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NEWSLETTER

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President's report



Ken Boffard,
South Africa

2010 has been a very eventful year for your Society.

We have been actively planning for the next International Surgical Week (ISW) meeting in Yokohama. Details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The year began with a major strategic planning meeting involving the Executive Committee and a wide ranging spectrum of opinions and suggestions were discussed. You may already be seeing some of the results of this.

Firstly, we have started setting up a Federation of Surgeons in Training. This is intended to act as a forum for Surgical Trainees internationally. We already have active participation from, and are working closely with, the Association of Surgeons in Training of Great Britain (ASiT) and the South African Association for Surgeons in Training. (SASSIT). Many countries have similar organizations, and if yours is one of them, I would encourage you to let us know, or have them contact us. The future of Surgery is our trainees. The International Society is well set up to provide a forum for issues pertaining to training. Those of you who have read "The World is Flat" by Thomas L. Friedman, or heard Don Trunkey's lecture during ISW in Montreal, "The Medical World is Flat Too" will appreciate that the medical world too, has become global – whether CT scans from the United States are reported in India, or European students and doctors train or work

in South Africa. The Federation is an initiative from your Society to reach out to our future leaders, involve them early, and provide a forum for them to share ideas.

We are also making the Society more streamlined and more accessible. The barriers to membership have been removed, and access is available electronically. We are encouraging trainees, and young surgeons to join, and discounted rates are available to allow them to do so. The meetings and especially International Surgical Week, is increasingly a mix of specialist meetings with many of the "household names" in surgery, mixed with broad based surgery applicable to resource poor environments. Our aim is to include focused educational programs across the regions and at the same time assist with the setting of global standards for surgery.

There is a specific program for trainees at ISW 2011, with reduced rates for registration. Japan is not always expensive, and reasonably priced accommodation is also available. If you have trainees interested, encourage them to submit abstracts and participate in our truly International Society.

The Society has tried to become very pro-active in its engagement with the International Surgical Community, and the other Surgical Associations and Colleges. We have been fortunate in that we have been able to work very closely with the Royal Colleges in the United Kingdom and Australasia, and I was particularly fortunate, this year, to be a guest at joint sessions with the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand, and with the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka, with whom we had an extremely successful joint academic meeting. My particular thanks to the Presidents and Councils of the Colleges involved.

It is our intention to increase these links and foster relationships. There is the annual ISS Oration at the

American College of Surgeons meeting, jointly presented by the United States Chapter of ISS, and the American College. Plans for next year include joint sessions with a number of Colleges, including Malaysia, Thailand, and others. IATSIC's DSTC™ Courses are active in 20 countries across the world, and have now been presented in Argentina and Brazil. More than 4000 surgeons have been trained in advanced trauma surgical decision making and surgical techniques.

I was fortunate enough to attend two joint meetings of the Presidents of the Colleges of Surgeons, held in Thailand and Sri Lanka. Between the two meetings, were the Presidents of Colleges of Surgeons from the American College, Australasia, Bangladesh, Burma, Edinburgh, India (Association of Surgeons of India), Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and others. This has been incredibly useful, and we are developing a number of initiatives particularly in resource challenged areas. We look forward to working with our colleagues world wide to improve both the footprint, and the safety of surgery globally.

The World Journal of Surgery has had an incredibly successful year, and we repeatedly get letters saying that it is regarded as one of the greatest benefits of Membership. Its impact factor is now close to 2.7, and it has become one of the worlds' most successful general surgical journals. My particular congratulations go to Springer, WJS Editor John Hunter, Laura Shearer and their team.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find letters from our Integrated Society Presidents, covering both the year's activities and their plans for the Yokohama Congress. The Societies are increasingly active between our formal meetings, and their educational role is broadening. Contribute to them if you can, and let us know where you feel our educational programs should take place.

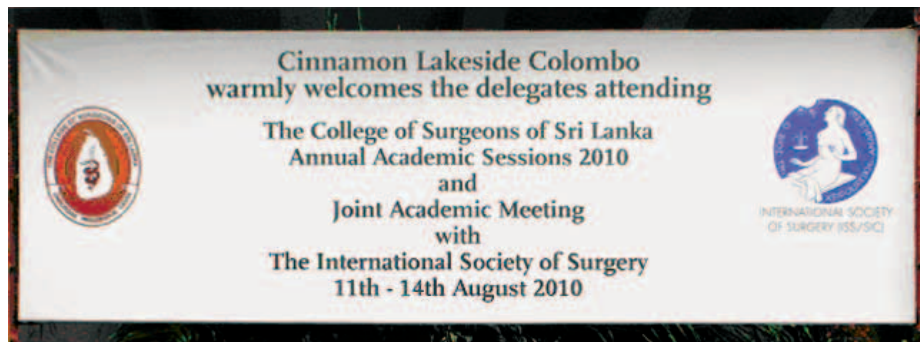
Your Society has long been supported by our National Delegates, who represent their countries without much reward or thanks. We are actively looking for other ways to recognize their hard work and commitment, but I would like to thank them for their efforts for your Society, and again, would encourage your views as to how we can make a difference in your country. Email me at Ken.Boffard@iss-sic.ch.

As I have mentioned before, Japan is a "Destination" rather than just a "Congress". We have recognized the pressures of the recession, the registration fees are lower than previous years, and a wide range of affordable accommodation is available. Have a look at the ISW website at www.isw2011.org. If you are travelling internationally, especially if you have never been to Japan before, there are several specialist organizations that will look after your entire visit, during and after the Congress itself. Have a look at www.insidejapantours.com, and there are many others who can provide a cost-effective and stimulating package.

Lastly I would like to register my appreciation for the sustained energetic work by our Lupsingen staff. If ever there are heroes in the organization, it is they. This is a complex organization, represented in over 120 countries with many languages, and a complex International Surgical week. Yet Victor, Chris, and their team manage this with efficiency and equanimity. On your behalf I thank them.

For those of you taking a break or holiday at this year end, have a happy and gentle one, and help us next year to build your Society to even greater success. I hope to see many of you in Yokohama. As always, if you have any ideas, or just want to give us your views, please email me at Ken.Boffard@iss-sic.ch.

Ken D. Boffard
President ISS/SIC &
Congress President ISW 2011



Banner at the Congress of the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka

Message by the LOC ISW 2011



Masahiko Watanabe

As you know, ISW 2011 will be held in Yokohama, Japan, from August 28 to September 1, 2011. This time we would like to introduce you to some of the tourist attractions in Japan.

Japan is an island nation stretching far from North to South. It contains more than 6,000 isles with 4 main islands, namely, Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu. Yokohama is located on Honshu, the main island. It is close to Tokyo and accessible to the rest of the country.



Yokohama is an international business city as well as a waterfront with many shopping complexes and attractions. It is the first international port opened to the world in 1854 after the Japanese government, or Edo Bakuhu, gradually closed the door for the international trade in the early 17th century. The history behind Yokohama gives the city its unique culture and historic assets. You could find old Western-styled buildings and skyscrapers in the same picture. The nightscape is also something you don't want to miss. Strolling the bay area after dark will bring you unforgettable summer memories. You could expand your petite expedition to the China Town and have dinner with your

friends and family, talking about the tours you will go on the next day.

In ISW 2011, we will be offering various tours within and from Yokohama. There will be an excursion to Kamakura to see the Great Buddha and the famous shrine, a full-day expedition to Nikko, the World Heritage site as well as a tour to Tokyo to shop till drop. Mt. Fuji is a must-see, too. For those who have longer vacation, we have a 2-day trip to the historic city of Kyoto. Beach lovers will enjoy a 3-day journey to the tropical island of Okinawa. You cannot miss the great nature of Hokkaido. Ishikawa prefecture is another option where most international tourists haven't yet discovered the beauty of. When in Tokyo or Yokohama, you will be surprised by how crowded the streets are. But once you step out of the city, you will come to see that Japanese people have been living for years and years in coordination with the graceful and tranquil nature.



During the congress, we welcome you to the Japan Night. Matsuri, or Japanese festival, will take place in the evening of Monday, August 29, 2011, at the pier called Osanbashi Hall. We expect to have stalls selling Japanese food, snacks and goodies. An energetic Jazz singer and a Japanese surgeons' band will be performing on the stage. Take a bite of Sushi and sip Sake like Japanese. Step outside for a while and indulge yourselves in the picturesque scenery of Yokohama. Bring your family and friends along and simply have fun!

Please visit our webpage for more information at www.isw2011.org. We look forward to seeing you in Yokohama, Japan in August 2011. Explore the Exotic Far East yourself!

Masahiko Watanabe
President
Local Organizing Committee ISW 2011



Have a taste of Sushi

Word by the Secretary General



Jean-Claude Givel

Dear ISS/SIC member

Though I am glad that membership numbers in the recent past have been quite stable, I still encourage you to recommend ISS/SIC membership amongst your surgical partners, faculty members, residents and registrars. I am sure that your colleagues will enjoy the member privileges and might want to support the endeavors of our Society by building educational bridges between privileged and less privileged countries. ISS/SIC members also profit of a considerably reduced registration fee for the International Surgical Week. Applications can still be processed before our next congress in Japan! Application forms and details can be found at www.iss-sic.ch.

The forthcoming Yokohama Congress will certainly be a great opportunity for you to meet old friends, make new ones and extend your international network. Submission of your **Abstract by deadline January 10, 2011 at www.isw2011.org** is much welcome.

For ISW 2011 we will also organize a special social function for our National Delegates and we hope to gather a great group of these key persons who are so important in supporting the cause of ISS/SIC.



Asakusa Temple, Tokyo

Site Inspection by ISS/SIC Officers in Yokohama

At the beginning of this month, Victor Bertschi and I were in Japan for a three day working visit. Progress on the preparation work to make the International Surgical Week ISW 2011 in Yokohama a great success is well under way. There is still some work to be done to make this an ISW of historic interest and quality. We are very much convinced that our Japanese hosts headed by LOC President Professor Watanabe will be successful and that they will make this congress an unforgettable event with many exciting highlights.

Japan the host country

Japan is well known for his friendship and great hospitality. It is also a country with a very interesting historical background that is little known to much of the world. ISW 2011 offers a great opportunity to learn more about Japan and its culture. During our recent stay, we enjoyed the great hospitality of our hosts and the Japanese people, while visiting places of interest. You might also be surprised to learn that Japan is not as expensive as you might have thought – prices range within the average of European countries. We can therefore only encourage you and your family members to attend International Surgical Week ISW 2011 and to take this opportunity to experience Japan not only as a congress participant but also as a tourist.

Your Participation in ISW 2011

Please plan already now your attendance at

ISW 2011 in Yokohama (www.isw2011.org)

by adding some extra days before or after the congress for your leisure. Opportunities for guided Pre- and Post-Congress Tours are offered by the Congress Organization on the regular homepage but your travel agent will surely be pleased to work out an interesting and exciting program, in conjunction with your flight arrangements to Japan. An early booking will allow you not only to take advantage of quite economic airfares but also to register for the congress at reduced registration fees. Registration on the congress homepage is now open.

Program for Accompanying Persons

The Local Organizing Committee has set up a very interesting program of congress tours which will be attractive to accompanying persons while you are attending the congress. The nearby city of Tokyo and its surrounding places of interest are ideal for guided one day tours or for shopping opportunities without a guide. The ancient emperor city of Kyoto with its



Japanese girl

many historical places of temples and shrines is only a two hours train ride away from Yokohama if using the high speed "bullet train" Shinkansen. An early booking is highly recommended since most tours are usually fully booked.

Facts to know about Japan

The official currency Yen (JPY) is very stable and not attached to any of the most important currencies like the US Dollar or Euro. As cash money is still often used in Japan, it is recommended to convert some foreign currencies into Yen upon arrival.

Bus transport from Narita Airport where most international airlines arrive is provided to Yokohama Center and many hotels quite frequently and takes about 2 hours. Costs for bus transport from Narita Airport to Yokohama or Tokyo will be in the vicinity of JPY 3'000.00 (approximately USD 35.00). After Haneda airport, which is much closer to Yokohama (about 45 minutes), has been extended, some international airlines will newly fly into this airport. Contact your travel agent for further details.

Communication by phone requires that your mobile phone is equipped with G3 capabilities. However, in case your cellular phone is not equipped with G3 (usually phones older than two years) you may rent one at the airport. Using the phone at the hotels can be quite expensive!



The bullet train "Shinkansen"

The Weather in Japan in August/September can be quite warm as temperatures may reach 30 to 32 degrees Celsius (85 to 90° F) and it is usually quite humid.

Promote ISW 2011 among Colleagues

Participation in ISW 2011 in Japan will not only be exciting for you and your family, but should be rewarding for your colleagues, as well. Therefore please invite them to join you or, if you are unable to attend, invite them to experience Japan and ISW 2011 for you. We all look forward to welcoming many international participants at ISW 2011 in Yokohama.

Jean-Claude Givel
Secretary General ISS/SIC

Report by the Editor in Chief WJS



John G. Hunter

The World Journal of Surgery (WJS) is proud to be the voice of the ISS/SIC, and be the forum for International Surgery, in principle and practice. The WJS has seen another 15% growth in manuscript submission in 2010. We expect to receive in excess of 1700 manuscripts this year. This success has required that our reviewers become more selective in what we publish, dropping our acceptance rate from 28% to close to 20%. While this selectivity disappoints many authors, by "raising the bar" we have boosted the impact factor (fig 1), increased full text downloads, and increased journal profitability.



Tōdai-ji Temple, Nara

In 2011, we will make two changes to increase the number of articles that we can publish without making the Journal any thicker. These things include the elimination of book reviews, and a request to keep all original scientific papers at less than 2'500 words.

The WJS is looking forward to ISW 2011. We will be running a writer's workshop for beginning and intermediate level writers, giving new writers a small group experience with accomplished academic surgeons in a workshop setting. This course will be run on Sunday Aug 28 (all day) or for 75 minutes on each of three mornings (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) during ISW. Registration for this course is available through ISW registration. In addition, the WJS will be sponsoring a "best papers" competition at the ISW, in conjunction with the other "prize" sessions run by ISS/SIC. It is our expectation that the majority of these papers will lead to publication in the WJS.

We look forward to seeing you in Yokohama.

John G. Hunter
Editor in Chief WJS

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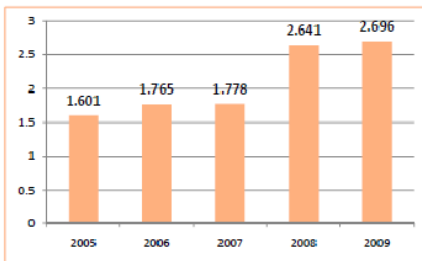


Fig 1: Impact Factor of the WJS has grown substantially in the last 5 years.

IAES News



Leigh W. Delbridge



Geoffrey B. Thompson

Dear Friends:

Plans are well underway for the upcoming IAES meeting in Yokohama, Japan, as part of the International Surgical Week (ISW 2011), August 28 to September 1, 2011. Our Local Organizing Committee under the direction of Professor Hiroshi Takami is doing an excellent job to ensure that we will have a wonderful scientific and social program during our stay in Japan.

The hotel for the IAES will be New Otani Inn. Hotel reservations will be available online starting in December 2010.

The IAES banquet will be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2011, at the Yokohama Grand Intercontinental, 3rd floor Ballroom at a charge of 120 USD.

We are planning an outstanding scientific program under the direction of our Program Chair, Michael Demeure. Professor Cres Eastman from Australia will be delivering the Peter Heimann Lecture entitled "Iodine deficiency in Asia" on Tuesday, August 30. We will have two State-of-the-Art lectures from Clive Grant on "Contemporary management of nodal metastases in papillary thyroid cancer" and Michael Demeure on "Molecular targets for endocrine cancers." We are organizing an excellent Wednesday afternoon for trainees that will focus on technical aspects of minimally invasive endocrine surgery.

We are planning for 38 oral podium presentations and 36 poster presentations, of which 12 will be selected for presentation at the Poster Walk Around on Tuesday, August 30. Awards (amount to be determined) for the best Clinical Paper, Basic Science Paper, Clinical Poster, and Basic Science Poster will be awarded at the end of the meeting. The abstract deadline is January 10, 2011, and will be strictly adhered to. Information regarding abstract submission can be found via the ISW 2011 web site <http://www.isw2011.com/abstracts.html>. Abstracts must be submitted online. Abstracts sent via fax, regular mail, or e-mail will not be accepted.

There will be a Hands-on Workshop for thyroid and parathyroid ultrasound and fine needle aspiration on Sunday, August 28. Separate registration will be necessary for this course. More information for this course will be forthcoming on the ISW 2011 web site.

We are planning to make available a number of travel awards for the International Surgical Week. Information for those interested in applying for a Travel Award for accepted oral or poster abstracts for the 2011 IAES meeting can be found at the IAES web site (<http://www.iaes-endocrine-surgeons.com>). There will be a total of 15 such awards, each at 1'500 USD. These awards will be selected by the Education Committee and will be awarded at the IAES meeting in Yokohama after presentation and appropriate submission of the manuscript or poster. Please see the web site link for further details. In addition, this year we will be doing something different in that we will also offer 5 travel awards for individuals based on financial need. Individuals wishing to apply for a travel award (1000 USD) based on financial need should submit a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the IAES by March 1, 2011. The cover letter should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae listing the applicant's years of surgical training and prior publications, as well as a brief explanation of financial need. In addition, a letter of reference from a mentor in surgery, explaining the importance of this award to the applicant, must be included. These applications will also be reviewed by the Education Committee of the IAES and the awardees will be named by April 15, 2011. Please note that applicants for travel awards are only eligible for one award during ISW 2011. If awarded other travel awards from the integrated societies, only one can be accepted by the applicant.

The ISW 2011 program can be found on the ISW 2011 web site at the following address <http://www.isw2011.org>. The final IAES program will be on the IAES web site in the near future.



Display at a fan shop

Finally, we would like to make the membership aware that it is time to submit names for nomination for President Elect and one Council position. CY Lo will be completing his term on the Council in 2011. Please e-mail your nominations by June 1, 2011, to Ms. Marilyn Churchward at churchward.marilyn@mayo.edu. Once we have a full list of nominations, we will submit these to the Nominating Committee for review. The Nominating Committee will make its recommendations at the time of the Business Meeting in Yokohama.

We truly are looking forward to a fantastic meeting in Japan, and we hope that all members and their trainees will be able to attend.

Wishing you all the best! With warmest personal regards!

Geoffrey B. Thompson
Secretary-Treasurer IAES

Leigh W. Delbridge
President IAES

IATSIC News



C. William Schwab

Hello to all,

It is a pleasure to update you on several of the IATSIC activities and plans for the 2011 meeting in Yokohama, Japan.

First and foremost, our membership continues to grow. Currently we have 278 active and 5 honorary members. In the last year, we have approved membership from a large number of applications and several new countries have been added to our global list with the addition of these surgeons. Many of our members serve in very prestigious positions around the world and bring to their offices the IATSIC linkage and presence. I will not try to name them all. If you look among our ranks, many of the Presidents of our surgical colleges, associations and societies are active in IATSIC and past presidents of the association. One person that deserves our appreciation is Dr. Ernest E. Moore from the USA who for many years has served

as the IATSIC representative to the World Journal of Surgery. Gene, as many of you know, has accepted the position of the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Trauma beginning next year. Ari Leppäniemi has replaced him as an Associate Editor on the board of the WJS. Congratulations to you both and thank you for your hard work on behalf of IATSIC and our journal.

The scholarly program for ISW 2011 is almost complete and thanks to Selman Uranues, the four day meeting will provide a wide range of topics and discussions. International speakers will cover: abdominal compartment syndrome, vascular injury, conservative management of visceral injury, prevention of organ failure and life threatening infections. Updates on resuscitation, acute care surgery, humanitarian care and the open abdomen are planned as well. We are honored to have numerous speakers from our host and partnering Japanese societies and look forward to meeting with them.

As for arrangements and social events, I visited Yokohama last spring and with the help of the Local Organizing Committee, walked the city, its parks, and waterfront and saw several wonderful attractions. The IATSIC hotel will be the New Grand Hotel, a beautiful and unique hotel on the point of the harbor. This was the home of General Douglas MacArthur and the headquarters for the American Command after World War II. The hotel has an aura of history, and its rooms and halls are adorned with the antiques, mementos and pictures recalling the pivotal role this hotel played in world history. It is strategically located to the major shopping, restaurant and entertainment areas and is connected to Yokohama Center by a modern, affordable and user-friendly underground metro system. The Convention Center, Pacifico Yokohama, is also reachable by walking along the Yamashita Harborside Park, which affords beautiful views of the inner harbor, ferries and tour boats. The Sankeien Garden has been selected for the Tuesday night IATSIC banquet. The Garden is located several miles outside of Yokohama in a traditional and spacious Japanese Garden. This venue was selected to ensure an experience from "old" Japan and provide a very memorable event for all. More details about the hotel and banquet arrangements will be forthcoming.

The call for abstracts and instructions can be found on the ISW website and the deadline for submission is **January 10, 2011**. All submissions are electronic and the abstract center is easy to access on the website. I encourage you to submit your scholarly work here and come to Yokohama!

I would suggest a visit to the ISW 2011 website at www.isw2011.org to get a full update about Interna-

tional Surgical Week, travel, hotels and events.

The DSTC Committee, instructors and organizers have been busier than ever in 2010. There have already been 31 courses in 18 countries. The DSTC Committee revised the DSTC Manual and slide set this year, and thanks to Ken Boffard and Ian Civil (and many others), a new manual will be available in August 2011. The updated slide set is already in use. Complete information about the future courses and other DSTC information can be accessed on the IATSIC homepage (www.iatsic.org).

No organization can survive, much less thrive, without professional support and leadership. Our home office in Lupsingen, Switzerland, is a well-coordinated and superb group that is invaluable to all of us in IATSIC and all our affiliated societies. Thank you Victor, Chris, Caroline and Marianne!

Bill Schwab
President IATSIC

IASMEN News



Olle Ljungqvist

Dear Fellow Surgeon,

The World Congress of Surgery is now less than a year away. The preparations of this congress is in its final phases and I am proud and pleased to announce that the program we will be presenting from the International Association for Surgical Metabolism and Nutrition during this congress will be right at the heart of surgical practice.

During the last few years it has become more and more evident that it is not only the surgical technique and approach that makes a difference for the outcomes. Recent data shows convincingly that metabolic disturbances are directly associated with the development of all the common surgical complications and symptoms that interrupt and disturb patient recovery. Hence, infectious complications, cardiovascular and renal problems, fatigue are all related to stress metabolism developing as a result of the surgery.

The program for IASMEN during the upcoming congress in Yokohama is centered around these issues. It will focus on the pathophysiology behind compli-



Guardian at Buddhist Temple, Nara

cations in surgery, inflammation and nutrition interactions, the metabolic disturbances, interactions between metabolism and fluid balance, organ failure and nutrition. Special attention will be focused on the gut barrier and nutrition.

There will be ample time to listen to some of the world leaders in surgical recovery and to discuss the way forward to avoid many of these problems and to support recovery with several sessions focused around Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS). These programs have been shown to drastically shorten time until recovery after major surgery and reduce complications by up to 50%. Despite these impressive improvements, it is well established that only selected units have been able to adopt these modern ways of perioperative care. Implementation of new practices is a major problem as traditions prevail far too long. For this reason we have a special session on implementation and how to make ERAS work in daily practice on the program.

We are very pleased to have had the support and collaboration with several prestigious societies in putting together this top class program. We are grateful for the support, input and efforts made by members and leaders of FELAC, IATSIC, ISBI, JSPEN and JSSMN in making it possible to attract so many of the world top experts to come and share their knowledge and data with us.

Finally, I am very pleased to present the José F Patiño Lecture "Ethics in surgical nutrition" by Professor John MacFie from Scarborough, UK. Professor MacFie has published numerous papers in surgical nutrition, some of the best clinical work on bacterial translocation in surgery and several papers on enhanced recovery on top of being a world authority on ethical issues in surgery.

It is my pleasure to welcome all you fellow surgeons worldwide to the IASMEN sessions of the ISS/SIC in Yokohama, and I invite all young surgeons who wish to join us with their work to help us further develop the understanding of how to best manage patients'

perioperative care to avoid complications and enhance recovery from surgery.

Olle Ljungqvist
President IASMEN

ISDS News



Tonia Young-Fadok

Dear ISDS Members, Friends and Colleagues

ISDS and ISS have made great progress in terms of consolidating the new ISDS status as an affiliated society. ISS has assumed the administrative duties of the headquarters office, and has been incredibly efficient in sending out current dues statements. If there are ISDS members who are reading this but have not received a dues statement, do please contact Mr. Chris Storz in the headquarters office at Chris.Storz@iss-sic.ch to correct your contact information. If your dues had previously elapsed, but you would like to again join ISS, please do so! This is a chance to start afresh and not worry about past dues! Likewise, we welcome any members of ISS who have an interest in gastrointestinal surgery to join ISDS for a nominal incremental fee - far less expensive than the two sets of dues that members of both societies previously were required to pay.

We are eagerly anticipating International Surgical Week in Yokohama from August 28th to September 1st 2011. It will be held in the stunning Pacifico Yokohama Congress Center. The program committee for ISDS has worked hard to bring together a GI Surgery program that is comprehensive in terms of the topics covered, and inclusive of both experienced and up-and-coming surgeons from all over the world. You may view the entire program at <http://www.isw2011.org/>.

Come and join us in Yokohama! If you are interested in becoming a member of ISDS, do feel free to contact me to arrange for sponsorship. Or come and introduce yourself at the meeting!

Warm wishes for the holiday season.

Tonia M. Young-Fadok
Secretary-General ISDS

Report from the ISS-Foundation



Jay L. Grosfeld

The Board of Directors of the Foundation met in Washington, DC on October 3, 2010. They discussed the travel scholars program funded by the ISSF and were encouraged by the success of the project which was able to sponsor 26 travel scholars from developing countries to attend the ISW 2009 meeting in Adelaide, Australia. The young surgeons awarded scholarships were from Africa (9), India (9) and Eastern and Euro-Asia (8). All of the recipients were able to attend the meeting. The positive feedback from the scholars indicated that the travel scholar program was exceptionally rewarding and provided them with an educational experience and new information that otherwise would be unobtainable. The ability to



Bonsai Tree

support this record number of scholars was due in part to the generosity demonstrated by many of the Departments of Surgery in North America to whom we are very grateful.

Based on this past success, the ISS-Foundation plans to continue the Travel Scholar program for ISW 2011 in Yokohama, Japan. An announcement regarding the program appeared in the World Journal of Surgery monthly, beginning in the July 2010 issue. Applications can be submitted to the central ISS/SIC office in Lupsingen, Switzerland electronically (surgery@iss-sic.ch). The due date for submission is December 31, 2010. Applicants will be notified of the results of the grant review process by March 31, 2011. This will allow the recipients ample opportunity to arrange travel to attend the Yokohama meeting.

The Board of Directors noted the difficulties with fund raising due to the challenged world economy. Nevertheless, recognizing the inherent value of the Foundation in fulfilling the goals and mission of the society, future methods to raise funds were extensively discussed. ISS/SIC President Boffard and the executive Committee of the organization proposed some new directions for fund raising. Currently, most of the contributions received are from ISS/SIC members and we wish to express our sincere thanks for their very thoughtful philanthropic support.

Prof. Michael Sarr (USA) is the newly elected President of the ISS-Foundation. Other ISS-F Board members include: Prof. Jean-Claude Givel (Switzerland), Secretary General ISS/SIC; Prof. Sats Pillay (South Africa) ISS/SIC Treasurer; Prof. Göran Akerström (Sweden), President-elect ISS/SIC and Prof. Stephen A. Deane (Australia) representing IATSIC. Prof. Kerstin Sandelin (Sweden) representing BSI, Prof. John Hunter (USA) Editor WJS, and Prof. Jay Grosfeld, (USA) ISS-F Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Victor Bertschi is an ex-officio member of the board.

The ISSF has been encouraged by the continuing success of the Travel Scholars program. The Board of Directors is convinced that with added support that success can be extended to other worthy programs particularly in emerging countries that will foster the advancement of surgical care throughout the world. We ask all of the members of the ISS/SIC to assist in this mission and consider providing support by contributing to the Foundation this year.

Jay L. Grosfeld
Secretary-Treasurer, ISS-F



Traditional Tea Ceremony

Message by the Administrative Office

Dear Members

Included in this mailing you will find your invoice for the 2011 ISS/SIC dues. In order to keep the Society expenses accurately low, we depend on your early reaction in regard to the payment of your dues. Certainly you will agree that the money spent for a

great number of reminders should better be invested in needful projects. Thanks for your cooperation in this regard.

You will notice that the amounts of annual dues for the various Chapter assessments (applies to Australia, France, Japan and the US only) and dues by the 5 Integrated Societies has been streamlined. Consequently the Chapter assessments have been set to EURO 40.00 and the assessments for each Integrated Society to EURO 20.00. This should facilitate our billing system.

New regulatory requirements by the major Credit Card Companies demand that the 3-digit Security Code (CVC2 for MasterCard or CVV2 for Visa Card) on the reverse side of your card is transmitted with the charge. Credit Card payments without this code cannot be processed from our side. So please make sure to indicate the requested code with your Credit Card payment which will help to increase our efficiency and reduce our expenses in processing the payments.

Timely we take the opportunity to convey to you and your family members our best wishes for the forthcoming holiday season and the incoming 2011.

Your Administrative Team

Victor Bertschi, Chris Storz, Caroline Imeri,
Marianne Bertschi



Victor, Marianne, Caroline, Chris



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Exploring the Future of Surgery



INTERNATIONAL SURGICAL WEEK ISW 2011 **August 28 → September 1, 2011 at Pacifico Yokohama, Japan**

Congress President: **Kenneth D. Boffard, South Africa**
President LOC: **Masahiko Watanabe, Japan**

with its Integrated Societies

International Association of Endocrine Surgeons IAES
International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care IATSI
International Association for Surgical Metabolism and Nutrition IASMEN
Breast Surgery International BSI
International Society for Digestive Surgery ISDS

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