



International Society of Surgery (ISS) *Soci t  Internationale de Chirurgie (SIC)*

NEWSLETTER

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Address by the new ISS/SIC President



G ran  kerstr m, Sweden

Welcome to the newsletter of the International Society of Surgery (ISS/SIC). The Yokohama International Surgical Week 2011 was held as scheduled in late August. The Conference ultimately was a success with higher than expected attendance, due to impressive work of the organizers, and outstanding lead by Congress President Ken Boffard. Many members had felt that the best way to help the Japanese people and colleagues was to participate in the program, and this really became true. As emphasized during the unforgettable Opening Ceremony, it was the first international conference that took place in Japan since the Tsunami and Fukushima disaster in March 2011. During the Opening Ceremony His Majesty, the Crown Prince of Japan, expressed gratitude from the Japanese people, and together with other speakers, recognized the ISS/SIC as the organization that really took responsibility for international teaching in surgery, and all types of surgery, in developed as well as in developing countries.

The conference program was greatly stimulating, with a lecture on the impact of new advanced technologies on the future of surgery (e.g. robotics surgery), as well as lectures on very specialized surgery, and nutrition, presented at the various sessions of the integrated societies. There were also special educational sessions, writer's workshops, several trainee sessions, and a symposium on global training in surgery besides the

regular free paper and poster sessions. The conference ended with a special session – "Disaster management: Japan 2011", with reports from the Tsunami and Fukushima nuclear catastrophe, together with follow-up talks on individual and organized response to catastrophes. Travel awards from the ISS Foundation had allowed 12 scholars from developing countries to attend the conference. Letters from them expressed how greatly they appreciated the possibility to attend the Conference and learn both more specialized and general surgery. Overall, the aims that had been outlined "To explore the future of surgery" and to be a global organization representing both super-specialist surgery and general surgery was reached in a way we can all be most proud of.

The previous ISS/SIC leaders, with past Presidents Michael Sarr and Ken Boffard, and the past Secretary General Felix Harder, together with the ISS Executive Council members, should all have credit for creating the vision that the ISS/SIC should take responsibility for worldwide teaching in surgery. The World Journal of Surgery Editor-in-Chief, John Hunter, has played a most significant role with special issues of the journal, aiming to implement professional evaluation of surgical teaching in developing countries. Our new Secretary General, Jean-Claude Givel, has in so many ways demonstrated organisational skills in administering the Society management, and also directed an important step forward by establishing the International Society of Surgery – Academy, with the aim of advancing surgical training and education around the world. William E.G. Thomas, UK, with long experience from running surgical skills courses in many countries in Europe, Asia, Australia, and Africa, has been elected Faculty Dean of the Academy. The educational activity will aim to deliver humanitarian surgery in developing countries as well as formal courses covering many

surgical specialities at levels from trainees to senior surgeons. There are good grounds to believe that the ISS-Academy can play an important role, due to experiences from trauma teaching within the IATSIC group. Strong alliance has been established with the World Health Organization, in development of guidelines for site visit evaluation of Essential Trauma Care, and successful trauma management courses have been worldwide administered and run by IATSIC since more than a decade. As emphasized in the report of the IATSIC President and the Report of the Committee on Essential Trauma Care in this Newsletter, the alliance and collaboration with WHO is going to be intensified by creating a Global Alliance for Care of the Injured. We now hope that similar teaching activity, with possibility to meet the variable needs in different areas of the world, can become an important goal also for the other Integrated Societies of the ISS/SIC. This may in the long run become a signum for the ISS/SIC and all its Integrated Societies, living up to requirements and requests to take a global responsibility for teaching in surgery.

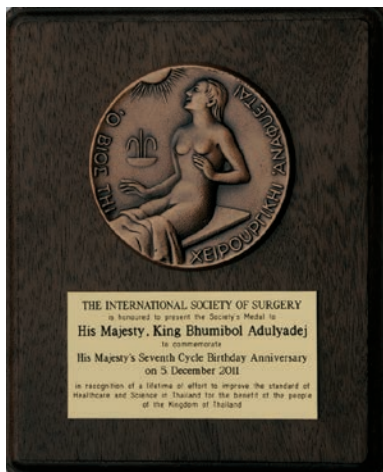
In this letter I want to sincerely thank the organizers who made the Yokohama Congress become such a great event; the Honorary Congress President Professor Masaki Kitajima, the LOC President Masahiko Watanabe, and all others of the local Japanese organizers. I also extend a special thanks from all of us to the very efficient ISS/SIC staff in Lupsingen, Victor Bertschi, Chris Storz, Marianne Bertschi and Caroline Imeri, who all did fantastic work, and solved technical and social problems in a nice way that was appreciated by many. I also want to officially thank Congress President Ken Boffard from all of us, for taking the right decisions when times were difficult in spring this year, and for inspiring everybody with great work, letters before, and talks during the Conference.

The next International Surgical Week will take place in Helsinki, Finland, August 25 to 29, 2013, with Ari Leppäniemi as President for the Local Organizing Committee. An extensive and stimulating program is already planned by the different Integrated Societies of the ISS/SIC, and with the ISS-Academy of Education, including training courses and sessions focused on surgeons in training. Plans have been made to assure participation of surgeons and surgical associations of neighbouring countries. With the efforts that are already initiated by all the Integrated Societies, it is likely to become a very successful World Congress with a great program covering the many aspects of specialized and general surgery, and with a remaining special focus on surgeons in training.

So, all of you assure that you become part of the ISS/SIC when our association now together with the Inte-

grated Societies takes another important step forward with a clearly defined goal and responsibility to provide worldwide teaching in surgery at all levels, and with efforts to help also developing countries. Support your younger colleagues to become members of the ISS/SIC to markedly reduced membership fees, and to attend the Helsinki Conference in 2013 to allow them to meet with this stimulating community of international surgeons. Enjoy the satisfaction of being part of and contribute to the work just by being a member, or become actively involved by contacting the ISS/SIC officers, or leaders of the Integrated Societies. You are cordially welcome, and you will find there are many members who share a feeling of responsibility for teaching in surgery.

Göran Åkerström
President ISS/SIC and President ISW 2013



ISS/SIC Plaque to his Majesty, King Bhumibol Adulyadej, Thailand

Report by the Secretary General ISS/SIC Academy (ISSAC)

The purpose of the International Society of Surgery Academy (ISSAcademy) is to advance surgical training and education throughout the world. Concretely, it means co-ordinating high quality surgical courses within a clear business framework, as well as quality assuring and accrediting all courses under the aegis of the ISS/SIC. The Academy will «badge» all accredited courses and advertise them on the ISS webpage. Similar but relevant courses will finally be delivered in developing countries, on a humanitarian basis.



Jean-Claude Givel, Switzerland

The changes of statutes which were requested to make the ISS-Academy a full reality have been accepted by the last General Assembly of the International Society of Surgery held in Yokohama, at the end of ISW 2011. Bill Thomas had been elected earlier by the Executive Committee, as its first Dean.



William E.G. Thomas, UK

The action plan is now to advertise and recruit members to the Faculty and gain support from the integrated societies and affiliated organisations. It will then be the task of the appointed Faculty to «brainstorm» the finer details of the strategy plan, to pursue pump priming funding from several sources and to develop logo, stationary and website.

Apart from the biennial International Surgical Weeks (ISW) and the World Journal of Surgery (WJS), our society is thus able to offer now its members a third valuable activity to promote science and practice of surgery. The **ISSAcademy** should start working in 2012. The programme of the first courses will therefore be probably announced by next spring.

From several discussions and opinions, it appears that the ISS/SIC has an enviable reputation and position which provides a central and leadership position to develop contact with other societies and colleges, to work in close relationship with them. The **ISSAcademy** will surely be an effective way to strengthen such a role.

The ISS/SIC webpage has recently been totally renewed. It provides many pertinent information regarding

the International Society of Surgery. I therefore encourage each of you to discover this relooked tool and regularly use it, to be aware of the activities and advantages which your society offers its members. Among new developments, the possibility to pay online your annual membership dues will surely make this task easier for everybody. In the future the new webpage should also allow to develop e-learning activities, under the umbrella of the ISS-Academy. The webpage is also a fantastic way to encourage interactive exchanges, not only between our office and the membership but also among members. Therefore don't hesitate to let us know if you have suggestion that you would like to see developed in the future.

2012 will be a « no ISW year ». Nevertheless, together with our Finish friends, we are already working hard to prepare an exciting 2013 International Surgical Week in Helsinki. Make sure to be there, by writing now in your agenda that you will be away to Finland from the 25th to the 29th of August !

Prizes, Awards and new Elections at ISW 2011

During ISW 2011 in Yokohama the following and elections have taken place:

Lloyd M. Nyhus Free Paper Prize 2011

For the best Free Paper Presentation in the Lloyd M. Nyhus Prize Session on

Laparoscopic-assisted living donor hepatectomy

M. Takahashi, H. Nitta, G. Wakabayashi; Iwate Medical University of Medicine, Morioka, Japan;

Presenting Author: **M. Takahashi**, Japan

ISS/SIC Poster Prize 2011

For the best Poster in the ISS/SIC program

Roles of an inducible prostaglandin E synthase, mPGES-1 in host in enhancement of tumor-associated angiogenesis

H. Kamata, Y. Ogawa, H. Kubo, H. Katoh, Y. Ito, M. Masataka, M. Watanabe; Kitasato University School of Medicine, Sagamihara, Japan;

Presenting Author: **H. Kamata**, Japan

**New ISS/SIC Honorary
Members 2011**



Felix Harder, Switzerland

Robert Danis Prize Winner 2011



Otmar Trentz, Switzerland



Arun Pausawasdi, Thailand

**New ISS/SIC Executive Committee
Members**



Adam Dziki, Poland



Thomas Earl Starzl, USA

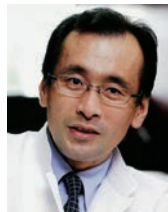


*Alberto R. Ferreres,
Argentina*

ISS/SIC Prize Winner 2011



Patricia Numann, USA



Yuko Kitagawa, Japan

Confirmation ISS/SIC Executive Committee Members 2011 – 2013

- President Göran Akerström, Uppsala, Sweden
- President elect Nopadol Wora-Urai, Bangkok, Thailand
- Past President Kenneth D. Boffard, Johannesburg, South Africa
- Secretary General Jean-Claude Givel, Lausanne, Switzerland
- General Treasurer Sats S. Pillay, Port Elizabeth, South Africa
- Editor in Chief WJS John G. Hunter, Portland, USA
- Councillor Alberto R. Ferreres, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Councillor Dionysios Voros, Athens, Greece
- Councillor Yuko Kitagawa, Tokyo, Japan
- Councillor Adam J. Dziki, Lodz, Poland
- IAES president Robert Udelsman, Connecticut, USA
- IATSIC president Selman Uranues, Graz, Austria
- BSI president Polly S. Cheung, Hong Kong SAR
- ISDS president Marco G. Patti, Chicago, USA
- IASMEN president Olle Ljungqvist, Uppsala, Sweden
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Martin Allgöwer Lecture at ISW 2011



Richard M. Satava, USA

Dr. Richard Satava was introduced by ISS/SIC- and Congress President Boffard as Lecturer of the Martin Allgöwer Lecture. Dr. Satava has given a very interesting and highly sophisticated Lecture on robotics in surgery under the title "The impact of advanced technologies on the future of surgery."

Grey Turner Lecturer at ISW 2011



R. John Nicholls, UK

The tradition of the distinguished Grey Turner Lecture given by R. John Nicholls who was introduced by Secretary General Givel was maintained by his presentation entitled "The evolution of restorative proctocolectomy from the late 1970s to the present."

Report by the General Treasurer

The combined Final Statement of the fiscal years 2009 and 2010 was presented at the General Assembly to the members. The net profit of the year 2009 in the amount of Euro 72'556.56 did not fully compensate for the net loss in 2010 which shows a negative ba-

lance of Euro 82'599.46. General Treasurer S. Pillay informed that the figures of 2010 do not include any expected income from ISW 2011, the financial statements of both years were accepted by the General Assembly.

Also the budget presented for 2012 with a projected deficit of Euro 13'560 and the budget for 2013 with a projected profit of Euro 3'500 were accepted by the members present at the General Assembly.

Finally the General Assembly at ISW 2011 approved unanimously a marginal increase of the ISS/SIC **Annual Dues 2012/2013 to Euro 145.00** for all countries.

S. Pillay informed that the invoices for the ISS/SIC Annual Dues 2012 newly will be issued electronically and made available on the new ISS/SIC Homepage www.iss-sic.com. Instructions and guidelines for an on-line payment will follow with the invoices enclosed.

Report by ISS/SIC Administrative Office

The new ISS/SIC Homepage (www.iss-sic.com) has been launched and contains vast information regarding the Society. As a new service, a **password protected Membership Section (MyISS)** has been included where full contact information of members can be found and you may there also update your personal membership record. To receive your login information and get access to the protected area for the first time, you need to click "Lost password?" and when promp-

ted, enter your e-mail address (must exactly match the e-mail address given in our membership record). If you do not remember which e-mail address has been recorded, or if you experience any other trouble, please contact the Administrative Office (surgery@iss-sic.ch) to solve the problem.

Also an **online payment system** has been included, offering the possibility to pay membership dues in a very convenient manner. Members receiving an invoice should already have received an e-mail with the link to see and print the online invoice. When clicking the "Pay online" button, you will be directed to the PayPal online payment facility where you can enter your credit card details (even if you have no account with PayPal) or use your PayPal account to settle the invoice. We do hope that you profit of this facility.

In case the electronic payment system does not allow you or your clinic to pay by Credit Card on-line via PayPal, you may of course go ahead to have your dues covered by a regular bank transfer to the accounts of ISS/SIC according to the instructions given on the invoice. In order to meet the highest requirements for security for on-line payments, the set up of a quite complex system via PayPal has caused some delay and you are receiving your invoice only with this Newsletter. The Secretariat and General Treasurer S. Pillay kindly invite you to react as soon as possible and experience the new method of payment.



ISW 2013 Program Committee at ISW 2011



Helsinki Harbour

News from ISW 2013 in Helsinki

Preparation work for the International Surgical Week ISW 2013 in which the Finish Surgical Society will participate as a partner is progressing well. The LOC under the chairmanship of past IATSIC President Ari Leppäniemi has become active with the Yokohama Congress. By March 18 and 19, 2012 the Executive and Program Committee Members will meet in Helsinki jointly with the representatives of the Finish Surgical Society to continue preparation work which will include the subjects and speakers in the various Main Sessions and Lectures. Further details are available on the congress homepage at www.isw2013.org which will be updated periodically.

Finland is a very attractive country to visit in the late summer, with possibilities to see and enjoy also the beautiful Scandinavian countries, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and perhaps also visit and experience the historical monuments of St. Petersburg in Russia, which is easy to reach from Helsinki. You should plan to attend the Congress, it will most likely be both professionally and socially a great experience, you will be able to make friends and communicate with surgeons of all nationalities. Also for the Helsinki Conference there will be Travel Awards available for younger surgeons from developing countries.

Reserve the congress dates August 25 to 29, 2013 and also mark the deadline for the electronic submission

of abstracts – January 7, 2013 – already now in your agenda. The LOC is looking forward to welcoming all of you!

World Journal of Surgery in 2011



John G Hunter, USA

2011 has been a good year for the World Journal of Surgery. We will receive more submissions this year than ever before, the five year impact factor is on the rise, and the journal is more profitable than ever. The credit for this success belongs to our internationally renowned (and hard working!) Editorial Board, our dedicated Associate Editors who continue to pick great articles for the journal, and **most importantly**, the many talented authors around the world who choose to send their best work to the WJS. To all, a hardy thank you from the ISS/SIC leadership in Switzerland, from our publisher, Springer in New York, and from the WJS Editorial Staff in Portland, Oregon.

For the past few years, the WJS has been indentifying a “Best Paper of the Year”. This is a daunting task, as we only publish 300 of the 1200 papers submitted to us (25%) so all papers in the WJS are – by definition – “above average” from the beginning. Nonetheless our Associate Editors are up to the challenge. The criteria for best paper include innovative content, usage, citation number, and contribution to world surgery. It often takes a year and a half to determine the best paper, using these criteria. In 2011, we awarded the best paper of 2009 to Arthur Jänes, Yucel Cengiz, and Leif Israelsson, from Sundsvall, Sweden for their paper **“Preventing Parastomal Hernia with a Prosthetic Mesh: A 5-Year Follow-up of a Randomized Study”**.

Like many good manuscripts, the message is contained in the title. I would recommend this article to all aspiring surgical investigators as a model manuscript, and to all general surgeons for its value to the practice of surgery.



Arthur Jänes, Sweden

A new award from the Editor in Chief’s office was started this year, for the World Journal of Surgery Reviewer of the Year. This year’s award goes to Markus Schaefer, a general and HPB surgeon from Lausanne, Switzerland. Markus delivered more than 20 reviews, of high quality and (most important to an editor) the reviews were all on time! Markus was unable to attend ISW in Yokohama, so this award was presented, and



*Front row: Annie Cimino, Markus Schaefer
Second row: George Velmahos, John Hunter,
Reid Adams, Moshe Schein*



J. Hunter and D. Hahnloser with course participants

a glass raised in his honor at the recent American College of Surgeons meeting in San Francisco. In attendance were several associate editors, Moshe Schein, George Velmahos, and Reid Adams, an editorial board member, Graeme Pitcher, Annie Cimino, from Springer, and myself.

In addition to publishing high quality scientific papers, and evidence based state of the art symposia, the WJS has taken a focused interest in becoming the voice of world surgery as practiced in low and middle income countries (LMIC). To this end we have recently published a statement, authored by surgeons from Africa and the Western world, strongly recommending that all papers from or about surgery in LMIC’s include one or more authors from that country or region. Also, we are exploring a relationship with a society dedicated to surgical health policy, economics and the delivery of health care in LMIC’s. This society, the Alliance for Surgical and Anesthesia Presence (ASAP) was formerly known as the Burden of Surgical Diseases Working Group. They have caught the attention of the World Health Organization (WHO), and have become increasingly involved with the many arms of the International Surgical Society.

One of the areas of greatest pride for me is the development of a **Writer’s Workshop**, a 4.5 hour course for novice and intermediate writers who wish to hone their skills, so that their papers are accepted for presentation at International Surgical Week and published in high quality journals, such as WJS. A unique feature of this course is the individualized attention each writer is given, by maintaining a very low student to teacher ratio (3-5 students per instructor). This course was run twice in Yokohama, will be offered again in Helsinki at ISW 2013, and will become an offering of the ISS-Academy under the guidance of Bill Thomas, the new Dean of our Academy. I would particularly like to thank the dedicated faculty who taught in Yokohama, Carlos Pellegrini, Ian Gough, Bill Thomas, Dieter Hahnloser, Walter Marti,

Michael Sarr, and Jeff Matthews. I would like to express my gratitude to our sponsors, Springer, the publishers of the World Journal of Surgery.

Until next time, humbly,

John G Hunter
Editor in Chief, World Journal of Surgery.

Report of the ISS/SIC Foundation



Jay L. Grosfeld, USA

The ISS Foundation was pleased to be able to sponsor 12 travel scholars from developing countries to attend ISW 2011 in Yokohama, Japan. These 12 individuals were carefully selected among 31 highly qualified applicants for the awards. All of the following award recipients were able to attend the meeting.

- Elmurad Akbarov-Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- PRK Bhargav-Kurnol, India
- Xiaohua Jiang-Nanjing, China
- MA Johnson-Tamilnadu, India
- Taiwo Lawal-Ibadan, Nigeria
- Magnus Mansard-Hyderabad, India
- Grigori Manukyan-Yervan, Armenia
- Pratek Mehrotra-Lucknow, India

- Omar Sadih-Amman, Jordan
- K. Senanayake-Kandy, Sri Lanka
- R. Smachylo-Khrakiv, Ukraine
- Dezso Toth-Debrecan, Hungary

The scholars were formally introduced to the participants of the meeting at the Opening Session on Monday August 28, 2011. A special reception was held in their honor later that day permitting the grant recipients to meet with members of the Foundation Board and the ISS-Executive Committee. The Foundation was gratified to receive positive written feedback from the grant recipients documenting the highlights of their attendance at the meeting, the success of the program and validating the importance of the support provided by the ISS-Foundation.

The ISS-Foundation Board met in Yokohama and discussed additional methods of acquiring funds for the Foundation and other possible future projects. The Foundation acknowledged the generous support of the Travel Scholar program from a group of American Surgery departments. The Foundation is grateful for the support received from the Departments of Surgery at the following Universities:

- University of Rochester
- Brown University
- Georgetown University
- Ohio State University
- Massachusetts General Hospital (Harvard)
- University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)
- University of Wisconsin
- Medical College of Wisconsin
- University of Washington
- Yale University

There were a number of changes in the membership of the Foundation Board of Directors. Michael Sarr completed his term as Foundation President.



Travel Scholars at ISW 2011

The Board thanked Mike for his insightful and sound leadership to assure the ongoing success of the Foundation. Kenneth Boffard will assume the role of Foundation President. Kerstin Sandelin completed a 4 year term as an at-large member of the Board representing BSI. She was thanked for her many contributions to the Board. Olle Ljungqvist was elected an at-large board member representing IASMEN and Nopadol Wora-Urai was added to the Board as ISS/SIC President-Elect.

Current ISS-Foundation Board of Directors:

President of ISS-Foundation

- Kenneth Boffard, South Africa

Members of the Board of Directors

- Jay L. Grosfeld, USA
- Goran Akerstrom, Sweden
- Napadol Wora-Urai, Thailand
- Sathiya Pillay, South Africa
- Jean-Claude Givel, Switzerland
- Stephen Deane, Australia
- Olle Ljungqvist, Sweden
- John Hunter, USA
- Victor Bertschi, Switzerland (ex-officio member)

The ISS Foundation is grateful to the members of the ISS/SIC for their thoughtful contributions to the Foundation during this past year. Projects such as the travel scholar program would not be possible without your generous support. I hope that we can look forward to your continued support in the future. For those ISS members that have never contributed, now is the time to consider making a gift to the Foundation. For North American members, remember that the ISS-Foundation is recognized as a charitable organization [501C(3)] by the US Internal Revenue Service and gifts to the foundation are tax exempt to the extent permitted by law. We look forward to being able to fund additional travel scholars to attend ISW 2013 in Helsinki, Finland and other educational projects in developing countries. To accomplish these goals – we need your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay L. Grosfeld
Secretary-Treasurer ISSF

News from International Association of Endocrine Surgeons IAES



Robert Udelsman, USA

Presidential Comments

It is a great pleasure for me to assume the role of President of the International Association of Endocrine Surgeons (IAES). I would like to acknowledge our colleagues in Japan, particularly Hiroshi Takami for his efforts in organizing the meeting of the IAES. It is remarkable that the meeting occurred at all due to the extensive challenges imposed upon the Japanese people. In addition, it is a remarkable statement that we had such outstanding attendance by the IAES, with 135 members attending (34 from Japan and 101 from overseas), demonstrating solidarity with our Japanese colleagues. IAES is a healthy society that continues to grow as evidenced by 33 new members approved since the 2009 meeting. I would also like to congratulate our outgoing president Leigh Delbridge for his international leadership and poise. I would also like to congratulate our past president Göran Åkerström as he assumes the presidency of the International Surgical Society.

The IAES responsibilities extend beyond the biannual meeting. As an international society composed of the most prestigious endocrine surgeons in the world we have the ability to influence the care of endocrine surgery in virtually every country. Robert Parkyn, of Brisbane, Australia has recently laid the conceptual background for International Endocrine Surgical Teams (INTEREST). The principle of INTEREST is to help organize international surgical teams to work with local surgeons to improve the quality of surgical care in their environment. The focus is on education and collaboration when requested. Rob Parkyn has expanded his perspective in this edition of the news and it is my hope that many members of the IAES will actively participate.

The IAES Meeting in Helsinki is scheduled for August 25-29, 2013. The local host, Caj Haglund, is anticipating a premeeting Endocrine Surgery Day at one of the hospitals in Helsinki. Clive Grant will chair the Scientific Program Committee and you can anticipate the highest caliber of scientific presentations. Helsinki is an

ideal location with ready access from Europe and the rest of the world. It is anticipated there will be a very wide output of interest and a very high attendance rate, please mark your calendars.

I would like to thank and acknowledge the outstanding work of Geoff Thompson our Secretary/Treasurer and Gerry Doherty the Chair of our Education Committee. It is their leadership that makes the society so influential.

Robert Udelsman
President IAES

Prizes ISW 2011 by IAES IAES Free Paper Prizes 2011

Taylor Best Basic Science

Prevalence of germ-line mutations in patients with pheochromocytoma or abdominal paraganglioma and sporadic presentation: a population-based study in Western Sweden

A. Muth [1], F. Abel [2], H. Ahlman [1], S. Jansson [1], O. Nilsson [3], B. Wangberg [1]; [1] Department of Surgery, Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg, Sweden, [2] Genomics Core Facility, Sahlgrenska Academy, Gothenburg, Sweden, [3] Department of Pathology, Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg, Sweden

Presenting Author: **A. Muth**, Sweden

Farndon Best Clinical

Long-term results of surgery for midgut carcinoid tumours at a tertiary referral center

O. Norlen [1], P. Stalberg [1], J. Eriksson [1], O. Hessman [1], P. Tiensuu-Janson [2], G. Akerström [1], P. Hellman [1]; [1] Department of Surgery, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden, [2] Department of Medical Science, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

Presenting Author: **O. Norlen**, Sweden

IAES Poster Prize 2011

Taylor Best Basic Science

Differences in thyroid cancer presentation across racial/ethnic groups: are we dealing with distinct clinical entities?

R.T. Williams [1], A.K. Stewart [2], M. Talamonti [3], R. Prinz [3], T. Moo-Young [3]; [1] University of Chicago Medical Center, Chicago, IL, USA, [2] American College of Surgeons, Chicago, IL, USA, [3] NorthShore University Health System, Evanston, IL, USA

Presenting Author: **R.T. Williams**, USA

Proye Best Clinical

Elevated expression of cyclin A in post-Chernobyl papillary thyroid carcinoma

A. Dinets [1], M. Hulchiy [2], A. Sofiadis [1], A. Höög [3], C. Larsson [1], J. Zedenius [1]; [1] Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden, [2] Kyiv City Teaching Endocrinological Center, Kyiv, Ukraine, [3] Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden

Presenting Author: **A. Dinets**, Sweden



Helsinki City Hall at Harbour



Japanese Garden

IAES Travel Scholar Awards ISW 2011

- Marcin Barczynski, Poland
- Arnault Beliard, France
- Andrii Dinets, Sweden
- Lucille Gust, France
- Susan Inchauste, USA
- Yuk Law, China
- Mark Lewis, USA
- Sabaretnam Mayilvaganan, India
- Haggi Mazeh, USA
- Orlen Norlén, Sweden
- Haengrang Ryu, USA
- Kai Pun Wong, China

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News from International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care IATSIIC



Selman Uranues, Austria

Dear Members and interested Readers of the IATSIIC Newsletter

It is a great honor and pleasure to address you as newly elected President in this new issue of the IATSIIC Newsletter. With members from 53 countries IATSIIC is one of the most prominent and competent professional societies in the world devoted to trauma and surgical critical care. Since the International Surgical Week meeting in Adelaide in 2009, another 51 surgeons have become members of IATSIIC, and we see a growing interest and increasing number of applications since this years' meeting in Yokohama. In recent years we have seen a significant increase in membership, which attests to the perfect work on the part of the Executive Board during that time. That

means that my predecessor, C. William Schwab, has set a very high standard for me to meet, and I will do everything I can to fulfill the expectations that have been placed in me.

For ISW 2011, the International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care (IATSIC) put together a scientific program with comprehensive information on the newest developments in its field that comprised three stand-alone IATSIC Main Sessions and seven Joint Sessions with sister societies. There was a lunchtime poster walk on Monday, August 29, and two free paper sessions on Monday, August 29, and Tuesday, August 30. The Prize Session was on Tuesday, August 30, at 10:30, followed at 12:15 by the Donald D. Trunkey Trauma Lecture entitled, "When laparoscopy is perfectly adapted to emergency surgery." On this occasion, C. W. Schwab (USA) introduced Professor Abe Fingerhut as lecturer.

A main agenda of IATSIC is the encouragement of young talents, and this year prizes were again awarded for the best papers and presentations by young scientists.

The IATSIC Poster Winner was Are there better survival prediction models than the TRISS for Asian blunt trauma victims?

A. Kimura, S. Nakahara, W. Chadbunchachai; National Center for Global Health and Medicine, Tokyo, Japan, St Marianna University School of Medicine, Kawasaki, Japan and Khon Kaen Regional Hospital, Khon Kaen, Thailand; Presenting Author: **A Kimura**, Japan

The following oral presentation was chosen as **best IATSIC Free Paper**

Blunt Polytrauma model with femur fracture

O. Yoshino, R. Matthys and Z. Balogh; John Hunter Hospital/University of Newcastle, Newcastle, Australia and AO Development, Davos, Switzerland; Presenting Author: **O. Yoshino**, Australia

The award for the best AAST/IATSIC Paper went to

Dose response relation between injury severity and systemic inflammation in burn patients

K.M. Groeneveld, L Koenderman, G.I.J.M. Beerthuiszen, N. K. Nieuwenhuis, L.P.H. Leenen; UMC Utrecht, Utrecht, The Netherlands; Presenting Author: **K. M. Groeneveld**, The Netherlands

The Presidential Address was given by Professor Charles William Schwab on "Altruism: Trauma Surgeons at the Core?" on Tuesday, August 30. On that

occasion, the IATSIC Meeting took place all which the new officers were inaugurated and the new councilors elected.

In addition to providing broad-scope coverage of the newest and latest techniques and technologies in all areas of interest to trauma and acute care surgeons and intensivists, the IATSIC annual meeting during the ISW reflected the situation in the world today as it relates to the field. In view of the armed combat going on in many parts of the world, the two main sessions on Tuesday, August 30, focused on battlefield casualties took place: in the morning, "Humanitarian medicine and military deployment" chaired by A. K. Leppäniemi (Finland) and N. M. Rich (USA) and in the afternoon, "Contemporary resuscitation: hemostasis and hemostatics," as related to the battlefield and combat casualties, and chaired by F. Pons (France) and M. W. Bowyer (USA).

With lines of specialty demarcation softening and shifting, the situation of acute care surgery as an emerging discipline received due attention in the main session on Thursday morning, September 1, devoted to "Acute care surgery: what every consultant should know." Interesting presentations covered the global need for the acute care surgeon and training of acute care surgeons in developing countries.

In view of the changing shape of the population pyramid throughout the world, the main session on Thursday afternoon, September 1, on "Surgical emergencies in our 'elders'" looked to the epidemiology of global aging, trauma in the elderly and aging in developing nations.

"All work and no play is not a good prescription" as we know, so the IATSIC banquet premiered a "trauma song competition" featuring multi-nationals surgeon vocalists! Seen here is the winning table under the direction of MARK BOYWER with "LIKE A SURGEON," with singers from Japan, Norway, USA, South Africa and Australia.

We can look forward to a similarly exciting program for the next congress, ISW 2013 in Helsinki and look forward to seeing you there!

IATSIC is aiming at spreading knowledge about trauma and intensive care to colleagues around the globe, whether in developing countries where increasing sub-specialization is threatening the quality of trauma care, or in more resource challenged countries where priorities might be different and enthusiasm for trauma care might be difficult to maintain. In this context Definitive Surgical Trauma Care (DSTC™) courses continue to be one of IATSIC's main educational activities.



Trauma song competition winner group "LIKE A SURGEON"

Throughout the world, these courses are only offered in approved centers that meet the strict IATC criteria. In this way, IATC can assure that the quality of the courses and the training they offer meet the very highest standards.

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Report of the Committee on Essential Trauma Care (EsTC) by Charles N. Mock

The Committee on Essential Trauma Care (EsTC) was initially charged with creating recommendations for the resources needed to provide a minimum acceptable level of essential trauma care to all injured persons, even in the lowest income settings. In concept we sought to create a publication similar to *Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient* from North America, but oriented for the economic realities of low- and

middle-income countries (LMICs). The resulting *Guidelines for Essential Trauma Care* were co-published by IATC and the World Health Organization in 2004. This publication has now been used in many countries to make improvements in trauma care.

Needs assessments conducted using the Guidelines for EsTC have systemically identified many opportunities for affordable and sustainable improvements in trauma care. One specific glaring deficiency was the dearth of trauma QI programs globally. This led IATC and WHO to undertake a follow-up publication, *Guidelines for Trauma QI Programmes*, published in 2009. This gave guidance on practical QI methods, oriented for the realities of LMICs, such as how to get more out of M & M conferences and how to better implement corrective action. This publication has stimulated increased attention to trauma QI in several countries. For example, it has been a stimulus in the creation of the Asia Pacific Trauma Quality Improvement Network (APTQIN), spear-headed by IATC members Russell Gruen. This network was the topic of one of the free paper presentations at ISW2011.

In an effort to further promulgate the recommendations contained in these publications, IATC and WHO have gone on to create a set of instructional materials for a 2 day course on trauma QI, which derived directly from the Guidelines for Trauma QI Programmes. These instructional materials, including ppts, handouts, and facilitators guide, were completed last year and are now freely available on the WHO website. As per prior discussions between WHO and the IATC Executive, these are not proprietary and will not lead to a stan-

standardized course, such as NTMC, for which an IATSIC administrative mechanism would be needed. Rather, these materials are freely available to whoever might want to use them. WHO has created a similar set of instructional materials for a 2 day course on trauma system planning, which contains a briefer module on QI. Both sets of instructional materials can be freely downloaded from the WHO website: http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention_capacitybuilding/courses/en/index.html

WHO staff have used these materials to conduct courses in: Ethiopia, India, and Sri Lanka during the past year. Upcoming courses include: Kenya (by WHO); Liberia (through the West African College of Surgeons), Paraguay (through the PanAmerican Trauma Society), and Malaysia (through APTQIN). Members of the Committee for EsTC are available to assist any IATSIC member who might want to use these materials in their own work.

A hall mark of the work of the EsTC Committee has been close collaboration with WHO. As a by-product, this collaboration stimulated increased attention to trauma care by WHO and eventually led to the creation in 2007 of the first ever staff position on trauma care at WHO HQ in Geneva. IATSIC member Charles Mock filled this position for the past 3.5 years. After his departure, close relations between IATSIC and WHO have continued as the position was filled earlier this year by another IATSIC member Manjul Joshipura from Ahmedabad, India.

One of the activities which Dr. Joshipura has taken up at WHO, has been the creation of a global network for trauma care advocacy. In 2009, WHO hosted the Global Forum on Trauma Care in Rio de Janeiro. The goals of this forum were entirely political, looking at ways in which to get more attention to and funding for trauma care. The forum was attended by 100 people, including representatives of ministries of health from countries world-wide and by presidents and other officers of 20 international professional societies that deal with trauma, with a very wide multi-disciplinary representation. ISS / IATSIC was represented by Nopadol Wora-Urai from Thailand. A major conclusion reached by forum participants was the need for the creation of the Global Alliance for the Care of the Injured to better advocate for increased political priority for trauma care. This alliance has now been given approval by WHO and is in the early stages of being created. More to follow on this in the near future.

Charles N. Mock, USA
President-Elect, IATSIC

News from International Association of Surgical Metabolism and Nutrition IASMEN



Olle Ljungqvist, Sweden

Dear IASMEN member

The congress in Yokohama was very successful and we are grateful for the outstanding hospitality by our Japanese hosts and the amazing way that they managed to run the congress given the recent natural disaster. The IASMEN program was successful and in particular we found that the joint sessions were very popular. This is also where we as a society need to be – with the others to spread the word about metabolism and nutrition to the other domains and to our colleagues.

After a successful program in Yokohama, IASMEN is now getting ready for the next 2 year period preparing for the upcoming congress in Helsinki. The Central IASMEN committees have been renewed in some positions and some of us stood on for yet another term. This will ensure continuity while also bringing in some new blood.

We have already secured an increasing number of sessions jointly with the other societies at ISW 2013. Andrew Hill is our new program director for the congress. Any ideas or news that you as an IASMEN member feel he should know about and take into consideration when planning the program, please pass it on to him (a.hill@auckland.ac.nz).

We also plan to activate the web site more and we will also start to link to other societies of interest starting with the ERAS Society.

Olle Ljungqvist
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Best IASMEN Free Papers ISW 2011

The following Free Paper presentations have been presented in the IASMEN Best Free Paper Session at the Yokohama Congress:

Modulation of cancerous signal transduction and improvement of clinical outcome by perioperative BCAA administration in liver cancer patients

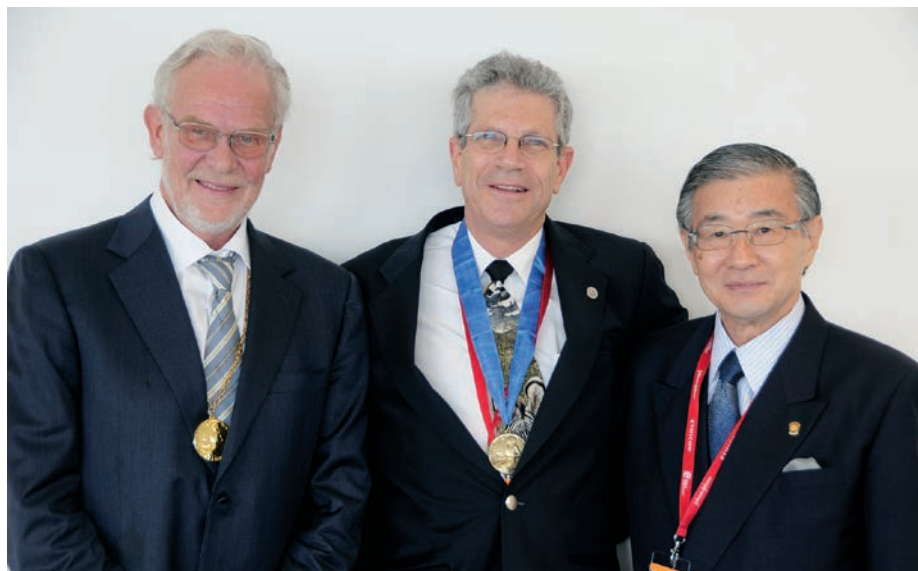
S. Haji [1], H. Ohyanagi [2], T. Nishio [1], M. Kudo [1], Y. Takeyama [1]; [1] Kinki University School of Medicine, Osaka-Sayama, Japan, [2] Kindai-himeji University, Himeji, Japan; Presenting Author: **S. Haji**, Japan

Preoperative glucocorticoid administration in major abdominal surgery: systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised trials

S. Srinivasa, A. Kahokehr, T.C. Yu, A.G. Hill; Department of Surgery, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand; Presenting Author: **S. Srinivasa**, New Zealand

Galactooligosaccharide (GOS) prebiotic supplementation increases the severity of injury after intestinal ischaemia / reperfusion (I/R) injury: analysis by global metabolic profiling in a rat model

J. Kinross [1], E. Deaville [2], R. Barton [1], D. Silk [1], R. Goldin [1], E. Holmes [1], J. Nicholson [1], A. Darzi [1]; [1] Imperial College London, London, United Kingdom, [2] Reading Food Biosciences Unit, Reading, United Kingdom; Presenting Author: **J. Kinross**, UK



Happy Leadership after a successful ISW 2011

News from Breast Surgery International BSI



Polly Cheung, Hong Kong

Dear BSI member

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

Information about BSI activities and programs is available on the BSI home page:

<http://www.breast-surg-intl.org> which can also be accessed through the link for integrated societies on the ISS/SIC web-site www.iss-sic.com.

BSI program at ISW 2013, 25-29 August 2013 Helsinki, Finland:

Preparations are on for the next major meeting of the ISS/SIC and BSI to be held in Helsinki. The BSI scientific program will start on Sunday with the **Ultrasound Course**, followed by a full day **Oncoplastic Surgery Workshop** on Monday. Interested participants would have to register separately for the Ultrasound Course and the Oncoplastic Surgery Workshop, and are urged to register early as the number of registrants would be limited at both these courses. Scientific program on the rest of the three days of the congress will include the Umberto Veronesi Lecture, presidential address, case discussions in morning breakfast sessions, symposia, great debates on controversies, free papers and poster sessions. The details of the scientific program will be available on the BSI web-site, as well as the congress web-site. Further updates would be provided on these sites in due course.

Breast Surgery International (BSI) – Call for Abstracts

Abstracts based on original unpublished clinical or basic research in the field of Breast Surgery and Oncology are invited for consideration for presentation

as **posters or free papers at the BSI scientific program during the ISW 2013**. All abstracts must conform to the abstract submission guidelines. Authors submitting abstracts for presentation as oral papers, if successful, should be willing to submit full length original article for publication in the World Journal of Surgery.

BSI Best Free Paper (Oral) Prize

Six abstracts in the field of Breast Surgery based on unpublished original work submitted for presentation as oral papers will be selected for presentation in the BSI Best Paper Award Session. Individuals interested for their abstracts to be considered for the award will need to check the appropriate box in the Abstract Submission form. All six selected papers will be presented in the "Best paper competition session". The Presenting Author of the best BSI paper in the award session as adjudged by a panel of eminent breast surgeons will be awarded a Certificate and USD 500.– Cash Prize. All other presenters will be awarded a Certificate of Presentation in the award session.

BSI Best Poster Prizes

All posters displayed at the BSI program at ISW 2013 would be evaluated by a panel of eminent experts during the poster viewing session. Prizes consisting of certificate and USD 300 and USD 200 respectively would be awarded to those adjudged as the best and second best posters. The presenters will be asked to fully register for the Congress. Failure to register in time may preclude the selected abstract from being presented in the Congress.

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

BSI Travel Awards 2013:

Breast Surgery International would award a travel award of USD 500 each to a minimum of five young (less than 45 years of age) **Breast Surgery International (BSI)** member surgeons from developing countries who have an abstract accepted for presentation in the BSI program, in order to help them participate in the ISW 2013 and present their work. The BSI travel award is meant to provide partial financial assistance, and it will be the recipient's own responsibility to organize rest of funds for participation in the Congress.

The travel awardees would be given:

Certificate of BSI travel award

A cash award of USD 500.– as cash towards registration and accommodation costs to attend the Congress

Interested eligible BSI members are requested to apply with their CV and letter of recommendation from the chairman of their department or from a senior BSI colleague. The application may be sent as e-mail or letter to the secretary BSI at the address below.

Application to:

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With best wishes, on behalf of the BSI council

Polly Cheung

President, BSI

Prizes at ISW 2011 by BSI

BSI Free Paper Prize

For the best (podium) paper on Breast Surgery

Polyacrylamide gel injections for breast augmentation: management of complications in 106 patients

D. Unukovych [1], V. Khrapach [2], M. Wickman [1],

A. Liljegren [1], G. Patlazhan [3], K. Sandelin [1];

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Presenting Author: **D. Unukovych**, Sweden

BSI Poster Prizes

1st prize

Can preoperative breast MRI reduce re-excision rate in breast cancer and help decide extent of operation?

Y. Law [1], P.S.Y. Cheung [2], S. Lau [2], G. Lo [3];

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Hong Kong, China, People's Republic, [2] Breast Care

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Diagnostic & Interventional Radiology, Hong Kong

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Republic; Presenting Author: **Y. Law**, China PR

2nd prize

A phase I/II study of intraoperative radiotherapy for early breast cancer in Japan

M. Sawaki [1], Y. Itoh [2], T. Imai [1], T. Kikumori [1],

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News from International Society for Digestive Surgery ISDS



Marco Patti, USA

Dear Friends,

The 2011 World Congress in Yokohama was a great success in terms of scientific content and participation. We were in awe of the resilience and the pride shown by our Japanese colleagues despite the terrible disaster that shocked their Country on March 11, 2011. We convey to them our gratitude and respect for a perfect organization in the beautiful Congress Center of Yokohama.

The ISDS program covered the entire gamut of GI disorders, from esophageal to anorectal, from pancreatic to hepatobiliary. The number of oral presentations and posters was the highest recorded in recent years. During the meeting, a new Executive Committee was elected. I am very happy to inform you that it is made up of surgeons from all the continents that are willing to work hard to promote and improve the role of the ISDS in the world, and to organize a wonderful meeting in 2013. The ISDS, with the other integrated societies part of the ISS/SIC, will organize the next world meeting in Helsinki, Finland, in August of 2013. The local organizing committee headed by Ari Leppaniemi and the ISDS will work together to bring to Helsinki the best experts from all continents. It will be a unique opportunity to forge new friendships and collaborations, and to enjoy the famous Finnish hospitality.

The first meeting of the new ISDS Executive Committee has taken place in San Francisco on October 23rd, during the annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons. New initiatives were discussed. We will keep you informed through our newly designed website. Take your time and have a look at it on www.cidc-isds.org. We will be looking forward to having your input and feedback.

Sincerely,

Marco G. Patti
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Prize at ISW 2011 by ISDS

Grassi Prize 2011

For the best Free Paper presentation within the ISDS Grassi Prize Session at ISW 2011

Evaluation of modified estimation of physiologic ability and surgical stress (mE-PASS) in gastric carcinoma surgery

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Presenting Author: **Y. Haga**, Japan

Season's Greetings



from the ISS/SIC Administrative Office

A quite eventful year draws to a close and we sincerely hope that it was despite of all challenges successful for you. We take the opportunity to thank you for your support of the Administrative Office and to wish you all the best for the newly born year.

Victor Bertschi, Chris Storz,
Caroline Imeri, Marianne Bertschi