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## **The International Society of Surgery Academy (ISSAc)**

### **Job Description: Honorary Dean of the Academy**

#### **Preamble**

The overarching aim of the International Society of Surgery (ISS) is to advance the art and science of surgery, worldwide. The ISS/SIC is made up of a general membership of those involved in care of the surgical patient, including anaesthesiology and critical care, and currently includes six Integrated Societies, representing special interests within the umbrella of the Society.

In 2011, the ISS/SIC established the ISS Academy (ISSAc), “to promote and facilitate education regarding all aspects of care of the surgical patient worldwide, through the activities of the Academy of the Society (the “Academy”). It will be responsible, in association with the Integrated Societies, for promoting, coordinating and facilitating the educational activities of the Society, including regional scientific meetings and courses to be held jointly under the auspices of the Society, and the local organization.”

Several well-established educational programmes already take place, driven by the various Integrated Societies within the ISS/SIC. However, with the increasing and uncoordinated participation of many organisations in global education the ISS/SIC wishes to appoint an Honorary Dean of the Academy, to assist in the development of the Society’s own educational activities, and to incorporate and coordinate requests for assistance from the global community.

#### **Strategic objectives**

- The role of the Academy of the ISS/SIC is to provide impetus, coordination and direction for educational, training and professional development resources beyond those initiatives that are managed by the six Integrated Societies of the ISS/SIC.
- To encourage and facilitate access to high quality scientific meetings, courses and other educational and training opportunities for surgeons, with an emphasis on

supporting those working in low and middle income countries.

- It is important for the Academy (through the office of the Dean) to be aware of the educational activities already organised under the banner the Integrated Societies of the ISS/SIC, and to take these into account when planning courses, programmes or other events.

The Board of the Academy, which is a constituent of the Council of the ISS/SIC, is Chaired by the Dean, and will report to the Council of the ISS/SIC through the Dean, who is an *ex-officio* member of the Council.

## **Priorities for the Dean of the Academy**

### **1. Education for surgeons in training (or surgeons who wish specific training)**

The Dean will assist in identifying target countries or regions assumed to have the greatest need for educational development. The Dean will work with the local Colleges or Institutions in those countries or regions, to assess the educational and training events currently taking place in these target areas and assist in considering where priorities ought to lie and in the cost-benefit dynamics.

### **2. Support for surgical educators**

Develop (or disseminate) best practice in the following areas of surgical education:

- Principles of surgical education
- Developing local skills which can be reinvested in the areas concerned. This includes “training the trainers.”
- Developing and refining teaching skills
  - Small group teaching
  - Teaching technical skills
  - Large group teaching

### **3. System strengthening for the national surgical or specialty associations**

The Dean will work with local Colleges and Universities, especially in alternate years to ISW (International Surgical Week, the World’s Congress of Surgery), to provide educational opportunities or sessions at local meetings as joint ISS/SIC - Local sessions, directed at specific needs as defined locally. The Dean will facilitate and connect surgeons from the wider ISS/SIC network who can assist with delivery of these lectures, workshops etc., to address the specific objectives, and energising them by helping co-ordination with educational resources and programme design.

Where possible, the Dean will assist existing ISS/SIC representatives in the region to identify local 'champions' – senior or respected surgeons within the region, with a view making them take ownership of their local programmes

The Dean will work to develop existing relationships, and seek to establish new ones, including those with the International Surgical Leaders Forum of the American College of Surgeons, and other surgical organisations currently in negotiation, aimed at increasing the educational profile and effectiveness of the ISS in advancing the art and science of surgery.

#### **4. Work to develop the educational contribution of the ISW**

The Dean will assist the ISS/SIC to use the opportunity of International Surgical Week (ISW) to encourage and assist national specialty associations, or surgical Colleges to develop and host local meetings for scientific exchange and professional development. The Dean will work with the Scientific Subcommittee of the ISS/SIC Council, to develop a core ISS/SIC programme at the ISW, separate to the programmes of the Integrated Societies.

#### **5. Seek Funding Opportunities**

Where relevant it would be opportune to **invite ethical educational sponsorship** for some of the activities which form part of the network of the Academy of the ISS/SIC.

This sponsorship would be channelled through the ISS Foundation, which is a Registered Fund-raising Organisation.

### **Conditions of service**

The position is tenable for four years, renewable for a further four years.

The Dean will *ex-officio* be a member of the Council of the ISS/SIC, and will work through the Administrative Office of the Society, represented by the Secretary-General, and the Administrative Director of the Society.

The position is unpaid, but all reasonable and agreed upon expenses and travel, as agreed within the ISS/SIC budget will be remunerated.

Closing date for applications is 24:00 CET on 10 February 2019. Applications should consist of a covering letter, and a *curriculum vitae*.

Interviews will take place on Thursday 14 March in Krakow, Poland either face to face or by Skype. Any further requests for information should be directed through the Secretary-General of the Society