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*Soci t  Internationale de Chirurgie (SIC)*

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**President's Message**



*M. Kitajima*

Dear Colleagues,

First of all, I would like to express my congratulations on the successful and truly memorable event in Durban. After the regrettable cancellation of the congress planned in Bangkok in 2003 because of the worldwide outbreak of SARS, all the members of the organizing committee made tremendous efforts to bring to reality the momentous 41st World Congress of ISS/SIC. As we wished, this historic event built bridges between general surgeons in developing countries and specialists in developed countries. I encouraged as many of my colleagues as possible to join us this time, and I would like to thank everybody for having made the effort to come from around the world.

Now it remains for me to make my best efforts to try to make even further progress in Montreal in 2007. As we all know, one of the most significant items in the ISW program is the Grey Turner Lecture. It was an unforgettable memory for me to have the opportunity to serve as the Grey Turner Lecturer in the Centennial Congress in Brussels. When I think that it was only 4 years ago that I gave that lecture, I can only marvel at the huge steps that

have been taken in our field in that short interval. Our society, founded in Brussels in 1902, is now just entering its second century. Its global presence is attested to by the numerous members at congresses in 24 major cities in 5 continents, and it is continuing to play a leading and active role among the surgical societies of the world. I hope that we will see ever-increasing numbers of members from not only Asia but also Africa and other areas of the world where the knowledge and information disseminated through our society can have a great positive impact. In addition, we all have a moral commitment to aid the growth and education of future generations of young surgeons who can help us discharge our obligations to posterity. This role is never-ending, and it must be maintained as seamlessly as possible between generations, between nations and between subspecialties and various disciplines. Make sure the dates of ISW 2007 are marked in your calendar and note that, for those of you not familiar with that part of the world, it is a splendid occasion for a family holiday before or after the congress in the beautiful city of Montreal.

Let me finish by saying how much I am looking forward to seeing you in Montreal in August 2007.

Masaki Kitajima,  
President ISS/SIC

## Welcome Address of the Congress President at the Opening of ISW2005



*J.R. Siewert*

We are celebrating today the Opening Ceremony of the 41st World Congress of our society – the ISS/SIC. We are happy to be in South Africa and we are looking back at this moment proudly to the great history of our society.

Exactly one hundred years ago the ISS has celebrated its first world congress of surgery in Brussels – three years after the official foundation of the society – on the *18th to 23rd of September 1905*. It was indeed a shining beginning!

The first President of the ISS – **Charles Willems** – stressed with pride on this congress that in the newly founded society “a person of uncontested authority” was elected as the first congress president. Indeed, **Theodor Kocher** was one of the most important surgeons at this time working and living in Bern/Switzerland – four years later he became the first noble laureate for surgery. Not a bad beginning for our society.

Without any doubt, this remarkable history gives our society from the very beginning a very special and unique significance.

At that time, our society has had 638 members from 23 countries, now this ISS has **2.500** members from **100** countries.

For the first 75 years our society was located in Brussels. In the constitution it was fixed that the treasurer and the secretary must be residents in Brussels. This takes me to the next very important date in the history of our society: The 28th World Congress in September 1979 in San Francisco. On this date our society was opened up and became a true International Society of Surgery.

For this the society had changed its constitution in 1979 and the actual International Society of Surgery, as we know it today – was born. For this as the first step the

dissolution of the old ISS under Belgian law was necessary. But in a second step in the same General Assembly the new ISS was founded. In 1980 the office was transferred from Brussels to Basel – that means exactly 25 years ago and this was the decisive step to change our society into a truly International Society.

The man achieving all this and who is to be regarded as the father of the modern International Society of Surgery is **Martin Allgöwer** from Switzerland. He was at this time President and later on became the Secretary General. He has overcome all the obstacles on the way from Brussels to Basel. This new period of the ISS began exactly 25 years ago in 1980. It is also a notable anniversary today.

In recognition of the great merits of **Martin Allgöwer** we will have the *Martin-Allgöwer-Lecture* besides the Grey-Turner-Lecture from the next congress on. This latter lecture then will entirely be devoted to “Progress in Esophageal Surgery” to remember the great merits of **George Grey-Turner** in esophageal surgery: As you know, he was the man who had performed the first esophagectomy in 1933.

On the other side, it took only 30 years from the foundation and our society came to Africa for the first time in the year 1935 with the 10th World Congress. Cairo is possibly only the beginning of Africa – at least from the European point of view – but nevertheless the belief in Africa was very early declared. The congress was opened – unbelievably enough – on the last day in the year 1935 – that means on New Year’s Eve!

**Jan Shoemaker** from the Netherlands was Congress President. He gave a provocative and delightful speech on “Surgery as Art”. More than 700 ISS members participated in this meeting. The ISS has taken 70 years to return to Africa – now into the heart of South Africa. The ISS accepted the invitation to come to Durban with great pleasure and we do enjoy it immensely to be here.

In his *Presidential Address at the first World Congress* – given in the French language – Theodor Kocher addressed the goals of the newly founded society. He quoted Article 1 of the statutes of the ISS: *The Association, founded in Brussels in 1902 under the name of the International Society of Surgery is intended to contribute to the progress of surgery by the elucidation of certain surgical questions.* That means the ISS was founded to bring surgical leadership together on the occasion of the World Congress to discuss the actual surgical problems and the progress in surgical research. In those days surgery was general and it made sense to discuss all the different aspects of surgery in one international world congress. Today, surgery is divided into a great number of specialized fields, mostly organ-orient-

tated or disease-orientated. This growing specialization makes a close contact to the non-operative specialties involved in the same disease-management absolutely necessary. The significance of discussion amongst surgeons loses its importance.

Nowadays, we are confronted with the separation of a more and more specialized surgical world on the one hand, and another world of general surgery on the other. This development runs parallel to the economy. This fact makes it quite clear why the world of surgical specialization is located in the developed areas whereas the world of general surgery is more or less located in the developing areas of our world. Realizing this separation and the necessity of creating a close cooperation between the world of surgical specialization and the world of general surgery, the ISS has changed its self-understanding over the last years. Now, the ISS wants to build bridges between the developed areas of the world and the developing areas.

From this point of view the city of Durban in South Africa is the perfect location for our 41st congress.

Having chosen this location we can bring the actual surgical progress from the world of surgical specialization into the world of general surgery. This will be the most important task of the ISS in the coming decades. You will realize that this philosophy is celebrated in the scientific program of this International Surgical Week.

I hope that this World Congress will only be a beginning of a good and fruitful relationship between the International Surgical Society and Africa. The ISS is coming to Africa with an open mind, with a heart full of feelings of friendship and with open hands stretched out to the hands of our African colleagues as a sign of a beginning of a deeper cooperation.

The ISS wants to say "thank you" to its colleagues from South Africa, especially the members of the Local Organizing Committee and the representatives of the different South African Societies. Here I would like to name especially the Association of Surgeons of South Africa for the perfect preparation and the excellent cooperation over the last years. We appreciate it very much that we have also received a goodwill message by the President of the West African College of Surgeons, Prof. E.D. Yeboah.

It is my honor to declare the 41st World Congress of Surgery, organized as the International Surgical Week ISW2005 open.

J.R. Siewert,  
Congress President ISW 2005

## Report of General Secretary



*F. Harder*

Dear member,

I am happy to give you some impressions from our most recent International Surgical Week in Durban and some new information dealing with our Society.

### ***The Durban Congress***

In our last newsletter I strongly recommended that you participate in ISW 2005 in Durban if you somehow can make it. And indeed our meeting in this wonderful Convention Center was outstanding in many ways and right from the very beginning. Our South African hosts with Sats Pillay as President of the Local Organizing Committee welcomed us extremely cordially and presented a splendid show of traditional Zulu dances full of mysterious signs and symbols at the Opening Ceremony. On top of that his Worship the Mayor of Ethekwini offered later in the week a superb beach party where we had a chance to better know our numerous South African colleagues and to hear about their problems, apprehensions, their hopes, joys and their pride to be South African. Among them was quite a number of international "heavy weights"!



***International Convention Center Durban***

These two events – the Opening Ceremony and the Beach Party – have among other things truly labeled the atmosphere, the remarkable "ambiance" in different activities, but above all in the scientific sessions that were very well attended during all four days.



*President LOC:  
S.S. Pillay*

Together with the accompanying persons and the exhibitors who also expressed their great satisfaction, we were **some 2'450 participants**. Without the great number of companies who have participated in the industrial exhibit and without the generosity of our Sponsors, the Premier Sponsors AstraZeneca South Africa, Ethicon Johnson & Johnson, Germany, Siemens Medical and Tyco Healthcare, Germany many of the best scientific sessions would not have been possible. I was very pleased to get enthusiastic feedback from a number of highly specialized surgeons of international stature expressing their great satisfaction and to some extent also their surprise about how much is going on and can be learned "from next door", from specialties around them changing and evolving at great speed. A typical and significant revelation for many who have limited themselves in the past to participating only at meetings dealing exclusively with their specialty! How do the Africans cope with e.g. AIDS or with growing numbers of tuberculosis. IATSIC presented the new Guidelines for Essential Trauma Care prepared conjointly with WHO and specially dedicated for developing countries. Our former President of ISS Sam Wells gave a most remarkable Grey Turner Lecture on "Genetic Screening and Prophylactic Surgery". Jacques Marescaux from Strasbourg delivered the Peter Heimann Lecture and gave us a fantastic impression on how surgery could look like in the future ("Information age and surgery: from virtual reality to robotic surgery"). Bill Thomas from Sheffield gave the Martin Allgöwer Lecture: "Teaching and assessing surgical competence: how, why, when and who" and showed beautifully how systematic training outside the OR using both very simple and also sophisticated virtual reality does significantly improve safety and quality of surgery.



*Cheetah*

General surgeons were literally spoiled with a rich menu of lectures, interdisciplinary symposia and panels on surgical diseases of the GI tract, endocrine surgery and breast surgery among other topics.

The 35 young surgeons from different parts of the African Continent having been supported by scholarships both of the ISS Foundation and the Association of Surgeons of South Africa were also extremely happy and grateful for the opportunity of visiting our ISW. And indeed every participant could find multiple occasions to satisfy his or her curiosity. There were so many options due to the fact that besides our four Integrated and some 13 Participating Societies several organizations from South Africa with excellent sessions had joined in like for instance **the Association of Surgeons of South Africa, ASSA, the South African Gastroenterology Society, SAGES, or the South African Gastrointestinal Nurses Society SAGINS and many others.**

And one more fortunate event that is worth mentioning here and that mirrors the spirit of this memorable congress is the following: As suggested by our presidential First Lady, Mrs. Sieglinde Siewert a fund raising was organized during the Presidential Dinner attended **by some 180 guests** during which US\$ 7000.- were collected on behalf of the **Foundation "Reach for a Dream" that helps children in South Africa with life threatening disease.**



*Hand-over of the cheque towards the Foundation "Reach for a Dream"*

**ISS/SIC Free Paper and Poster Prizes**

ISS/SIC has selected the 6 best Free Papers presented in the 2 Lloyd M. Nyhus Prize Sessions as well as the 6 best Poster presentations in the field of GI surgery. The presenting authors and awardees are:

**Free Paper Prize:**

**N. Arkadopoulos, Greece**

Ischemic preconditioning confers antiapoptotic protection during major hepatectomies performed under complete vascular exclusion of the liver

*N. Arkadopoulos, V. Smyrniotis, G. Kostopanagiotou, K. Theodoraki, J. Vassiliou, D. Voros, A. Pafiti, P. Dimakakos, Greece*

**Y. Uenosono, Japan**

Detection of sentinel nodes and micrometastases using radioisotope navigation and immunohistochemistry in patients with gastric cancer  
*Y. Uenosono, S. Natsugoe, K. Ehi, T. Arigami, H. Arima, S. Yanagita, A. Nakajo, S. Hokita, T. Aikou, Japan*

**R. Bumm, Germany**

Intraoperative ICG-laser-angiography for gastric tube formation: clinical results in patients undergoing esophagectomy  
*R. Bumm, S. Wurzbacher, J. Theisen, W. Kauer, J.R. Siewert, Germany*

**J. Theisen, Germany**

Neoadjuvant radiochemotherapy for patients with locally advanced rectal cancer leads to impairment of the anal sphincter  
*J. Theisen, W.K.H. Kauer, L. Schmid, H.J. Stein, J.R. Siewert, Germany*

**C.K. Khoo, United Kingdom**

Multimodal peri-operative interventions hastens recovery in patients undergoing elective rectal and colonic resection  
*C.K. Khoo, C. Vickery, I. Eyre-Brook, United Kingdom*

**J. Friederichs, Germany**

A novel microarray-based predictor of clinical outcome of pT2-4N0M0-colorectal carcinomas  
*J. Friederichs, R. Rosenberg, J. Mages, S. Merk, K.P. Janssen, H. Nekarda, B. Holzmann, J.R. Siewert, Germany*

**Poster Prize:****J.E.J. Krige, South Africa**

Pancreaticoduodenectomy for complex injuries of the pancreatic head  
*J.E.J. Krige, A.J. Nicol, P. Navsaria, O.J. Jones, P.C. Bornman, South Africa*

**S.A. Müller, Germany**

Impact of ultra high phospholipid dosage on adhesion prevention and anastomotic healing  
*S.A. Müller, K.H. Treutner, M. Anurov, S. Titkova, A.P. Oettinger, V. Schumpelick, Germany / Russia*

**J.Ph.M.m.K. Magma, France**

Laparoscopic gastric bypass after gastric banding  
*J.Ph.M.m.K. Magma, I. Ben Amor, M. Dahman, J. Gugenheim, France*

**Y. Otani, Japan**

Anti-tumor effects of nobiletin, a citrus flavonoid, on gastric cancer  
*Y. Otani, N. Yoshimizu, Y. Saikawa, M. Yoshida, T. Kubota, K. Kumai, K. Kameyama, A. Ito, M. Kitajima, Japan*

**D. Krawczykowski, France**

Duodenal switch as second line surgery for inadequate weight loss  
*D. Krawczykowski, M. Lecko, O. Nore, France*

**G. Wallner, Poland**

The impact of neoadjuvant chemotherapy and chemoradiotherapy on short-term outcome of the treatment in squamous cell carcinoma of the thoracic esophagus – an analysis of a prospective randomized multicenter trial  
*G. Wallner, A. Dabrowski, A. Szawłowski, A. Laudanski, T. Skoczylas, A. Ciechanski, K. Zinkiewicz, G. Cwik, M. Kozłowski, Poland*

**Two new Honorary Members in 2005**

Now let me specially mention 2 colleagues here: Alastair Brown and John Terblanche. They both are recipients of honorary membership to ISS/SIC 2005.

John Terblanche is from Cape Town and has profoundly shaped African and international surgery especially as a hepato-biliary surgeon. This is underlined by Honorary Fellowships in no fewer than 10 Colleges of Surgeons! He is immensely proud of South Africa and has worked during his whole career to contribute to the development of the new South Africa.

Alastair Brown is a New Zealander who partially trained in Great Britain and became Senior Consultant General Surgeon at the Royal Australasian Naval Hospital at Balmoral. He served many capacities within the



*The ISS/SIC Free Paper Prize Winners with Congress President Siewert*



A.R. Brown



J. Terblanche

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. Having been member of the Executive Committee of ISS/SIC for a number of years he became Society President in 1997 and had organized a very successful World Congress of Surgery in Sydney in 1987. His contributions to surgery in general and to the ISS in particular have been very vast indeed.

**Prize Winners & Honorary Members 2003**

John Burke (ISS Prize 2003), René Ian A. Goris (Robert Danis Prize 2003), Christian Herfarth, Yasuo Idezuki and Frank Moody (Honorary Members 2003) and Norman Rich (René Leriche Prize 2003) have also been officially honoured at the occasion of the Opening Ceremony in Durban. This delay is explained by the fact that the Bangkok Congress, where this should have happened had to be cancelled. I already had the pleasure to briefly present these awardees to you in the October 2003 Newsletter.

**Acceptance of the revised Constitution**

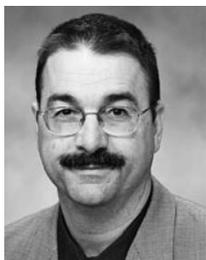
The revised Constitution, fully published in our spring 2005 Newsletter and compared there in detail with the old version has unanimously been accepted without changes by the General Assembly in Durban. It is available on our website [www.iss-sic.ch](http://www.iss-sic.ch).

**The new Executive Committee (2005 to 2007)**

The General Assembly has also elected the new nominees and has confirmed the acting members of the Executive Committee of ISS. Our new President is



M. Kitajima



M.G. Sarr

Masaki Kitajima from Yokohama and President elect is Michael G. Sarr from Rochester, Minnesota.

**Masaki Kitajima** is Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery at Keio University School of Medicine in Yokohama, Japan. His special scientific interests are the upper GI-tract and particularly gastric cancer. He is member of the editorial board of many Japanese and other international scientific journals.

**Michael G. Sarr** is Full Professor of Surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, USA. His special interests are pancreatic surgery, GI-motility and bariatric surgery. He is member of the editorial board of numerous scientific journals.

It is indeed a great privilege for our Society to have two such surgeons of true international stature that are willing to engage themselves fully as president and president elect for the cause of ISS/SIC during the coming years.

Furthermore confirmed by the General Assembly, our General Treasurer, Emanuele Lezoche from Italy has taken over the position as Councillor and Chairman electronic media and Kenneth D. Boffard from South Africa takes over the General Treasurer's post.



K.D. Boffard



E. Lezoche

As new Councillors, Gaurav Agarwal from India and Jorge Cervantes from Mexico have been confirmed.



G. Agarwal



J. Cervantes

**The Executive Committee and at the same time ISS/SIC Program Committee members are:**

**Society and Congress President ISW 2007:**

Masaki Kitajima, Yokohama, Japan

**President elect:**

Michael G. Sarr, Rochester, USA

**Past President:**

J. Rüdiger Siewert, Munich, Germany

**Secretary General:**

Felix Harder, Basel, Switzerland

**General Treasurer:**

Kenneth D. Boffard, Johannesburg, South Africa

**Editor in Chief WJS:**

John G. Hunter, Portland, USA

**Councillor & Chairman electronic media:**

Emanuele Lezoche, Rome, Italy

**Councillors:**

Gaurav Agarwal, Lucknow, India

Jorge Cervantes, Mexico-City, Mexico

Attila Csendes, Santiago de Chile, Chile

**IAES Representative:**

Henning Dralle, Halle, Germany

**IATSIC Representative:**

Ari K. Leppäniemi, Helsinki, Finland

**IASMEN Representative:**

Kenneth C.H. Fearon, Edinburgh, UK

**BSI Representative:**

Raimund Jakesz, Vienna, Austria

**Secretary-Treasurer ISS-Foundation and Permanent Guest:**

Jay L. Grosfeld, Indianapolis, USA

**The Congress Vice Presidents ISW 2007**

According to the constitution ISS/SIC will nominate 2 Congress Vice Presidents for the incoming International Surgical Week and each of the integrated Societies may nominate one in addition. The following members have been elected at the General Assembly:

**Polly Cheung**, Hong Kong SAR (BSI)

**Leigh Delbridge**, Sydney, Australia (ISS/SIC)

**Ronald V. Maier**, Seattle, USA (IATSIC)

**Paolo Miccoli**, Pisa, Italy (IAES)

**Peter B. Soeters**, Maastricht, The Netherlands (IASMEN)

**Tatsuo Yamakawa**, Kawasaki, Japan (ISS/SIC)

**Membership application on-line**

A new on-line membership application procedure has been created that greatly simplifies and accelerates this process. The old but slower paper-version may still be used. Both forms are available on the ISS/SIC homepage at [www.iss-sic.ch](http://www.iss-sic.ch) where also instructions step by step are given.

**Courses and Congresses of affiliated societies**

I may take the opportunity of this Newsletter and announce that ISS/SIC has sponsored the **Postgraduate-course** of the **Chilenian Chapter of ISS/SIC** organised by Italo Braghetto and Attila Csendes. As in earlier years this course held from July 6 to 8, 2005 was again very successful.

Also sponsored by our society is the congress of the **Surgical Infection Society-Europe (SIS-E)** in Athens which will be held under the chairmanship of Stefanos Geroulanos from May 25 to 28, 2006.

I would furthermore like to call your attention to the very promising **8th OESO World Congress** held in Avignon in the Palais des Papes (Provence, France) from Sunday, September 3 to Wednesday, September 6, 2006 and presided by our past president J. Rüdiger Siewert. There will be 6 plenary sessions, 9 Symposia, 9 topic forums, 3 focal points and 2 invited lectures as well as exceptional social activities. For more details please visit [www.oeso.org](http://www.oeso.org) or our link on the ISS/SIC homepage.

The **next meeting of ISDS** under the heading "Innovation versus Tradition – Controversies in digestive surgery" will be held in Rome, Italy, from November 29 to December 2, 2006 under the chairmanship of Congress President Nicola Basso.

**Joint meeting with RCST, July 7–10, 2006 in Bangkok Thailand**

ISS/SIC is planning to join the annual scientific meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand in July 2006 in Bangkok by sponsoring some 4–6 sessions. The Further details will be published at [www.surgeons.or.th](http://www.surgeons.or.th) soon.

**New ISS/SIC Promotion Folder**

Enclosed you will find a new folder presenting our Society to you and to colleagues that might be interested in becoming a new member. Note that the 8 listed surgical Springer Verlag journals and the WJS archive are freely accessible on-line for Active ISS/SIC-members who are in good standing. The journals mentioned in the folder have meanwhile been supplemented by 3 additional journals. The full list contains the following:

- International Journal of Colorectal Diseases
- Annals of Surgical Oncology
- Annals of Vascular Surgery
- Diseases of the Colon & Rectum
- Surgical Endoscopy
- Langenbeck's Archives of Surgery
- Pediatric Surgery International
- Neurosurgical Review

- Journal of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery
- Archives of Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgery
- Surgery Today

Members in good standing will get quarterly a new code (must be requested at the Administrative Office in Pratteln at [surgery@iss-sic.ch](mailto:surgery@iss-sic.ch)) allowing them to access these journals even before they become available in print and to look at stream videos.

#### **ISW 2007 in Montreal and deadlines**



## **International Surgical Week Montréal 2007**

Presently we are already deeply involved in the preparation of ISW 2007 in Montréal. The Montréal Congress Local Organizing Committee with Gilles Beauchamp and René Lafrenière as co-Presidents of LOC and the Scientific Program Committee have already met to prepare a most attractive and multifaceted scientific and social program. The Preliminary Program which will contain all Lectures, Main Sessions and Symposia with titles, subtitles and Moderators and Speakers will be mailed to all ISS/SIC members in July/August 2006. The four integrated societies and some 10 potential participating societies have been invited to prepare the program. We are also happy to announce that ISDS has agreed to organize a full week's program on GI surgery for Montréal.

Air Canada and Star Alliance have been selected as official congress carrier and the Delta Hotel in Montréal as the official congress Hotel and ISS/SIC Headquarters.

Further details can be taken from the congress home-page at **[www.ISW2007.org](http://www.ISW2007.org)** but also on the regular ISS/SIC homepage which will be updated periodically.

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In order to make things easier for everybody please note following **important dates and deadlines**:

- ISW 2007 in Montréal Canada:  
**August 26 to 30, 2007**

- Opening Ceremony:  
**Sunday, August 26, 2007 late afternoon**
- Deadline for the submission of abstracts:  
**January 5, 2007**
- Deadline for early registration ISS/SIC members only:  
**January 31, 2007**
- Information to Presenting Authors of Abstracts:  
**March 31, 2007**
- Deadline for early general registration:  
**April 30, 2007**

Authors of abstracts are informed that the submission can only be made online via the congress homepage. The Abstract Center will open in August 2006 and will close strictly on January 5, 2007. Abstracts submitted on paper or regular e-mail cannot be accepted and will be rejected.

We are already looking forward at experiencing yet another exciting Congress in Canada. Do plan accordingly!

#### **Future ISW and Congresses of ISS/SIC**

ISW 2007: Montréal, Canada, August 26 to 30, 2007  
ISW 2009: Adelaide, Australia, September 6 to 10, 2009

ISW 2011: Yokohama, Japan (dates not yet confirmed)  
Please mark these dates already now in your agenda and plan your participation.

#### **Administrative matters**

Together with this Newsletter you are not only receiving our new ISS/SIC Promotion Folder and First Announcement of the Montréal Congress but also the invoice for your annual dues 2006. You will note that the amount of annual dues has been increased to USD/EURO 135.00. The General Assembly in Durban has followed the recommendation of the Executive Committee and has unanimously agreed to this first increase after 10 years which is felt to be justified especially in view of the new access to the electronic version of the many other surgical journals as listed on page 7. Our new General Treasurer, Ken Boffard, and the Administrative Office will be very pleased to receive your immediate transfer which will also help to reduce unnecessary mailing cost. Therefore, please honour our invoice by arranging your payment of the invoiced amount. Many thanks for your understanding and prompt reaction.

#### **Season's Greetings**

Another very interesting and stimulating year full of changes soon will be over. We are quite convinced that the rejuvenation of our membership is progressing well and new and young colleagues can be attracted to join our society.

On behalf of ISS/SIC President Masaki Kitajima, the Executive Committee and the Administrative Office in Pratteln I am conveying to you our very best Season's Greetings and wishes for a new prosperous incoming year.

With best regards

F. Harder,  
Secretary General

## News from IATSIC



*A.K. Leppäniemi*

It is my privilege to bring you greetings as I start my two-year term as President of IATSIC. A lot of new and exciting developments are occurring in the near future and this newsletter is aiming to bring you up to pace with all these changes.

The International Surgical Week in Durban on August 21-25, 2005 was a great success, especially after the disappointments leading to the cancellation of the previous meeting scheduled for Bangkok in 2003. With one or two exceptions, the IATSIC sessions were well attended with 80-120 participants per session (even up to 200 in one session). I wish to express my gratitude to all moderators and speakers for their efforts and dedication. The highlight of the social program was the IATSIC reception and dinner at the Durban Country Club with beautiful surroundings, delicious food and a great jazz band. Ken Boffard deserves special thanks in ensuring that we all had a delightful stay in South Africa.

The IATSIC Executive Committee met in Durban to facilitate several changes in the organization confirmed and approved subsequently in the business meeting. First of all, the official name of IATSIC was changed to **International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care (IATSIC)**. Secondly, the administrative office of IATSIC will be transferred by the end of the year 2005 from London to the ISS headquarters in Switzerland, with the new address being:

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Our previous administrator Cara Macnab who has run the IATSIC administrative office in London will move on to new challenges and on behalf of the previous and current IATSIC Executive Committees and the whole membership it is my pleasure to offer our warmest thanks to Cara for her dedicated service of many years and wish her all the best in her new endeavours. Before leaving and in addition to securing a smooth transition of the IATSIC administrative office, Cara is working hard to establish an IATSIC website that hopefully will be functioning in the coming year.

Due to the change of the name of the association and some past difficulties for some new members to receive their certificates recognizing their membership, it was decided that **new certificates of IATSIC membership** to all IATSIC members would be sent out in 2006. To receive a certificate with the new name, it is requested that all IATSIC members **submit the following information** through the IATSIC Email:

- name
- institution and country
- current mailing address
- date (year) of joining IATSIC
- current Email address

All those who have paid their Annual Dues of ISS/SIC and IATSIC, and submitted the requested information will receive the new certificate.

The new office holders and forming the Executive Committee of IATSIC elected or ratified in Durban are:

**Ari Leppäniemi**, President  
**Ronald V. Maier**, Past President  
**Ian Civil**, President-elect  
**Erwin Thal**, Secretary-Treasurer

In addition to the Executive Committee, the IATSIC Council that is an advisory board to the Executive with regional representation includes Stephen Deane (representing Australia), Selman Uranues (Europe), Manjul Joshipura (Asia), Renato Poggetti (South and Central America), Richard Simons (Canada, the next meeting site), Ken Boffard (ad hoc senior consultant,

Africa) and Ernest E. Moore (ad hoc senior consultant, USA and IATSI representative to the World Journal of Surgery).

The chairs of other IATSI committees are:

**Ronald V. Maier,**

Membership/Nomination Committee

**Ian Civil,**

Publications/Program Committee

**Ken Boffard,**

ad hoc Education Committee

**Charlie Mock,**

ad hoc Essential Trauma Care Committee

As of September 2005, IATSI had a total of 197 members who had paid their 2005 Annual Dues. There were 29 members who had not yet paid their Annual Dues of 2005, 18 were missing 2004 and 2005 payments and 13 missing their dues from 2003-2005. I strongly urge all those who want to continue their IATSI membership and receive the new certificate to pay their pending Annual Dues at their earliest convenience. According to the Article V of IATSI bylaws the non-payment of dues for three consecutive years shall be constituted at grounds for dismissal from the association.

The membership application process of IATSI has been streamlined so that as soon as the membership procedure of the ISS/SIC (an essential step to become an IATSI member) has been completed, the appropriate documents of those who have expressed their desire to join IATSI will be forwarded to IATSI Secretary-Treasurer Erwin Thal who will present the applications to the IATSI Membership Committee. The decision will be forwarded to the ISS/SIC Head Office, and new members will receive their IATSI certificate in the ISS/SIC joining package.

One of the main activities of IATSI between the biennial congresses is to promote trauma education world wide. The Definitive Surgical Trauma Care (DSTC) courses started in 1996 and up to date a total of 43 DSTC courses have been conducted involving training of more than 800 doctors. The DSTC courses are owned by IATSI and their conduction is coordinated by the head of our DSTC subcommittee Ken Boffard. To receive more information about the DSTC courses, the conditions for applying and conducting a course in your country please contact Ken at [kboffard@pixie.co.za](mailto:kboffard@pixie.co.za). The National Trauma Management Courses (NTMC) were developed mainly for developing countries spearheaded by India where more than 30 courses with over 4000 participants have been conducted so far. Future courses will be coordinated by the IATSI Educational Committee together with IATSI representatives from India.

The Essential Trauma Care (ETC) Project represents an effort to set and promulgate affordable, sustainable minimum standards for care of the injured, which can realistically be achieved in all countries. Working in partnership, IATSI and the World Health Organization have published the Guidelines for Essential Trauma Care (WHO, Geneva, 2004). This publication lays out 11 core trauma services, which can realistically be assured to every injured person in the world and which can be considered as "The Rights of the Trauma Patient." To assure these services, the Guidelines delineate 260 individual items of human resources (training, staffing) and physical resources (equipment, supplies) that should be in place in institutions of varying levels world wide. These cover the breadth of trauma care, including initial resuscitation, acute definitive care of injuries to specific body regions, and long-term rehabilitation. The Guidelines are meant to be part planning guide for persons working in ministries of health or individual facilities. It is also meant to be an advocacy statement, to be used by whomever wishes to advocate for improving care of the injured anywhere. The ultimate utility of the Essential Trauma Care Project is in catalyzing improvements in trauma care on the ground, especially in countries with the greatest resource restrictions. Progress has already occurred in several countries, including Ghana, Mexico, Vietnam, and India. In all of these countries the Guidelines have been used as the basis of needs assessments and have been used by ministry of health planners in efforts to strengthen trauma services. IATSI strongly endorses this publication for use by any person or group seeking to improve the care of the injured in their country. For more details, please contact Charlie Mock at [cmock@u.washington.edu](mailto:cmock@u.washington.edu)

The next World Congress of Surgery will be organized in Montreal, Canada on August 26-30, 2007, and planning for the IATSI program in Montreal has already started under the able leadership of the Head of the Program Committee and our President-elect Ian Civil. There will be some new formats in addition to the established session structure and more details will be available soon. Please mark the dates in your calendar!

Finally, it is my great pleasure to thank Ron Maier, the previous President for his outstanding job during his two-year term as IATSI President, his predecessor Stephen Deane who guided IATSI through some difficult challenges, Ken Boffard for his dedication to IATSI and especially our educational activities, and Gene Moore who has worked hard to improve the scientific standards of IATSI and continues to serve as our representative to the World Journal of Surgery. I also welcome the new members of the Executive Committee, Ian Civil and Erwin Thal, and our new Council

members, and invite them to join me in assuring that IATSIC remains an active, functioning and easy-to-reach organization providing a forum for exchanging and developing new information in the field of trauma surgery and intensive care all over the world. I look forward to seeing many of the members participating in the various IATSIC activities in the coming two-years period. It is a great honour and privilege to serve as Your President in the next two years.

Sincerely,

Ari Leppäniemi,  
IATSIC President

## News from IASMEN



*K.C. Fearon*

The Durban conference was very successful for IASMEN members. Our programme included a highlight lecture from Prof. O. Ljungqvist on the exciting topic of modulating post operative insulin resistance and how this can be achieved by pre-operative carbohydrate loading. As many members will know Grete Van der Berghe from Belgium has revolutionised attitudes towards glycaemic control in the ICU setting and now we are seeing this translated into stress free surgery for elective surgical patients

Professor Peter Soeters, from the Netherlands, gave an excellent Patiño Lecture emphasising the vital importance of expert nutritional metabolic management of complex surgical patients – especially those undergoing ‘salvage’ surgery for persistent abdominal sepsis/fistula. Professor Soeters emphasised that it is only through organisations such as IASMEN that international collaboration can bring together collective surgical wisdom to optimise care for these difficult patients.

The Durban conference also saw a growing interest by IASMEN members to see an integration of nutrition and metabolism into all areas of surgical practice. The excellent Programme designed by Prof Okada reflected this view with joint sessions including Paediatric Surgery (WOFAPS), Trauma Surgery (IATSIC) and Burn Injury

(ISBI). A major area of focus for IASMEN in the future may well be the problems of obese patients undergoing bariatric surgery and there was an excellent joint session on this topic (IFSO).

The IASMEN Dinner in Durban was a superb event hosted by our outgoing President Akira Okada and his wife Utaka. Approximately sixty members and guests attended. The hospitality was excellent and senior members of the society including Professor Doug Wilmore (USA) thanked Prof. Okada for his hard work and great wisdom in guiding IASMEN forwards over the past 4 years. It went without saying that as a paediatric surgeon, Prof. Okada had shown outstanding dedication in nurturing IASMEN through its ‘teenage years’ and the society thanked him most sincerely.

It was evident from the Durban conference that IASMEN has a vibrant and dedicated core of active members. However, if we are to succeed in improving the nutritional and metabolic care of all our patients we need to see expansion of our membership and further integration with other integrated or participating societies in the ISS/SIC. The next conference is in Montreal, Canada in 2007. In addition to our traditional areas of interest we aim to focus on new topics such as enhancing recovery after elective surgery and the many issues surrounding the explosion in the numbers of patients undergoing bariatric surgery. We very much hope the society will go from strength to strength and very much encourage your active participation.

Kenneth C.H. Fearon,  
President IASMEN

Dan L. Waitzberg,  
Secretary IASMEN



*IASMEN Dinner in Durban*

## News from IAES



*H. Dralle*

A separate Newsletter to all current IAES members will be mailed in December 2005 by IAES directly.

The actual Executive Committee of IAES includes:

Henning Dralle, Halle, Germany – President  
Göran Akerström, Uppsala, Sweden – President elect  
Malcolm H. Wheeler, Cardiff, UK – past President  
Gerard M. Doherty, Ann Arbor, USA – Secretary

Paolo Miccoli, Pisa, Italy has been nominated Vice President of International Surgical Week ISW2007 in Montréal, Canada.

## News from BSI



*G. Agarwal*

### **The BSI meeting at ISW 2005, Durban South Africa**

The four day program of the **Breast Surgery International** at the ISW 05 at Durban, South Africa was a resounding success. The BSI council and members are indebted to the local organizers under the leadership of Sats Pillay for hosting a flawless meeting. As part of the scientific program, the BSI offered six symposia, two educational / training sessions and three lunch time sessions, besides the Umberto Veronesi lecture, free paper, video and poster sessions. The scientific program kicked off with the BSI postgraduate course on Sunday, where a wide range of contentious topics were deliberated upon. The near capacity audiences

and the lively & meaningful discussion inspired the organizers to proceed this format. The Umberto Veronesi Lecture was delivered by the BSI president Raimund Jakesz, who provided an overview of the organisation of the Austrian Breast Cancer Study Group that have a long standing tradition of multi-centre studies with an extremely high accrual rate despite participation from numerous small units. The results from various studies on chemo hormonal chemotherapy from this group are currently in clinical practice.

Since its inception, the BSI has had an emphasis on “Developing quality breast cancer care in the developing countries”. Numerous issues pertinent to this theme came up for discussion in the symposia and main sessions. The panel on **“Improving breast cancer detection and care in developing countries”** focused on presenting management programs and defining the options and barriers. Presenters from developing countries provided perspectives of breast cancer management in their countries, and shared the reasons for continuing late detection, poor acceptance for breast conservation, availability of affordable adjuvant treatment and lack of uniform protocols and standards of treatment in the developing countries. In India the standards of care – as Gaurav Agarwal put it – are not uniform, varying from world class to pathetic from centre to centre. The Malaysian scenario, as presented by C-H Yip, is still dominated by stage 3 tumors, and breast cancer in old age is a common cause of death amongst women. Justus Apffelstaedt provided the South African perspective, where there is a shortage of manpower, expertise and technical equipment, and the costs of adjuvant treatment and access to high quality treatment centres limits success of treatment – some problems shared by all developing countries. Numerous African surgeons participated in the postgraduate course and in the rest of the BSI scientific program over four days and contributed in different ways as moderators, panellists, presenters and shared thoughtful comments about breast surgery in Africa.

Main sessions and symposia on breast conservation; lymphatic mapping and sentinel lymph node studies; training of breast surgeons; and breast cancer in young and pregnant provided high quality presentations and discussions on these contemporary and important issues of breast cancer management. Hiram Cody failed to find any evidence for not performing **breast conservation** when feasible. By reshaping the breast larger volumes can be excised thus maintaining symmetry and cosmetics after a breast conserving surgery for breast cancer. Neoadjuvant chemotherapy can improve the chances of breast conservation in patients with large operable breast cancers and is gaining wider acceptance by surgeons

and patients. The **sentinel node studies** are widely accepted and practiced now, and hold the potential of avoidance of extensive axillary surgery for early breast cancer. The sentinel lymph node detection and biopsy demands a team approach, and needs to be perfected by all components of the team before being implemented in the clinical practice. The contentious nature of this issue was also exemplified in number of free papers and posters presented on this. The Symposium on **Breast cancer in pregnancy and in young women** was addressed by panelists from four continents, who provided more or less similar management recommendations, emphasising on need to tailor treatment in this patient group as per the disease stage and biological markers. **Training of breast surgeons** challenged dogmas of what a surgeon should do. For the surgical trainee who wants to become a dedicated breast surgeon, acute abdominal surgery is of less importance than to master reconstructive techniques and be knowledgeable in oncologic surgery. There is, however, some reluctance among trainees to specialize early in their careers. Programs for breast surgical specialists exist and are attractive when combined with training in reconstructive surgery.

During the **free papers and posters** several high quality original papers were presented. The highlight of these was the **BSI best paper prize** session, where Gaurav Agarwal's presentation was adjudged the best amongst the seven papers presented all of which were of equally high quality. The BSI social program at Durban included a relaxed and informal dinner, in company of menacing sharks and other colourful fish. Credit goes to Justus Apffelstaedt for once again organising an outstanding venue and menu for an extremely enjoyable evening.

#### **BSI Office Bearers and Council:**

The Durban meeting saw many a new friendships fostering and renewal of many old ones. Besides, the society conducted its business in a friendly, jovial and cordial atmosphere. The minutes of the BSI council and general assembly meetings can be viewed on the BSI web-site. The council as well as the general assembly elected a new council and office bearers. The officers and members of the society thank Bruce Barraclough (Australia) and Carlos Sanchez Basurto (Mexico), the out-going councillors who completed their terms, for all their efforts and contributions to the BSI's activities over the past years.

Raimund Jakesz continues to be the president of the society, while Kerstin Sandelin was elected President elect. Gaurav Agarwal from Lucknow, India takes on the mantle of Secretary and Marco Margaritoni from Croatia takes on the role of Treasurer of the BSI for



*K. Sandelin*

*R. Jakesz*

four year terms. The council of the BSI elected in August 2005 during the Durban meeting includes the following:

Justus Apffelstaedt, South Africa  
 Krishna Clough, France  
 Hiram Cody III, USA  
 Polly Cheung, Hong Kong/ P.R. of China  
 Jay Harness, USA  
 Stanley Leong USA  
 Omgo Nieweg, The Netherlands

#### **BSI Activities in recent past:**

The society has been growing since its inception in 1999 at Vienna. The membership of BSI has grown steadily over the years, and now stands at more than 128 members from 44 countries. We would like to take this opportunity to request you to urge your peers, colleagues and friends who have major interests in breast surgery to become members as well, so that the society is further strengthened. Over the past few years, the BSI has supported with participation of its representative members, councilors and officers in various educational programs and symposia – some of which are the: Croatian Senology Society meeting at Dubrovnic, Croatia (2003); Asian Breast Cancer Conference, Taipei, Taiwan (2004), European Breast Cancer Conference, Hamburg, Germany (2004); Global Summit of Global Breast Health Initiative, Bethesda, USA (2004), and SGPGI Breast Course, Lucknow, India (2005). The society stands committed to support CME and training programs in breast surgery and oncology by participation of its representatives in the future also. The information of such programs would be published on the BSI web-site.

A home page for BSI is available to access via [www.iss-sic.ch](http://www.iss-sic.ch), and is being updated and revamped, to include more useful information and features. You may visit the official web-sites of our society frequently for periodic updates and notices. Any suggestions for making better use of our web-site and any submissions for publication on the web-

site are welcome and should be directed to Gaurav Agarwal, Web-master and Secretary, BSI. You can find on the site a link to a panel of **"International Guest Faculty"** – these are breast surgeons who have volunteered to receive visitors and to travel to overseas institutions to share knowledge in the field of breast surgery. Any BSI members willing to act as an international guest faculty are requested to write to the secretary with their information. It is planned to provide information and links to other training / fellowship opportunities in breast surgery on the BSI home page. The members, and their associates and colleagues are invited to avail of these training opportunities.

#### **Future BSI activities:**

##### ***ISW 2007, Montreal, Canada:***

The next major meeting of BSI will take place in conjunction with the 42nd International Surgical Week to be held at Montreal, Canada, August 26-30, 2007. The program committee is working hard to make the 2007 BSI sectional program an informative and interesting one. The program will include symposia on contentious issues of breast surgery, pre-congress postgraduate course, luncheon panels, all deliberated by distinguished faculty of surgeons and invited experts. Kindly mark the dates in your calendar and make it a point to attend. Also, we would urge you to start working on sending your best breast surgery related clinical and research work for presentation in the free paper session. The deadline for the submission of Abstracts is January 5, 2007, which will give you enough time to be ready with your best abstracts. BSI members are encouraged to submit a manuscript of their presentations for publication in the World Journal of Surgery, the official journal of our society.

##### ***BSI Post-graduate Courses:***

The huge interest generated by the pre-congress BSI post-graduate course has encouraged the society to plan more such courses in the near and distant future, besides making it a regular feature at the ISW's. These courses would emphasize the societies commitment to take continuing medical and surgical education opportunities to developing countries around the world. The society would encourage any of the members from developing countries to chalk out appropriate programs keeping the local participants in mind, and the society would try and arrange for a few international guest speakers participation, besides extending all possible assistance. Any interested members may kindly contact the Secretary, BSI for the details.

We have no doubt about the exciting future of the society, and we share the enthusiasm of the membership for an even more active and productive time ahead. We look forward to meeting you, if not earlier, at Montreal during the ISW 2007.

With the very best wishes, on behalf of the BSI council

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