Victor Bertschi
Verena Spies
Marianne Bertschi
Caroline Imeri
Chris Storz





INTERNATIONAL SURGICAL WEEK

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International Society of Surgery ISS/SIC

ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA
6 - 10 SEPTEMBER

with its 4 integrated societies

International Association of Endocrine Surgeons (IAES)
International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care (IATSIC)
International Association for Surgical Metabolism and Nutrition (IASMEN)
Breast Surgery International (BSI)

and hosting the

21st WORLD CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR DIGESTIVE SURGERY (ISDS)

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Congress President ISDS: **Masaki Kitajima, Tokyo, Japan**

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