



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

# NEWSLETTER

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### News by the President ISS/SIC



*Ken Boffard, President  
ISS/SIC and ISW 2011*

In my last newsletter, I started by saying that "2010 has been an eventful year..." So far, 2011 has proven to be even busier and more eventful!

The catastrophic events in Japan are not going to disappear quickly, but the graciousness and fortitude of the Japanese people, and the extraordinary response of the country have been unparalleled. Despite the magnitude of the disaster (actually three disasters rather than one), the country is rebuilding itself at an astonishing rate.

- Roads and freeways have been completely rebuilt (some within a couple of weeks!)
- The Shinkansen rail system in the North East of the country is again fully functional.
- The situation with the nuclear reactor in Fukushima is not completely resolved, but great strides have been made, with decreased radiation levels, and a progressive plan has been put in place to bring the remaining areas under control within the next few months.
- Life in most of Japan has returned to normal, with medical facilities running normally, and radiation levels outside the exclusion zone including those of Tokyo and Yokohama are back to those which were measured prior to the earthquake.
- All airports (even partially, Sendai) and airlines are running normally, and the World Health Or-

ganization and the International Atomic Energy Agency have confirmed that there is no increased risk.

- The population has not lost its self esteem, and has set an example to the world as to how a country can behave despite the magnitude of the events.

Internationally, we have an obligation to support this. While safety is obviously our paramount consideration, after reviewing all possible solutions, the Executive Committee felt that the best option would be for ISW 2011 to take place as planned. We are therefore committed to ISW 2011, and early indications for success have exceeded our expectations. We received more than 1700 abstracts and have had to be very careful about selecting the best free papers and posters from both Japan and internationally. I am delighted that the majority of our speakers including most of the international invited speakers have confirmed that they are coming. Many of the "household names" in Surgery will be present as planned, to help make the ISW the success that it deserves to be.

A member of the Royal Family will be opening the Congress on Sunday afternoon. The sessions are filled, and the preliminary program is available on our website. For the first time we are having a trainees' day, with a particular emphasis on the needs of surgical trainees worldwide, (of which more later).

The Congress will finish on Thursday afternoon, 1<sup>st</sup> September with an additional session, looking at the problems resulting, and the lessons learned from both the Earthquake, but specifically in response to a nuclear disaster, both actual and potential. This session should be a unique addition to the program, and the recent experience is unparalleled anywhere. Details will be available on our website as soon as they are available.

If you have not yet committed yourself to International Surgical Week 2011, now is the time. The International Community needs to send a clear message of support to our Japanese colleagues. I was humbled, after I sent out a message of support on your behalf, following the disaster, how many of you, our members, offered to assist. The surgical community is global, and if you, like me, believe in both the art and science of surgery, and the sharing of ideas at an international level meeting, then being present at the ISW is one way of displaying this commitment.

As this is my last newsletter before the Congress, it also serves as a "Situation Report" of your Society, which continues to have an expanding role in global surgery. As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions (Ken.Boffard@iss-sic.ch).

On your behalf, I would like to congratulate ISS member Dr. Manjul Joshipura, of Ahmedabad, India, on his appointment to the World Health Organization, as Head of the Department of Violence and Injury Prevention and Disability. Dr. Joshipura launched the ISS / IATSIC National Trauma Management Course (NTMC®) in India 10 years ago, and more than 5000 physicians have been trained. He succeeds Dr. Charlie Mock, (who jointly with IATSIC and WHO developed the Essential Trauma Care Guidelines which continue to be a reference point for standards of trauma care in many areas of the world), and the ties between ourselves and the World Health Organization remain strong. Your Society continues to build its role as a strong player in world surgery, and strongly supports such initiatives as the WHO Safe Surgery Program. It is our members who are carrying such programs forward in the clinical environment, and our close relationship with the various Organizations, Surgical Colleges and Societies makes this possible.

If we fail to support the surgical trainees of today, we will have lost the surgical leaders of tomorrow. Many countries, because of the transient nature of trainees, and the limited time available for training, do not have a formal organization, or at least, long-term continuity in representing their views. With the increased awareness of human rights and the ethics of patient care, in many countries, fewer patients are available to trainees, and the use of surgical simulation similar to the aviation industry has risen exponentially. The International Society of Surgery has therefore recognized the need to create a forum, and encourage an ethos of training, working with trainers and trainees, and exchanging ideas on the future. There has been strong support from a number of the trainees' organizations, and we have therefore set up a Federation of Training Organizations, led by the South African Society for Surgeons in Training (SASSIT), and the United Kingdom's Association for Surgeons in Training (ASiT). There will be a specific trainee's day



*Virtual Reality Training*

in Yokohama, and if you have any trainees who will be attending the meeting, please particularly ask them to introduce themselves to our Executive Committee members and staff. There is now a Society membership rate for a trainee that has been set at a level where not only it is affordable, but the benefits are significantly more than the outlay.

Also with our developing role in Surgical Education, (ISS has never been an examination body), the decision was made to develop an Academy of Surgery. See the report from our Secretary General, Jean-Claude Givel.

During this year so far, our links with the other Colleges continue to strengthen. There was a strong ISS presence at the European Hepatobiliary Association meeting, jointly with the Association of Surgeons of South Africa, in Cape Town in April. The Society was well represented at a most successful meeting of the College of Surgeons of Malaysia, in Sarawak last month, and we will have a joint ISS session with the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand in July. The RCST meeting will also be jointly with the American College of Surgeons. These meetings have also included regular meetings of the College Presidents from across the world, and there has therefore been closer cooperation between many Colleges in many aspects of Surgical Regulation and Care.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find letters from our Integrated Society Presidents. I thank them for their enthusiastic efforts on behalf of the Society.

Each of the Societies has a mature scientific program for Yokohama, and there really should be something of interest for everyone. The Societies too, have been very active in the field of Postgraduate education. There have been courses in endoscopy, breast disease; endocrine disease, and IATSIC's DSTC™ Course which is 15 years old, and has taken place over 200 times, in 25 Countries. Courses such as these are not restricted to any country or to ISW. We would encourage them in association with local and National congresses, and in association with our many National Representatives, let us know where we can assist.

Your Society has long been supported by our National Delegates, who represent their countries without much reward or thanks. We continue to look for other ways to recognize their hard work and commitment. I would like to thank them for their efforts for your Society, and again, would encourage your views as to how we can make a difference in your country.

As I have mentioned before, Japan is a "Destination" rather than just a "Congress". We have recognized the pressures of the recession, the registration fees are lower than previous years, and a wide range of affordable accommodation is available. Although fuel prices remain high, there are a number of extremely cost effective packages and air fares available to Japan. Have a look at the ISW website at [www.isw2011.org](http://www.isw2011.org), which besides containing all the Congress information, also has details of the current state recovery of Japan, and some very good links for those who would like more detailed information.

Lastly I would yet again, like to register my appreciation for the sustained energetic work by our Lupsingen staff. If ever there are heroes in the organization, it is

they. This is a complex organization, represented in over 120 countries with many languages, and a complex International Surgical Week. Yet Victor, Chris, and their team manage this with efficiency and equanimity. Despite all the upsets, almost unprecedented in scale, they have been able to recover, reorganize and sustain the ISS and ISW. On your behalf I thank them.

I hope to see many of you in Yokohama. As always, if you have any ideas, or just want to give us your views, please email me at [Ken.Boffard@iss-sic.ch](mailto:Ken.Boffard@iss-sic.ch).



**Join us, JAPAN!**  
**– Yokoso, Minasan! –**  
**August 28 – September 1,**  
**Yokohama, Japan**  
**by LOC/PCO, ISW 2011**



*Masahiko Watanabe*  
**President LOC**

We express our deep sympathy to those who have lost their loved ones in the earthquake and tsunami on March 11, 2011. We believe that our nation is strong, and we will come out of this disaster even stronger. Our country has remarkable resilience. We would never give in easily. In the past couple months, things have started to come back to normal. Slowly but steadily, people in Tohoku are getting their ordinary lives back.

Tokyo and Yokohama area experienced no significant damage, and the venue, hotels and the Local Organizing Committee(LOC) of ISW 2011 are ready to welcome you any time. You can visit us at [www.isw2011.org](http://www.isw2011.org) for more information regarding tours, events and local attractions. You can also experience a visual tour of Tokyo/Yokohama area by clicking on the video in our tour page.



**Kotokuin Temple in Kamakura**

We proudly present another short video entitled “Join us, Japan!” on our website. You will find the heartfelt message from the president of LOC, Professor Masahiko Watanabe, people from the city of Yokohama, and our staff members.

For those of you visiting Yokohama for the first time, Yokohama is a port city beside the Tokyo Bay with picturesque nightscape and myriads of shops and restaurants, for all fathers’ headache around the world. Please make sure to pack your camera and extra batteries! Last but not least, don’t forget to bring your family and friends with you. You don’t want them to miss what you will be experiencing here.

For those of you “repeat visitors”, we invite you to visit not only your favorite spot but also new streets you’ve never wandered. Be a proactive tourist, and explore the very local sides of Yokohama. There is a local cuisine Michelin hasn’t yet discover, a jazz bar Lonely Planet didn’t cover. The town is full of wonderful surprises!

And please don’t forget: the dress code for ISW 2011 is super casual. (Except for the Opening Ceremony, when you are required to wear formal attire.) Don’t forget, Yokohama is hot in the summer!

We cannot wait to have you all in Yokohama in just a couple of months time!

Join us, JAPAN! *Yokoso, Minasan!*

## News by the Secretary General ISS/SIC International Society of Surgery Academy (ISSAc)



*Jean-Claude Givel*  
**Secretary General ISS/SIC**

The biennial International Surgical Week (ISW) and the World Journal of Surgery (WJS) are certainly the two main points of reference of the International Society of Surgery. Postgraduate teaching and Continuous Medical Education (CME) represent a huge challenge for our society, but both still need to be structured and develo-

ped. To achieve this goal, it has recently been decided to found the International Society of Surgery Academy (ISSAc), with the aim of advancing Surgical Training and Education around the world. The overall running of the Academy would be the responsibility of a Dean, supported by a Faculty containing representatives of each of the integrated societies that constitute the ISS and surgical educationalists of international repute.

The first person to assume the important position of Dean will be William (Bill) Thomas, MS FRCS, Consultant Surgeon at the Hallamshire Hospital in Sheffield (UK).



*William E.G. Thomas*  
**Dean ISSAc**

He has also been, and still is, responsible for the delivery of Surgical Skills Courses throughout the United Kingdom as well as in many countries in Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa. Bill likewise lectures on management courses for clinicians, organised by Keele University and the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

The practical aims and purpose of the Academy will be to bring all educational activities within the ISS under one umbrella organisation, in order to co-ordinate such activities, allow better use of resources and prevent duplication or gaps. This educational activity will be delivered in two distinct sections:

- Humanitarian surgery in developing countries
- Formal courses within a clear scientific/business framework. Income from such activity will help subsidize and sponsor humanitarian courses in countries and environments unable to finance educational activity.

The long term aim would be to build up a portfolio of courses that will cover all surgical specialties and all levels from trainees to senior surgeons, that could be delivered internationally in a co-ordinated manner. There already exist a large number of high quality surgical courses from many different surgical establishments and surgical societies, but the delivery of these internationally is very ad hoc and there is still no central organisation that orchestrates the delivery of these otherwise excellent educational activities. This leads either to duplication or gaps in the surgical course catalogue and the aim of the Academy would



*Open Surgical Skills Training*

be to start to collate all these activities, to ensure quality control, and to assist in the international delivery of educational courses. Thus these organisations would be assisted in a pragmatic manner but also the uniform high standard of the material, as would be demanded by the ISS, would be assured. The aim would not be to take over the control of such courses, which would remain with the parent organisation, but to certify such activities, offer advice as to their delivery, and to list and advertise all such accredited courses on the Academy portion of the website of the ISS.

Quality control will be an extremely important factor in the delivery of these courses. The Academy will therefore have to define standards that would allow accreditation of such activities. A well recognised sign would then appear on all literature and advertising for the courses, signifying that they were indeed accredited activities under the aegis of the ISS Academy. In the fullness of time, such educational activities recognised by the Academy could be the subject of CME credits that would then be recognised internationally by educational institutions around the world. It might also provide an objective basis for the development and attribution of an official title, such as a Fellowship of the International Society of Surgery.

The ISSAc is for the time being under construction. Its definitive concept will be discussed and hopefully accepted by the Executive Committee next August in Yokohama. If so, it would then be anticipated that during the remainder of 2011 the Faculty would be set up, a programme developed, funding sought and the first courses run during the Spring of 2012. A far reaching advertising campaign should then be initiated to encourage differing countries to identify such educational courses or at least to identify needs in their own countries for such activities.



Such an academy will surely be a significant added value to both the International Society of Surgery and its members. In her unique international position, the Society will play a major role in the coordinating of worldwide surgical training. It would also be recognized as a leading forum for consideration by health or political organizations, such as WHO, ICRC or others.

Jean-Claude Givel  
Secretary General

## **News by the Administrative Office ISS/SIC**

The following items will be on the agenda for the ISS/SIC General Assembly which will take place on Thursday, September 1, 2011 at the Yokohama Congress. Documents will be available from Sunday, August 28, 2011 at the ISS/SIC booth.

### **New Membership 2009 to 2011**

The Secretariat in Switzerland was pleased to receive from September 2009 until May 2011 a number of more than 200 new membership applications which have been approved by the Executive Committee.

## Changes/Amendments of the Constitution for vote at GA 2011

In view of the planned activities related to the postgraduate courses and the acceptance of the International Society for Digestive Surgery (ISDS) as the fifth integrated society the following changes and/or amendment are proposed for vote:

### ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES, item II

**The ISS-Academy shall be responsible for all teaching activities, including REGIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS AND COURSES held under the auspices of the SOCIETY. with the active involvement of the local Chapters:**

### ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 2 – Qualifications e) Related surgical societies – 1/integrated societies

the following is to be added after the listing of Brest Surgery (BSI)

***“The International Society for Digestive Surgery (ISDS)”***

### ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS, Section 1 – Types of elected officers and duties

To be added as

***l) Dean of ISS-Academy shall be elected by the Executive Committee as a permanent guest in the Executive Committee and ex officio member without vote for four years terms with re-eligibility at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The Dean of ISS-Academy shall be responsible for all educational aspects of the SOCIETY and/or those under the auspices of the SOCIETY.***

## Finances 2009/2010 and Budgets 2012/2013

The audited statements of accounts of 2009 and 2010 including the auditing report and the budgets 2012 and 2013 will be available at the beginning of the congress at the ISS/SIC booth in the exhibition hall at Yokohama Convention Center.

The fiscal years 2009 and 2010 are affected by the Profit Sharing Program. **ISS/SIC provides a total biennial stipend in the amount of USD 291'000 for ISW 2011 to the 5 integrated Societies and ISS-Foundation** according to their participation in ISW 2009 and activities in World Journal of Surgery in 2009 and 2010. The use of the money is entirely up to the assigned society. In view of this contribution it is clearly earmarked that 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..**

## Annual Dues (in Euros) 2012/2013 for vote at the General Assembly at ISW 2011

The Executive Committee Members have decided unanimously that the annual dues for 2012 and 2013 should be slightly increased to

**Euro 145.00** (plus corresponding chapter assessments in Euros)

for all countries without any exceptions.

## Nominations for Prize Winners 2011

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

- **ISS/SIC Prize 2011: Professor Patricia Numann, USA** (nominated by the US Chapter)
- **Robert Danis Prize 2011: Professor Otmar Trentz, Switzerland** (nominated by IATSIC)

The Prize Winners will be awarded in the session before the Presidential Address which will be held in Plenary Hall 1 on Monday morning, August 29, 2011 at 08.00 a.m.

## Nominations for ISS/SIC Honorary Members 2011

The Executive Committee Members elected as Honorary Members in 2011 the following Members:

- **Professor Felix Harder, Switzerland** who has served as Secretary General from 2001 until 2009 (nominated by Jean-Claude Givel)
- **Professor Arun Pausawasdi, Thailand** for his efforts in organizing ISW 2003 in Bangkok and efforts for the National Chapter of Thailand. (nominated by the Thai Chapter)
- **Professor Thomas Earl Starzl, USA** for his contributions to ISS/SIC in USA (nominated by the ISS/SIC Executive Committee)

The new Honorary Members will also be awarded before the Presidential Address on Monday morning, August 29, 2011 at 08.00 a.m.

## Nominations of 3 new Executive Committee Members

The term in office of the following Executive Committee Members will come to an end at ISW 2011 in Yokohama:



**Professor Michael Sarr, USA;** who has been in the Executive from 2003 until 2011 as councilor, president and past president.



**Professor Abdel-Hadi S.T. Al-Briezat, Jordan** and



**Professor Tatsuo Yamakawa, Japan**

who both have served for a period of four years as a councilor at large.

The Nominating Committee has expressed his thanks to all 3 outgoing committee members for their strong support to the society. The committee also decided to nominate the following members to be forwarded for election as new Executive Committee Councilors at large at the General Assembly on Thursday, September 1, 2011 in Yokohama:

- **Professor Adam Dziki, Poland**
- **Professor Alberto R. Ferreres, Argentina**
- **Professor Yuko Kitagawa, Japan**

Furthermore, the Nominating Committee unanimously supports the nomination or confirmation of election at the General Assembly of:

**Professor Göran Akerström, Sweden,** as President ISS/SIC for 2011 to 2013

**Professor Ken Boffard, South Africa,** as Past President ISS/SIC 2011 to 2013

**Professor Nopadol Wora-Urai, Thailand** as President elect 2011 to 2013 and President of ISS/SIC 2013 to 2015.

**Professor John Hunter, USA** for an additional term until 2013 as Editor in Chief of World Journal of Surgery.

The nomination of the 6 congress Vice Presidents for ISW 2013 will only take place in Yokohama and will include each one from ISS/SIC and the 5 integrated societies.

## ISW 2013 in Helsinki, Finland August 24–29, 2013



*Ari Leppäniemi  
President LOC ISW 2013*

ISW 2013 will be held together with the Finish Surgical Society (FSS) at Helsinki Convention Center. The Finish Surgical Society 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 and Urological Surgeons, and a similar number from other countries will participate. The National Delegates of the surrounding countries have already been invited and have confirmed their support. Promotion of ISW 2013 in Helsinki will start at the Yokohama Congress where a first program committee meeting will take place. Deadline for the submission of abstracts has been set to January 13, 2013. Further details are also available on the congress homepage at [www.ISW2013.org](http://www.ISW2013.org).



*Helsinki Convention Center*

## News from IAES



*Leigh Delbridge  
President IAES*



*Geoffrey B. Thompson  
Secretary-Treasurer IAES*

Dear IAES Members

The last three months has seen a dramatic impact on the world around us; no more evident than in the nation of Japan. The massive earthquake and tsunami last March has devastated parts of Japan, creating untold suffering, death, and destruction. For some time now, there was great doubt as to whether we would be able to go forward with ISW 2011 in Yokohama. We are now pleased to report that plans are moving ahead to hold the IAES meeting as planned at the Yokohama Convention Center. We have received assurances from our colleagues in Japan, the Japanese government, and the ISS executive that to do so will be safe. Normal travel to the region has resumed. Radiation levels 160 miles from the damaged nuclear power plant are in a safe range and will continue to drop in the coming weeks.

The food and water supply are safe, and power outages are expected to be kept to a minimum.

We have received unanimous backing from the IAES council and executive, all of whom will be attending the meeting. Most of the speakers to date will be honoring their commitment to bring about a successful program. As an added bonus, we have now introduced a Presidential Address to the meeting, with the first being titled: "Surgery for Toxic Goitre: the Australian Connection."

There is still time to register, and there are still two types of travel awards available based on quality oral presentations, as well as financial need. If interested, please see the following web site for more information <http://www.iaes-endocrine-surgeons.com/pdf/TravelAwards2011.pdf>.

The IAES donated 10,000 USD to the Japanese Red Cross immediately after the disaster. Coming to this year's IAES meeting will be a tremendous show of solidarity with our Japanese friends and colleagues who are working so hard to bring about this congress and to get back to a normal life.

Professor Delbridge and I look forward to greeting you all in Yokohama. Dohmo arigatoh gozaimasu!

Geoffrey B. Thompson  
Secretary-Treasurer, IAES

Leigh Delbridge  
President IAES



*Golden Temple*



## News from IATSIC



*C. William Schwab*  
**President IATSIC**

These past several months have been difficult and trying times for Japan, its leadership and especially its people. The disasters that struck that country have shocked the globe and we continue to watch them recover with awe and respect. The physical recovery is well on its way and for months the transportation, communication and technology systems have been fully functional. The leadership of ISW 2011 and the organizing committee in Japan remain in constant communication about the safety, logistics and arrangements for the meeting and all are confident this will be a highly successful endeavor.

This has been an exciting and productive year for IATSIC.

The IATSIC membership committee has approved 37 new members since our last meeting in Adelaide in 2009. IATSIC is actively recruiting and encourages all surgeons with an interest in trauma and critical care that have completed all of their training to apply for membership. Membership offers a stimulating program during ISW, opportunities for leadership in the organization and the satisfaction of participating in numerous educational endeavors.

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 and critical care are important factors in the selection process.

Included in the IATSIC & ISS/SIC membership is the subscription to *World Journal of Surgery* as well as online access to 10 additional Springer journals.

The standardized (on-line or printed) application form for active membership must be submitted to the ISS/SIC office, which will in turn refer it to the IATSIC membership committee. The application form must be accompanied by a current curriculum vitae and include publications, as well as e-mail addresses of two sponsors, who must be members of ISS/SIC, with at least one being a member of IATSIC. Copies will be

sent to the two sponsors to provide their confirmation by e-mail. The membership committee will review the application and make an appropriate recommendation regarding membership. Once the application has been approved, the IATSIC office will process all relevant documentation and inform the new member and the ISS/SIC office accordingly.

IATSIC has scheduled 31 DSTC courses for 2011, and, no doubt, there will be more applications forthcoming. Inaugural courses were held in Lucerne, Switzerland, Milan, Italy, and Helsinki, Finland. Thanks to the efforts of so many members, the DSTC has become the true global trauma surgery course and its merits go far beyond the classroom or laboratory. Congratulations to Ian Civil and the DSTC committee for their efforts and enthusiasm.

ISW 2011 and the biennial meeting of IATSIC are scheduled to begin on Sunday August 28th at the Pacifico Convention Center on Yokohama Bay. The New Grand Hotel has been designated as the IATSIC headquarters. This is a hotel with a beautiful location on the bay and offers a phenomenal blend of both the modern and the historic past of Japan. The Grand Hotel housed General Douglas McArthur and his staff during the early rebuilding of Japan and is filled with pictures and memorabilia representing that historic era. The hotel has hosted several other world events and a number of ceremonies for Japanese dignitaries and world leaders. It is within easy walking distance to the convention center, great attractions of Yokohama, shopping venues and a variety of restaurants.

Tuesday evening, August 29th will be the IATSIC banquet at the Sankeien Gardens outside Yokohama. These Gardens are one of the original "old" Japanese estates and horticultural gardens. The grounds are preserved in the traditional Japanese fashion and afford acres of natural beauty and a glimpse of "old" Japan. The banquet facility is located in one of the old estate buildings and seating is limited to 80 people so be sure to make your reservations early to ensure a memorable evening.



*Selman Uranues*  
**President-Elect IATSIC**

Selman Uranues, our President-Elect has put together a scientific program with comprehensive information

on the newest developments in trauma, emergency surgery and critical care that comprises three stand-alone IATSIC main sessions and seven joint sessions with other integrated societies. There will be a lunch-time poster walk on Monday, August 29th, and two free paper sessions, the first being on Monday, August 29th and the second being the following day along with the AAST free paper session. Professor Abe Fingerhut will deliver the third annual Donald D. Trunkey Trauma Lecture at 12:15 on the 30th. Professor C. William Schwab will deliver his presidential address on Thursday, September 1st at 7:00 am followed by a short business meeting at which time the free paper prize winners will be recognized.

In addition to providing a broad-scope coverage of the latest techniques and technologies, the meeting will reflect the situation in the world today as it relates to current events. In view of the armed combat going on in parts of the world, the two main sessions on Tuesday, August 30th, will focus on the advances for care of battlefield casualties. "Humanitarian medicine and military deployment" chaired by Ari Leppäniemi (Finland) and Norman Rich (USA) will be held in the morning. "Contemporary resuscitation: hemostasis and hemostatics," as developed on the battlefield and how this relates to civilian practice will be chaired by Francois Pons (France) and Mark Boyer (USA) in the afternoon. These should be of great interest to all.

The emerging discipline of acute care surgery will be emphasized in the main session on Thursday morning and will address "Acute care surgery: what every consultant should know." Interesting presentations will cover the global need for the acute care surgeon and training of acute care surgeons in developing countries.

The main session on Thursday afternoon on, "Surgical emergencies in our elders" will look at the epidemiology of global aging, trauma in the elderly and these issues in developing nations.

These are just a few highlights of the quality program with up-to-the-minute topics and distinguished international speakers.

My hopes are that ISW will be a booming success and very enjoyable for all.

Hope to see you in Yokohama!

C. William Schwab  
President IATSIC

## News from ISDS



*Tonia Young-Fadok  
Secretary General ISDS*

Dear ISDS Members, Colleagues and Friends

This message will be short and simple.

The Program Directors and Local Organizing Committee planned a vibrant presence for GI Surgery at the ISW meeting in Yokohama. This was made even more evident by the volume of abstracts submitted and accepted. We anticipated that GI Surgery would have a major presence at this meeting.

On March 11th, Japan suffered incalculable losses from an earthquake of almost unknown magnitude in a populated area, the subsequent horror of the tsunami, and the ongoing angst regarding the affected nuclear reactors. The world has been amazed at the resilience of the Japanese people.

I mentioned that ISDS planned a major presence at this meeting. We will STILL have the same major presence at this meeting. No faculty member or presenter has backed out of their obligations. We plan to stand with our Japanese colleagues and honor them. We WILL be at this meeting and we invite you to show your support too.

Safe travels!

Tonia Young-Fadok



## News from IASMEN



*Olle Ljungqvist*  
*President IASMEN*

Dear Fellow Surgeon,

The IASMEN program in Yokohama is a program that every surgeon, regardless of discipline, should be engaged in. The society itself stems from an interest in metabolism and nutrition in the surgical patient initiated during the last century. The work from our early pioneers such as Rhoades, Dudrick, Wretling and Wilmore to name a few has now developed into insights to the development of complications after surgery and how to manage them. It has taught us how to markedly improve the recovery of patients after surgery.

The novel findings and understanding of recovery and avoiding complications has demonstrated that while the technical skill of the surgeon is an important factor for outcomes, it is not only the technical skills that matters, but perhaps even more so the understanding of the physiology of coping with the surgical insult. This means that the surgeon must actually be a doctor who also knows how to operate rather than a person only into techniques.

Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) programs and protocols are rapidly spreading all over the world to improve surgical practice markedly. Reports indicate that when employed properly complications can be reduced by half, and recovery time and length of stay too. These programs are built on the understanding of the physiology of the stress response and the results of disturbed metabolism.



*Yokohama by night*

*Courtesy JNTO*

Using these insights to choose the right perioperative treatments and surgical techniques in combined protocols is one of the keys to improve outcomes. The other essential component is knowing the details of what has been done during the course of the hospital stay in detail. This will many times help explain adverse outcomes.

The IASMEN program will center around these issues while also presenting the most novel developments in nutritional care, in the general surgical patient but also for the difficult patient, the complex cases and how to deal with nutrition and metabolism.

We are also happy to have special lectures on the nutritional care in the surgical ICU and we are particularly pleased to see Professor John MacFie give the José F. Patiño lecture on Ethics in Surgical Nutrition. Prof MacFie is from Scarborough UK and is a world authority on surgical ethics. In addition he has a wide interest in clinical surgical research with numerous papers on surgical nutrition, enhanced recovery and bacterial translocation in surgery. Prof MacFie is currently serving as the president of the Association of Surgeons UK and Ireland. He is a great speaker and we very much look forward to his important contribution.

The program also offers a great number of world experts in the field of surgical nutrition and perioperative care including fluid management an often neglected but important part of the perioperative care,

It is my pleasure, along with our local IASMEN organizer Prof H Ohyanagi to welcome you all to the IASMEN part of the ISS in 2011, and we guarantee you a world class program on clinical nutrition and metabolism integrated in to the practice of enhancing recovery after surgery and avoiding complications.

Olle Ljungqvist  
President IASMEN





“Many surgeons have wanted to help our colleagues in Japan. Some have done so. Others mean to do so. Today, tomorrow, and next month there is no better way to support Japan than to register for ISW. As you will see, in the attached communique, the conditions in Japan are as safe as ever today, and virtually all services and opportunities for tourism have been restored. Time to do your part. We look forward to seeing you in Yokohama. It will be a great meeting.”

John Hunter  
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