



Newsletter

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Soci t  Internationale de Chirurgie (SIC)

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President's Address



*Marco G. Patti,
President ISS/SIC*

The International Society of Surgery (ISS/SIC) was established in 1902, and is considered today one of the oldest and most prestigious international surgical societies. The ISS/SIC functioned as a solo organization for 77 years, but subsequently other international associations joined the ISS/SIC as Integrated Societies. The International Association of Endocrine Surgeons (IAES) was the first association which was founded in 1979 during the San Francisco meeting. Eventually 5 more international associations joined the ISS/SIC: the International Association for Surgery of Trauma and Surgical Intensive Care (IATSIC) in 1989, the International Association for Surgical Metabolism and Nutrition (IASMEN) in 1993, the Breast Surgery International (BSI) in 1999, the International Society for Digestive Surgery (ISDS) in 2009, and the Alliance for Surgery and Anesthesia Presence (ASAP) in 2013. Other Associations such as FELAC, WOFAPS, ISBI contribute as Partner Societies (formerly Participating Societies). Today, the ISS/SIC with its 6 Collective



Buddha statues Thailand

December 2015



HRH Princess Chulabhorn Walailak with ISS/SIC Executive Committee Members

Member Societies (formerly Integrated Societies) and the Partner Societies cover almost all the areas of surgery.

The most recent World Congress of Surgery (formerly International Surgical Week) was held in Bangkok, August 23– 27, 2015, in collaboration with the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand. The ISS/SIC President Professor Nopadol Wora-Urai and the Local Organizing Committee led by Professor Supakorn Rojananin did a superb job organizing a perfect congress in the beautiful Bangkok. More than 2400 participants from many countries around the world came to Thailand, despite the terrorist act that caused many victims just a few days before the official opening. In addition, on August 23, the day of the opening ceremony, Professor Jean-Claude Givel, Secretary General of the ISS/SIC since 2009, died. The decision to go on with the Congress was made knowing that this is what he would have wanted. His memory was honored by many who felt

the tragic disappearance of a dear friend and a respected colleague.

Because of the death of Professor Givel, Professor Felix Harder (former ISS/SIC Secretary General) has kindly agreed to function as an Interim Secretary General until the end of March 2016. Between now

and December, applications for the permanent position of Secretary General will be reviewed. The call for applications was published in the World Journal of Surgery.

Mr. Victor Bertschi, ISS/SIC Executive Director, has agreed to postpone his retirement until December 2016.



Final accounting meeting at RCST-Offices on December 2 in Bangkok.

A contract has been signed with Twister Consulting AG and its manager Mr. Mike Iliopoulos. Starting January 2016, Twister will assume for an initial 2 year period the administrative Secretariat of ISS/SIC.

A core Professional Congress Organizer, MCI (Mr. Rene Haller) has been retained for the organization of the next World Congress of Surgery WCS 2017, in Buenos Aires in August 2017 and the two following congresses.

The Local Organizing Committee WCS 2017 will be led by Professor Alberto Ferreres, who is also President of the ISDS. We do expect to have a scientifically superb meeting in the background of a city rich in culture, tradition, and folklore. A preliminary program will be submitted by the Collective Member Societies by the end of 2015.

As all of you know, on November 22, 2015 there was a ballot between two candidates for the position of President of Argentina. The new government was installed on December 10.

We do hope that the new President will be able to make changes to the present financial laws, and that the inflation can be reigned under control. Along with Professor Ferreres, head of the LOC in Buenos Aires, we plan to carefully monitor the situation in Argentina until January 10. If no changes will occur, we will have to consider an alternative venue for the 2017 World Congress of Surgery. This will be indeed a very painful decision, but the financial security of the ISS/SIC and all the participating societies must take priority.

As you can see many changes have occurred and more will follow. Two main



Past President Nopadol Wora-Urai welcomes Marco Patti as new ISS/SIC President



goals have been set for the ISS/SIC during the next two years:

- 1) to be more inclusive, expanding its membership to young surgeons and to surgeons from every continent. A task force led by Professor Andrew Hill has been established, and one of the first steps will be the creation of a new website and the use of the media such as Facebook, Twitter, and other; and
- 2) to expand the "Global" reach of the Society. As an international surgical organization, the ISS/SIC has the commitment of enhancing around the world surgical education and training in all the fields of surgery, particularly in less developed countries.

The first meeting of the ISS/SIC Executive Committee will take place on March 11 and 12, 2016. We encourage all of our members to submit ideas, suggestions to their respective representatives before March 2016 in order to make this first encounter as relevant as possible without waste of time and resources.

I am looking forward to working with you for the next two years.

Sincerely,
Marco G. Patti, MD
President, International Society of Surgery

In Memory of Jean-Claude Givel

by Neil Mortensen, Oxford University Hospitals, Oxford, UK

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Jean-Claude Givel

1946 – 2015

Professor Jean-Claude Givel has died, aged 69, at the end of August this year whilst attending the 46th meeting of the International Society of Surgery Society (ISS/SIC) in Thailand. He was a brilliant surgeon combining his professional life with a passion for the Arts. He had been the secretary general of the ISS for 6 years, one of the many valuable contributions to Surgery and Surgical Societies. He was educated in Lausanne and qualified there in medicine in 1970 at the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois (CHUV). He went on to train as a surgeon and in 1980 spent a year at the General Hospital in Birmingham with John Alexander Williams. Here he confirmed his interest in visceral but particularly colorectal surgery, and all things Anglo-Saxon. He loved the British heritage and was a proud honorary member of the Coloproctology Section of the Royal Society of Medicine and member of the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland.

After training in Great Britain, he returned to Lausanne and the CHUV where he was appointed consultant surgeon. He loved to teach and was a meticulous operator. Junior surgeons remember particularly his approachability and help with their careers. In Swiss surgery, he was a trusted and a wise councillor and was President of the Swiss Surgical Society from 2000 to 2002. In 2000, he cofounded the Alpine Colorectal Meeting with me. This group played a significant role in the development of European Coloproctology. He gave the Marc Claude Marti Lecture founded in honour of another great European coloproctologist at his last Alpine Colorectal Meeting in January of this year. Professor Givel was also an important figure in the British Journal of Surgery where he was a Council member and a Vice Chair, steering through a number of measures to globalise the journal. He had been a governor on the Board of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the international committee and chair of the scholarship selection committee. He was also a strong supporter of the European Society of Coloproctology and was one of its trustees.

On his retirement from the CHUV in 2011, he poured his energies and love for the Arts into ballet, music and Swiss artists. He was the President of the Bejart Ballet Foundation, President of the Council of the Cully Music Festival, President of the Foundation Hermanjat and was an important collector of paintings by Marius Borgeaud and hence had become the President of the Association of Friends of the artist. His lovely small chateau in Lonay just outside Lausanne was full of beautiful objets d'art. He was a true collector with an encyclopedic knowledge of his possessions. This extended to a brace of vintage Rolls-Royces which he was having carefully restored. Jean-Claude would describe surgeons he particularly liked as elegant. Yet he himself was the epitome of elegance. Always in an immaculate suit, he was kind, generous, brilliantly organised and quite simply the perfect colleague. Although he was blessed with much he was not selfish. He was a great contributor and died "on duty" helping the ISS/SIC to successfully promote the highest standards in surgery and the education of the surgeons of the future. I and many others will miss him dearly as friend and colleague.

Secretary General Report



*Felix Harder,
Secretary General
ISS/SIC (interim)*

One hour after the Bangkok-bombing Secretary General Jean-Claude Givel called me to discuss what the impact of this could be on WCS just a few days away. The shock and emotion left him initially hesitant about how to react concerning the procedure to follow. At the phone conference that followed the decision to go ahead was made. Jean-Claude participated at the Executive Committee meeting in Bangkok preceding WCS and at the dinner thereafter apparently in excellent condition. Only when he was missing at the Opening of the Congress it appeared that something must have happened. Jean-Claude had peacefully passed away in his hotel room during the night. So many of us in the Society, his friends and colleagues will terribly miss him. He would be happy to learn that the

meeting that had started under threatening conditions became a very successful one in many ways and according to the first analyses seems even to turn out as financially quite satisfactory.

As President Patti has underlined, for a successful WCS 2017 the composition of the new government after the November election in Argentina will be crucial. The new President is Mauricio Macri which is certainly reassuring. It remains to be seen whether he will be successful in installing the changes necessary for putting Argentina back on track. We will certainly have to watch carefully.

ISS/SIC is facing challenging times at the home office front.

Within a short period of time major changes are affecting the central organization of ISS/SIC. Jean-Claude Givel is leaving important work in progress that he intended to finish. Victor Bertschi, on the command bridge since 36 years, had planned to retire at the end of the year. The office itself, the „hardware“ is going to move to

Zurich where we are now welcoming Mike Iliopoulos as the new ISS/SIC Administrative Director stepping-in progressively but still outland. Luckily Chris Storz will follow there. Victor who had other professional plans has offered to remain available for some time as consultant in order to support the office in difficult times for which we are most indebted to him – and to his wife Marianne who certainly will step in when things threaten to get rough! Victor has indeed fulfilled an enormous task and accumulated a vast experience that facilitated to make so many decisions based on solid grounds. Knowing in detail all the strengths and weaknesses of the „System ISS/SIC“ his appraisal in complex matters was always invaluable. The Society, many Presidents and five Secretary Generals cannot be grateful enough for his expertise. Fortunately Chris Storz will transfer this heritage to Zurich and make it available to the new crew. A search committee of ISS/SIC is evaluating candidates for the vacant office of the Secretary General. As for myself I am happy to help as interim Secretary General until the spring meeting 2016 will be over.

New ISS/SIC Executive Committee Members

The following two members of the ISS/SIC Executive Committee have been proposed for election and were approved by the General Assembly 2015. We warmly welcome them as committee members.



*Seigo Kitano, Japan
Councilor 2015–2019*



*Rowan W. Parks,
United Kingdom
Councilor 2015–2019*

The ISS/SIC Executive Committee 2015–2017 consists of the following:

President of ISS/SIC and WCS 2017

Marco G. Patti, Chicago, USA

President elect

Alberto R. Ferreres, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Past President

Nopadol Wora-Urai, Chiang Rai, Thailand

Secretary General (interim)

Felix Harder, Basel, Switzerland

General Treasurer

Sathiya S. Pillay, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Editor in Chief WJS

John G. Hunter, Portland, USA

Councilors

Doris Henne-Bruns, Ulm, Germany

Andrew G. Hill, Auckland, New Zealand

Seigo Kitano, Yufu, Japan

Rowan W. Parks, Edinburgh, UK

Representatives on behalf of the Collective Members:

President IAES

Dimitrios A. Linos, Marousi, Greece

President IATSIC

Manjul K. Joshipura, Ahmedabad Gujarat, India

President IASMEN

Dileep Lobo, Nottingham, UK

President BSI

Cheng Har Yip, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia

President ISDS

Alberto R. Ferreres, Buenos Aires, Argentina

President ASAP

Stephen W. Bickler, San Diego, USA

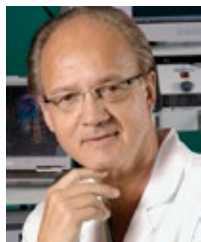
Permanent Guest

Secretary-Treasurer ISS/SIC-Foundation

Michael G. Sarr, Rochester, USA

The price winners at WCS 2015

Prize of the "Société Internationale de Chirurgie"



*Jacques Marescaux,
Strasbourg, France*

Prof. Marescaux has suddenly been prevented to participate at WCS so that he was unable to receive the prize in Bangkok. Prof. Nicolas Demartines, head of surgery at CHUV in Lausanne, Switzerland has presented him with his plaque at a special event during a course in Strasbourg in December. Jacques Marescaux created in 1993 a center for research and training, in partnership with surgical industry to develop research, initiate technological revolutions and integrate new means of telecommunication. These ideas came to life with the inauguration of IRCAD (Research Institute Against Diges-



Jacques Marescaux received ISS/SIC Prize from Nicolas Demartines in Strasbourg

tive Cancer) and EITS (European Institute of Telesurgery) in 1994, where researchers, IT technicians, robot engineers and surgical experts have since congregated. Jacques Marescaux and his team have published approximately 3'000 articles, as well as communications. This visionary colleague has really contributed to revolutionize our profession by pushing single hand surgery towards multidisciplinary fascinating techniques.

Robert Danis Prize



Witaya Chadbunchachai, Khon Kaen, Thailand

Dr. Chadbunchachai has been a leader in trauma care in Asia for the past 25 years. He has persistently worked against great odds and great financial restrictions to create a model trauma center at the Khon Kaen Regional Hospital. Dr. Chadbunchachai has provided much needed



Witaya Chadbunchachai receives the Robert Danis Prize at WCS 2015

evidence to dispel the myth that little can be done to improve care of the injured in low- and middle-income countries. Moreover, he has shown that this can be accomplished by commitment and attention to detail, with no need for large amounts of outside funding. For these reasons, we feel he is especially deserving of the 2015 Robert Danis prize.

René Leriche Prize



*James S.T. Yao,
Chicago, USA*

Dr. Yao was born in Canton, China, on October 14, 1934. Fleeing communism, his family left China to settle in Hong Kong. He obtained his M.D. at National Taiwan University Medical School in 1961,

and completed a general surgery residency at Cook County Hospital in Chicago between 1961 and 1967.

He then went to Prof. W.T. Irvine in the Surgical Unit at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, England. Here he was one of the first to describe the ankle-brachial index, a method to diagnose peripheral arterial disease which is still widely used.

In 1970, Dr. Yao returned to the United States to join the Department of Surgery at Wayne State University School of Medicine. He was subsequently recruited to Northwestern University in Chicago by Dr. John Bergan, where he spent the next 35 years. The cumulative contributions of the Bergan-Yao combination and their many vascular trainees have had enormous influence in American and International vascular surgery.

Dr. Yao has been the author of more than 300 peer-reviewed publications, 228 chapters, and 62 books. He has been a humble but very effective ambassador for vascular surgery and vascular health around the world. In 2007 he was conferred the Life Time Achievement Award of the Society of Vascular Surgery.

Dr. Yao retired September 1, 2005, from the Department of Surgery at Northwestern University. Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley issued a proclamation dedicating the day as James S.T. Yao Day in Chicago.



In summary, Dr. Yao is truly one of the giants in vascular surgery. His many contributions to our current understanding of the diagnosis and management of vascular diseases make him the ideal recipient for the 2015 International Society of Surgery Rene Leriche Prize.

New ISS/SIC Honorary Members and Awards WCS 2015



*Abe Fingerhut
Poissy, France*

Abe Fingerhut was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA. He obtained his BA from the University of Pennsylvania and his MD from the University of Paris with honors. He is retired head of surgery



*Abe Fingerhut at the awarding as
Honorary Member*

at the Centre Hospitalier Intercommunal in Poissy/Paris (France). His major fields of surgery have focused on trauma and digestive surgery with a particular interest in hernia repair, gastroesophageal and hepatobiliary surgery. He is an enthusiastic proponent of the laparoscopic approach to gastro-esophageal, biliary, and colorectal surgery as well as for emergency surgery. His main field of interest in later years has been in the prevention of bile duct injury during cholecystectomy.

He is the author of or co-author of more than 400 articles or book chapters in peer-reviewed journals and major textbooks, and has participated in more than 890 National and International meetings as speaker, chairman, or organizer. As assistant secretary of the French Association for Clinical Research, he has been involved in and responsible for the publication of more than 100 controlled or prospective trials run in France in the last 21 years. Most of these trials have been published

in major international peer review journals. He holds or has held several positions on editorial boards of major journals. In 1995, as the team doctor, but also as a climber, he accompanied a French expedition to the Himalayas (Baruntse 7280 m). His hobbies include mountain climbing and mountaineering, skiing and heliskiing. Abe Fingerhut is married to Marie-Christine and has one daughter and one son.



*Kerstin Sandelin,
Stockholm, Sweden*

Kerstin Sandelin is a recognized international leader in breast cancer care. She has worked throughout her career to advance the very mission of ISS/SIC which is to educate health professionals in underprivileged countries to improve breast cancer care. Kerstin has been President of BSI, Program Chair and member of the Executive for over 10 years but more importantly she is the heart and soul of BSI. She has personally recruited many of the current members of the Executive and we decided to join since we found her enthusiasm, friendliness, kindness and utmost modesty attractive. In fact Kerstin is so humble that she would have adamantly refused this honor had she known about her nomination beforehand! Her greatest quality however is her human touch. This Professor of Surgery at one of the elite Universities in Europe is disarmingly mod-

est with a terrific self-deprecating sense of humor and a clear understanding that above all else ISS/SIC allow surgeons from different parts of the world to learn and celebrate together. Dr. Kerstin Sandelin, as the mother of BSI, is thus fully deserving of this unique honor.

The ISS/SIC Free Paper Prize

goes to the best paper selected out of the 7 best graded abstracts presented at the Lloyd Nyhus prize session. The winner is:

Ee Ling Serene Tang, School of Medicine, National University of Singapore
THE TRAUMA ORIENTATION PROGRAM – A MULTIDISCIPLINARY INTER-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATIONAL FRAMEWORK TO ENHANCE SYSTEMS-BASED PRACTICE AND TEAMWORK IN TRAUMA CARE

The ISS/SIC Poster Prize

goes to **Jitendra Kumar Kushwaha**, India et al

A RANDOMIZED COMPARATIVE STUDY OF SUBFASCIAL ENDOSCOPIC PERFORATORS SURGERY (SEPS) VERSUS MODIFIED LINTON PROCEDURE (MLP) IN PATIENTS OF CHRONIC VENOUS INSUFFICIENCY

WCS continues to attract a remarkable degree of attention internationally. IAES e.g. got abstracts from 36 different countries. All these young international surgeons and investigators need to be complimented on their endeavor and success and we are confident that this exhortation will further stimulate their career development.

Felix Harder
Secretary General ISS/SIC (interim)



Kerstin Sandelin is awarded Honorary Member

Report by the ISS-Foundation

As the new Secretary-Treasurer of ISS-Foundation I would like to note a few important notes which are supported by the new President of the ISS-Foundation Dr. Nopadol Wora-Urai, Thailand.



Hand-over of ISS-Foundation Secretary-Treasurer. Jay Grosfeld officially hands over to Mike Sarr in Bangkok

First the primary mission of the ISS-Foundation is to further educational opportunities in the developing world and to do this the Foundation needs donations. **I am asking everyone to add a donation to the ISS-FOUNDATION even of only 3 Dollars** – if everyone donates just 3 Dollars, we will be able to send one or 2 additional traveler to the 2017 meeting in Buenos Aires. **All of the donations will be used and not kept as "corpus" in the Foundation.** What that means is that all the donations will be used up and not just sit in the Foundation to grow the corpus; this is very important to note!

Second the ISS-Foundation is also interested in **funding educational seminars, hands-on training courses, and other types of sessions in countries as sponsored by the Collective Member Societies**, such as the trauma training sponsored and organized by IAT-

SIC, some of the ultrasound courses in endocrinology sponsored by the IAES, the breast surgery courses sponsored by BSI, and other courses and seminars to be sponsored by our other Collective Members. The Foundation hopefully will serve as a clearing house to facilitate the rolling out of these educational opportunities in the developing world. Anyone wishing to donate monies directly for use only by these society activities can do so via the ISS-Foundation (the Foundation is recognized as by the United States Internal Revenue Service – the IRS- as a charitable organization in USA and therefore any donation is tax-deductible) and the funds will be ear-marked ONLY for the specific society project if so desired.

Donations can be made either

- **by cheque payable to ISS-Foundation, Chicago to be addressed to the ISS-F address in USA given below or**
- **by adding your voluntary donation to the invoice for the 2016 annual dues which was sent out recently from the office in Switzerland or**
- **by sending extra donations by any means of money transaction to the office in Zurich at the new address also given below.**

The office in Zurich will be pleased to provide further details and instructions for any additional donations by Credit Card, Banking Transaction or other means. Donors will be listed in World Journal of Surgery for any sponsorship greater than 10 US Dollars. In view of the very high charges for cheques in Europe (often exceeding US \$ 50.–) transfer by Credit Card or banking transaction is much more desirable.

Third, we all should thank Dr. Jay Grosfeld for all the hard work and dedication to the ISS-Foundation for so many years. It has

been through his constant support and oversight that the number of travelers has increased to 10 travelers this year. I am personally aiming for 10 additional travelers for 2017!

Finally, as the Secretary-Treasurer. I will be very open for any suggestions concerning educational needs and opportunities for the ISS-Foundation either from individuals in the developing world, from Industry, and from the Collective Member Societies. Further details about the ISS-F activities can be found on the society homepage under

<http://www.iss-sic.com>

You may contact me preferably by e-mail at the address below or by cell phone at 1-507-254-2536 either directly or by texting.

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ISS-Foundation Travel Scholars 2015

The 10 Travel Scholar awardees of the ISS-Foundation listed below experienced an exciting Congress at WCS2015 in Bangkok, Thailand. The travelers came from 7 different countries including 4 from India, 2 from Africa, and one each from Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, and Sri Lanka. This Fellowship offers a stipend of USD 2'500 plus waived registration fee, accommodation for 7 nights, a ticket for the Thai night, a local hospital tour at the end of the congress as well as well as events organized by the LOC and the RCST.

**Travel Scholar Awards
ISS-Foundation 2015**

- **Ayandipo Omobolaji Oladayo**
Ibadan, Nigeria
- **Cherian Anish Jacob**
Tamilnadu, India
- **Jakhetiya Ashish**
New Delhi, India
- **Kharchenko Sergiy**
Kharkiv, Ukraine
- **Moolla Zaheer**
Stanger, South Africa
- **Mayilvaganan Sabaretnam**
Lucknow, India
- **Nguyen Chi Tran Bao**
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- **Sadacharan Dhalapathy**
Chennai, India
- **Somaradne Kosala**
Mawanella, Sri Lanka
- **Ulmasov Firdavs**
Tashkent, Uzbekistan



Awarding of Travel Scholars WCS 2015 (ISS-Foundation, IAES, BSI, US Chapter, Australia Chapter and Japan Chapter)

From print to electronic version of WJS and Newsletters

In early November we sent you the following announcement. If you received it, and replied that you would like to continue receiving a paper copy of the journal, you do not need to reply again. If you missed the earlier announcement, this is the final opportunity to keep your WJS coming in paper next year. Otherwise you will have full electronic access with a Table of Contents alert emailed to you each month, if you have signed up for this option.

Dear ISS/SIC Member

As many of you know the ISS/SIC has a new contract with Springer for the publication of the World Journal of Surgery, your journal for original scientific work and timely reviews. The new contract allows us the opportunity to decrease the number of journals that we print each month, saving money to the society, decreasing our carbon footprint, and preserving a few trees! For this reason, we are furthering the migration to the electronic format by providing paper journals only to those who request them. Said another way, we



would like to know whether you would like to continue receiving a paper copy of the World Journal of Surgery. If we do not hear from you, the paper copy will stop coming to your office or your home on Jan 1, 2016, or shortly thereafter. In 2016, there will be no additional cost to receiving a paper journal for all members' current with their ISS/SIC dues.

So, please respond to this email if you would like to continue receiving the paper copy of the World Journal of Surgery in 2016 by completing the below information.

Best holiday wishes,
John G Hunter Editor in Chief WJS

The same also applies to paper copies of the Newsletters in 2016

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Report by the Editor in Chief WJS



*John G. Hunter,
Editor in Chief WJS*

The World Journal of Surgery (WJS) celebrated the World Congress of Surgery in Bangkok with several events of great moment. Simon Law, the Cheung Kung-Hai Professor of Surgery at the University of Hong Kong and a noted esophageal surgeon was announced as the **Editor of the Year**, having reviewed over 100 manuscripts in his 10 years on the editorial board of World Journal of Surgery.



*Simon Law,
Hong Kong, SAR*

In addition the **best papers of 2012 and 2013** were announced in Bangkok. The delay between publication and recognition allows the opportunity for sufficient citation history to adequately judge the WJS papers with the greatest impact. The associate editors of the WJS chose from the 10 papers most highly cited and most heavily downloaded since publication in 2012 or 2013. **The best paper of 2012** was “Antibiotics as First-line Therapy for Acute Appendicitis: Evidence for a Change in Clinical Practice”, **Drs Hansson, Korner, Ludwigs, Johnson, and Lundholm from Goteborg, Sweden. The best paper for 2013** was “Prospective Study Examining Clinical Outcomes Associated with a Negative Pressure Wound Therapy System and Barker’s Vacuum Packing Technique”, **Drs Cheatham, Demetriades, Fabian, Kaplan, Miles, Schreiber, Holcomb, Bochicchio, and Rotondo, from a collaborative effort from the United States.**

The Editorial Board met over a Thai luncheon which was tasty, authentic, and quite spicy for some western pallets! Journal statistics and data were reviewed, demonstrating increased manuscript submission, greater editorial discrimination, and a rising impact and Google H-5 factor.

The highlight of the meeting was the Writer’s Workshop, held in conjunction with the Career Development Course. At the Writer’s Workshop, 8 faculty members worked with 40 students to provide individuals guidance in abstract and manuscript writing, as well as a primer in writing



Writer's Workshop at WCS 2015 in progress



Writer's Workshop Participants proudly present their Diploma

a manuscript critique. Several graduates of this course have leveraged their learning in the workshop from years past to publish their first peer reviewed paper in the World Journal of Surgery.

As part of a new publishing contract, the WJS has been offered the opportunity to decrease the number of journals that we print each month, saving money to the society, decreasing our carbon footprint, and preserving a few trees! For this reason, we are furthering the migration to the electronic format by providing paper journals only to those who request them. Said another way, we would like to know whether you would like to continue receiving a paper copy of the World Journal of Surgery. There will be several electronic mailings and an opportunity on your dues statement to request continued mailing of the WJS. Otherwise, we will assume that you are satisfied with electronic access to the journal, solely.



J. Hunter with Thai hosts during Thai Night at Sampran Riverside

Lastly, I would like to thank our Thai hosts for a wonderful meeting in Bangkok. We are looking forward to Buenos Aires!

John G. Hunter
Editor in Chief WJS



Sunset over Chao Phraya River in Bangkok

Message by the Administrative Office

At the recent General Assembly in Bangkok the new dues structure has been unanimously accepted by the members present. The annual membership dues for 2016 and 2017 will be raised in Swiss Francs (CHF) at CHF 180.00 for regular membership which includes the subscription to World Journal of Surgery WJS. Young members below age 40 pay only half the dues, i.e. CHF 90.00. The Extra Assessment for membership in each Collective Member Society is at CHF 25.00.

As a standard, in 2016 the WJS will only be delivered in printed version if you specifically request so (contact surgery@iss-sic.com) and this service will be free of charge. If we do not hear from you we understand that you are accepting the online version of WJS only.

With the transfer of the Administrative Office to Twister Consulting AG on January 1st, 2016 we face a challenging step ahead but are confident that this can be taken smoothly so that we can serve the ISS/SIC at the usual level and without interruption. Luckily Victor Bertschi will extend his



*Mike Iliopoulos
Administrative
Director will start in
January 2016*

commitment to the ISS/SIC until the end of 2016 as Executive Director and support the new Secretary General as well as the Administration with his vast knowledge and experience. Thanks Victor!

In view of the forthcoming transfer of the offices. Ms. Marianne Itin has left the Administrative Office and is seeking for new professional challenges. We like to thank her for her services and wish her well for the future.

On behalf of the Administrative Office, I like to take the opportunity to wish you a great Holiday Season and all the best for 2016.

Chris Storz



*Administrative Office: Marianne Bertschi,
Chris Storz, Victor Bertschi*

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Season's Greetings

Welcome Message from the President of LOC WCS 2017, Buenos Aires, Argentina



*Alberto R. Ferreres,
President LOC WCS
2017 & President
elect ISS/SIC*

On behalf of the LOC, I would like to extend the invitation to attend the 47th World Congress of Surgery, which will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina during August 27–31, 2017.

After the 46th WCS 2015 in Bangkok concluded its activities, the ISS/SIC and all its Collective Member Societies put hands to work organizing a wide array of scientific and academic activities as well as a riveting social program in order to provide excellent opportunities for networking among surgeons from all over the world.

This time the WCS will return to Latin America and we will take profit from previous experiences and provide all attendees with the typical warmth and hospitality which are a landmark in our culture.

This Congress will feature an outstanding array of expert speakers, including top surgeons, key opinion leaders and researchers from all over the world. In addition, we are working closely with the Asociación Argentina de Cirugía, and other local Surgical Societies in the different fields, with all Latin American Surgical Colleges as well as FELAC (Federación Latinoamericana de Cirugía). The Local Organizing Committee will include members not only from Argentina but also from surrounding countries.

Buenos Aires is the capital of Argentina with a deep European heritage, visible both in its inhabitants and in the way of life. In addition to Tango, Argentina is home to the best beef in the world (since cattle is grass fed) and excellent Malbec grapes, whose quality rivals blends from any other part of the world.



WCS 2017 Program Committee Meeting in Bangkok

The LOC is also taking care of pre and post Congress tourist packages, which will enable all attendees to have the opportunity to visit different parts of Argentina: from the Iguazu Falls and the Jungle in the Northeast to the Glaciers in the South and Ushuaia, the most southern town; from the wine regions and high mountains in Mendoza to the lake, woods and mountains in Bariloche, from Salta and

Jujuy in the Northwest Andes to the Ibera Wetlands.

As President of the LOC I look forward to meeting you in 2017 in Buenos Aires

Alberto R. Ferreres
President LOC WCS 2017
President elect ISS/SIC



News from IAES



*Chen-Hsen Lee,
Past President IAES*



*Geoffrey B. Thompson,
Past Secretary/
Treasurer IAES*

Dear Friends:

The IAES had a wonderful program in Bangkok during World Congress of Surgery 2015. We are indebted to Suchart Chantawibul and his team for the organization of the local venues and the successful pre-Congress course on Saturday on Endoscopic Thyroidectomy.

As you may be aware, Jean François Henry chose to withdraw as President-Elect due to health issues. After receiving nominations from the membership, the Nominating Committee selected **Dimitrios Linos as President-Elect** to represent us at the 46th World Congress of Surgery.

We are deeply indebted to Chen Hsen Lee for all of his efforts and guidance as President of the IAES these past two years. We had several members coming off the Council this year: Herb Chen, Mete Durren, Barney Harrison, Per Hellman, Akira Miyuchi, and Nancy Perrier. After receipt of nominations from the membership, the Nominating Committee selected **new Council members: Martha Zeiger, USA; Sally Carty, USA; Tsuneo Imai, Japan; Stan Sidhu, Australia; Euy Young Soh, South Korea; Jean-Louis Kraimps, France; and Göran Wallin, Sweden.** Greg Randolph remains on the Council until 2017. Rob Parkyn will remain as Council Member Ex-Officio on the Education Committee, as well as Chair of INTEREST. **Gerard Doherty was nominated as President-Elect, Janice Pasieka as Secretary-Treasurer, and Geoffrey Thompson as Council Coordinator.**

Since the last meeting in Helsinki, we have added 32 new members.

Chen Hsen Lee gave an outstanding Presidential Address on Endocrine Diseases in Traditional Chinese Medicine. **Virginia LiVolsi was the Peter Heilmann Lecturer.** She was not able to attend the meeting, but gave a wonderful talk on “Pathologic prognostic factors in thyroid carcinoma: what the clinician

should expect” via Skype. The ISS/SIC and IAES provided a Lunch Session on Endocrine Surgery. We also had outstanding contributions from Ian **Hay and Akira Miyuchi, who gave the two State-of-the-Art lectures.**

Presenting authors still in training of the top ten ranked free paper abstracts were selected to receive an IAES Travel Award for the 2015 Congress. One needed to withdraw, leaving nine travel scholarships awarded, and the winners are as follows: **Mohammad Elsayed, USA; Jordi Vidal Fortuny, Switzerland; Catherine McManus, USA; Sankaran Muthukumar, India; Dhaval Patel, USA; Zhang Qiang, China; Krishnan Ravikumar, India; Felix Watzka, Germany; and Takayuki Yamamoto, Japan.**



News from IATSIC

A total of 212 abstracts from 36 countries were submitted for IAES presentation, of which there were a total of 47 free-paper and 45 poster presentations on the program. **Prizes for best clinical papers and posters were awarded to: Zhang Qiang, Liu Yuk Wah, E. Manuel Barajas Fregoso, and Tae Yon Sung.**



*Manjul Joshipura,
President IATSIC*

We thank Suchart Chantawibul for putting together a spectacular IAES banquet. The food was delicious and the entertainment wonderful. Several photos were taken at the banquet that will be available for viewing on the IAES web site.

We would like to acknowledge IAES members for their participation in the INTEREST program: Tom Lennard and Peter Malycha for a course in Malaysia in Oct. 2013; Tom Lennard and Mark Sywak for a course in Malaysia in Aug. 2014; Nancy Perrier for her trip to Togolese Republic in Africa in August 2014; and Stephen Farrell for his trip to Sri Lanka. The purpose of the INTEREST program is not to lecture but to teach. This program is very appreciated by the countries involved. Involvement of more members of the IAES is needed.

We have already begun preparation for the meeting in 2017 in Buenos Aires, and look forward to participation from all IAES members. It has been an honor and a privilege for us to serve on the Executive Committee of the IAES. See you in Buenos Aires.

Chen-Hsen Lee
Past President IAES

Geoffrey Thompson
Past Secretary-Treasurer IAES

It was a great honour for me to take over as President of IATSIC at WCS in Bangkok. I take this opportunity to congratulate the new officers in the executive team and welcome the new members of IATSIC.

Hayato Kurihara (Italy) has taken over as our Secretary / Treasurer as Tina Gaarder (Norway) is now our President Elect.

Bangkok conference was a huge success and IATSIC sessions attracted large number of delegates. **Donald Trunkey Lecture at Bangkok was delivered by Prof. Basil Pruitt.** This was a fascinating session on Military-Civilian Surgical Symbiosis. Coming from a genuine expert in the field, this session was very interesting and insightful on the historical context of trauma and emergency surgery.

I would like to thank Charlie Mock, who did a terrific job in putting together our scientific programme at Bangkok and of course, for very efficiently running the office of the President during past two years.

This year, at our business meeting we approved some constitutional changes to make IATSIC more inclusive. Keeping in mind the overall new membership eligibility criteria for ISS/SIC, we too have allowed all those ISS/SIC members – even our non-surgeon colleagues – interested in the field of trauma and emergency surgery and critical care to join us as our members. We have also attempted to strengthen our educational initiatives by formalizing the leadership structure and their roles at DSTC committee. We have also now included NTMC chairperson to be part of our council. Hopefully all these changes would help us expand our membership, offer impetus to our educational courses and make us more relevant globally in trauma community. I want to place on record, the untiring efforts by the council members who contributed to the long deliberations for these constitutional reforms that received unanimous support from our membership at large, in Bangkok.

I will be happy to receive your suggestions and inputs for WCS 2017, our courses, any advocacy effort and anything else to strengthen IATSIC in general.

Please accept my best wishes for 2016 !

Manjul Joshipura
President IATSIC



Elephant Riding at Ayutthaya, the ancient capital of Thailand

News from IASMEN



*Dileep N. Lobo,
President IASMEN*

IASMEN, under the leadership of Professor José Aguilar-Nascimento (Past President) and Professor Andrew Hill (Programme Chair) contributed very successfully to the 46th World Congress of Surgery held at Bangkok from 23–27 August 2015.

IASMEN contributed to 7 sessions, two of which were in collaboration with the International Society for Digestive Surgery (ISDS), two in collaboration with the International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care (IATSIC) and the International Society for Burn Injuries (ISBI), and one in collaboration with Federación Latinoamericana de Cirugía (FELAC). The topics of the sessions included “Co-morbidities in the Elderly Trauma Patient”, “Enhanced Recovery After Surgery”, “Trauma and Critical Care”, “Metabolic Surgery” and “Nutrition and Metabolism”.

The J.F. Patiño Lecture was delivered by Professor Dan Waitzberg from Sao Paulo, Brazil on “Malnutrition in the Surgical Ward: Is the Skeleton Still in the Closet?” Professor Waitzberg gave an excellent overview of the problem of unrecognised malnutrition on surgical wards and the interventions that have been introduced to improve both recognition and treatment of malnutrition.

The Graham L. Hill Prize Session showcased the seven best free papers submitted to IASMEN. A variety of papers were presented by young researchers and the standard was very high. **The prize was won by Dr. Takehiro Okabayashi from Japan** for his paper entitled “Extrahepatic Stem Cells Mobilised from the Bone Marrow by the Supplementation of BCAA Ameliorate Liver Regeneration in an Animal Model”. Amidst stiff competition, Dr. Okabayashi was a

very worthy recipient of this prestigious prize.

Professor José Aguilar-Nascimento demitted office as President of IASMEN after two very successful years of providing leadership to the Society. The Society placed on record its gratitude to Professor Aguilar-Nascimento for his leadership and wished him well for the future.

Professor Andrew Hill is a Member of Executive Committee of ISS/SIC and wished to step down from the post of President-Elect due to his increased commitments with Council. The Executive Council conceded to his request and thanked him for the tremendous work he had done for the Society over the last 4 years and

wished him to stay involved with the Society actively.

The Executive Council has prioritized increasing the membership of IASMEN/ISS/SIC and a major objective along with developing better communications with the constituent societies of ISS/SIC and regional societies dealing with surgical nutrition and metabolism. It is also looking into the possibility of introducing a medical student session and a prize for medical students at the next congress. It will also look into the possibility of having IASMEN-badged sessions at National and International Meetings.

Dileep N. Lobo
President IASMEN

Elections were held for the new Executive Council for 2015-2017 and the following office bearers in IASMEN were elected.

- Professor Dileep Lobo (UK) – President
- Professor Takashi Higashiguchi (Japan) – President Elect
- Professor Joji Kotani (Japan) – Secretary and Treasurer
- Professor Steven Wolf (USA) – Vice-President (Communications)
- Professor Ho Seong Han (South Korea) – Vice-President (Membership)
- Professor Anders Thorell (Sweden) – Programme Chair
- Professor Ryoji Fukushima (Japan) – Education Chair
- Dr. Alberto Bicudo Salomao – Regional Representative for Argentina Congress 2017
- Professor Andrew Hill (New Zealand) – Member at Large
- Professor José Aguilar-Nascimento – Past President and Vice-President for Next Congress representing IASMEN



Wall Painting at Wat Phra Kaeo, Bangkok

News from BSI



*Cheng Har Yip,
President BSI*



*Owen Ung,
Secretary BSI*

BSI President

Dr Yip is currently a consultant breast surgeon in the Subang Jaya Medical Centre in Malaysia, and holds appointments as Clinical Professor in the Faculty of Medicine, University Tunku Abdul Rahman, Kuala Lumpur and Visiting Consultant to the Dept of Surgery, University of Malaya. She is also the lead clinician for the breast cancer research programme in the Cancer Research Malaysia (CRM) which is a charity based cancer research organization. Currently Dr Yip has over 170 publications in peer reviewed journals, mainly on breast cancer in the Asian setting.

Dr Yip has held positions in various national and international organizations. She was a Past-President of the Association of University Surgeons of Asia (2003–2005), Past-President of the Asia-Pacific Organization for Cancer Prevention (2010–2012), and Past-President of the College of Surgeons of Malaysia. (2010–2013). In August 2015, she became the President of Breast Surgery International.

Although a clinician, Dr Yip is very involved in cancer control and prevention, and has been appointed an expert in cancer control by the World Health Organisation and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA),

and has been on expert panels in international organizations such as the International Cancer Control Conference, and the Breast Health Global Initiative.

Dr Yip works closely with the breast cancer support groups and non-government organizations to promote health awareness and early detection of breast cancer. She was awarded the UICC 2009 Reach to Recovery International Health Professional Award, and also won the Malaysian “Greatest Women of our Times” award in Oct 2009. She also has honorary fellowships from the Academy of Singapore in July 2011, and from the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa in April 2012. In May 2012, she was awarded the DPMP, which carries the title of Dato’ from the Sultan of Perak. In Oct 2013, she was awarded the FACS (Hon) from the American College of Surgeons.

Breast Surgery International at the World Congress of Surgery 2015 in Bangkok

In Bangkok at the World Congress of Surgery 2015, Breast Surgery International (BSI) delivered yet another successful and stimulating programme. Sadly the bombing that had occurred at the shrine only days before the commencement of the Congress had a negative impact on attendance of both delegates and invited speakers. Nevertheless, many participants came from far and wide and there was strong local participation. Some governments actively discouraged their citizens from visiting Thailand during this uncertain time. Travel warnings by other countries were enough to discourage some that had already registered. The BSI programme was to commence with an ultrasound course and oncoplastic course on Sunday 23 August 2015 but these courses were cancelled unfortunately due to an insufficient number of participants. There will be opportunities to conduct courses at other meetings in the future.

The programme therefore commenced in earnest on the Monday. Whilst the organising committee were anxious about the number of delegates that would be present

on the first day, we were overwhelmed and heartened by the attendance and virtually every seat in the conference room was filled. Monday was designated as our Post Graduate Course, aiming particularly at our younger colleagues, but the program was designed and structured to be of interest to all delegates. Clearly the program was appealing and attendance was excellent.

The first of the breast cancer sessions introduced and highlighted our key visiting speakers, both from the USA. David Winchester discussed what to do with the positive sentinel node and Kelly Hunt discussed the role of adjuvant aromatase inhibitors. Consistently dependable Kerstin Sandelin (Sweden) was the third speaker in that session describing different localisation techniques. In the afternoon, in keeping with the truly international flavour, we had presentations from Jean-Francois Boileau (Canada) on locally advanced breast cancer and Jay Harness (USA) on neoadjuvant therapy. Unfortunately both our medical oncology and radiation oncology colleagues from Australia were unable to attend the conference but John Boyages, a radiation oncologist, was able to deliver his talk by videoconference. Whilst our tumour board presentations and panels had to be presented without oncology representation, many of our surgical colleagues stepped up to the mark and substituted themselves ably as oncologists in the discussions. Finally on the first day we dealt with metastatic breast cancer and recurrent breast cancer. Participants in this session were SV Deo from India, Tina Jahkola from Finland and we heard again from Kelly Hunt on the management of recurrence after breast conserving therapy.

On Tuesday, the morning session dealt with benign breast diseases with presentations from Omar Youssef (Egypt), Ines Buccimazza (South Africa) and Sarkis Meterissian (Canada) and Seiko Nakamura (Japan). We deal with benign disease commonly and often it is not given a lot of attention at scientific meetings. The presentations were excellent and participants received up to date evidence based advice, and no doubt many of us picked up some useful tips from speakers with

a vast personal experience. There was a high standard of BSI free papers later that morning. In the middle of the day were two case presentations. The first presentation from Dr C Nessin dealt with a very controversial case of breast cancer during pregnancy. Unfortunately the second case presenter was absent and Owen Ung (Australia) provided a fill in case of his own which he felt sure would be unique. Amazingly, quite coincidentally, the case turned out to be another young pregnant woman with breast cancer. Although there were many parallels, the cases were diverse enough for a very stimulating discussion and all agreed that two similar cases enhanced the discussion. That afternoon the session dealt with adjuvant therapy. Whilst there may have been a paucity of medical and radiation oncologists at the meeting there was no lack of surgical talent and Mikael Hartman (Singapore) and Justus Apffelstaedt (South Africa) covered the

topics of Herceptin and radiation therapy very comprehensively and with a surgical oncology perspective. The ever-popular poster walk took part later that afternoon before the BSI Council Meeting.

Following the meeting we had an absolutely outstanding BSI dinner at Baan Khani-tha with fantastic authentic local Thai food. Prizes for the best scientific presentations and posters were awarded as well as acknowledgement of the BSI travelling scholarships. It was a convivial evening and both Thai colleagues and visitors gave the food a big thumbs up.

The Wednesday morning session began with the **Umberto Veronesi Lecture presented by Kelly Hunt from the USA.** Her talk "Prognostic and Predictive Factors In Breast Cancer" was both stimulating and inspiring and it set the scene for yet another excellent day of presentations.

Free papers were followed by another tumour board meeting with thoroughly interesting cases presented by our local Thai colleagues. After the Tumour Board Sarkis Meterissian delivered a stimulating and inspiring BSI presidential address. Our new President Cheng-Har Yip, whose leadership throughout the meeting facilitated enthusiastic participation, introduced our former president. Despite some reduction in numbers, holding to the structure and integrity of the meeting ensured it would be stimulating and interesting for all in attendance from beginning to end.

Thursday 27 August 2015 was the last day of the BSI sessions and the morning started with a comprehensive coverage of surgical quality and audit presented by Kerstin Sandelin (Sweden), Elizabeth Elder (Australia), Owen Ung (Australia) and SV Deo (India). That afternoon the ever-popular debates took place. The first debate: "All patients with stage 1 breast cancer who are not gene mutation carriers should have breast conserving surgery" with affirmative Jay Harness (USA) and the negative Justus Apffelstaedt (South Africa). The second debate was "Breast conserving therapy can be done in locally advanced breast cancer". The protagonist was to be Sharon Chan but unfortunately our Hong Kong surgeons could not attend and so SV Deo (India) presented a balanced argument rather than a debate. The topic was covered magnificently. The third debate was "Sentinel node biopsy in the clinically node negative patient should be done before any adjuvant therapy" - the affirmative Seigo Nakamura (Japan) and the negative Kelly Hunt (USA).

There is no doubt that the events leading up to the Congress had some impact upon the meeting but in the true spirit of the BSI an excellent programme was delivered and the faculty were enthusiastic and involved. The delegates were engaged, enthralled and entertained. Everyone departed having learnt a great deal and shared in the excellent fellowship and conviviality of the meeting. Unreservedly, we all hailed it a great success and look forward to Buenos Aires in 2017.

Owen Ung
Secretary BSI



Pagoda at Wat Pho, Bangkok

News from ISDS



*Alberto R. Ferreres,
President ISDS*

On behalf of the International Society of Digestive Surgery and its Executive Committee, I am forwarding the invitation to colleagues from all over the world to attend the 47th World Congress of Surgery, which will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina during August 27–31, 2017

The 46th WCS 2015 has just concluded its activities and we have enjoyed the traditional Thai hospitality with a very wide attendance of representatives from the 5 continents.

The ISDS Program had several highlights, including two widely attended **Presidential Sessions: one by ISDS President,**

Prof Tonia Young-Fadok (Scottsdale, Arizona) and the other one by SSAT President Board of Trustees, Prof Fabrizio Michelassi (New York, New York).

The ISDS, originally created as the Collegium Internationale Chirurgiae Digestivae, is organized alongside three pillars: the Asian section, (Japan and Hong Kong), the European section and the American section (North, Central and South America). In addition, the ISDS welcomes digestive tract surgeons from around the world. A new Executive Committee was recently voted in Bangkok which accurately reflects worldwide representation.

In 2017 the 47th World Congress of Surgery will return to Latin America and we will provide all attendees with the typical warmth and hospitality which are landmarks of our culture. The ISDS Program Committee is setting up a scientific program which will include many international experts in order to cover all fields of digestive tract surgery. New treatment modalities are being dis-

cussed to improve the educational experience of young attendees.

The Congress will review all the recent advances in foregut, bariatric, abdominal wall, hepatopancreatobiliary and colorectal surgery, with participation of key experts. It will provide important and updated information for practicing general surgeons and for trainees as well. We are also encouraging our members to present their work as posters and oral presentations, a key component of the Scientific Program. Pre Congress “hands-on” courses will be offered to the participants.

In the name of the ISDS Executive Committee, I am looking forward meeting you in Buenos Aires at the 46th World Congress of Surgery,

August 27–31 2017! Save the dates in your schedule!

Alberto R. Ferreres
President ISDS

News from ASAP



*Stephen W. Bickler,
President ASAP*



*Kelly McQueen,
Past President ASAP*

As The Alliance for Surgery and Anesthesia Presence begins our 3rd year as an Collective Member Society we are pleased to report continued growth and a busy agenda during the Global Surgery era 2016–30.

The World Congress of Surgery (WCS) in Bangkok was busy and productive for ASAP; our panels were well attended and our cross-pollination with the other Collective Member Societies was excellent. We are already planning for the 8th Annual ASAP meeting to be held in Mombasa, Kenya Dec 8–10, 2016 in collaboration with COSECSA. Several Collective Member Societies have expressed interest in participating, including BSI, IASMEN and IATSIC. As our planning progresses we will announce the opening of registration and the confirmed agenda through ISS/SIC and our own website, www.asaptoday.org.

Prior to the WCS, the Bangkok Declaration (BD) was drafted to historically document the events of 2015 and as a call to action for the work ahead in low and middle-income countries. The BD will soon be ratified by more than 50 anesthesia and surgical organizations. To read the declaration

and/or sign on please contact Stephanie Korin, Stephanie.Korin@surgeons.org.

As the collective member society committed to advocating for surgery and safe anesthesia in low-income countries, our leadership and membership is actively studying and working to improve access to and outcomes of surgery and anesthesia as surgery scales up in many of the poorest countries. We are grateful to World Journal of Surgery for their support of global surgery, and their commitment to assisting authors in low-income countries through writing workshops and the on-line journal for global topics.

If you are interested in global anesthesia, obstetrics and surgery, please consider joining ASAP today!

Stephen W. Bickler, President ASAP
Kelly McQueen, Past President ASAP

Report by the ISS/SIC US-Chapter



*Hilary Sanfey,
Past President
ISS/SIC US-Chapter*

The U.S. Chapter of the ISS/SIC sponsors the Nyhus Traveling Fellowship, which allows a young US surgeon to attend the World Congress of Surgery. The surgeon must be a U.S. citizen, in training or within their first five years of practicing within the U.S. The Chapter provides up to USD 2'500 towards the young surgeon's travel and accommodation expenses and ISS/SIC waives the registration fees.

The 2015 Lloyd Nyhus Traveling Fellow is Dr. Stephanie Chao. Dr. Chao is a San Francisco Bay Area native who received her undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences from Stanford University, where she graduated with honors, distinction, and Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Chao attended medical school at the University of California San Francisco and completed her General Surgery Residency training, as well as, her Pediatric Surgery Fellowship at



US-Chapter Travel Scholar Stephanie Chao

Stanford University. Her research interests include improving hepatitis B and liver cancer prevention and control. Dr. Chao conceptualized the Jade Ribbon Campaign, which has become the global emblem for hepatitis B awareness and also founded Hep B Moms, a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing mother-to-child transmission of hepatitis B. Her work has been supported by numerous agencies, including the Centers for Disease Con-

trol and Prevention. Dr. Chao has served on the Board of Directors of the National Resident Matching Program, as well as, on Advisory Committees for the California Viral Hepatitis Clinical Task Force, the Immunization Action Coalition Birth Dose Project, and the US Congress Viral Hepatitis and Liver Cancer Prevention Control Act. Dr. Chao has received the Samuel L. Kountz Humanitarian Award, and was the 2012 recipient of the Association of Women Surgeon's Hilary Sanfey Outstanding Resident Award. Dr. Chao is now Assistant Professor of Pediatric Surgery at Stanford.

Hilary Sanfey
Past President ISS/SIC US-Chapter



The ISS/SIC office in Lupsingen is ceasing operation by the end of 2015 and will hand-over activities to Twister office in Zurich. The outgoing team says good-bye and thanks for your confidence over the past decades.

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