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Soci t  Internationale de Chirurgie (SIC)

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome by the Society and Congress President



*Masaki Kitajima,
President ISS/SIC and
ISW 2007*

Dear Colleagues,

As President of the International Surgical Week 2007, it is my great pleasure to invite all of you to take part in the Montr al Congress. Allow me to remind you that the ISS/SIC, as has been demonstrated by the hosting of ISW 2005 in South Africa, organizes a rare, important congress that brings together surgeons to explore diverse issues in a variety of settings unfettered by regional constraints. In a world populated with a plethora of specialized academic societies, the ISS/SIC is a truly significant presence that aims to create new currents in next-generation surgery by taking a broad perspective of existing trends and challenges. In order to accomplish this society's key goal of "internationally standardizing" surgical research, it is necessary to bring even more people and countries into our fold. In doing so, I hope that we can all work together to create a world in which the same diagnoses and treatments are consistently provided in every country, and thus serve the well-being of humankind as a whole.

In particular, with the spread of such new techniques as endoscopic or laparoscopic surgery, minimally invasive approaches have become more commonly used

for treatment. Another key word for treatment in this century is individualization. These concepts are important issues which must be discussed in this congress. It is my hope that ISW 2007 will stimulate further original work in basic and clinical research by allowing participants to hear and discuss many outstanding presentations on topics both within and outside their respective specialties. I am confident that the congress will be a wonderful forum for interchange between young researchers and the world's leading surgeons.

You will be pleased to hear that the Social Program of ISW 2007 will comprise a diverse array of relaxing activities that you will be able to enjoy with your family and colleagues. Situated on an island in the St. Lawrence River, Montr al is a lovely city that is endowed with a charming blend of French and English culture. The delightful experience that Montr al offers to visitors is certainly another good reason to take part in the congress.

If you have not as yet decided to take part in the Montr al congress, the ISW 2007, do not hesitate to make your booking right now. Montr al offers very attractive hotel rates and advantageous flight arrangements are available by all Star Alliance Airline companies (www.staralliance.com) if booked well in advance.

I am looking forward to welcoming you soon in Montr al.

With best regards
Masaki Kitajima
President ISS/SIC and
Congress President ISW 2007

Welcome by the Secretary General



*Felix Harder,
Secretary General*



*Gilles Beauchamp,
Co-President
LOC ISW 2007*

The 42nd International Surgical Week is now imminent. It is high time to get definitively organized. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet international experts of so many diverse fields of importance for the general surgeon and to get updated in one single multidisciplinary event. Meet friends and colleagues and get acquainted with the French Canadians, their way of life and with their magnificent country.

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Montréal Skyline



The Montréal Convention Centre

The cost of living is more affordable in Canada than e.g. in the nearby US. Why not planning your family vacations in Québec or other areas of Canada before or after the congress? Find out about 1–3 days pre- or post-congress tours on our webpage **www.isw2007.org** or arrange for a longer stay. The accompanying persons program and the social events are presented on the same website. Under the item “accommodation” you find a selection of hotels of different categories. Have a look now.

But first of all check again the scientific program: all the main lectures, symposia, main sessions, luncheon panels and postgraduate courses have been on the website for quite some time now. With our 4 Integrated Societies plus the International Society for Digestive Surgery (ISDS) and 14 Participating Societies (of which three are Canadian) contributing to the program a wide array of numerous topics difficult to get otherwise within one single convention is being offered to you. The selected free papers, posters and videos from over 1000 submitted abstracts will be shown on the congress website at www.isw2007.org by mid July. The accepted abstracts will be there too and downloadable. In Montréal at the congress venue you will get the printed abstract booklet and you may also purchase an abstract CD if you wish.

Please take note that the Opening Ceremony will start on Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. sharp and will be

followed by a Welcome Reception for all registered participants within Trade Exhibition.

Again there will be a Closing Session open to the public on Thursday afternoon dealing with terrorism and natural disasters and the surgical response to it. You may of course also bring along your family members or friends.

Well now, when you arrive at Montréal International Airport you may want to get advice from our help desk open Saturday and Sunday at arrival of scheduled flights.

Finally we should like to remind you to make your congress reservation well before the congress online at www.isw2007.org. Hotel reservation at reasonably low rates in the various congress hotels can be made also online by completing the separate accommodation form on the homepage where also the hotels are listed and shown.

We will be very happy to welcome you in Montréal. You will not regret your decision to join. Let’s take further the enthusiasm generated in Durban 2 years ago!

Felix Harder, Secretary General

News from the Administrative Secretariat

a) Agenda ISS/SIC General Assembly

Over the weekend of March 16 and 17, 2007 the reduced Executive Committee and the Nominating Committee have met in Munich in order to prepare business items related to the congress and to the General Assembly.

The following tentative Agenda has been elaborated

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SURGERY (ISS/SIC)

**ISS General Assembly 2007 at Palais des congrès de Montréal
Wednesday, August 29, 2007, 4.45 p.m.**

Agenda

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| 1) Call to order and address by the President of ISS/SIC | M. Kitajima |
| 2) Report by the Secretary General | F. Harder |
| a) Situation of membership | |
| b) New Members | |
| c) Presentation of Prize Winners and Honorary Members | |
| 3) Changes of the constitution – votes for acceptance | F. Harder |
| a) Article V: Editorial Board | |
| b) Article VI: General Assembly | |
| c) Article VIII: Funds | |
| 4) World Journal of Surgery | J. Hunter |
| a) Report by the Editor in Chief | |
| b) Report by Springer Verlag New York | |
| c) Members of the Editorial Board | |
| 5) Report by the General Treasurer | K. Boffard |
| a) Audited Statements of Accounts 2005 and 2006 | |
| b) Budgets for 2008 and 2009 | |
| c) Vote for Membership Fees 2008 and 2009 | |
| 6) Report by the Secretary-Treasurer of ISS-Foundation | J. Grosfeld |
| a) Awarding of Benefactors | |
| b) Presentation and conferment of scholars | |
| 7) New election of Officers | M. Kitajima |
| a) President-elect 2007 – 2009 | |
| Ken Boffard, Johannesburg, South Africa | |

- b) Councilors (new)
Abdel-Hadi S.T. Al-Briezat, Amman, Jordan
 For outgoing: Attila Csendes, Santiago, Chile

Tatsuo Yamakawa, Tokyo, Japan
 For outgoing: J. Rüdiger Siewert, Munich, Germany
- c) Confirmation of Representatives of Integrated Societies
IAES – Göran Akerström, Sweden
IATSIC – Ian D. Civil, New Zealand
IASMEN – not yet known
BSI – Kerstin Sandelin, Sweden

- 8) **Confirmation of ISS/SIC President**
 President of ISS/SIC 2007 – 2009 and
 Congress President ISW 2009
Michael Sarr, Rochester, USA
F. Harder
M. Kitajima
- 9) **Address by the new Society President**
M. Sarr
- 10) **Election of Congress Vice Presidents ISW 2009**
 a) 2 ISS/SIC Congress Vice Presidents
 b) 4 Integrated Societies Congress Vice Presidents
M. Sarr
- 11) **ISW 2009 in Adelaide, Australia – Information**
P. Malycha
- 12) **ISW 2013 presentations of invitations**
 a) Finland Chapter for Helsinki
 b) France Chapter for Paris
 c) Greece Chapter for Athens
 d) Holland Chapter for Amsterdam
 e) Switzerland Chapter for Basel
Ari Leppäniemi
François Lacaine
Dionysios Voros
Huug Obertop
Thomas Kocher
- 13) **Vote for priorities congress venue ISW 2013**
F. Harder
- 14) **Miscellaneous**
F. Harder

Also at the meeting of the reduced Executive Committee in March in Munich the proposed changes in the constitution have been discussed and approved for vote by the General Assembly in Montréal.

Considering the new and sophisticated electronic means the handling of all concerns related to World Journal of Surgery is indeed no longer adequate for a professional management. Therefore it becomes obvious that the Editor in Chief must be given more flexibility and power to select new Editorial Board Members at the proposal of the Editorial Board between two congresses. The Executive Committee fully supports this change and recommends acceptance.

b) Proposed changes of the constitution (Articles V, VI and VIII)

Recommended by the Executive Committee for approval by vote at the General Assembly in Montréal.

ARTICLE V – STANDING COMMITTEES
Section 5 – Editorial Board of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY

The Editorial Board of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY is composed of ex officio members and members nominated by the Editor in Chief and elected by the Executive Committee. They who must be members of the SOCIETY. 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-elig-

bility for one additional term only. Nominations for the Editorial Board of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY are made by the **Editorial Board Editor in Chief** at the proposal of the **Editor-in-Chief Editorial Board**. The Editor in Chief of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY shall serve as Chairman of the Editorial Board and as representative of the SOCIETY in all matters related to the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY.

Integrated Societies with more than 150 Active Members may have one representative on the Editorial Board who shall serve for a four-year term, with re-eligibility for one term only.

ARTICLE VI – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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 Executive Committee and by the Nominating Committee (by the President of the SOCIETY).

The General Assembly shall vote upon

- a) Ratification of final decisions taken by the Executive Committee with regard to priorities for the locations and dates of future congresses. The final decision shall be made by the Executive Committee after consultation of the concerned National Delegates and after careful consideration of all relevant questions (convention facilities, visa restrictions, hotels and other important aspects as outlined in the guidelines to host a future International Surgical Week).
- 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.
- 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.

~~d) – Nominations from the Executive Committee for the Editorial Board and the Program Committee.~~

ARTICLE VIII – FUNDS

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. **There is no personal liability of the members of the SOCIETY for its financial commitments.**

The SOCIETY has two permanent funds of special designation.

Membership Fund: permitting reduction of annual dues according to specific financial limitations of certain countries.

The ISS/SIC Foundation which collects its contributions and directs its activity according to the special bylaws of this Foundation.

c) Finances of the Society



*Kenneth D. Boffard,
General Treasurer*

The ISS/SIC accounts were also discussed at the meeting but final details 2005 and 2006 were unfortunately not known at that time. However, Treasurer Boffard was proud to inform that the result of the 2006 finances will be positive and detailed information will be available at the ISS/SIC Counter in Montréal on Sunday, August 26, 2007. Therefore please take your time and visit our society booth.

In view of a positive result, the Members of the Executive Committee are proposing to the General Assembly to maintain the Annual dues for the years 2008 and 2009 at US\$/EUR 135.- plus the various Chapter assessments for Integrated Societies and some National Chapters.

The Integrated Societies and National Chapters who are charging an extra assessment will be confirming their extra charges before the mailing of invoices for the year 2008.

d) Situation of ISS-Foundation



*Jay L. Grosfeld,
Secretary-Treasurer
ISS-Foundation*

10 Travel Scholars have been selected by the Board of Directors of ISS-Foundation. They all will receive a contribution of USD 2'000.- towards their participation in International Surgical Week in August 2007 in Montréal. They are invited for the entire congress and also for some social functions including a welcome drink with the Executive Committee after the Martin Allgöwer Lecture on Monday and to the General Assembly on Wednesday afternoon.

Contributions be it on a voluntary basis or at extra charge included in the invoice for annual dues (USA only) are keeping the Foundation alive but do not leave much opportunities for an increase of services. New philanthropists – named Theodor Kocher Benefactors – but also smaller donors are highly welcome and they do not need to be members nor active in the medical field. Dr. Jay L. Grosfeld, Secretary-Treasurer of ISS-Foundation will be pleased to welcome additional donations.

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e) Elections made by the Nominating Committee

Honorary Members 2007

At the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Executive Committee has elected the following Honorary Members from among the 8 nominations received in recognition of their distinguished services rendered to the society.



Yoshiki Hiki, Japan



*Thomas P. Rüedi,
Switzerland*



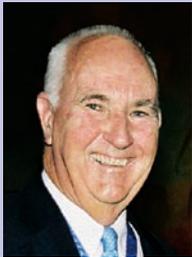
*Donald D. Trunkey,
USA*

The EC regrets that the other 5 nominees can not be considered despite the fact that some have also rendered distinguished services to the Society.

The 3 Honorary Members will be awarded at the Opening Ceremony of the Montréal Congress.

Prize Winners 2007

The Officers of ISS/SIC have made a final selection of prize winners at the proposal by the Nominating Committee for:



*ISS/SIC Prize 2007
Sir Peter J. Morris, UK*



*Robert Danis Prize
2007
David B. Hoyt, USA*



*René Leriche Prize
2007
Lazar J. Greenfield,
USA*

The 3 Prize Winners will be awarded at the Opening Ceremony of the Montréal Congress.

f) Nominations of Officers by the Nominating Committee

At this meeting, the members of the Nominating Committee have made the following final nominations for new Executive Committee Member Candidates to be elected by the General Assembly 2007 in Montréal:

1. **President elect for the period of 2007 until 2009 and President 2009 until 2011.**
Kenneth D. Boffard, South Africa
2. Replacement for outgoing EC member and Councillor Attila Csendes, Chile
new Councillor: Abdel-Hadi S.T. Al-Briezat, Jordan
3. Replacement for outgoing EC Past President J. Ruediger Siewert, Germany
new Councillor: Tatsuo Yamakawa, Japan
4. Presidents of Integrated Societies for 2 years (only confirmation of elections by integrated societies)
 - IAES – **Göran Akerström, Sweden**
 - IATSIC – **Ian D. Civil, New Zealand**
 - IASMEN – not yet known
 - BSI – **Kerstin Sandelin, Sweden**

g) ISW 2009 Adelaide Information

Dates: **Sunday, September 6 to Thursday, September 10, 2009**



*Michael G. Sarr,
President ISW 2009*



*Peter Malycha,
President LOC ISW 2009*

The Congress will take place at Adelaide Convention Centre. President of the Congress is Michael Sarr from Rochester, USA whereas Peter Malycha is the President



The Adelaide Convention Centre Down Under

of the Local Organizing Committee. The Australian Chapter has been very active and has already formed the Local Organizing Committee which will also be supported by New Zealand surgeons.

Australia is one of the major tourist destinations worldwide. International Surgical Week ISW 2009 offers a unique opportunity to visit this large and often unknown country. Take advantage for some vacation combined with your participation in ISW 2009.

At the Montréal Congress we shall start already officially to promote the Adelaide Congress ISW 2009 and a first Program Committee Meeting will take place on Thursday noon, August 30, 2007 in Montréal. We encourage you to visit the Adelaide promotion booth which will be jointly together with the ISS/SIC Membership booth.

Even though there are still more than two years to go, we can only encourage you very much to consider participating in ISW 2009 in Adelaide and to spend some vacation in Australia. We are certain that you will find a very attractive program and possibilities to combine Science and Relaxation on the continent Down Under. Further details will be communicated in our next

Newsletter and soon after the Montréal Congress we will open the ISW 2009 Homepage.

We hope you have already registered for the Montréal Congress or that you will be attracted to take part and look forward to welcoming you personally in Canada in August. In the meantime, we remain with best regards

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Dates to remember

International Surgical Week ISW 2007 in Montréal

- Sunday, August 26 to 30, 2007 ISW 2007 in Montréal Congress Opening at 17.00
- Monday, August 27, 2007 Presidential Address and Martin Allgöwer Lecture at 08.30
- Wednesday, August 29, 2007 Grey Turner Lecture at 16.00 followed by the ISS/SIC General Assembly; 19.00 Congress Gala Dinner
- Thursday, August 30, 2007 Public Session at 16.00 and Closure of the Congress at 17.30

International Surgical Week ISW 2009 in Adelaide

Dates: Sunday September 6 to Thursday, September 10, 2009

Deadline for the Submission of Abstracts: Sunday, January 4, 2009



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