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Foreword and Welcome by President J. Rüdiger Siewert



J.R. Siewert

Time has flown and now it is just a year away till we have our International Surgical Week in Durban. The International Surgical Society's biennial congresses are being more and more influenced by the society's gradually changing idea about its role. International Surgical Week's most important task is to build bridges between general surgeons in the developing countries and specialists in the developed countries and this will be reflected in the congress's programme. There will be major panels in which specialists describe and explain the most recent developments in their particular fields and will be asked to make these relevant for the general surgeon as well. What is it essential for the general surgeon to know these days and how much does he have to be able to put into practice? And what is still in the clinical research phase and of a more speculative nature?

Creating the right blend here for specialists and general surgeons is the goal that has been set for ISW's programme. It is my great hope that this goal will be fully reached. And with this in mind we again extend our invitation to the congress to all surgeons whether they see themselves as general surgeons or as specialists.

Parallel to its conceptual work for the congress in Durban, the ISS also has the concrete goal of providing the developing countries in the future with what is generally regarded as irrefutable surgical knowledge. In 2005 the ISS/SIC wants to make Africa the main focus of its activities. Not only will the ISS-Foundation to an unprecedented extent subsidise African surgeons' congress fees thus enabling them to participate without having to incur a severe financial burden. In order to achieve its stated goal, ISS/SIC will also organise Postgraduate Courses and additional pre- and post-congress events. Preparations for the congress are proceeding smoothly and at a great pace. So I am convinced that we can look forward to having an extraordinary congress, one that is excellently organised and whose programme is bristling with highly interesting topics. And just by the way, Africa - and South Africa in particular - provides an extremely attractive holiday and tourist environment, a fact that I would like to mention to make you even keener about coming to Durban.

Unfortunately, when we see each other in Durban, four years will have passed since our last centennial congress in Brussels. Turbulences in 2003 and the SARS epidemic as one of the major reasons forced us to cancel our congress in Bangkok. We greatly regretted having to make this decision and all our efforts have gone into trying to make our Thai hosts accept our reasons for it. The ISS feels indebted to its Thai hosts and will do everything it can to make Asia as its first choice, the venue for one of its next events and to make good any damage that was done. On the other hand, we ourselves were very lucky in that the Executive Committee had astutely insured the congress well in advance. Fortunately, Lloyds, the insurance company, has now covered our costs so that we do not have to carry any major financial losses as well.

Nevertheless, I would like to take this opportunity of saying once again how immensely difficult the decision to cancel the congress was for the ISS and how deeply it regretted having to do so. We hope that we have our Thai hosts' understanding.

One of the means we have at our disposal for building the bridge between the developing and the developed countries is the World Journal of Surgery. The quality of the journal is of paramount importance for the ISS and we thank Ron Tompkins for the excellent work he has done over the years as Editor-in-Chief. It was hard for us to let him go. But we were also fortunate in finding John Hunter to replace him and are confident that he will be a worthy and highly effective successor. The ISS is delighted about its choice and looks forward to seeing the World Journal of Surgery continuing to represent its interests in the future with the same excellence as it has in the past.

As President of the ISS I would now like to wish you all an extremely successful 2004 and hope that the congress in Durban in 2005 will be a truly memorable event. The ISS will do everything in its power to ensure that it is.

J. Rüdiger Siewert
President ISS/SIC

Address by the Secretary General ISS/SIC



F. Harder

Together with this Newsletter your mail also includes the freshly printed Preliminary Program of the Durban Congress ISW 2005. The entire program as well as periodical updates are also available on our Congress Webpage www.isw2005.org.za or www.iss-sic.ch with the corresponding link. Please take note that this enclosed Preliminary Program will be the only hard copy which will be distributed before the congress.

The scientific program of the International Surgical Week in Durban 2005 looks very promising indeed already one year ahead of time. It involves our 4 Integrated Societies of ISS/SIC as well as 19 Participating Societies, among them 8 African ones. These 23 Societies all represent surgical specialties. Some cover broader, some more narrow fields of interest. It is a fact that clearly defined organ-specific multidisciplinary structures have established themselves in many parts of the world. They have become successful and have set new standards clinically, in research and education. They frequently link highly specialised surgeons to a variety of non-operative specialists and partners.

At the same time surgeons still disposing of a good knowledge and experience in general surgery are becoming less and less in number. This subdivision of surgery inquires increased interdisciplinarity also among surgical specialties and subspecialties themselves which may complement each other. The dialogue and mutual understanding and cooperation among surgeons practicing different specialties are indeed of critical importance besides the dialogue between specialists and generalists as stated above. Here the International Surgical Week is in a position to bring these individual groups together and to close a gap.

Take a close look at the enclosed Preliminary Program! Please also take note of postgraduate courses that are being offered by IATSIC and by BSI.

Excellent free papers will not go unnoticed: ISS/SIC as well as some of the four Integrated Societies will each award a prize for the best free papers and/or posters. Have your material for an eventual abstract worked up early enough! Now you have plenty of time to make your choices, eventually to submit an abstract before January 9, 2005. The submission of abstracts will only be possible on-line according to the instruction on the congress homepage and in the abstract center.

In the Social Program you will also find a superb South African Evening on Monday that should not be missed. This country has so much to offer that you should if ever possible plan some of your 2005 vacations there, before or after the International Surgical Week. Magnificent tours will be offered. Visit our website and make your reservations early and perhaps check with your National Delegate whether organised trips with favourable group-fares from your country to Durban may be organised early on.



R.K. Tompkins and his wife Suzie

And here some news about our Journal: Dr. Ron Tompkins, Los Angeles has decided to leave the Chief-Editor's Office of our World Journal of Surgery. After having been very successful in guiding the WJS for 12 years through increasingly difficult times especially in a rapidly changing media- and information world he is now accepting another very challenging new activity that demands his full attention starting in July this year. Ron Tompkins has to be commended for what he has been able to achieve with the effect that the WJS has always ranked among the top surgical journals worldwide. The World Journal of Surgery has reached the highest impact factor since the beginning of the ISI-listing in 1982. It went from 6 to 12 issues per year and has offered a series of new features, the latest addition being the Trainees Corner.

Last October Ron Tompkins and Springer Verlag have organised an interesting and very stimulating 2 days brain-storming event at the Springer office in New York involving a very small international group of ISS/SIC members attempting to define the way WJS should be heading in the coming years. Ron Tompkins has done a superb job and to be in contact with him has always been a great pleasure. Personally I have much appreciated his calm, friendly and yet decisive way in which he interacted with people and pushed ahead. The Society and the Journal are truly indebted to Ron Tompkins for his tremendous support and continuing endeavors for the cause of ISS/SIC and the WJS.

To replace him is not an easy task. And yet I am honored to inform you that

Dr. John G. Hunter from Portland, Oregon, USA



J.G. Hunter

has accepted the position of Editor-in-Chief of WJS as of July 1, 2004.

Dr. Hunter is Professor and Chair at the Department of Surgery at the Oregon Health and Science University. With an undergraduate background of English literature he has always enjoyed working in scientific publishing.

Dr. Hunter has served on a number of Editorial Boards of prestigious scientific journals for many years. With over 40 visiting professorships in the USA, in Australia and in Asia he has been able to acquire a broad view on the various needs and interests in surgical education and in appropriate ways of procuring and handling scientific publications in different parts of the world both in print and electronically. Having collaborated intensely with Springer for years he also knows quite well possibilities, new trends and limitations as seen from the point of view of the publisher.

On behalf of ISS/SIC it is a great pleasure for me to welcome Dr. John Hunter as the new Editor-in-Chief of our WJS!

Meeting of the Executive Committee in October 2003

As a consequence of the cancelled Bangkok Congress, the Executive Committee at its meeting in Chicago on October 18, 2003 has dealt with the items on the Agenda of the cancelled General Assembly as an emergency action in accordance with the constitution (Article V, Section 1, second paragraph). These are as follows:

- Elections and term in Office of Executive Committee Members

The Executive Committee members approve the new office bearers, who are: J. Rüdiger Siewert, Germany (ISS/SIC President), Masaki Kitajima, Japan (President elect & Congress President ISW2007); Attila Csendes, Chile (Councillor) and Michael G. Sarr, USA (Councillor). Their official terms start on October 18, 2003. The outgoing officers are Samuel A. Wells Jr., USA (past President), Jorge Cervantes, Mexico (Councillor) and Yoshiki Hiki, Japan (Councillor). Their fruitful activities were thankfully recognized by President Sir Peter Morris.

- Newly elected Honorary Members 2003

Official confirmation of election by the Executive Committee of Christian Herfarth, Germany, Yasuo Idezuki, Japan and Frank G. Moody, USA. They will be honoured at the Durban Congress.

- Prize Winners 2003 Bangkok and 2005 in Durban

John F. Burke, USA (ISS/SIC Prize), René J.A. Goris, The Netherlands (Robert Danis Prize) and Norman M. Rich, USA (René Leriche Prize) were confirmed as the prize winners 2003. They have been informed and will be awarded at the Durban Congress.

It is my great pleasure to congratulate the new Committee Members, the Honorary Members and Prize Winners for their election!

Felix Harder
Secretary General

Report by the General Treasurer, Emanuele Lezoche



E. Lezoche

Statement of accounts of the years 2001 and 2002

Indeed, the statements of accounts 2001 and 2002 have been ready for presentation and approval at the General Assembly in Bangkok in 2003 together with the report of the auditors. In view of the cancellation they now will be presented together with the figures of the years 2003 and 2004 at the General Assembly in Durban next year.

Reminders 2004 dues

Not all members have settled their 2004 membership dues and a second reminder has been forwarded to members in arrears with payment. Unfortunately, the Administrative Office had to stop subscriptions to World Journal of Surgery for these members, but will be happy to reactivate the subscription as soon as the dues invoice will be honored.



M. Kitajima



A. Csendes



M.G. Sarr

The Durban Congress ISW 2005

Content of the enclosed Preliminary Program of the Durban ISW 2005 is already published on the congress webpage at: www.isw2005.org.za. Besides periodical updates of the scientific program, also the Final Program which includes the entire congress program will be made available well before the congress. However, it is not planned to provide paper copies of the Final Program before the congress.

In view of the availability of a very efficient electronic submission and evaluation system for abstracts, the **Deadline for the submission of Abstracts** has been postponed to **January 9, 2005**. The postponed Deadline will not have an influence to the further processing but Presenting Authors will be informed on-line about acceptance of their submitted Abstracts by the end of March 2005. The submission procedure will allow for on-line submissions only – the Abstract Center can be reached through the congress or also via the ISS/SIC website. Manually submitted abstracts on paper will be rejected. Presenting Authors of ac-

cepted abstracts still must register before the end of April 2005 in order to assure definitive inclusion in the Final Program.

For the first time, all accepted Abstracts will only be provided on a personal CD-ROM to each participant at the Congress in Durban. Paper copies of selected abstracts can be produced at specially assigned print stations at individual requests.

Registration and payment can be made either by forwarding the printed registration form or preferably by using the on-line registration form. It is strongly recommended to earmark these dates already now and to book early in view of reduced airfares. You may profit from attractive travel arrangements by contacting the Professional Congress Organizers, Turners Conferences, who will be pleased to offer tailored packages.

Special requests for any local arrangements are to be made directly to Mrs. Gill Slaughter at Turners Conference in Durban, however, all scientific details will be handled only by the Scientific Secretariat at the ISS/SIC Administrative Office in Pratteln, Switzerland.

The Montréal Congress ISW 2007

The dates for the ISW2007 in Montréal, Canada have been fixed to August 26 – 30, 2007. Gilles Beauchamp from Montréal has been nominated as the President and National Delegate René Lafrenière from Calgary as the Co-President of the Local Organizing Committee. Furthermore it is anticipated that a strong

support by the ISS/SIC US-Chapter as agreed during the Executive Committee meetings in October 2003 can be noticed, within the LOC as well as in view of scientific contributions and delegate attendance. Also the selection procedure for the Professional Congress Organizer will soon be finalized and detailed planning work has been started.

Report by the Administrative Office

Nowadays one can scarcely imagine life without the Internet. ISS/SIC is trying not only maintaining quite an extensive webpage where news relevant to members and promotion for congresses and other events are published. An on-line membership application form has been planned to be integrated as well thus facilitating the application procedure.

ISS/SIC has been invited to give a guest lecture during the 14th Pan Arab Surgical Conference to be held September 2 - 4, 2004 in Amman, Jordan. The ISS/SIC lecture on "Common bile duct surgery in the laparoscopic era: what is evidence?" will be given by Abe Fingerhut from France.

On a sad note, we have to inform you that our Honorary Member, Boris Petrovsky from Russia has died on May 5, 2004. He and former National Delegate Boris Savtchouk who also regrettably died on April 5, 2004 will be remembered as strong supporters among other prominent Russian Surgeons to keep tight contacts with ISS/SIC over more than 40 years by organizing the congress in 1971 and the first Postgraduate Course of ISS/SIC in 1990.

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NEWS FROM IAES



S. Noguchi



G. Åkerström

The IAES Uppsala Conference of June 13-17, 2004 has had an excellent program and was very well attended

Preparations are made for the next IAES meeting, which will be at the World Congress of Surgery in Durban August 21-25, 2005. The IAES President for this Conference will be Malcolm Wheeler, and the Secretary-Treasurer will be Gerard Doherty. The IAES Durban program is outlined and will soon become available for our members at the IAES web site. Highlights of the Durban program will be a Peter Heimann lecture by Jacques Marescaux "Information age and surgery: from virtual reality to robotic surgery." There will be State of the Art lectures by Rob Udelsman "Minimally invasive parathyroidectomy", and by Oliver Gimm "Genetic diagnosis of pheochromocytoma and paraganglioma – influence on clinical management". Jon van Heerden will give an interesting historical lecture. There will be two IAES symposia, "Thyroid", and "Primary hyperparathyroidism", and a joint IAES/ISS symposium on "Pancreatic tumors". Luncheon panels will discuss "Adrenal tumors", and "MEN 1 syndrome", and there will be a Luncheon Video session on "Endocrine surgical procedures". Yoshihiro Tominaga will run a How I do it-session, moderated by Matthias Rothmund, with the title "Surgical management of secondary hyperparathyroidism". The Durban program appears really promising, and we hope many IAES members will attend the meeting.

The time to submit abstracts to the Durban meeting is getting closer (deadline January 9, 2005), and we hope our members, as in previous years, make serious efforts to prepare high quality presentations for this meeting. Travel awards will be available for younger surgeons with accepted presentations, and these may be applied for already before the Conference. There will also be prizes for the best poster presentations.

It has become very apparent that great commitment of our members has made the biennial IAES/ISS meetings of exceptional value for all endocrine surgeons, and these meetings have certainly contributed to raise the quality of endocrine surgery as clinical discipline. As active endocrine surgeon it is evident that one should not miss the IAES meetings. What we have to do for the future is to raise the interest among younger surgeons to become members of our association, and to visit the meetings and take part in discussions.

We look forward to meet with many of you in Durban in August 2005.

Göran Åkerström
Past Secretary-Treasurer IAES

Shiro Noguchi
Past President IAES

NEWS FROM IATSIC



R.V. Maier

Greetings. The past year has, indeed, been a tumultuous and stressful year for IATSIC and ISS/SIC. However, despite the challenges, the organisations have weathered the storm well and are moving forward with the plans for the upcoming ISW 2005 in Durban, South Africa, August 21-25, 2005. The transfer of leadership for IATSIC occurred to coincide, as originally scheduled, during the meeting in 2003. As a result, the Executive Committee currently consists of Ronald V Maier, President; Ari Leppäniemi, Secretary-Treasurer and President-Elect; Stephen Deane remains on the Executive Committee as immediate Past-President and Ken Boffard, who normally would leave the Executive Committee, was asked, and agreed, to remain to provide a smooth transition, assist in the development of the upcoming program in his home country of South Africa, and to continue to provide leadership with the Definitive Surgical Trauma Care (DSTC) Course program and the National Trauma Management Course (NTMC), particularly in India.

The IATSIC program for the ISW 2005 in Durban, South Africa has been completed and formal requests to speakers are in progress. The program is based predominantly on that developed for the ISW 2003 meeting with enhancements to create an even stronger overall program. The Executive Committee again wishes to thank all the speakers and moderators for their participation and is looking forward to a large representation of the entire organisation at the meeting in Durban to participate in the academic, social and adjunct activities of the meeting.

As in the past, there will be a DSTC postgraduate course prior to the ISW 2005, sponsored by IATSIC in Johannesburg, limited to 20 participants. The date will be August 17-19, 2005 with a potential for a second course, if demand is significant, August 16-18, 2005. Dr Boffard will be in charge and overall director. Application will be available through the formal program announcement. In addition, to enhance participation in the academic program and to stimulate and support

outstanding academic excellence, IATSIC is sponsoring a free paper prize US\$ 1,000 in the field of trauma surgery for the best presentation at the biennial meeting. In addition, there will be a poster prize of US\$ 500 for the best poster in trauma surgery, regardless of category, 'poster discussion,' or 'poster exhibition only.'

The IATSIC dinner is planned for Tuesday, August 23, 2005 and will be held at the Durban Country Club. This is an outstanding biennial event and it portends to be another wonderful evening for socialising and enjoying colleagues from around the world. The 'annual general meeting' of IATSIC will also occur on August 23, 2005 from 17h30-18h30 (for members only) to deal with official business of the society. The official hotel, the Protea Hotel Edward Durban, has been chosen by Ken Boffard and will be within short walking distance of the convention centre and the beautiful beaches in the area. There will also be a short shuttle ride access to the major shopping area in the city. Lastly, there will be optional side trips available to visit animal parks and tour the wine country. Full details and applications will be available in the formal registration packet from the ISS/SIC.

A major ongoing activity by IATSIC over the last several years is the sponsorship of the Guidelines for Essential Trauma Care (EsTC). This project, under the direction of Charles Mock, has now been co-sponsored by the World Health Organisation (WHO). There is increasing evidence that deficiencies in the care of the injured can be improved in a low-cost fashion by better organisation and planning. The project defines a core set of essential trauma care services that realistically could be provided to almost all injured persons in any setting. The publication of the Guidelines for Essential Trauma Care lays out 260 individual items of human and physical resources that the IATSIC and WHO feel are essential for the care of the injured person, depending upon the level of the healthcare system involved. This document, sponsored and supported by IATSIC, is currently in press at the WHO. These guidelines have been used in a pilot fashion in several countries, including Ghana, Mexico, Vietnam and India. Further development and refinement of the criteria, implementation and dissemination has been held at WHO headquarters in Geneva June 10-11, 2004. IATSIC and ISS/SIC are, indeed, proud to be originators and ongoing co-sponsors of this important worldwide project.

This year, IATSIC improved and streamlined the application process. Applicants can use a uniform application through either the ISS/SIC or IATSIC, with acceptance being valid for membership conjointly. In addition, letters of reference have been reduced to one and membership in supporting organisations,

such as the AAST, will serve as adequate criteria for membership in IATCIC. The organisation encourages current members to please pay dues and update their status as full contributing members of IATCIC at this time. Please submit all payments of dues to the ISS/SIC head office. Information regarding membership to the Society can be obtained from the International Administrator, Cara Macnab, at the IATCIC Secretariat.

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Finally, IATCIC has ongoing development of a website that will fully describe the annual meeting, outreach activities, program developments and mechanism for membership and dues payment for both current and prospective members.

It is, indeed, an exciting time at IATCIC and ISS/SIC. We look forward to an extremely productive, exciting and convivial biennial meeting in Durban, South Africa in August 2005. I look forward to seeing many of the members in attendance and to participation in the numerous IATCIC activities provided during ISW 2005.

Ronald V Maier, President IATCIC

NEWS FROM BSI



K. Sandelin

ISW 05 Durban

Due to major world events leading to several rearrangements in congress activities, ISS and the administrative office has wholeheartedly continued the preparations for ISW 2005 in Durban. We all very much regret the fact that the outstanding program made by our Thai hosts could not be fulfilled and completed in Bangkok as planned.

The program as previously mentioned will be mostly unchanged from that originally planned for in Bangkok. Again the speakers, panellists have without hesitation shown willingness and interest to participate in Durban. BSI is greatly appreciative of this. The postgraduate course under the leadership of BSI President Raimund Jakesz will take place and an active interaction, informal discussions between faculty and course members will be anticipated.

As the gap between the membership assembly has been long all BSI members are strongly encouraged to participate in the meeting. If any particular motions that BSI members want BSI council to consider, please contact council members at any time. The success of an international society such as BSI can only prosper through its members and their active participation.

BSI and international contacts

The European Breast Cancer Conference was held in Hamburg in March 2004 (<http://www.eusoma.org/>) where the subsequent Hamburg Statement was formed after consensus. It included: the safeguarding of academic research, improving individual risk assessment, greater attention to elderly cancer breast cancer patients, and a rethink on care after breast cancer. In a symposium entitled: How to make the best use of limited resources, the panellists from Egypt, Brazil, Ukraine and South Africa exemplified the efforts and need for coherent breast cancer care. BSI council member Justus Apffelstaedt made the audience strongly aware of this in exemplifying the situation in South Africa.

The Asian Breast Cancer Conference was successfully held in Taipei in February 2004. BSI member Professor Liu had gathered a predominant Asian audience including large consumer group participants. The fact that breast cancer has its peak incidence 10 years earlier than among the Western population was reflected in a lively discussion about when and what methods to use for screening!

The training of Breast Surgeons as a subspecialty

This issue will be highlighted in the Durban symposium! The position paper by the European group EUSOMA is still in progress!

New members

BSI has recruited several new members who are especially welcome!

Kerstin Sandelin, Secretary BSI



Indian Zulu Ritschka

NEWS FROM IASMEN



A. Okada



K.C. Fearon

Nowadays, the provision of artificial parenteral and enteral nutrition support for surgical patients is recognized as fundamentally important in daily clinical practice. Despite this, it is reported that many surgical patients remain malnourished and this is still overlooked. Accordingly, general recognition of hospital malnutrition and the need for nutritional treatment through a multidisciplinary team approach is one of our main themes.

For the forthcoming ISW 2005 meeting in Durban, IASMEN has developed a strong programme with a focus on various areas of current practice and research in Surgical Nutrition. The aim is to share knowledge and skills and promote discussion between surgeons from different countries and different specialties on how modern nutritional support can be used to promote optimum recovery in our patients.

IASMEN would like again to express our heartfelt sympathy to our Bangkok colleagues who due to very difficult circumstances accepted cancellation of ISW 2003. This was a stressful time for all concerned. The scheme of the new programme for Durban roughly follows that designed for Bangkok but with several modifications in terms of both subjects and speakers. The 2005 programme includes a lecture, a symposium, two main sessions and 5 joint sessions to discuss current interesting topics in surgical metabolism and nutrition. The highlight of the program is the José F. Patiño lecture to be delivered by Dr. Peter B. Soeters of University Hospital Maastricht, The Netherlands with a title of "Therapeutic options to optimize the stress response to surgery". His talk will give us the most unique, up-to-date and useful ideas based on his extensive work in the management of surgical patients.

Since Metabolic/Nutritional care of surgical patients covers a wide range of surgical specialties, 5 joint sessions are scheduled with other ISS/SIC organizations such as FELAC, ISBI, IATSIC and WOFAPS. On this particular occasion, participants from different socie-

ties are expected to promote energetic and fruitful discussions on matters of mutual interest. In addition, we welcome free papers of good quality particularly from young investigators. We trust that the meeting will be of the highest quality. We cordially invite you to participate in the Durban meeting in August 2005.

Akira Okada
President IASMEN

Kenneth Fearon
Treasurer IASMEN

NEWS FROM THE ISS-FOUNDATION



J.L. Grosfeld

Thanks to all who have contributed with a donation towards the ISS-Foundation to keep this institution in good shape. The names of donors for any voluntary contribution ranging from USD 10 and higher will be published in WJS. The contributions allow to support younger surgeons from less privileged countries to attend ISW.

Support of Travel Scholars Bangkok & Durban Travel Scholars of 2003 have been informed that they will be invited for the Durban Congress where they will receive USD 4'000 each in replacement for the Bangkok invitation.

For the year 2005 it is decided that exceptionally the total amount of USD 20'000 is provided by ISS-Foundation to some 20 Travel Scholars exclusively from African Countries who may travel at low costs to Durban. Further details for applications can be found on the ISS/SIC homepage under ISS-Foundation. Applications for the 2005 Durban Congress fulfilling all of the requirements (Africans only) must be received at the address below on or before January 15, 2005. Successful applicants will be notified in March 2005.

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Invitation of all ISS-Foundation Travel Scholars (5 & 20)

The 2003 and 2005 Travel Scholars will be invited to:

- Lunch after the International Committee meeting on Sunday, August 21, 2005
- Awarding of all 25 at General Assembly on Wednesday, August 24, 2005

Jay L. Grosfeld
Secretary-Treasurer ISS-Foundation



Wildlife Game Park, South Africa

International Society of Surgery Foundation (ISS/SIC Foundation) Travel Grants for Surgeons from Africa

The International Society of Surgery Foundation (ISS/SIC Foundation) will offer a travel grant on a one-time basis to surgeons from Africa who have demonstrated interests in teaching and research. The award will permit the recipient to attend the 41st Congress of the ISS/SIC in Durban, South Africa in August 2005. The award is to be a contribution towards travel, hotel and living expenses. Please note that the award does not guarantee total coverage of these costs, which must be met from your own resources.

The recipients of the international travel grants for the 2003 International Surgical Week at Bangkok, Thailand will instead be offered this award to attend the 2005 International Surgical Week at Durban, South Africa. International travel grants will once again be available to attend the 2007 International Surgical Week at Montreal, Canada.

The selection committee represented by the Board of Directors of the Foundation requires:

Applicants must be African, graduates of Schools of Medicine and younger than age 40. Please include your date of birth in the application and a photograph preferably of passport size. Applications will be accepted only when the applicant is in surgical practice, surgical teaching or research for a minimum of one year following completion of all formal training.

Applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to teaching and/or research in accordance with the standards of the applicant's country. They should provide a list of all published scientific journal articles and abstracts as indicated (avoid articles in press), and a short statement of personal aspirations in the discipline of surgery. Since the proceedings of the ISS/SIC Congress are in English, it is expected that applicants have a working knowledge of this language.

Applicants whose careers are in the developing stage are deemed more suitable than those who are serving in senior academic appointments.

Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from not more than three of their colleagues, one of which must be from the chairman of the department in which they hold their appointment. The chairman's letter must include a specific statement detailing the nature and extent of the teaching and other academic involvement of the applicant.

There is no formal application form. Submit all material as noted above to Prof. David Dent's office (see address below). The award must be used for the Durban meeting. It cannot be postponed. Applicants who receive the award are expected to submit a report of the experience provided through the scholarship to the Foundation office at the completion of the meeting.

Applications for the 2005 Durban Congress fulfilling all of the above requirements must be received at the address below on or before January 15, 2005. Successful applicants will be notified in March 2005.

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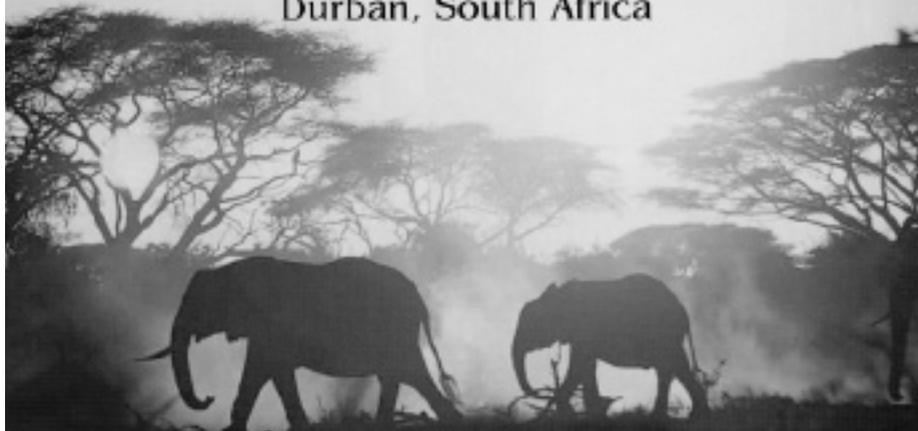


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