



International Society of Surgery (ISS) *Société Internationale de Chirurgie (SIC)*

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome by the Society President



Masaki Kitajima
President ISS/SIC

Dear Colleagues,

Time has quickly passed since the last International Surgical Week was held in Durban in August 2005. Today, as many pleasant memories of that magnificent event continue to linger, you may be surprised to note that the next gathering, ISW 2007, is already less than a year away. As President of the ISS/SIC and of the Congress, I am very pleased to inform you that the preparations for the congress in Montreal are progressing smoothly.

I trust that all members have received notification concerning the Preliminary Program, which was completed in early August of this year. This marked a major milestone on the road to Montreal, and I warmly thank all those who helped to put together the program (please refer to www.isw2007.org).

In October, the ISS/SIC Executive Committee met during the ACS in Chicago and had very productive discussions of various items related to ISW 2007.

As was indicated in the Preliminary Program, the main points of the congress' backbone, the Scientific Program, have already been laid out, so we will continue to discuss and enhance its details to make it an even more fascinating agenda.

We have also started to accept abstracts submitted online (www.isw2007.org), and look forward to receiving as many as possible before the January 5 deadline. I encourage everyone – including long-time ISS/SIC members and especially young, up-coming researchers – to take advantage of this opportunity to present the latest discoveries of their research. It is my hope that ISW 2007 will stimulate further original work in basic and clinical research by allowing participants to hear and discuss many outstanding presentations on topics both within and outside their respective specialties. I am confident that the congress will be a wonderful forum for the professional interchange between young researchers and the world's leading surgeons, and I will make every effort as President of the ISS/SIC to ensure the attainment of this goal. Of course, the congress can be a success only if it includes a complete set of stimulating presentations, so I am counting on all of you to submit good topics.

You will be pleased to hear that the Social Program of ISW 2007 will comprise a diverse array of relaxing activities that you will be able to enjoy with your family and colleagues. Situated on an island in the St. Lawrence River, Montreal is a lovely city that is endowed with a charming blend of French and English culture.

The delightful experience that Montreal offers to visitors is certainly another good reason to take part in the congress.

Another item discussed at the Executive Committee meeting was industrial sponsorship, which is naturally a critical requirement for getting the congress off the ground. I am very glad to say that, as noted in the Preliminary Program and the ISW 2007 Website, se-

Secretary General in sunny Chicago



veral firms have already agreed to offer their support. Since funding remains a major hurdle to be crossed, the ISS/SIC office, the LOC, and I will work hard in close cooperation to make sure that sufficient funds are acquired.

Through meticulous discussion of such challenges as this, we are making large strides forward in our preparations. We will examine various other tasks at hand during the next Executive Committee meeting, scheduled for March, and endeavor to finalize the total design of the congress at that time.

Meanwhile, I would like to promote the attendance of new ISS/SIC members, and I ask all current members to lend their support in this regard. Allow me to remind you that the ISS/SIC, as was demonstrated by the hosting of ISW 2005 in South Africa, organizes a rare, important congress that brings together surgeons to explore diverse issues in a variety of settings unfettered by regional constraints. In a world populated with a plethora of specialized academic societies, the ISS/SIC is a truly significant presence that aims to create new currents in next-generation surgery by taking a broad perspective of existing trends and challenges. In order to accomplish this society's key goal of "internationally standardizing" surgical research, it is necessary to bring even more people and countries into our fold. In doing so, I hope that we can all work together to create a world in which the same diagnoses and treatments are consistently provided in every country, and thus serve the wellbeing of humankind as a whole.

In addition, I expect that the presentations and lively discussions of recent research by surgeons from around the world at ISW 2007 will also be to the benefit of humankind by identifying new directions in the research necessary for developing technologies to support globally standardized therapy and surgery.

As President of the ISS/SIC, I extend my best wishes for the success of your endeavors in the remainder of this year, and I hope that ISW 2007 will be an enriching experience for all who attend. The ISS/SIC will continue to do its best to serve your needs, so I ask that you please continue to favor us with your support.

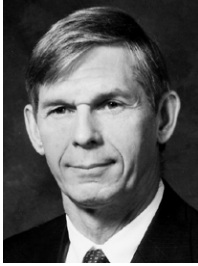
Masaki Kitajima
President ISS/SIC and ISW 2007



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News from LOC Montréal



Gilles Beauchamp
Co-President LOC
ISW2007

Dear colleagues,

The ISW 2007 Montreal Meeting is on its way. We are preparing an exciting event which will include a high quality scientific program as well as a very interesting social program. Next August, you will find in Montreal a meeting of excellent speakers coming from all parts of the world to share with you their experience and new knowledge.

Montreal is an unique city to make the bridge between the new and old knowledge. It is also a superb and safe city to make the bridge between people of any country.

We need your scientific participation and your presence. We hope that the Montreal meeting will be an unique occasion to share knowledge and make new friends.

For those who are in the academic environment, Montreal will be a good occasion to bring your residents and students with you.

I hope to see you in Montreal next August!

Yours truly,

Gilles Beauchamp
Co-President LOC ISW2007

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Report by the Secretary General



Felix Harder
Secretary General

Getting ahead!

When reading the various reports in this Newsletter you will find that they have one thing in common: enthusiasm! And I think there is good reason for that: the discrete but persistent melting away of the ISS-membership seems to have come to an end and a slight upward trend can be noticed. The World Journal of Surgery is doing well. Especially institutional subscriptions are on the rise which also has financial consequences for ISS. The number of submitted manuscripts is large enough to be rather selective with an acceptance rate of about 1 in 3. The Editorial Board has been significantly enlarged with outstanding experts of international reputation.

Our Integrated Societies and ISS/SIC show a remarkable activity not only during the International Surgical Week or concerning their input into our Journal. Here some examples: a number of Postgraduate Courses have been organised during the year such as e.g. the one of IAES in Heraklion (Crete). IATSIC has given a large number of DSTC courses (Definitive Surgical Trauma Care) in many parts of the world. Together with WHO IATSIC has published the Guidelines for Essential Trauma Care and this work has not gone unnoticed. It has been endorsed by prominent surgical associations such as e.g. the Royal College of Surgeons of England among others. BSI is also present in continuous medical education programs and workshops in various developing countries with an experienced BSI-guest faculty. Prof. R. Jakesz has represented ISS and BSI with his ISS Lecture at the Pan Arabic Surgical Conference in Amman, Jordan. A group of distinguished ISS-members led by Prof. A. Encke has officially represented ISS and lectured at the 2nd International Symposium "Recent advances in surgery" at Riyadh Military Hospital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Prof. J. R. Siewert together with experienced instructors of the well known Davos-Course held two successful hands-on courses on surgical techniques in GI-tract surgery on behalf of ISS/SIC, one in South Korea and the other one in Thailand within the Joint Meeting of the Royal

College of Surgeons of Thailand and ISS/SIC where furthermore state of the art panels on GI surgery (ISS/SIC), trauma surgery (IATSIC) and breast cancer (BSI) were organised. These delegations of ISS/SIC and of Integrated Societies have been struck by the boundless and sincere hospitality of their hosts without exception. The demand of such activities towards ISS/SIC is increasing.

Other news worth pointing out here are the travel awards of IAES and of BSI and the newly created first annual Lloyd M. Nyhus Travelling Scholarship in addition to the well established travel grants of the ISS-Foundation. You will find a lot more scientific prizes to be won in Montreal in the preliminary program available in print or on the congress website www.isw2007.org.

Take a few minutes to study the scientific program of ISW in Montreal. There is indeed a great many highly up-to-date topics being presented in fields that are essential both for general surgeons and for specialists. Take notice of State of the Art lectures and of several most attractive Named Lectures.

And one last thing: have you realised that one may become member of ISS/SIC for only EURO/USD 135.- per year which includes the subscription for 12 issues of the World Journal (in print and online) with free online access to back-issues, streaming videos and 10 other surgical journals of Springer Verlag. Also one benefits of a special registration rate at ISW. Please do inform young colleagues, your residents of this opportunity. Surgeons below age of 35 years get all that for only EURO/USD 67.50 and they have a special registration fee on top of it. Who will beat that?

Don't miss two important deadlines: early registration, January 31, 2007 respectively April 30, 2007 and abstract submission (only online), January 5, 2007.

Felix Harder
Secretary General

Report by the Chairman for Postgraduate Courses



*J. Ruediger Siewert
Past President and
Chairman Commission for
Postgraduate Courses*

Special Educational Activities of ISS/SIC

Joint Meeting of the ISS/SIC with the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand in Pattaya, Thailand from July 7 to 10, 2006 and preceding Hands-on Course

As you might remember, the ISS/SIC had selected Bangkok as the location for the ISS World Congress/ International Surgical Week in 2003. Everything was well prepared, the local organizing committee in Thailand had been working very successfully and we were expecting a great event. Also, our members were prepared to come to Bangkok and to enjoy this spectacular city and the famous hospitality of our Thai friends. SARS, terror warnings and the invasion of Iraq produced cancellations of speakers and participants in large numbers so that the Executive Committee of ISS/SIC was forced to abandon the Bangkok project 2003. Since that very sad and unfortunate experience the ISS/SIC felt the need to further consolidate the

close friendship with the Thai surgeons at the next suitable occasion.

We were then more than happy to accept the invitation from the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand to organize the 31st Annual Scientific Meeting (2006) as a joint meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand and of the International Society of Surgery and we have immediately elaborated a representative program for this meeting in close cooperation with the RCST.

Thai participants at work



The Joint Meeting took place from July 7 to 10, 2006, in the Ambassador City Jomtien Hotel in Pattaya, Thailand. Our Society was not only involved in the State of the Art Panels on the Principles of Surgical GI-Oncology, it was also backed by two Integrated Societies with their State of the Art Lectures or panels: IATSIC with "What's New in Trauma Surgery" and BSI

Members of the ISS/SIC guest faculty at the RCST Congress with our President, Past President and his "First Lady".



with "Recent Advances in Breast Cancer". Following prior consultation with the Foundation of the very well known Davos course on surgical techniques in digestive surgery and supported by TYCO Healthcare we have been able to organize a hands-on course, on GI Tract Suturing Techniques as a special highlight. A similar course has by the way also been held in South Korea supported by ETHICON. Both these events were accepted with great enthusiasm and the desire to have succeeding courses of that kind was clearly expressed by the locals.

At this joint meeting in Pattaya the ISS/SIC was represented by its President M. Kitajima and Past President J.R. Siewert, besides the ISS/SIC faculty members G. Agarwal (India), K. Boffard (South Africa), R. Bumm (Germany), I. Ihse (Sweden), R. Jakesz (Austria), M. Jshipura (India), Y.Kitagawa (Japan), H. Matsui (Japan), J. Okuda (Japan), Y. Saikawa (Japan), I. Uyama (Japan) and P. Vogelbach (Switzerland). They took part in a number of social events; the most impressive being the Opening Ceremony in the presence of Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn of Thailand. This event was of special importance because His Majesty, the King of Thailand, celebrates the 60th year of his reign, a memorable milestone in the Thai tradition.

Altogether, this Joint Congress Meeting of the ISS and the RCST was extremely successful. More than 2000 participants came to Pattaya, the scientific program as well as the social program were perfectly organized and it was a great pleasure for the ISS/SIC to commemorate their mutual friendship on this special occasion.

As expressed in many speeches, after this event we can truly say that the dilemma of the cancellation of the ISS Bangkok Meeting in 2003 is completely overcome and we are very hopeful looking towards the future. Now we will have to discuss how to tighten the cooperation between the ISS/SIC and RCST for the times to come.

I would like to express my thanks once more officially to the President of the RCST, Professor Vitya Vathanophas and especially to our National Delegate for Thailand Professor Nopadol Wora-Urai who was very much involved in the preparation of this Joint Meeting, for the outstanding hospitality and the great friendship our Thai hosts have shown us during our stay in Thailand and I am quite certain that their National Chapter will grow steadily and we will establish an even closer cooperation with our friends in Thailand.

J.Ruediger Siewert
Past President and Chairman Commission
for Postgraduate Courses

From the Administrative Secretariat

Attached to this Newsletter, all active members are receiving our invoice for the annual dues 2007 which according to the decision of the General Assembly in 2005 will be Euro/USD 135.- including paper- and electronic subscription to World Journal of Surgery. Those of you who are also members in either integrated society or in one of the various National Chapters with own activities will also be asked to add the corresponding extra fee.

As a novelty, the **US Chapter members are invited to defray their dues directly to the ISS/SIC Administrative Secretariat in Pratteln**, Switzerland either by Credit Card Mail Order, Paid Bankers Cheque or International Money Transfer.

Also enclosed is our folder "**Why you should join ISS/SIC**". This folder shows very strong arguments you may bring in when convincing colleagues to join our society. Indeed the services in return for the money invested are really remarkable when you consider what you get for Euro/USD 135.00. **Members below age 35 are automatically invoiced only for 50% of the regular annual dues** i. e. Euro/USD 67.50.

Services included in dues:

- Full subscription to World Journal of Surgery by receiving the paper version and access to the electronic version
- Electronic access to some 10 other surgical journals published by Springer Verlag
- Reduced congress registration fee if registering in good time before the congress
- Participation in our Postgraduate Courses and other scientific events organized by ISS/SIC

We therefore kindly invite you to contact your colleagues and to promote ISS/SIC membership to them. They won't be disappointed! Membership applications newly can be done very easily by completing the electronic application on our homepage at www.iss-sic.ch or by downloading the paper form. The addresses of all our members to support new members as sponsors are given also on the homepage under "Membership Information" where they can be found by country or by name.

The US Chapter has at its recent meeting decided to invite UW Professor Mary-Claire King, who is a worldwide well known expert in breast surgery, as Lecturer of ISS/SIC Lecture 2007 at ACS Congress. The Officers of ISS/SIC are fully supportive to this nomination.

Victor Bertschi
Administrative Director

Hotel "Château Frontenac" in Québec



News from the BSI



Raimund Jakesz
President BSI



Gaurav Agarwal
Secretary BSI

Continuing its efforts to assist "Developing quality breast cancer care in the developing countries", the Breast Surgery International has participated in the continuing medical education programs and workshops in various corners of the developing world, which have included XIV SIS world congress of breast diseases held in Croatia, May 2006; joint meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand and ISS/SIC at Pattaya, Thailand in July 2006; and 2nd SGPGI Breast Course at Lucknow, India on 25-26 November 2006. BSI president has represented the ISS/SIC at the Pan Arabic Surgical conference held in Amman, Jordan recently. The BSI international guest faculty need to be applauded for their philanthropic gestures for having participated and actively contributed to success of numerous surgical workshops and CME's. The BSI would welcome any further proposals for supporting future workshops and postgraduate courses, especially in the developing countries. Proposals from members from developing countries for BSI guest faculty to participate in academic programs are welcome. The society would arrange for a few international guest speakers participation, besides extending all possible assistance.

In near future, the BSI wish to get involved in international collaborative clinical research initiatives. BSI stands committed to improving the number and quality of breast surgery related articles published in World Journal of Surgery- the official journal of ISS/SIC and BSI. Members are requested to consider submitting their quality original work relating breast surgery for publication to the World Journal of Surgery. BSI plans to invite full length manuscripts of the papers selected for presentation in the BSI best paper award session at the International Surgical Week ISW2007 in Montréal, as well as symposia conveners and speakers to submit full length manuscripts on contentious issues based on the proceedings of the BSI symposia.

New and updated information about BSI activities and programs is now available on the BSI home page: <http://www.breast-surg-intl.org>. This URL can also be accessed through the link for integrated societies on the ISS/SIC web-site www.iss-sic.ch. Any suggestions and feed back on the best possible use of the BSI web-pages are welcome from the BSI members as well as the wider membership of the ISS/SIC, and may be submitted to the web-master through the BSI web-site or directly. As in the past, the link to a panel of **"International Guest Faculty"** is provided. These eminent breast surgeons who have volunteered to receive visitors and to travel to overseas institutions to share knowledge in the field of breast surgery can be contacted through the web-site. Any BSI members willing to act as an international guest faculty are requested to write to the secretary with their information.

BSI Scientific Program at ISW2007 in Montreal, Canada:

An interesting and comprehensive scientific program has been charted out for the 2007 BSI sectional program at ISW 2007. Besides the usual features, new interesting sessions are planned, which include morning educational sessions and debates, and a lunch time video session. Details of the scientific and social programs can be found on the congress web-site (www.ISW2007.org) as well as the BSI web-site. Symposia on contentious breast surgical issues such as hereditary breast cancers, emerging technologies in breast surgery, debate on SLN micrometastases, debates on adjuvant treatment, oncoplastic breast cancer surgery, and breast cancer issues in developing countries are planned.

Raimund Jakesz, President of BSI will convene a one day pre-congress postgraduate course on Monday, which would need a separate registration. Interested members are requested to register early, as the course is expected to attract large interest, and number of registrations is limited. The BSI free paper sessions have attracted high numbers of quality research abstracts in the past and have been well attended. We would urge you to send your best breast surgery related clinical and research work for presentation in the free paper session. Six best abstracts will be selected to be presented in the BSI best paper award session, and to submit full length manuscripts before the meeting which would enjoy a fast-track publication in the World Journal of Surgery.

BSI Travel Award for attending the ISW2007 in Montreal, Canada:

For the first time, BSI will be awarding partial travel assistance (inclusive registration to the BSI pre-congress Postgraduate course) to at least two young BSI members whose work has been accepted for presentation at the BSI sectional program at ISW2007. The details of

the application process can be found on the congress web-site and brochure, as well as on the BSI web-site.

With the very best wishes, on behalf of the Breast Surgery International council.

Gaurav Agarwal
Secretary BSI

News from IAES



*Henning Dralle
President IAES*



*Gerard Doherty
Secretary-Treasurer IAES*

IAES Endocrine Surgery Postgraduate Course

Congratulations to Dimitrios Linos and Peter Goretzki, who organized and hosted the 8th Postgraduate Course in Endocrine Surgery in Heraklion, Greece. Dimitrios and Peter were joined by an active and engaged faculty that included Dr. Andrew Warshaw, the Gerald Austin Chair of Surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, USA. This was the largest of the courses so far, attracting over 180 registrants from around the world. The feedback from the registrants was overwhelmingly positive for this important educational outreach from our society.

International Surgical Week ISW2007 in Montreal

The IAES 2007 will be 26-30 August as a part of the biennial ISW meetings. We are looking forward to a very vibrant meeting in one of the great cities of North America. The IAES headquarters hotel will be the Hotel Place d'Armes. Please specify this hotel in your registration in order to be at the center of our scientific and social interactions.

The hotel is just across from the convention center, and conveniently located to restaurants. As a boutique hotel, the rooms are limited in number. Please make your reservations early to ensure that space is available.

The abstract deadline for ISW2007 is January 5, 2007. Please designate the abstract for the IAES in order to have it considered for presentation during one of our sessions.

Highlights of the meeting will include State of the Art lectures on "Cushings Syndrome" and "Non-Medullary Hereditary Thyroid Cancer," and the Peter Heimann lecture on "PET Technology in Endocrine Oncology". Dr. Orlo Clark will also enlighten us with a lecture on "Endocrine Abnormalities in Art."

IAES Travel Awards

A limited number of travel awards is available for trainees with IAES abstracts accepted for presentation at the ISW 2007 meeting.

Applications for these will be accepted after the abstracts have been chosen for the meeting. Please watch the IAES website for details.

Intraoperative Nerve Monitoring Special Session

We will have a special educational session for the IAES on Sunday afternoon, 26 August to explore expert opinion of the role of intraoperative nerve monitoring technology in endocrine surgery. The goal of this expert panel discussion will be to provide the most current data and guidelines regarding the use of this resource. Watch the website for details of this session. This session has been made possible by an educational grant from Medtronic.

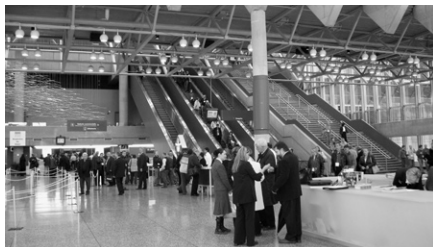
Website Update

The IAES website has been re-designed and updated. Please visit us at: <http://www.iaes-endocrine-surgeons.com> and watch for updates!

See you in Montreal!

Gerard Doherty
Secretary-Treasurer
International Association of Endocrine Surgeons

Entrance Hall Montreal Convention Centre



IATSIC News



Ari Leppäniemi
President IATSIC



Erwin Thal
Secretary-Treasurer IATSIC

IATSIC has been extremely busy the past several months. Considerable time and effort has been spent by our President-Elect Ian Civil as he organized and coordinated the IATSIC program for ISW 2007 in Montreal. The program promises to provide a wide range of presentations from internationally renowned trauma experts. Ongoing clinical conundrums such as the best management of complicated pelvic fractures, and necrotizing soft tissue infections, will be addressed by way of symposia while information providing sessions will deliver updates on IATSIC courses such as DSTC and ESTC. New research will be presented by way of free paper and poster sessions and the inaugural Donald D. Trunkey lecture will be delivered by the person himself, no doubt giving us the wisdom of his long and productive career as a trauma surgeon.

IATSIC will combine, as has been the tradition, with IASMEN and ISBI as well as FELAC for sessions on nutrition, burns and surgical techniques and given the North American location additional combined sessions will feature the local trauma societies. Combined sessions with the Trauma Association of Canada and the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma will be features of sequential days with the best paper for the latter attracting a US\$ 500 prize.

Debates, lectures and case presentations, a popular feature of the Durban meeting, will all be part of ISW 2007 and we look forward to hosting a large number of IATSIC members and interested surgeons from around the globe.

We encourage you to submit your best work including basic and clinical research. Socio-economic and educational topics are always timely. Instructions for electronic submission are available on the Congress homepage at www.isw2007.org or on the ISS/SIC homepage.

The Hotel Nelligan is the official designated IATSIC hotel. When registering it is important to note that your request is from the IATSIC reservation pool. IATSIC has planned a reception and dinner at the Restaurant La Modavie (live jazz!) on Tuesday. Reservations can be booked through the normal congress registration process at a later date.

The past several months has seen a robust increase in the number of new members. Fifty-eight countries are represented by the current 265 active members. Individuals who are interested in membership should submit their application to the central office of ISS/SIC. Membership in the organization is limited to surgeons of good professional standing, who have a major interest and an active practice in trauma surgery and/or intensive care. Contributions to the scientific literature pertinent to trauma surgery and intensive care is an important factor in determining membership. Applications that are received in the central office are forwarded to the Secretary/Treasurer of IATSIC. The application form must be accompanied by a current curriculum vitae and include publications, as well as recommendations from two sponsors, who must be members of ISS/SIC, with at least one being a member of IATSIC. The membership committee will review the application and make a recommendation for membership. Once the application has been approved the Secretary/Treasurer will inform the ISS/SIC office who will in turn notify the applicant.

Dr. Ronald Maier has undertaken the task of reviewing and updating the IATSIC constitution and by-laws. His report has been submitted to the executive committee and suggested changes will be circulated and presented to the membership at the business meeting in Montreal.

Interest in the DSTC course continues to rapidly expand. Nineteen courses have been given or are scheduled for 2006 as compared to 12 that were held in 2005. Courses were given for the first time this year in Thailand, Hong Kong, Spain, and Norway. Israel and Denmark are planning for their first course in 2007. The manual, which supplements the course is being revised and should be ready for distribution at the time of ISW 2007.

Dr. Charles Mock has provided outstanding leadership for the Essential Trauma Care (EsTC) Project. This is

an effort to set and promulgate affordable, sustainable minimum standards for care of the injured, which can realistically be achieved in all countries. Working in partnership, IATSIC and the World Health Organization published the Guidelines for Essential Trauma Care (WHO, Geneva, 2004). This publication identified 11 core trauma services, which can be assured to every injured person in the world and which can be considered as "The Rights of the Injured". The members of IATSIC's working group for Essential Trauma Care have also assisted the WHO with the development of a related document Prehospital Trauma Care Systems (WHO, Geneva, 2005). The members have continued in an advisory and consultative role to the WHO in order to promote implementation of the recommendations contained in these documents.

Endorsement for the Guidelines for EsTC has been received from several prominent surgical associations, including the Royal College of Surgeons of England, the West African College of Surgeons, and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

The aim of the Essential Trauma Care Project is to catalyze improvements in trauma care on the ground, especially in countries with the greatest resource restrictions. Progress has already occurred in several countries, including: Ghana, Mozambique, Mexico, Colombia, Vietnam, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Romania. The recommendations from the Guidelines for EsTC are increasingly being worked into national health policy.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Essential Trauma Care Project can obtain information from www.essentialtraumacare.org or www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/services/en/ or by emailing Dr. Charles Mock at cmock@u.washington.edu.

The leadership is grateful to the central office for its outstanding support and counsel.

Ari Leppäniemi
President IATSIC

Erwin Thal
Secretary-Treasurer IATSIC

US Chapter News

We are writing to inform you of some exciting changes for the US Chapter of the International Society of Surgery (ISS) Société Internationale de Chirurgie (SIC).

- We would like to invite you to participate in the nomination of candidates for the First **Annual Lloyd M. Nyhus, M.D., Traveling Scholar**

which supports a U.S. citizen in training within, or surgeons practicing within the United States 40 years old or younger to attend the International Surgical Week (August 26 – 30, 2007) in Montreal, Canada. The scholarship will provide travel and accommodation expenses (registration fees will be waived for the named scholar). Application materials are due by January 1, 2007 - - complete details may be found at: <http://www.iss-sic.ch> or by contacting michelle.fisher@duke.edu

- Commencing this year, US Chapter members will be afforded the opportunity to **pay their annual dues via credit card**. This information will be included on your 2007 dues statement which is enclosed to this mail. Did you know that ISS/SIC – US Chapter members aged 35 years of age and younger automatically receive a 50% reduced membership rate (50% of the ISS/SIC fee = \$67.50)?
- To ensure continued growth of the US Chapter, we are asking **all members to sponsor one colleague for membership** this coming year. Member applications are available on-line (http://www.iss-sic.ch/appl_pr.htm). Membership applications (with one supporting letter of recommendation) received by March 1, 2007, will be reviewed by the Executive Committee during the April 2007 meeting. Please help us reach our goal of inducting 75 new US Chapter members this year!

Lastly, we would like to encourage your attendance at the upcoming 42nd World Congress of Surgery (<http://www.isw2007.org>) in Montreal, Canada commencing August 26, 2007 with the program concluding on August 30, 2007. We are pleased that several US Chapter members are scheduled to present and ask you to consider attending this prestigious forum. Please note that early registration ends January 31 and abstract submissions are due by January 5, 2007. Additionally, all trainees and/or residents under the age of 35 receive a reduced registration fee.

For those who have and continue to provide additional financial support for the US Chapter and/or Foundation, we thank you for allowing us to continue to support our missions.

Thank you for your consideration!
Sincerely,

John Rombeau
US Chapter President
Patricia Numann
US Chapter Vice President
Danny O. Jacobs
US Chapter Secretary-Treasurer

ISS/SIC Foundation



*Jay Grosfeld
Secretary-Treasurer
ISS-Foundation*

The ISS Foundation was formed to raise funds for charitable, scientific and educational purposes. The Foundation continues to support the ISSF Travel Scholars Fund. These travel grants permit talented young surgeons from developing countries to attend International Surgical Week and meet surgical colleagues from just about everywhere in the world. This unique opportunity to share knowledge, exchange ideas, learn new techniques and technologies and subsequently influence the improvement of surgical care in their native countries is an extremely valuable and worthwhile experience. International Travel Scholar applicants are graduates of Schools of Medicine under the age of 40 years that have demonstrated a commitment to surgical teaching and/or research in accordance with the standards established in the applicant's country of origin. The selection process is competitive. Documentation and letters of support from Department Chairs are required. The ISSF will provide a number of \$2,000 stipends for travel scholars to attend ISW-2007 in Montreal, Canada. The registration fee for travel scholar grant awardees will be waived. An announcement concerning the grants was published in the August, September and October issues of the World Journal of Surgery. The travel scholar program has been quite successful at previous ISW meetings and we look forward to continue to provide this opportunity in Montreal.

Contributions to the ISSF are greatly appreciated. Most of the funding for ISSF activities comes from the members of the Society. Growing the corpus of the ISSF will allow us to fund other worthy programs. These gifts can be directed individually to our office or through the donor's participating and or integrated society to the ISSF. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Jay L. Grosfeld
Secretary-Treasurer
ISS-Foundation

The staff at the ISS/SIC Administrative Office conveys
to you their heartfelt



Victor Bertschi, Caroline Imeri, Marianne Bertschi, Stefanie Kluser, Chris Storz

Season's Greetings

and wishes for a prosperous 2007