



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

# NEWSLETTER

May 2009

### Presidential Welcome



*Society President*  
*Michael Sarr*

Since the last newsletter – **LOTS HAS HAPPENED!** The Program of International Surgical Week ISW 2009 in Adelaide has matured. Several new and exciting sessions have been added, AND we are continuing to work on several other possibilities, all of which, if they come to fruition, will be especially exciting.

Of course, everyone worries about the world economic crisis, and with this are about financial stability. However, these difficult times also represent an opportunity. I must assure you that the ISS/SIC is dedicated to holding this meeting, **IT WILL GO ON**, and it will be better and more exciting than ever. Endocrine, trauma, breast, nutrition, GI, pediatrics, oncology, laparoscopic minimally invasive techniques, specialty courses (endocrine, breast, trauma), educational symposia, state-of-the-art lectures, and even a seminar on how to review a manuscript submitted to a journal for potential publication and what an editor looks for in a manuscript. This meeting will be a huge success from all aspects: clinical surgery, new techniques, education, academe, camaraderie, etc., AND to boot, Adelaide is in a beautiful and exciting part of Australia.

Moreover, I want to again highlight an emphasis of mine for ISW 2009 – a focus on international medicine. We have arranged to honor Dr. Catherine Hamlin,

a native of Adelaide, for the work she and her husband have done in Africa to address the horrible problem of postpartum vesicovaginal fistulas and rectovaginal fistulas – this is a terrible problem in the developing world and especially so in Africa. Moreover, the American College of Surgeons is sponsoring an educational symposium at ISW 2009 on opportunities for work in the field of international medicine by highlighting their website, [operationgivingback.org](http://operationgivingback.org). We are also trying to develop a symposium by the SURGICAL BURDEN DISEASE WORKING GROUP which will address the topic of considerable concern to us as surgeons but one that has not received as much concern internationally, i.e., the SURGICAL burden of disease. All these sessions will be of tremendous interest to those of you interested in this topic of international medicine as well as offering possible opportunities for many different types of work in this field.

The addition of the International Society of Digestive Surgery (ISDS) to ISW 2009 brings in another outstanding specialty society that will interface with all of our other groups to further heighten the GI program.

From the lighter side, the ISS/SIC Local Organising Committee reminds you that several evenings have been left free of any ISW session or obligation so that you can enjoy much of the Australian hospitality. In addition, Wednesday afternoon is also free of formal activities and seminars set up by ISW so that you will be free to pursue the culture of the area around Adelaide that afternoon. Also, please don't forget "Outback Night" on Monday evening. This social event will offer an introduction to the culture of the area!

Hope to see all of you there.

Michael G. Sarr, M.D.  
President ISS/SIC 2007-2009

## News by LOC ISW 2009



*LOC President  
Peter Malycha*

This is the final article on ISW 2009 to be held in Adelaide between September 6-10, 2009 in which I briefly discuss some places you can visit in Australia and add some suggestions as to how you can get there and

where you may stay. When travelling to Australia and New Zealand one must be careful to not spend too much time travelling.

Coming to Adelaide gives you the opportunity to see the **Outback via the southern gateway**. It also gives you access to the **Northern Territory** and all of **Western Australia** which I encourage you to visit particularly if you have been on the usual east coast tourist trail.

**Uluru, Kakadu and Litchfield** are in the Northern Territory and can be accessed through Alice Springs. I suggest you take the Ghan to Alice Springs and then fly or take the bus to Uluru where you can stay overnight in excellent accommodation where you can see The Rock at sunset and/or dawn. You can then fly to



*Australian Countryside*



*Rock art in Kakadu and Uluru (The Rock)*

Darwin to visit Kakadu or Litchfield. Darwin is quite small and any hotel is within walking distance of most amenities. Kakadu is 2 or more hours by road and has very good accommodation. It will be the middle of the dry season and thus the best time to visit. [www.TravelNT.com](http://www.TravelNT.com)

**Perth** is the capital of Western Australia. It is a beautiful city, 3 hours due west by air from Adelaide. The airport is 20 minutes from the city centre. I recommend that you stay in the city near Adelaide Terrace on the northern banks of the Swan River. Alternatively, Fremantle, at the mouth of the Swan is about 15km from the city centre and caters for many tourists. The giant



*Adelaide Bay-watch*

eucalypt forests and the Margaret River wine area, 2 to 3 hours by road south of Perth, are great places to visit. B&B and vineyard accommodation is excellent. The surf at Margaret River can be very good indeed.

In the north west of Western Australia you will find the **Kimberly**. It is remote and wonderful. The coast line and the hinterland are unique. **Broome** and the **Bungle Bungles** are the best known but a boat trip along this coast with its great tides and rugged isolation is a once in a life time experience. Crocodiles make swimming dangerous.

The East Coast is readily accessible and many will visit **Sydney**. There are 20 direct flights of 2 hour duration per day from Adelaide to Sydney. It is often an entry and exit city and with its wonderful harbour and beaches is a major tourist attraction. It is called the emerald city which describes its beauty but is not always meant as a compliment. You can stay in the



*Sydney Opera House and Circular Quay*



*Lake behind Convention Centre*

city or at the beach. Consider staying in The Rocks or Circular Quay which are in the central city (<http://www.sydney.com.au>) and will allow you to access a ferry or train to any part of Sydney. This area of Sydney is 20 minutes by taxi from the airport and is also on a train line from the airport (You will have to change at Central Station). Kings Cross is only 15 minutes by taxi from the city and is a ritzier but more confronting place to stay and is popular with visitors. The northern and southern coasts with their large National Parks and the Blue Mountains are all within a day trip of central Sydney.

**Melbourne** is a cosmopolitan city that has a central and vibrant city hub and an excellent tram system I have referred to it as the Montreal of Australia. Consider staying in the city, preferably north of Swanston Street, along Collins or Flinders Street. Alternatively, stay along the River Yarra on South Bank but not too far south unless you wish to stay at the Star Casino.



*Hobart from Mt Wellington*



*Binalong Bay, north-east coast. Tasmania*

There are 15 flights per day from Adelaide. I really enjoy Melbourne and have often stated that it is the only city in Australia, other than Adelaide, in which I would consider living.

Depending upon traffic congestion, Melbourne airport is 20 to 40 minutes from the city by taxi and there is no train service. The websites are not as good for information about Melbourne but you can try <http://www.visitmelbourne.com/> The Yarra Valley, which was devastated by bushfires this year, is close to the city and the Mornington Peninsular along the Bay, and are good day trip destinations. Melbourne is also the access point for **Tasmania** which is the epitome of the clean green state. **Hobart**, the capital city, is a small sparkling city and everything is close. Consider staying on the harbour or along the river towards Sandy Bay. Bush walking and outdoor activities are the norm in Tasmania. Binalong Bay, in the Bay of Fires, was declared the best holiday destination in the world by the Lonely Planet in 2008. <http://www.discovertasmania.com>

**Brisbane** is the capital of Queensland and often the place from which you access the Barrier Reef. It is an attractive city on a tidal river with the best accommodation along the river extending towards the Botanical Gardens and Kangaroo Point [www.discoverbrisbane.com](http://www.discoverbrisbane.com). South Bank has more hotels but is a little removed from



*Brisbane city from the river*

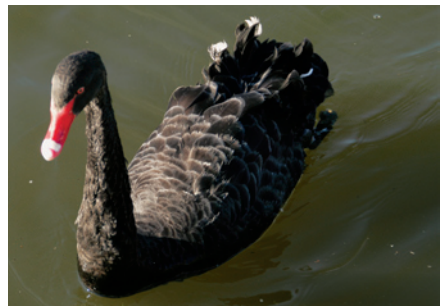


*Great Barrier Reef*

the city. The airport is 30 minutes from the city with a sky train to its centre.

The best known tourist attraction in Australia is the 2000km **Great Barrier Reef**. It is a glorious coral reef that lies 20 to 30km off shore. Access is by boat or air although the equinox may bring winds that can limit access to the reef. As with Northern Australia it is tropical and September is still dry season. I suggest you fly to **Cairns** and take the airport bus to Port Douglas (or one of the villages nearby) as it is the most attractive of the coastal towns and is near to the Daintree. Swimming on main land beaches is restricted because of crocodiles and stingers but is safe when out on the reef itself. The **Whitsunday Islands** can be accessed by air through Hamilton Island by major airlines from east coast capital cities. Accommodation on any of the islands is always good and it is a wonderful holiday and play ground for adults and children.

On behalf of the LOC ISW 2009 we warmly welcome you to visit Australia and New Zealand this year. Information about Adelaide and Australia that has been provided in newsletters can be viewed on our website. Simply Google ISW 2009 and check the PDF file under "Welcome".



*Black Swan*

## News from the Scientific Secretariat ISW 2009

The Scientific Secretariat was pleased to receive 986 abstracts electronically – including 98 from the cancelled ISDS congress in Beijing – by deadline. At the Program Committee Meeting on March 14, 2009 the committee members have selected the abstracts for presentation according to the grading made by 105 international reviewers. The Presenting Authors have been informed by e-mail and the accepted abstracts



*Chris Storz @ work*

are listed. Those not being listed could not be accommodated. Only some 60% can be included and presented as free papers or posters in the scientific program of the congress. The Executive Committee has strictly advised that originally accepted abstracts for which the presenting author has not registered and paid the congress fee by April 30, 2009 will be excluded from publication. However, if the Presenting Author of an accepted abstract manages late to attend the congress, Chris Storz of the scientific secretariat will do his best to include it in the program on site.

The accepted abstracts of registered Presenting Authors will be published in an supplement to World Journal of Surgery which will also be delivered to all subscribers of the journal in addition to those attending the congress – an attractive novelty indeed. Furthermore these accepted abstracts will be published on internet at [www.isw2009.com](http://www.isw2009.com) at the beginning of July this year and will remain there until the end of the year.

In case you might have some queries regarding the scientific program, please do not hesitate to contact Chris Storz at [chris.storz@iss-sic.ch](mailto:chris.storz@iss-sic.ch).

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## News from the ISS/SIC Administrative Office

The transfer of the Administrative Office of ISS/SIC to the new office building in Lupsingen (about 20 km to Basel City Center) has been completed successfully by the end of last year after 15 years in Pratteln. The new premises are offering modern working facilities and will assure continuation of the office for the next decade which will also include continuation of collaboration with the Center for Handicapped People (WBZ) close by.



*New office building in Lupsingen (on ground level) at Seltisbergerstrasse 16*

Various committee meetings (Executive, Nominating, ISW 2009 Program, ISW 2011 Organization Committee and ISS-Foundation) took place from March 13 to 15 at Zurich airport. Some important decisions such as the following have been taken.

### Changes of the Constitution

The Executive Committee approved content of the proposed changes of the Constitution by adding the group of **Associate Members** as a new membership category. It has become obvious that some young and very motivated surgeons are often not fully complying with the actual requirements for regular membership that are out of their control and dependent on national or structural regional/personal factors and therefore are exempted from membership despite their efforts and basic qualification. Consequently the EC Members felt that the creation of Associate Membership might be a step in the right direction for these individuals. This category existed already in the old constitution until 1979. Once an Associate Member fulfills all requirements, he/she can apply for regular Active Membership which includes voting rights.

Proposed amendments/changes in the constitution  
**Article III, Section 2: Membership**

***Recommended by the Executive Committee for approval by vote at the General Assembly in Adelaide.***

b) Associate Members 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

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## New Membership 2007 to 2009

The Secretariat in Switzerland was pleased to receive from September 2007 until May 2009 a number of 107 new membership applications which have been approved by the committee. However, the statistics of the actual situation of membership show that during the last two years the membership has decreased. By March 13, 2009 the active and dues paying membership was at 2'169 whereas a year before it was at 2'287. The EC discussed possible reasons and measures to increase membership again. It is hoped that the new membership category will open the way for new members.

## Finances 2007/2008 and Budgets 2010/2011

The audited statements of accounts of 2007 and 2008 including the auditing report and the budgets 2010 and 2011 will be available at the beginning of the congress at the ISS/SIC Secretariat. The fiscal year 2009 will be heavily affected by the Profit Sharing Program. **ISS/SIC provides a total biennial stipend in the amount of USD 266'000 for the years 2008 and 2009 to the 4 integrated Societies and ISDS (GI-Program)** for their active participation in ISW and in compensation for any internal expenses but also for financial support of its Speakers, Lecturers and Special Guests. All Speakers, Lecturers, Guests and Society Officials must register and pay for the congress registration and hotel accommodation – **there will be no participants free of charge at the congress.** Reimbursement for any congress expenses must be handled by each individual society internally. The Executive Committee has decided that the sharing of the above stipend must be based only on the activity and relevant data of each society collected at ISW 2007. The Lupsingen office will prepare reimbursements at

the congress. The budgets for 2010 and 2011 will be for the first time expressed in Euros as all income and expenses will be in Euros.

## Annual Dues (in Euro only) 2010/2011 for vote at General Assembly

The Executive Committee has decided unanimously that the annual dues for 2010 and 2011 must be

**Euro 135.00** (plus corresponding chapter assessments in Euro)

for all countries without any exceptions.

## Nominations of Prize Winners 2009

The Committee Members took a final decision on the nominations and elected for:

- **ISS/SIC Prize 2009:**  
**Professor John Wong, Hong Kong**  
(nominated by ISS/SIC US-Chapter)
- **Robert Danis Prize 2009:**  
**Professor Stephen A. Deane, Australia**  
(nominated by IATSIC)

The Prize Winners will be awarded at the Opening Ceremony of ISW 2009 in Adelaide on Sunday, September 6, 2009 at 17.00

## Nominations for Honorary Membership 2009

The Executive Committee Members elected as Honorary Members in 2009 the following Members:

- **Professor Jorge Cervantes, Mexico**
- **Professor J. Ruediger Siewert, Germany**
- **Professor Umberto Veronesi, Italy**

The new Honorary Members will also be awarded at the Opening Ceremony of ISW 2009 in Adelaide on Sunday, September 6, 2009 at 17.00

## Nominations of 5 new Executive Committee Members

The term in office of the following Executive Committee Members will come to an end at ISW 2009 in Adelaide:

**M. Kitajima**, Japan; **J. Cervantes**, Mexico; **G. Agarwal**, India; **E. Lezoche**, Italy and **F. Harder**, Switzerland.

According to the decision by the Nominating Committee the following new Executive Committee Members have been nominated for vote at the General Assembly:

- **Göran Akerström, Sweden**  
President-elect 2009 – 2011 and  
President ISS/SIC 2011 – 2013
- **Jean-Claude Givel, Switzerland**  
Secretary General
- **Sathiya S. Pillay, South Africa**  
General Treasurer
- **Dionysios Voros, Greece**  
Councilor at large
- **Nopadol Wora-Urai, Thailand**  
Councilor at large

The nomination of the congress Vice Presidents for ISW 2011 will only take place in Adelaide and will include each one from the integrated societies.

### **ISW 2011 in Yokohama, Japan 28.8. – 1.9. 2011**

A delegation of the Yokohama LOC has met in Zuerich with the Executive Committee in March 2009. It has well constituted itself under the leadership of LOC President M. Watanabe and LOC Honorary President M. Kitajima. The congress will definitively take place at Yokohama Pacifico Convention Centre from **Sunday, August 28 until Thursday evening, September 1, 2011**. Yokohama offers large meeting facilities and has ample hotel rooms in different categories but also at reasonable costs. It can be reached easily by train or coach from the major airports within a 90 minutes ride. Promotion activities will start at the Adelaide Congress where further details will be available. **Mark this important event already now in your agenda.**

*ISW 2011 working group in Zurich.*



### **ISW 2013 in Helsinki, Finland 24.8. – 29.8. 2013**

ISW 2013 will be held together with the Finnish Surgical Society (FSS) who has firmly confirmed to join ISW from August 24 to 29, 2013 and to give up its own congress. It therefore can be expected that at least 1'000 surgeons from Finland, which includes Orthopedic Surgeons and Urologic Surgeons, will participate. The National Delegates of the surrounding countries have already been invited and have confirmed their support.

### **Invitation to host ISW 2015**

Invitations to host ISW 2015 have been received from the national Chapters of Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and U.A.E. which have submitted very valid invitations. The Executive Committee Members feel that Thailand should be given another chance after the cancellation of ISW 2003 because of SARS

- **Malaysia:** Kuala Lumpur/Putrajaya  
by Hisham Abdullah
- **Singapore:** Singapore  
by Soo Ping Chew
- **Thailand:** Bangkok/Pattaya  
by Nopadol Wora-Urai
- **United Arab Emirates:** Dubai  
by Frank J. Branicki

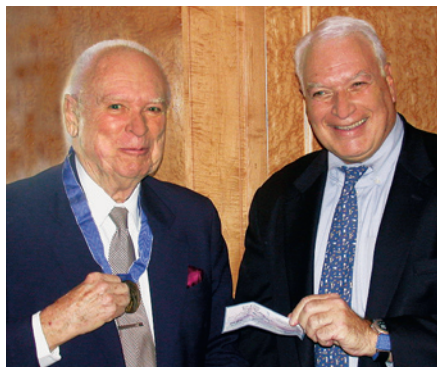
The candidates will present to the members present at the General Assembly their bids in a 3-minutes presentation for vote of priorities. The Executive Committee then later will take a final decision based on this vote and after all relevant aspects are complied with.

### **Agenda General Assembly**

The tentative Agenda for the ISS/SIC General Assembly on Thursday, September 9, 2009 in Adelaide is listed on the last pages of this newsletter.

## ISS-Foundation News

At the March meetings Secretary Treasurer of ISS-Foundation Jay Grosfeld sadly reported that the founding-father of ISS-Foundation and ISS/SIC Honorary Member Lloyd M. Nyhus silently passed away on December 15, 2008 at the age of 85 years. Professor



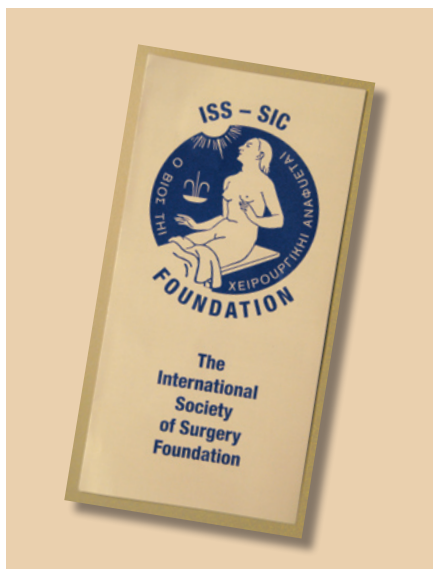
*Lloyd M. Nyhus and Jay Grosfeld in Chicago  
October 2003*

Nyhus was recognized internationally for his major contributions to the surgical profession especially in the areas of hernia repair and disorders of the esophagus, stomach and duodenum. A renowned teacher, scientific investigator and master surgeon, he was the author of hundreds of scientific articles, abstracts and numerous surgical textbooks. He was the Warren Cole Professor and Chair of Surgery at the University of Illinois, College of Medicine for many years and there is currently an endowed chair at the University that was established in his honor in 2007. Dr Nyhus was Chairman of the American Board of Surgery and had a leadership role in many surgical associations and societies in the US and abroad. He was a staunch supporter of the ISS/SIC. Dr Nyhus and his wife Margaret were married for 57 years until Mrs Nyhus passed away in 2006. He is survived by two children and two grandchildren. Professor Nyhus will be missed by his former students and residents, colleagues and many friends. After a brief review of his merits and his role in establishing the Foundation, the EC and ISSF-Board Members stood for a moment of silence.

The ISSF Secretariat in Indianapolis received 48 applications for travel scholarship to attend the International Surgical Week ISW 2009 in Adelaide. The applicants had to be fully trained surgeons from developing countries, less than 40 years of age with academic ambitions. Following a request from Society President Michael Sarr, various Clinics in the USA and Canada as well as individual members from the USA have kindly sponsored some of the ISW 2009 travel scholars. The

Board of Directors of the ISS-Foundation carefully reviewed all applications and made its final decision regarding the award recipients in March, 2009. All recipients of the ISW 2009 travel awards have been invited to the General Assembly on Thursday afternoon September 10, 2009 in Adelaide, where they will be recognized, introduced to the general membership and receive their certificate.

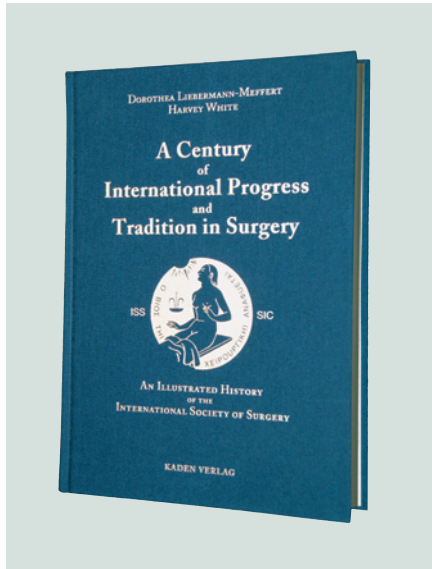
The Foundation depends almost entirely on financial support from contributions received from the ISS-Membership. To encourage a spirit of philanthropy, we have enclosed an ISSF-Promotion Folder to remind you of the goals and objectives of the ISS-Foundation. The Board of Directors and Secretary-Treasurer Jay Grosfeld urge you to consider supporting the ISS-Foundation by providing a donation to this worthy charitable cause, regardless of the amount. You may arrange transfer of your gift directly to the account provided on the folder but may also add an additional amount for the Foundation at the time you respond to the invoice for the annual dues which will be sent out in December.



## ISS/SIC History Book *(see opposite)*

Finally the Lupsingen Secretariat would like to remind all members that we still have some copies of the ISS/SIC History book available at the cost of Euro 25.00 including postage (snail mail) to all places around the world. Please return to us the enclosed order form by fax or send us your e-Mail to [surgery@iss-sic.ch](mailto:surgery@iss-sic.ch) in case you are interested to receive a copy.





The ISS/SIC Adm. Office staff in Lupsingen and General Secretary

## News by IATSIC

While the last few months have been a busy time for the Programme Committee cementing in place the arrangements for the Adelaide meeting, the major development has been the construction of an official IATSIC website. Although a number of IATSIC-related and DSTC-related websites have existed for some time, the new website brings together all information and links relevant to IATSIC and its various activities. Under the guidance of Scott D'Amours the website has been developed by Chris Storz, who, as the IATSIC administrator, is fully aware of all IATSIC's activities at the moment they happen. With input from the various DSTC groups around the world the new website should provide all the information members need.

The website is not only for members of course, but also for potential members. One of the longstanding criticisms of IATSIC is that it has been logistically hard to apply for membership. I am sure we have lost a number of potential members for that reason and at least one well known trauma surgeon has taken more than two years from getting from the point of wishing to be a member, to actually achieving that goal. Hopefully those sorts of difficulties are all in the past now. The new website points to the membership application form which can be completed on line. Once submitted, an e-mail is automatically sent to the

Secretary so that the administrative process associated with being admitted as a member is initiated. Delays should be minimal.

I encourage you to visit the website, [www.iatsic.org](http://www.iatsic.org) and use it to find information about the upcoming conference, about IATSIC courses and in particular DSTC, and about other trauma internet resources. Of course if any colleagues indicate a wish to become a member they should be directed to the website.

Back to the conference. Planning has proceeded and the conference programme has been settled. IATSIC has chosen the Medina Grand Treasury as its preferred hotel so I hope you will select this for accommodation when you register. It will be "first up best dressed" though as it is a smallish boutique hotel in the old South Australian Treasury building and accommodation in this venue is limited. It has large rooms and hallways and some lovely dining areas as well as being in a central part of Adelaide. The IATSIC dinner will be at "Red Ochre". This restaurant is on the opposite side of the Torrens river from the Convention Centre and has a great view back over the city. The cuisine is iconically Australian so if you have not had the opportunity to experience dishes only found in Australia, this is your chance. The scientific programme is highly integrated with other societies and groups, both from within ISS and outside. Apart from the ISBI, IASMEN and Ambroise Pare groups within ISS/SIC, our programme links with the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Australasian Trauma Society, and the Trauma Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. This will ensure a diverse and multidisciplinary program.

IATSIC membership continues to grow slowly and steadily (and perhaps more rapidly in the future given the website facility) and we are one of the biggest integrated societies within ISS. While in many respects size doesn't matter, the fact that ISS and IATSIC provide one of the few opportunities for the worldwide trauma surgery community to meet in a scientific forum is obviously one of its strengths. The more members there are, the more robust the science and the more enjoyable the social interactions. Hopefully IATSIC will prove its ongoing value by the strength of its membership recruitment.

The IATSIC Committee continues to work with commitment towards a strong conference and a strong future. My gratitude in particular goes to Erwin Thal, Secretary Treasurer, Ari Leppaniemi, Past President and Bill Schwab, President-elect. We all hope to see you in Adelaide in September

Ian Civil  
President, IATSIC

# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SURGERY (ISS/SIC)

ISS General Assembly 2009  
at Convention Centre, Adelaide

Thursday, September 10, 2009  
4.30 p.m.

## Tentative Agenda

*(For detailed information concerning various votes see "News from the ISS/SIC Administrative Office")*

- 1) **Call to order and address by the President of ISS/SIC** **M. Sarr, USA**
- 2) **Report by the Secretary General** **F. Harder, Switzerland**
  - a) Situation of membership
  - b) New Members
  - c) Presentation of Prize Winners and Honorary Members
- 3) **Changes of the Constitution – votes for acceptance** **F. Harder, Switzerland**
  - a) Article III, Section 2: Membership
- 4) **World Journal of Surgery** **J. Hunter, USA**
  - a) Report by the Editor in Chief
  - b) Report by Springer Verlag New York
  - c) Members of the Editorial Board
- 5) **Report by the General Treasurer** **K. Boffard, South Africa**
  - a) Audited Statements of Accounts 2007/2008
  - b) Approval of Accounts 2007/2008  
and election of auditors
  - c) Budgets for 2010 and 2011
  - d) Vote for Membership Fees 2010 & 2011
- 6) **Report by the Secretary-Treasurer of ISS-Foundation** **J. Grosfeld, USA**
  - Awarding of Benefactors
  - Presentation and conferment of scholars 2009
- 7) **Election and re-election of Officers** **M. Sarr, USA**
  - a) New elections  
President-elect 2009 – 2011 and President ISS/SIC 2011 – 2013  
**Göran Akerström, Sweden**  
General Treasurer  
**Sathiya S. Pillay, South Africa**  
Secretary General  
**Jean-Claude Givel, Switzerland**  
Councilor at large  
**Dionysios Voros, Greece**  
Councilor at large  
**Nopadol Wora-Urai, Thailand**

- b) Confirmation of Representatives of Integrated Societies  
**IAES – Leigh Delbridge, Australia**  
**IATSIC – C. William Schwab, USA**  
**IASMEN – Harumasa Ohyanagi, Japan**  
**BSI – Jay K. Harness, USA**
- c) Re-election Editor in Chief  
**John Hunter, USA**
- 8) Confirmation of ISS/SIC President** **F. Harder, Switzerland**  
Kenneth D. Boffard, South Africa as  
President of ISS/SIC 2009 – 2011 and  
Congress President ISW 2011 **M. Sarr, USA**
- 9) Address by the new Society President** **K. Boffard, South Africa**
- 10) Election of Congress Vice Presidents ISW 2011** **K. Boffard, South Africa**  
– 2 ISS/SIC Congress Vice Presidents  
– 4 Integrated Societies Congress Vice Presidents
- 11) ISW 2011 in Yokohama, Tokyo – Information** **M. Watanabe, Japan**
- 12) ISW 2013 in Helsinki, Finland – Information** **A. Leppaniemi, Finland**
- 13) ISW 2015 presentation of invitations**  
a) Malaysia Chapter for Kuala Lumpur/ Putrajaya **Hisham Abdullah, Malaysia**  
b) Singapore Chapter for Singapore **Soo Ping Chew, Singapore**  
c) Thailand Chapter for Bangkok/Pattaya **Nopadol Wora-Urai, Thailand**  
d) United Arab Emirates Chapter for Dubai **Frank Branicki, U.A.E.**
- 14) Vote for priorities congress venue ISW 2015** **F. Harder, Switzerland**
- 15) Varia** **F. Harder, Switzerland**



*Adelaide University*



*Adelaide Railway Station*



# INTERNATIONAL SURGICAL WEEK

by the  
**International Society of Surgery ISS/SIC**

**ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA**  
**6 - 10 SEPTEMBER**

with its 4 integrated societies

International Association of Endocrine Surgeons (IAES)  
International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care (IATSIC)  
International Association for Surgical Metabolism and Nutrition (IASMEN)  
Breast Surgery International (BSI)

and hosting the

## 21st WORLD CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR DIGESTIVE SURGERY (ISDS)

Congress President ISW: **Michael G. Sarr, Rochester, USA**

Congress President ISDS: **Masaki Kitajima, Tokyo, Japan**

Local Organising Committee

President: **Peter Malycha, Adelaide, Australia**

Vice-President: **Ian D. Civil, Auckland, New Zealand**



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