



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

# **NEWSLETTER**

**November 2009**

### **Address by the new ISS/SIC President**



*Ken Boffard,  
South Africa*

Welcome to the newsletter of the International Society of Surgery. The Society has become a global organization, and our members represent all aspects of surgery – both by their interests and where they live – now in over 100 countries. As the current president, for 2009-2011, I welcome our new members, and thank our loyal members who make up the Society.

The Adelaide Congress was hugely stimulating, and those who attended enjoyed themselves, were able to trade ideas, meet new friends, and experience Australian hospitality. On behalf of the Society I would like to thank the Australian Local Organizing Committee, and the staff in our own office in Lupsingen for their efforts. Our immediate Past President, Michael Sarr, was tireless in his efforts both for the International Surgical Week, and for the Society. On your behalf I would like to say how much we appreciate his efforts.

Felix Harder has retired as Secretary General after 8 years of service to your Society. On behalf of the organization I thank him for his efforts and wish him well. He will continue his association so we can use his valuable experience, and his last contribution as Secretary General of the organization is in this newsletter.

Jean-Claude Givel has joined as our new Secretary General and we welcome him.

The next International Surgical Week will be in Yokohama in 2011. We are already planning an extensive program, and would like to introduce as many of our members as possible to the spectacular country of Japan. For those who have never visited it, this could be the experience of a lifetime. For those of you fortunate enough to have been there before, email me and let me know what you consider to be the highlights of your visit. We would like to make the ISW 2011 the focus of a whole new experience.

The ISS/SIC is a global organization. We aim to provide a forum for those with specialty interests, as well as for those who have wide general interests. Through our constituent Societies we represent multiple specialist organizations in the field of general surgery: The International Association of Endocrine Surgeons (IAES), The International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care (IATSIC), Breast Surgery International (BSI) and the International Association for Surgical Metabolism and Nutrition (IASMEN). We have a close association with the International Society of Digestive Surgery, as well as our Participating Societies. Details are on our website: [www.iss-sic.ch](http://www.iss-sic.ch).

I believe that the Society is at a crossroads in its evolution. We are facing external pressures such as the global recession, „super“ specialization, and a potential membership base which on the one hand has other more important commitments (e.g. their own local societies) and is ageing, while on the other hand there are many potential members who are young, enthusiastic and find the Society desirable but for whom it is currently unaffordable. I would like to explore ways to make the Society as relevant as possible. For this we need to occupy the Surgical World stage to a much greater extent.

We are working hard to make the Society a world leader in Surgical Education, and are working towards improving the quality of surgical care world-wide. We have a duty to reach out, both to our colleagues who are working under resource challenged conditions, and to our patients who are our ultimate beneficiaries. If you would like to be part of this mission, maintain your membership of, and become active in our International Society. Every one of us has something to contribute in this regard – ideas, advice, expertise and passion. With your help we can make a difference. In Adelaide I pledged myself to assist with this, and I look forward to working closely with you, our membership.

If you have any ideas, wishes, or just want to communicate, please let me know. It would be really good to hear from you. My email address is Ken.Boffard@iss-sic.ch



Ken Boffard  
President ISS/SIC and  
President ISW 2011



*Sculpture at Adelaide Convention Center*

## Jean-Claude Givel, our new Secretary General



*Felix Harder,  
Switzerland*



*Jean-Claude Givel,  
Switzerland*

Having stepped down as Secretary General at the ISW in Adelaide after two most enjoyable 4-year terms it is my great pleasure to introduce to you my successor Jean-Claude Givel from Lausanne, Switzerland where he is associate professor of surgery at the University Hospital, the CHUV. ISS/SIC is no stranger to Jean-Claude who has been National Delegate from 1993-2001 and who has participated at many International Surgical Weeks. An acute medical condition occurring the day before boarding the plane to Adelaide has prevented Jean-Claude from being part of our last ISW and he felt very sorry about that indeed. Fortunately he has very rapidly fully recovered with nothing to worry about at all. Jean-Claude originates from the French-speaking part of Switzerland. He is rooted in a more Latin cultural background to some degree oriented towards France which is certainly appreciated by a good number of our members. That does not mean that the Anglo-Saxon world is unknown to him. The fact that he is member of the International Relations Committee of the American College of Surgeons and Chairman of its Scholar Selection Subcommittee may prove to be of great value to ISS/SIC and will hopefully strengthen bonds with the US Chapter and perhaps with a younger category of new members from numerous countries. He is actually also Vice-Chairman of the British Journal of Surgery thus facilitating international relations. He has been President of the Swiss Society of Surgery from 2000-2002. As a Colonel of the Swiss Medical Corps he has had many opportunities to refine his organizational skills!

In surgery Jean-Claude's main interests are in the field of colo-proctology. Privately Jean-Claude devotes his spare time mostly to fine arts where he proves to be an experienced connoisseur and a collector too. Jean-Claude is privileged to be able to take over a smoothly run administrative office headed by Victor Bertschi in Lupsingen, Switzerland and I will be pleased to manage together with Jean-Claude a limited transitional period mostly devoted to Yokohama and ISDS. I have been much honored and happy to serve our society over an eight year period as Secretary General and I wish Jean-Claude the best of luck and a lot of satisfaction and success.

Felix Harder, past Secretary General

## Associate Member – a new Membership Category

The ISS/SIC General Assembly has approved the change of the constitution to include a new membership category „**Associate Member**“. This category has been introduced to accommodate membership applications of surgeons living in countries where there are no ISS/SIC members supporting their application or where publications are not common practice. In view of these missing prerequisites applications for ISS/SIC membership needed to be declined or postponed according to the constitution. These applicants are now eligible as Associate Members who have all privileges as Active Members but no voting rights nor may they serve as officers of the Society. As soon as the missing credentials are available, these Associate Members may apply for membership as Active Member.

It is also hoped that this category will attract many active young surgeons to apply for ISS/SIC membership even if they do not fulfill the requirements for active membership. **Members and Associate Members up to age 35 will be invoiced only half the annual ISS/SIC membership dues, i.e. EURO 67.50 by receiving the full services of the Society.** All ISS/SIC members are kindly motivated to encourage young surgeons to apply for membership with our Society (on-line at [www.iss-sic.ch](http://www.iss-sic.ch)) in order to support the continuing endeavours in mutually exchanging and disseminating surgical knowledge. Surely this membership may also be instrumental to build up an international network with ISS/SIC members all over the world.

## New ISS/SIC Executive Committee Members

The General Assembly at ISW 2009 has confirmed the following new Executive Committee Members:



*President elect  
2009 to 2011  
Göran Akerström,  
Sweden*



*Secretary General  
2009 to 2013  
Jean-Claude Givel,  
Switzerland*



*General Treasurer  
2009 to 2013  
Sats S. Pillay,  
South Africa*



*Councilor  
2009 to 2013  
Dionysios Voros,  
Greece*



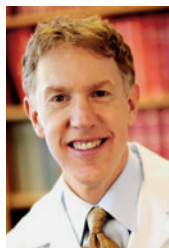
*Councilor  
2009 to 2013  
Nopadol Wora-Urai,  
Thailand*

## ISS/SIC Executive Committee 2009-2011

The actual ISS/SIC Executive Committee includes the following:

President ISS/SIC and ISW 2011	Ken D. Boffard, Johannesburg, South Africa
President elect	Göran Akerström, Uppsala, Sweden
Past President	Michael G. Sarr, Rochester, USA
Secretary General	Jean-Claude Givel, Lausanne, Switzerland
General Treasurer	Sathiya S. Pillay, Port Elizabeth, South Africa
Editor in Chief WJS	John G. Hunter, Portland, USA
Councillor	Abdel Hadi Al-Briezat, Amman, Jordan
Councillor	Dionysios Voros, Athens, Greece
Councillor	Nopadol Wora-Urai, Bangkok, Thailand
Councillor IAES	Tatsuo Yamakawa, Tokyo, Japan
IATSIC	Leigh W. Delbridge, St. Leonards, Australia
BSI	C. William Schwab, Philadelphia, USA
	Jay K. Harness, Orange, USA

## World Journal of Surgery



*John Hunter,  
USA*

Springer Verlag has limited the availability of printed back issues of WJS to 6 months, however, the back issues will be available on-line for a longer period. By the end of April 2010 the WJS online subscription will expire. ISS/SIC Members are requested to apply for renewal of online subscription to the Administrative Office (surgery@iss-sic.ch) after payment of the annual dues 2010.

The Editor in Chief WJS, John Hunter, is happy to report that the impact factor of the journal has increased to 2.647 making it amongst the highest-ranking general surgical journals worldwide. The ISW 2009 Abstract Book was for the first time integrated as an addendum to WJS and has been forwarded to all subscribers as an additional service to the membership.

## International Surgical Week ISW 2009



According to the many comments we have received during and after the Adelaide Congress this event has been extremely well accepted by the attendees both regarding the scientific program and the social activities. The ambiance was most convivial.

### The Martin Allgöwer Lecture

The Martin Allgöwer Lecture during International Surgical Week ISW 2009 in Adelaide, Australia was given by Dr. Catherine Hamlin, Ethiopia under the heading: *"Restoring women's lives: Dr. Catherine Hamlin and the Fistula Hospitals of Ethiopia"*. Due to the advanced age of Dr. Hamlin she could not physically attend the congress but her excellent video lecture (recorded in recent years in Adelaide) has been shown. Dr. Hamlin was born in Sydney, Australia and graduated from the University of Sydney in 1946. Together with her husband Dr. Reginald Hamlin (†1993) they founded in 1974 in Ethiopia the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital where women with fistulae were treated at no cost. They perfected their surgical procedure and were able to develop this delicate surgical technique to successfully repair fistulae caused by obstructed childbirth in 93% of cases. For their commitment for decades to the benefit of women in Ethiopia both received many mentions and awards. To date more than 35'000 women have been treated free of charge by the Hospital and its regional centres.

Dr. Maurice Webb from Australia who has worked closely with Dr. Hamlin has given a short introduction to the work and merits of Dr. Hamlin and closed the video presentation by some demonstration of indications and surgical techniques typical for the Fistula Clinic.

The Martin Allgöwer Lecture was generously sponsored by Academia Raetica, Switzerland.

### Highlight Lectures

Other highlight Lectures at ISW 2009 were the Grey Turner Lecture by G. Jamieson on „Why aren't surgeons scientific or why surgeons aren't scientific?“, the ISDS Lecture by M. Kitajima on „Minimally invasive and individualized surgery for upper GI cancer“ as well as the

various named lectures organized by the Integrated Societies (Peter Heimann, Donald D. Trunkey, Umberto Veronesi, José F. Patiño Lectures). Furthermore, various workshops and courses (IATSIC DSTC Course, IAES/AES and GSA Trainees' Days, BSI Breast & Ultrasound Courses, Writers Workshop) were well attended.

### **Prizes and Awards at ISW 2009**

The following Prizes and Awards have been given during International Surgical Week ISW 2009 in Adelaide, Australia. The recipients are congratulated upon their achievements.

#### **Prize of the Société Internationale de Chirurgie 2009**



*John Wong,  
Hong Kong*

*Laudation:* Professor John Wong received his surgical training at the University of Sydney, Australia where he began his academic career. In 1975 he returned to Hong Kong, his birthplace, and became Head of the Department of Surgery of the University of Hong Kong in 1982. He has played a leadership role in a multitude of scientific surgical organizations. He has received honorary degrees or has memberships from numerous associations all over the world and been awarded Doctor of Medicine (honoris causa) from his Sydney alma mater in 1995 and also received their "Outstanding Achievement in Community Service Award" in 2007. His main research interest has focused on the surgical treatment of esophageal cancer including the development of new drugs, new and multidisciplinary treatment strategies, and the definition of molecular differences between esophageal cancers in Asian and Caucasian populations. In addition to his major role as a surgical educator in Hong Kong, Dr. Wong has shared his expertise by welcoming surgeons from throughout the world for training and collaboration. His many philanthropic activities include a traveling fellowship between Australian students of Chinese Heritage and China and Hong Kong. In 2002, John Wong was awarded the "Silver Bauhinia Star" the highest civilian award of the Government of Hong Kong. Professor Wong's career epitomizes the finest qualities of a surgeon committed to research and development in surgery internationally, thereby making him a worthy recipient of the Prize of the Société.

#### **Robert Danis Prize 2009**



*Stephen A. Deane,  
Australia*

*Laudation:* Dr. Stephen A. Deane epitomizes the innovative, complete academic and clinical trauma surgeon. He is internationally recognised as a pre-eminent surgeon who has championed trauma care in Australia, New Zealand, and throughout the world. Dr. Deane pioneered many aspects of care now integral to the trauma center/trauma service model. He was the leading figure in the introduction of the ATLS™ course to Australia and New Zealand and was part of the group that initiated the Definitive Surgical Trauma Care (DSTC) course for surgeons.

Dr. Deane has been involved in many leadership roles including as Vice President of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, President of the ANZ Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and as President of IATSIC from 2001-2003. He has made global and sustained contributions to the education of health care providers in the field of trauma and he has been recognized for his wisdom and balance serving in leadership positions. He is a worthy recipient of the Robert Danis Prize.

#### **ISS/SIC Honorary Membership 2009**

ISS/SIC Honorary Membership has been conveyed to the following members for their distinguished services rendered to the Society.



*Jorge Cervantes,  
Mexico*

*Laudation:* Professor Cervantes chairs the Department of Surgery at the ABC-Hospital in Mexico City. He has also a considerable reputation as an innovator in surgery, a pioneer in laparoscopic procedures and has been honored in many ways as a surgeon, scholar and scientist for his contributions to the development

and the art of surgery widely published in books and scientific international journals. He was elected "Honorary Member of the American College of Surgeons" in 2006.

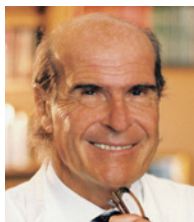
Professor Jorge Cervantes joined ISS/SIC in 1981, was founding member of IATSIC, IASMEN and BSI and has strongly supported ISS/SIC in many ways, e.g. as National Delegate or Councilor to the Executive Committee. IFSES and FELAC have joined our society as participating societies also thanks to his efforts. He was the efficient and enthusiastic President of the Local Organizing Committee of the 37<sup>th</sup> International Surgical Week held in Acapulco in 1997 with its record breaking attendance and overall result. Furthermore, his kind personality, helpful assistance for surgeons, colleagues in every situation adds to his popularity. Prof. Jorge Cervantes is indeed a worthy Honorary Member of ISS/SIC.



*J. Ruediger Siewert,  
Germany*

*Laudation:* Rüdiger Siewert is emeritus professor and chair Department of Surgery at the Technische Universität rechts der Isar in Munich, Germany. He enjoys an excellent international reputation particularly in the field of upper GI surgery and has published with his group pre-eminent work in the field.

Prof. Siewert has served as officer of the International Society of Surgery in different important functions and engaged himself most successfully as President of this Society from 2003 to 2005. It is mainly on his initiative and unrelenting energy that the most memorable and successful International Surgical Week in Durban in 2005 was such a great success. His postgraduate hands-on courses in GI-surgery in Korea and Thailand were also most welcome. His efforts to strengthen ISS/SIC are highly appreciated. Prof. Rüdiger Siewert is indeed a worthy recipient of Honorary Membership of ISS/SIC.



*Umberto Veronesi,  
Italy*

*Laudation:* Professor Umberto Veronesi's many fundamental scientific contributions to the understanding of breast cancer and his consistent, stepwise and well controlled development of a comprehensive treatment of this disease abandoning extensive radical surgery in favor of a breast conserving treatment has brought forward a proper paradigm shift that enjoys worldwide recognition.

Professor Veronesi became the first President of BSI, Breast Surgery International founded in Brussels in 1999 as a new Integrated Society of ISS/SIC. He has also built the European Institute of Oncology that apart from treating numerous patients educates professionals from many countries in breast cancer care and management. He has given the ISS/SIC Grey Turner Lecture in 1999 (Vienna) and mentally as well as financially supported BSI and the Umberto Veronesi lecturer. Prof. Umberto Veronesi is a worthy Honorary Member of ISS/SIC.

### **Lloyd M. Nyhus Free Paper Prize 2009**

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

#### **A program of enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) is a cost-effective intervention in elective colonic surgery**

*T. Sammour [1], K. Zargar-Shoshtari [1], B. Abhijith [2], A. Kahokehr [1], A.G. Hill [1]; [1] Department of Surgery, South Auckland Clinical School, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand, [2] Middlemore Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand*

Presenting Author: T. Sammour, New Zealand

### **Poster Prize 2009**

For the best Poster in the ISS/SIC program

#### **Matrix metalloproteinase-2 expression in stromal tissues is a consistent prognostic factor in stage II colon cancer**

*T. Furuhashi, Y. Tayama, M. Tayama, K. Okita, T. Nishidate, Y. Kimura, T. Mizuguchi, K. Hirata; Sapporo Medical University, Sapporo, Japan*

Presenting Author: T. Furuhashi, Japan

## **World Journal of Surgery Prize for the best Papers 2007 & 2008**

### **WJS Prize 2007 - Tie**

#### **Central lymph node dissection in differentiated thyroid cancer**

*Matthew L White, Paul Gauger, Gerard Doherty, University of Michigan*

#### **Coagulopathy: its pathophysiology and treatment in the injured patient**

*Brandon Tieu, John Holcomb, Martin Schreiber, OHSU, US Army*

### **WJS Prize 2008**

#### **Intraoperative monitoring of the recurrent laryngeal nerve in thyroid surgery**

*Henning Dralle, C Sekulla, K Lorenz, M Brauckhoff, A Machens, et al; Martin Luther University of Halle, Germany*



*Arborigine Dance*

## **ISS/SIC General Assembly Minutes**

Thursday, September 10, 2009 at Adelaide Convention Centre

16:30

### **1) Call to order and Address by the President of ISS/SIC**

Society President Mike Sarr calls the meeting to order and welcomes all participants. Secretary General F. Harder states that the invitations and documentation for the various agenda items were sent in good time to all members by Newsletter 10 weeks before the GA. No requests for further items in the agenda have been received until the beginning of the congress. A new agenda is distributed which has items 12, 13 and 14 advanced after item 7 to give more time for the counting of the votes for ISW 2015 priorities.

### **2) Report by the Secretary General**

Secretary General Harder provides his reports about

- 1) Situation of membership
- 2) New Members
- 3) Presentation of Prize Winners and Honorary Members
- 4) ISW 2013 Helsinki

These reports are well received by all members present and F. Harder is thanked.

### **3) Changes of the constitution – votes for acceptance**

In view of applications from countries where there are neither ISS members nor a National Delegate the membership application requirements need to be adapted to the situation. No objections are received to the proposed changes (announced 10 weeks before the GA). The General Assembly approves the following change of constitution outlining the category Associate Members

Article III – Membership, Section 2 Qualifications

b) Associate Members (XM) shall be surgical residents in training or fully trained surgeons in countries without a National Chapter and who may not present the complete requested credentials (CV, list of publications, 2 regular members acting as sponsors, approval by the National Delegate). Associate Members have full privileges as Active Member but no voting right. They may not serve as officers of ISS/SIC. The membership fee of Active Members will also apply for Associate Members. Upon completion of the requested credentials or after attending two ISW meetings, Associate Members may apply for regular Active

Membership to the Executive Committee by providing all details to the Secretary.

#### 4) World Journal of Surgery (WJS)

J. Hunter reports about the activities and results of WJS by showing some statistics including acceptance rate of manuscripts. He expresses also his satisfaction about the integration of the abstract book as an addendum to WJS. The total number of submissions in 2008 has with a total of 1'252 slightly decreased since 2007 (1'298) and the same applies also to the acceptance rate of 28% (32%). He is very pleased to inform that the impact factor has increased to 2.647 which is received with great applause.

#### 5) Report by the General Treasurer

General Treasurer K. Boffard reports about the finances of the years 2007 and 2008 by referring to the information included in the folder for the General Assembly. As a result of the weakening US Dollar, the figures given are for the first time in Euros. In view of the loss incurred at the Montreal congress both years end with marginal losses (2007: EUR 14'689.61 and 2008: EUR 26'897.77).

The Budgets for the years 2010 and 2011 given only in Euros are also printed on the last two pages in the folder. Both budgets end with a profit (2010: EURO 23'220 and 2011: EURO 15'500) provided the income from WJS will remain constant and the Yokohama Congress will provide an extra income of EUR 50'000.- annually as stipulated in the criteria to host ISW.

In view of the drastic currency fluctuation it is suggested to invoice all members in Euros only (incl. USA, Canada and Mexico)

The General Assembly confirms by unanimous votes:

- a) to accept the statement of accounts 2007 and 2008 as well as the report by the auditors.
- b) the acceptance of the proposed budgets 2010 and 2011.
- c) to charge the ISS/SIC annual dues for 2010 and 2011 to all members in EURO only.
- d) that the amount of regular annual ISS/SIC dues is to remain at EURO 135.00

#### 6) ISDS – future of ISDS with ISS/SIC and ISW

John Hunter reports that ISDS has at their General Assembly voted for full inclusion into ISS/SIC, however, terms and conditions are to be further discussed.

#### 7) Report by the Secretary-Treasurer of ISS-Foundation

J. Grosfeld reports that the ISS Foundation is in a sound condition and thanks President Sarr for his great efforts to motivate US Surgical Departments

for donations. All contributors will be listed in WJS. A number of 26 Travel Scholars could be awarded and all of the awardees could make it to attend ISW 2009. The Travel Scholars are presented to the GA.

#### 12) ISW 2011 in Yokohama, Japan information

LOC President M. Watanabe and Secretary Natsuya Katada provide their report by encouraging all members to plan their participation in Yokohama. It is confirmed that the Yokohama Pacifico Convention Center will serve as the congress venue. Reservations for the meeting facilities have been made at the main building which is connected with the Pacifico Hotel offering some 4'000m<sup>2</sup> of exhibition space just next to it in the separate exhibition hall.

#### 13) ISW 2015 presentations of invitations

The National Delegates of the 3 remaining candidate countries that comply with the requirements to host ISW 2015 are presenting their congress places by providing information about the suggested congress venues and infrastructure of the host cities. These are:

- Singapore for Singapore, presented by W. Keat Cheah
- Thailand for Bangkok/Pattaya, presented by Nopadol Wora-Urai
- UAE for Dubai, presented by Frank Branicki

#### 14) Vote for priorities congress venue ISW 2015

After the presentations of the 3 congress places, the Secretary General invites all members to vote for their preference. Collected voting forms that do not comply are not considered.

#### 8) New election and re-election of Officers

F. Harder informs that the nominations for new committee members were published in good time before the congress and that no other nominations have been received before the congress. After no comments are made and no discussions are requested the following elections are being made.

- a) Göran Akerström, Uppsala, Sweden is unanimously elected President elect 2009 to 2011

Jean-Claude Givel, Lausanne, Switzerland is unanimously elected Secretary General for the period 2009 to 2013.

Sats S. Pillay, Port Elizabeth, South Africa is unanimously elected General Treasurer for the period 2009 to 2013.

Dionysios Voros, Athens, Greece & Nopadol Wora-Urai, Bangkok, Thailand are unanimously elected Councilors at large for the period 2009 to 2013.

The outgoing Committee Members Gaurav Agarwal, Lucknow, India; Jorge Cervantes, Mexico City, Mexico; Felix Harder, Basel, Switzerland (after two terms as



Secretary General); Masaki Kitajima, Tokyo, Japan and Emanuele Lezoche, Rome, Italy are thanked for their ongoing support to the Society.

b) The election of new representatives by the 4 Integrated Societies in the ISS/SIC Executive Committee is confirmed by the GA in globo as follows:

IAES	Leigh W. Delbridge, St. Leonards, Australia
IATSIC	C. William Schwab, Philadelphia, USA
IASMEN	Olle Ljungqvist, Örebro, Sweden
BSI	Jay K. Harness, Orange, USA

### 9) Confirmation of ISS/SIC President

The Members present at the General Assembly unanimously confirm Kenneth D. Boffard, Johannesburg, South Africa as ISS/SIC President for the period 2009 to 2011 and also as Congress President ISW 2011 in Yokohama.

After this election, the outgoing president M. Sarr hands over the golden President's chain to the new President as his last official task.

### 10) Address by the new Society President

Before giving his short presidential address, Ken Boffard hands over the past Presidents plaque to M. Sarr and thanks for his tremendous efforts and support to the Society.

### 11) Election of Congress Vice Presidents ISW 2009

The 2 suggested nominations for ISS/SIC Congress Vice Presidents Chung-Mau Lo, Hong Kong, China and Akimasa Nakao, Nagoya, Japan as well as the Congress Vice Presidents of the 4 Integrated Societies:

IAES	Gerard M. Doherty, Ann Arbor, USA;
IATSIC	Ian D. Civil, Auckland, New Zealand;
IASMEN	Dan L. Waitzberg, Sao Paulo, Brazil
BSI	Kerstin Sandelin, Stockholm, Sweden

are all confirmed by acclamation.

### 15) Varia

At the end of the General Assembly, F. Harder informs about the ranks of the votes for priorities of ISW 2015 as of the advanced agenda items 13 and 14.

First ranked:	Thailand, Bangkok (with great majority)
Second:	UAE, Dubai
Third:	Singapore

## ISW 2011 Yokohama, Japan



*Masahiko Watanabe,  
Japan*



The first Program Committee Meeting of representatives of Integrated and Participating Societies ISW 2011 has been held during the Adelaide Congress. Preparations for the Yokohama meeting are advancing well and a first draft of the planned scientific program should already be available at the beginning of next year. The dates for the Congress have been set to **August 28 to September 1, 2011**, Deadline for Abstract submission is January 10, 2011. Pertinent details regarding ISW 2011 can be found at [www.isw2011.com](http://www.isw2011.com).

The Local Organizing Committee ISW 2011 headed by its President, Masahiko Watanabe, has already for some time started with great enthusiasm their preparatory work for the Yokohama Congress which shall become another milestone in the history of ISW's. It is expected that a great number of Japanese as well as international delegates can be attracted to attend. This as more since Japan offers many highlights in view of way of life, architecture, art and culture next to marvellous landscapes and nature. Japan is one of the safest countries worldwide. Friendliness and hospitality of its population is well known – all in all a blend that guarantees visitors a rewarding experience and a comfortable stay.



*Promotion of ISW 2011*

## News from the Administrative Office

Enclosed with this Newsletter you will find the invoice for ISS/SIC annual dues 2010 as Active Member. As per vote by the General Assembly at ISW 2009 all membership dues are invoiced in EURO only. Needless to mention that your early payment is much appreciated as it will facilitate our work and reduce our expenses. Our new General Treasurer, Sats Pillay will be thankful for your cooperation.

We look forward to working closely with the new Secretary General, Jean-Claude Givel, and will do our utmost to continue an efficient and high quality service to our members and the Société as such. At the same time we wish to thank the outgoing Secretary General, Felix Harder, for his continuous support to and thoughtful leadership of the Administrative Office.

Already now we like to convey to you our best Season's Greetings.

Victor Bertschi, Chris Storz, Caroline Imeri, Marianne Bertschi

## Report by the ISS-Foundation



*Jay L. Grosfeld,  
USA*

The ISW 2009 in Adelaide was quite a successful Congress. One of the highlights of the meeting was that 26 ISSF supported travel scholars were able to attend the scientific sessions. This is the largest contingent of Foundation supported surgeons from developing countries to attend one of these events. There were 9 surgeons from Africa, 9 from India and 8 from Eastern Europe and Euro-Asia (Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Ukraine, Romania, and Poland). They were hosted at a reception prior to the opening ceremony at the start of the meeting and had a chance to personally meet members the ISS/SIC Executive Group, members of the Foundation Board of Directors and leaders from the various integrated societies. They were all most grateful for the unique opportunity to attend ISW 2009. Additional funding

to support the large number of travel scholars was obtained by donations from academic Surgery Chairs in the US and Canada after a personal appeal from ISS President Michael Sarr. Without their help, this would not have been possible.

The Foundation remains financially solvent even after disbursement for expenses related to funding the travel grants in the amount of USD 68,000. Some previous losses incurred in the ISSF account in the ACS Joint Investment Fund have been offset by recent improvement in the investment market. Part of the corpus is held in CD's and a separate bank account. The Foundation is incorporated as a charitable organization and required tax returns were submitted in a timely manner to the State of Illinois Department of Revenue and the IRS. The current balance of the Foundation corpus exceeds USD 350,000.

Professor Masaki Kitajima concluded his term as ISSF President. Professor Michael Sarr will serve as President of the Foundation for the next two years. Professor Felix Harder has retired and the new Secretary General of ISS/SIC, Jean-Claude Givel, will take his place as a new member of the Board of Directors. Dr. Stephen Deane of Australia was also elected to the Board of Directors of the Foundation for a three year term. The other current members of the Board include, Ken Boffard, South Africa; Kerstin Sandelin, Sweden; John Hunter, USA and Jay Grosfeld, USA (the ISSF Secretary/Treasurer).

The next meeting of the Foundation Board is scheduled for March, 2010.

Jay L. Grosfeld



## ISS-Foundation Travel Scholars 2009

The following 26 Travel Scholars could be supported by the ISS-Foundation for their participation at ISW 2009. We congratulate them for their merits:

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