



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

## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **Presidents Message**



*Ken Boffard,  
South Africa*

Dear ISS member

A very productive Strategic Planning meeting was held at the recent ISS Executive Committee meeting in Frankfurt in March. The entire meeting was attended by Executive Committee members from across the globe, and it was a pleasure to welcome both the Local Organizing Committee for the Yokohama Congress, headed by Professor Masahiko Watanabe and Marco Patti, current President elect of our newest Integrated Society. It has taken some time and negotiation, and the new association with our Digestive Surgical Colleagues of the ISDS marks another milestone in our history.

Many events in our tempestuous world have affected us over the last decade; the changing dynamics of 9/11 and the asymmetrical wars of the 21st Century, the global recession which fortunately seems now to have an end in sight, volcanic ash, and not least, the changing landscape of surgery itself. Working hours are being reduced, exposure to clinical training is diluted, and the gulf between (super) specialist surgery, predominantly in Europe and developed countries, and the general surgery practiced in many developing countries has widened. The expertise available has to be spread. The International Society has to meet these challenges, and be representative of, and relevant

to surgeons from widely differing backgrounds and needs. The challenge will be to strike the right balance, as well as attracting young surgeons, and those still in training. The Strategic Planning part of the meeting allowed a wide-ranging discussion and we were pleased to welcome as guests, the Presidents of the Association of Surgeons in Training (ASiT) of Great Britain, Dr. Ed Fitzgerald, and of the South African Society of Surgeons in Training (SASSIT), Dr. Martin Brand.

The viewpoint of industry is critical - we as surgeons are dependent on them, and they on us. There are many opportunities available for support where local resources are not adequate, so working closely with all the role players is very necessary.

We have set ourselves several quite ambitious goals, all of which are, I believe, readily achievable with the new enthusiasm that is present. In the short term, we have planned to:

- Involve young / trainee surgeons
- Reduce barriers to membership, both professional and financial, especially to our younger and our less privileged colleagues
- Launch a wider range of educational programs
- Increase the accessibility of the ISS/SIC to its members, and its not-yet-members
- Develop a marketing strategy for the next decade
- Develop a much more solid electronic and IT presence

In the longer term, we are planning to:

- Broaden International Surgical Week, possibly with a more widely based exposure to surgery, and looking at Region-specific surgery as well
- We need to provide more opportunities for our experienced membership to share their knowledge and expertise with their colleagues, especially between Surgical Weeks when possible, and by increasing travelling Fellowships

These are just a few of the items discussed, but I believe we, through our membership, have a unique opportunity with the talent which we have at our disposal. I would like to see the Society, by example, setting global standards for surgical care, and developing strong and cordial relations with our colleagues through their own organizations, such as U.S. ISS/SIC Chapter and the American College of Surgeons. The ability to use our membership's expertise for regions whose members do not have the resources themselves and our willingness to be part of such training and education is critical to the success of this venture.

As I write this, I am involved in a training program in the Delta Region of Nigeria, where IATSIC is training nearly a hundred medical personnel in major trauma management. There is a real need, and a willingness from so many people to participate. I was honored to be asked to be a guest, with others, to launch joint ISS sessions with the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka, and the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand, and I hope that these joint sessions will be of benefit to the Colleges and to our Society.

The planning for the next Surgical Week in Yokohama is now well advanced, and the scientific program is rapidly taking shape. The Japanese Local Organizing Committee are working hard to make this one of the most diverse and successful surgical weeks ever. Put it into your diary as an occasion not to be missed. For those who have never been to Japan, the experience is one of life's "must do's". For those who are being attracted back, welcome back. There will be something for everyone, tourist opportunities are limitless, and the costs are lower than you would expect. Treat yourself.

It would be remiss of me if I did not acknowledge the solid foundations set up by my predecessors, and the immediate past President, Michael Sarr, and Secretary General, Felix Harder. Equally, without the ISS Office in Lupsingen, with Victor Bertschi, Chris Storz and their staff, none of this would be possible and their quiet, efficient work is valuable beyond comprehension.

Please do not hesitate to let me have your thoughts and ideas. My email is [Ken.Boffard@iss-sic.ch](mailto:Ken.Boffard@iss-sic.ch)



Ken Boffard  
President ISS/SIC

## Report by the Secretary General



*Jean-Claude Givel,  
Switzerland*

In the recent past we have been pleased with two important happenings. First the decision of ISDS to become an Integrated Society of ISS/SIC has, after considerable negotiations, become true and we are convinced that this move has been to the advantage of both societies to build up a strong GI section in ISS/SIC. ISDS members will newly be invoiced by the ISS/SIC Administrative Office and should also direct their inquiries in regard to membership directly to this office. We will do our utmost to provide the best service to our new members and to make the transition as smooth as possible. Digestive surgeons should consider joining this Integrated Society to support the endeavors of the Digestive Group and be part of this international community of specialists.

The second good news is that the Adelaide Congress has not only been outstanding scientifically but also financially ended with a positive result which in view of the world-wide economic situation and the threat by the swine flu is to be heavy weighted. This is not the least also the merit of the Local Organizing Committee, headed by Peter Malycha, and the PCO SAPMEA who are congratulated upon this success and thanked for the diligent congress organization.

As you may read in other parts of this newsletter, the Yokohama Congress ISW 2011 is on good track, the preparatory works advance steadily and the content of the scientific program is taking well shape. Prepare your abstract for submission at [www.isw2011.org](http://www.isw2011.org), the deadline has been set to January 10, 2011 but the Abstract Center will open in July 2010 already.

As a new development the University of Oxford's Nuffield Department of Surgery and Department for Continuing Education are currently working on developing a proposal for a part-time MSc in Surgical Sciences (working title). The structure of the proposed MSc has been specifically designed to accommodate the needs of surgeons in training and to be accessible to

international participants. Subject to University approval, the Master's program could be available to study from October 2011. To obtain feedback on, and gauge potential interest in, the proposed Master's Program from international surgical trainees they have created an online survey (accessible at: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Oxford\\_MSc\\_SurgicalScience](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Oxford_MSc_SurgicalScience)), which provides further information about the proposed MSc, to collect feedback on the proposed MSc content and structure. You are welcome to give your feedback.

The American College of Surgeons offers International Guest Scholarships to competent young (35-45 year old) foreign surgeons who have demonstrated strong interests in teaching and research. These scholarships provide them with the opportunity to visit clinical, research, and teaching institutes in North America and participate in the annual Clinical Congress. You may profit from this opportunity by applying at [www.facs.org/memberservices/igs.html](http://www.facs.org/memberservices/igs.html) and where also additional information is available. Application deadline is July 1, 2010.

Last but not least, I would like to underline the urgent need to increase our membership. The number of our active members has declined for the last years and this situation must absolutely be reversed by inviting more colleagues to join the ISS/SIC. Junior membership now represents a new category benefiting from the same rights as active members but paying only half of regular annual dues. Junior members must be below 35 years of age.

As a must, I would therefore like to end this report by asking each ISS/SIC member to find one new name of candidate and to help him or her to fulfill his/her application form, to become an active or junior future member of the society. If you all agree with my suggestion and immediately start looking for a new candidate around and convince him or her to join us we will, by the end of 2010, have doubled our membership for the benefit of all of us!

Jean-Claude Givel  
Secretary General ISS/SIC

## Report by the General Treasurer



*Sats S. Pillay,  
South Africa*

Some of you might have found a reminder for ISS/SIC dues payment in this envelope and this signifies that your dues 2010 have not yet been covered. The ISS/SIC is very much depending on a timely dues payment to keep your subscription to WJS upright. Please react quickly by transmitting your payment to the Administrative Office. By the end of June we will have to stop the WJS subscription to members who have not settled their dues.

In view of new regulations by the Credit Card Companies you must indicate with your credit card payment the 3-digit Security Code as on the reverse side of your card. We have modified the invoice form to adapt to these requirements. Your payment will only be valid if the Security Code is given.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sats S. Pillay  
General Treasurer ISS/SIC

## News from LOC ISW 2011



*Masahiko Watanabe,  
Japan*

### **ISW2011, Yokohama, Japan, August 28 to September 1, 2011**

As the President of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), it is my greatest pleasure to host ISW2011 in Yokohama, Japan, from August 28 to September 1 in 2011. In the forthcoming congress, we plan numbers of sessions that will no doubt bring international and local participants together.

In addition to ISS/SIC, Integrated Societies and Participating Societies, we have more than 20 local participating societies and nearly 120 LOC members. I am confident that this conference will be a huge success after 34 years to welcome back the International Surgical Week to Japan.

Yokohama is a port town opened to the world about 150 years ago. Ever since then, it has remained as a leading city both in business and tourism. You will discover the unique culture and the history of the town through its century-old Western architectures, Chinatown and the contemporary area where the venue, Pacifico Yokohama is located. Make sure to extend your stay; here are some exclusive tips to enjoy the area.

### **Yokohama, Japan**

Throughout the ages, the cultural ambience in Yokohama has always been Western. Being a major port town in Japan and developing rapidly since its opening, it has maintained the mixture of historical and cultural heritage. Today, Yokohama has a number of high quality hotels for many tourists from near and afar.

There are also many sights to see in the area. Osanbashi is a symbol of Yokohama in the Minato Mirai area where large passenger ships dock. The Red Brick Warehouses in the same area recaptures the past of the evolving city. The Sankeien Garden, surrounded with lush greenery, is popular among the people of Yokohama as a place to seek tranquility.

*Bay Bridge Akira Okada  
Foto-Credit: JNTO*



## Pacifico Yokohama

International Surgical Week 2011 will be held at Pacifico Yokohama, a large convention center in the Minato Mirai area. It is one of the best convention centers in Japan where many international conventions are held. There are many hotels near the venue to make your stay comfortable.



The following official congress hotels in various price categories have been selected by the LOC. Most of them are within walking distance of Pacifico Yokohama.

### Hotels:

Yokohama Grand InterContinental  
Pan Pacific Hotel  
Yokohama Royal Park Hotel  
Hotel New Grand  
Yokohama Bay Sheraton Hotel & Towers  
New Otani Inn Yokohama  
Hotel Monterey Sakuragi-cho  
Yokohama Sakuragi-cho Washington Hotel

*Pacifico Yokohama Congress Center*  
*Foto-Credit: JNTO*

*Minato Mirai*  
*Foto-Credit: JNTO*



## Places to See in Yokohama and its Vicinity



*Great Buddha, Foto-Credit: JNTO*

Although there are Chinatowns in Nagasaki and Kobe, the most famous Chinatown in Japan is in Yokohama, which is also one of the most celebrated landmarks in the Minato Mirai area. Once you enter the Chinatown, you will find yourselves surrounded by totally exotic atmosphere with slightest hint of Japanese color. There are many restaurants standing along the streets that nourish the eyes and the stomach of every pedestrian making them feel content and fulfilled.

*Night view on Minatomirai, Foto-Credit: JNTO*



The Minato Mirai area is also a great place for shopping with large modern shopping malls reflecting the latest Japanese trends.

Kamakura is a prominent tourist spot located in the neighboring area. In 1192 when the Kamakura Shogunate was established, Kamakura prospered as its capital city. Many renowned shrines and temples were built during this time. Above all, the Great Buddha is spectacular with its historical significance comparable to the Great Buddha in Nara.

Furthermore, there is a symbol of Kamakura called Tsurugaoka Hachiman Shrine. It attracts many visitors especially during the New Year Holidays, reflecting the past glories.

Tokyo is only an hour train ride from Yokohama. The areas in Tokyo, such as Asakusa, differ from Yokohama, bringing you a brand new experience.

### *Chinatown in Yokohama*

*Foto-Credit: Yasufumi Nishi@JNTO*



Chinatown in Yokohama is the most famous one in Japan. After the opening of the port in 1859, people from various countries visited and even began to reside in Japan. Thus the Chinese residents built the town in the Motomachi settlement area. As trade increased in its numbers, Chinatown also saw expansion in its size and the numbers of shops. Today there are a total of approximately 630 restaurants and gift shops for consumers packed in the area of 2,500 m<sup>2</sup>. The restaurants offer Chinese food from various regions such as Sichuan, Canton, Beijing, and Shanghai. It attracts and is loved by the young and the old.

### **Sankeien Gardens**

The Sankeien Gardens was publicly opened in 1906, spreading out in the area of 175,000 m<sup>2</sup>. Hara Sankei, who was a silk trader, founded this garden by relocating buildings with historical values from Kyoto and Kamakura.

In this vast land from the south east of Yokohama, you will see the sights of Tokyo Bay. Sankei started to build the garden in 1902, followed by the outer garden in 1908. He completed the inner garden in 1923.

### **Mount Fuji**

Mount Fuji is the highest peak in Japan and is also one of its greatest symbols. Its beauty has captured the Japanese hearts and has long been celebrated in poems and pictures.

The foot of the mountain is studded with beautiful lakes featuring many well-equipped leisure facilities.

The LOC is looking forward to welcoming you in August 2011 to Yokohama.

Masahiko Watanabe  
President LOC ISW 2011

#### ***Mt. Fuji***

***Foto-Credit: Yasufumi Nishi@JNTO***



## **Report of the ISS-Foundation**



*Jay L. Grosfeld,  
USA*

During ISW 2009 in Adelaide, Australia the ISS-Foundation sponsored 26 travel scholars from developing countries to attend the meeting. The ability to support this record number of scholars was due in part to the generosity demonstrated by many of the Departments of Surgery in North America to whom we are very grateful. The young surgeons awarded scholarships were from Africa (9), India (9) and Eastern and Euro-Asia (8). All of the recipients were able to attend the meeting. The positive feedback from the scholars indicated that the travel scholar program was exceptionally rewarding and provided them with an educational experience and new information that otherwise would be unobtainable.

The ISS-Foundation plans to continue the Travel Scholar program for ISW 2011 in Yokohama. An announcement concerning the program will appear in the World Journal of Surgery each month beginning in July, 2010. Applications can be acquired from and submitted to the central ISS/SIC office in Lupsingen, Switzerland electronically ([surgery@iss-sic.ch](mailto:surgery@iss-sic.ch)). The due date for submission is December 31, 2010. Applicants will be notified of the results of the grant review process by March 31, 2011. This will allow the recipients ample opportunity to arrange travel to attend the Yokohama meeting.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation met in Frankfurt, Germany on March 20, 2010. The Board approved recognition of a new level of giving - The Martin Allgöwer Benefactor donor. This level of giving recognizes individuals that have contributed \$ 20,000 or more to the Foundation. This level can be achieved cumulatively by an individual donor adding to prior contributions. I am pleased to announce the first Allgöwer benefactor is Professor Masaki Kitajima, Tokyo, Japan. Professor Kitajima is a Past President of the ISS/SIC.

The Board of Directors noted the difficulties with fund raising due to the challenged world economy. Nevertheless, recognizing the inherent value of the

Foundation in fulfilling the goals and mission of the society, future methods to raise funds were extensively discussed. Adding to the Foundation corpus will allow us to support other special projects in disadvantaged and emerging countries. Currently, most of the contributions received are from ISS/SIC members and we wish to express our sincere thanks for their thoughtful philanthropic support.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Professor Kitajima, who has completed his term as President of the ISSF, Professor Felix Harder, retired ISS/SIC Secretary General, and Prof Kerstin Sandelin (Sweden) representing BSI, for their outstanding service to the ISSF.

Dr. Michael Sarr (USA) has been elected the new President of the ISS-Foundation. Other new ISSF Board members include: Dr. Jean-Claude Givel (Switzerland), Secretary General ISS/SIC; Prof. Sats Pillay (South Africa) ISS/SIC Treasurer; Prof Kenneth Boffard (South Africa), ISS/SIC President; Prof. Göran Akerström (Sweden), President-elect ISS/SIC and Stephen A. Deane (Australia) representing IATSIC. Prof. John Hunter (USA) Editor WJS, and Prof. Jay Grosfeld, (USA) ISSF-Secretary-Treasurer remain on the Board as members. Mr. Victor Bertschi is an ex-officio member of the board.

The ISSF has been encouraged by the success of the Travel Scholars program. The Board of Directors is convinced that with added support that success can be extended to other worthy programs particularly in emerging countries that will foster the advancement of surgical care throughout the world. We ask all of the members of the ISS/SIC to assist in this mission and consider providing support by contributing to the Foundation.

Jay L. Grosfeld, MD  
Secretary-Treasurer, ISSF



*Japanese Garden*

## News from Administrative Office

Dear ISS/SIC Member

Please be aware that your online access to WJS expires during these days and you will need the new token ID to have it reactivated. Only if your dues 2010 have been settled you will be in a position to receive the new token from our Administrative Office. Therefore make sure that your dues are covered to keep your online access upright without interruption. You may contact our office ([surgery@iss-sic.ch](mailto:surgery@iss-sic.ch)) to receive your new token ID.

Needless to mention that the endeavors of ISS/SIC depend on a strong membership. To support the goals of the Société it is vitally important to recruit new members and we will be pleased to assist you with this task in any way we can. Certainly in your entourage you will find surgeons willing to join and strengthen ISS/SIC – think also of the services including subscription to WJS and reduced congress fees. Also, young surgeons (below age 35) only pay half the annual dues by receiving full service. We will be glad to provide you printed application forms should you plan a recruitment campaign in your country. Of course, also on-line application is possible at [www.iss-sic.ch](http://www.iss-sic.ch).

With our kindest regards.

ISS/SIC Administrative Office



## News from International Association of Endocrine Surgeons IAES



*Leigh W. Delbridge,  
Australia*



*Geoffrey B. Thompson,  
USA*

Dear IAES Member:

Greetings from your President and Secretary-Treasurer. The preliminary program for the World Congress and next IAES meeting in Yokohama, Japan, August 28 to September 1, 2011, is nearing completion. Dr. Michael Demeure and the Program Committee are putting together an excellent program.

Highlights of this program will be the Peter Heimann Lecture entitled "Iodine Deficiency in Asia" by Professor Cres Eastman from Australia and a Historical Lecture entitled "Reidel's Thyroiditis" by Professor Henning Dralle. There will be State-of-the-Art Lectures by Dr. Clive Grant "Contemporary Management of Lymph Node Metastases in Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma" and Dr. Michael Demeure "Molecular Targets for Endocrine Cancer". On Sunday, there will be a Hands-on Workshop on Thyroid and Parathyroid Ultrasound and Fine-Needle Aspiration Biopsy. On Monday, there will be an ISS Luncheon Panel on Neuroendocrine Tumors. Wednesday will include a joint IAES/ISDS Symposium on "GIST Tumors" and "Gastrointestinal Carcinoids" in addition to an afternoon Clinical Skills Video Session jointly sponsored by the IAES and IAES on endocrine surgical techniques. Professor Jacques Marescaux, among others, will be taking part in this important session on minimally invasive endocrine surgery. As always, there will be a wonderful IAES dinner; this time organized by the Chair of our Local Organizing Committee, Professor Hiroshi Takami (President of the Japanese Association of Endocrine Surgeons). There will be multiple Free Paper sessions, as well as a Poster Walk Around. The final program will be forthcoming, along with the designated IAES hotel venue.

It will be important for all of our members to begin planning their studies to be submitted for presentation at the Congress. The abstract deadline will be in early January 2011. As has been done previously, the IAES will provide Travel Awards to younger investigators with accepted presentations. Additional information will be forthcoming.

The local organizers are making excellent arrangements, and we can all look forward to a fantastic meeting with not only superb science, but also many possibilities to see the beauty of Japan and meet with friends in these wonderful surroundings. Just a reminder that it will be important to register early to ensure reservations at the IAES hotel, once this has been designated.

One year prior to the Congress, the 11th International Postgraduate Course in Endocrine Surgery will take place in Germany. Peter Goretzki and his colleagues are putting together a fantastic program for the meeting, which will occur August 22 to August 25, 2010. Information regarding the International Postgraduate Course can be obtained through the IAES website link. The meeting will take place in Kloster Seeon in the beautiful Bavaria region of Germany.

For your information, the Officers and Councilors of the IAES are listed below. Please feel free to contact Dr. Geoffrey Thompson or his administrative assistant, Mrs. Marilyn Churchward at the e-mail address below.

We look forward to seeing all of you in Yokohama and wish for you a wonderful summer ahead.

Leigh Delbridge  
President IAES

Geoffrey B. Thompson  
Secretary-Treasurer IAES

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## News from IATSIC



C. William Schwab,  
USA

IATSIC concluded a most successful meeting in Adelaide with increased attendance, a stimulating program and good fellowship at the social events. Dr. Sten Lennquist delivered the 2nd Trunkey Lecture and many excellent free papers were delivered.

The program committee is hard at work putting together, yet another outstanding educational program under the able leadership of Dr. Selman Uranues. Many topics will be discussed including advances in vascular surgery, abdominal compartment syndrome, and the advent of acute care surgery, just to name a few. Once again the organization will be offering a financial prize for the best poster and the best oral presentation. Following a recent trip to Yokohama, I was able to secure a great hotel for IATSIC members attending the 2011 congress and a spectacular venue for the trauma banquet on Tuesday evening.

Utilizing the talents of Scott D'Amours and Chris Storz, IATSIC now has a webpage that can be accessed at <[www.iatsic.org](http://www.iatsic.org)>. This is linked to the ISS webpage and contains up to date news about the organization. It is also possible to use this venue to fill out new

membership applications. We continue to attract a significant number of new members. This is the future life-blood of the organization and we encourage you to seek colleagues to join.

The DSTC courses continue to flourish and are extremely well received. New courses have been conducted recently in South America. The website has a world map showing the distribution of previous and current courses. The central office can be contacted regarding courses scheduled in your area.

IATSIC in conjunction with the World Health Organization introduced the new document "Guidelines For Trauma Quality Improvement Programs" at the 2009 meeting. This is now available through the World Health Organization.

Finally this has been a banner year for IATSIC trauma surgeons. Dr. Ian Civil, our immediate past president, has just taken office as the President of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Dr. Nopadol Wora Urai is the current President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand, Dr. Ari Leppaniemi has been President of the Finnish Society of Surgeons, and Dr. L.D. Britt will become the next President of the American College of Surgeons.

The entire executive committee is indebted to the membership and the Central Office for their loyal support. We are sincerely appreciative of all the work our Japanese colleagues have done in preparation of the 2011 meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone in Yokohama.

Bill Schwab, MD  
President IATSIC



*Easy to find your way!*

## News from International Association for Surgical Metabolism and Nutrition IASMEN



*Olle Ljungqvist,  
Sweden*

Dear IASMEN member

As of last year, I have the honour of serving as your new President. Alongside me I have a group of very prominent and talented surgeons leading the society for the present two year period:

Prof. Dan Waitzberg, Sao Paolo, Brazil our past president (thank you Dan for a very nice job!);  
Prof. Harumasa Ohyanagi, Osaka, Japan, Vice President and Local Representative of the upcoming congress in Yokohama, Japan;  
Prof. José Eduardo Aguilar-Nascimento, Cuiaba, Brazil, Treasurer/Secretary;  
Prof. Gordon L. Carlson, Manchester, UK, Scientific Chairman;  
Mr. Mattias Soop, Auckland, New Zealand, Member Scientific Committee;  
Mr. Dileep Lobo, Nottingham, UK, Member Scientific Committee

Just so you know who is serving as your President, a few words about myself: I am colorectal surgeon from Stockholm, trained at the Karolinska Institutet and Hospital. I chaired the Center for Gastrointestinal Disease at Ersta Hospital in Stockholm for 8 years and just recently took up the position as professor of surgery at our youngest University Hospital in Örebro outside Stockholm. I have served in many positions in ESPEN and presently as the Chairman. My key interest has been preoperative metabolic optimization with carbohydrate loading and enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS).

Let me first of all congratulate the team around Dan Waitzberg for the excellent execution of the congress in Adelaide in 2009. The program was highly interesting and attracted many colleagues, not just from the inner circle of IASMEN but also from other

societies engaged and present at the ISS/SIC Congress. It is now our goal to make the upcoming congress in Yokohama in late August of 2011 at least as attractive. The program we have put together is diverse and interesting and we are happy to announce that we will run several sessions in collaboration with several of the other societies attending the congress. This has been our ambition, to make ourselves more visible by working with the other large societies.

We will continue to focus on metabolism and nutrition in the surgical patient, and we feel that this field is slowly but gradually becoming more in the focus of surgeons and the understanding of the importance of metabolism in the development of surgical complications is developed.

Another matter that I am happy to announce is the opening of the IASMEN web site: [www.iasmen.org](http://www.iasmen.org). Please check it out and find regular updates on events and in particular the updates of the development of the program.

Of course we have direct links to ISS/SIC, and also to our journal - the World Journal of Surgery.

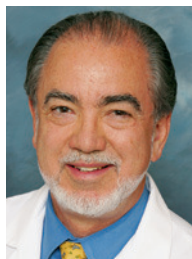
You will also find that we are linked to other major societies where surgical nutrition is being further developed, such as the European Society of Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism, ESPEN.

It is now time for renewal of your annual subscription and we look forward to your continued support of the society and the field as such by continuing your subscription.

We will keep you updated in particular about our upcoming congress now less than 18 months away. Make sure to submit your best work to this event, and we will assure you that some of the best people in the field will be there to discuss your work.

Your serving President  
Olle Ljungqvist  
President IASMEN

## News from Breast Surgery International BSI



Jay K. Harness,  
USA



Gaurav Agarwal,  
India

### The BSI meeting at ISW 2009, Adelaide, Australia

"Honorary ISS/SIC membership" was conferred on Umberto Veronesi, the founder president of BSI at the Adelaide ISW. The Breast Surgery International scientific and social programs at the ISW 2009 at Adelaide, Australia were resounding success. The ISW 2009 LOC, under leadership of Peter Malycha, the ISS/SIC headquarters staff and the BSI local coordinator, Jim Kollias, did a splendid job at organizing a flawless meeting. The BSI scientific program had a sense of novelty to it at Adelaide that was appreciated by all. BSI symposia, educational sessions, lunch time sessions, the Umberto Veronesi lecture, delivered by Sunil Lakhani from Australia on "Molecular pathology and surgical practice", free paper and poster sessions all attracted good audience participation. The pre-congress Ultrasound course on Sunday and the BSI Postgraduate course on Monday were yet again a huge success, where a

wide range of contentious topics were discussed. The presidential address by Kerstin Sandelin on "Quality indicators in breast cancer care" was well received. Since its inception, the BSI has put emphasis on "Developing quality breast cancer care in the Developing countries", and once again, a number of issues pertinent to this theme, and to "Global perspectives in breast cancer care" were discussed in the PG course, symposia and main sessions. Symposium on "Early diagnosis and screening for breast cancer in Australasia" was an eye opener - and brought forth the varying standards, or lack of those relating these activities in various countries of this region. The BSI symposia included those on "Tailor made treatment for breast cancer", "Breast cancer treatment developments by clinical trials: a global perspective", and "Improving cancer care: breast cancer as a model".

The free papers and posters sessions featured a large number of high quality original papers. The BSI best paper prize session as well the best BSI poster session were well attended, and the panel of judges had tough time choosing the prize winners out of a number of equally high quality presentations. The Best BSI oral paper prize was shared by S.W.-W. Chan from Hong Kong for her presentation titled "Patient satisfaction and cosmetic outcome after oncoplastic breast conserving surgery" and M. Hartman from Sweden for his presentation on "Increasing proportion of synchronous bilateral breast cancer: measure of improving diagnostic work-up". The first prize in the Best BSI poster competition was bagged by S. Basro from South Africa for the poster titled "Young women with breast cancer in a limited resource environment", while the second prize went to Omar Youssef from Egypt for his poster titled "Breast reconstruction with pedicled TRAM flap: long-term oncological and cosmetic results from a developing country." Five young BSI members from various countries availed of the BSI travel awards and



BSI Dinner at  
Jolley's Boat House

presented their work at the BSI sessions at ISW 2009. In the future, it is planned to offer travel awards to even more surgeons. BSI poster walk with wine tasting was a novel feature - and credit should go to Kerstin Sandelin and Jim Kollias for this idea. The BSI dinner at the Jolley's Boat house was a sell-out, with more than 100 attendees, and had all the elements for a great social evening. Members enjoyed the adventurous ride coupled with drinks and canapés on the BSI boat Popoye on the river Torrens.

### **New BSI Office-Bearers and Council**

The Adelaide BSI meeting saw fostering of many a new friendships and renewal of many old ones. Besides, the "friendly society" that the BSI is, conducted its business in the usual jovial and cordial atmosphere. The minutes of the BSI council and general assembly meetings can be viewed on the BSI website. The council as well as the general assembly elected a new council and office bearers. The officers and members of the society would like to thank Kerstin Sandelin (Sweden) who completed her term as president of BSI, Peter Malycha (Australia) for serving as "council coordinator" for two terms, as also Krishna Clough (France) who stepped down from council membership, for all their efforts and contributions to the BSI's activities over the past years. Jay Harness from Orange, California, USA took over as the president of the society from Kerstin Sandelin, and Polly Cheung from Hong Kong SAR was elected the President elect. Gaurav Agarwal from Lucknow, India and Marco Margaritoni from Dubrovnik, Croatia would continue to serve as the Secretary and Treasurer of BSI respectively. Sarkis Meterissian from Montreal, Canada was elected as an associate member of the council, and will take on the responsibility of BSI scientific program coordinator for the ISW 2011 meeting at Yokohama, Japan. The following eminent breast surgeons with distinguished and extensive clinical experience have been elected as members of the BSI council during the September 2009 Adelaide meeting:

Dr. Esther Ajuluchuku, Nigeria  
Dr. Justus Apffelstaedt, South Africa  
Dr. Ines Buccimazza, South Africa  
Dr. Hiram Cody III, USA  
Dr. Raimund Jakesz, Austria  
Dr. Stanley Leong, USA  
Dr. Omgo Nieweg, The Netherlands  
Dr. Omar Youssef, Egypt  
Dr. Cheng-Haar Yip, Malaysia

### **BSI Activities in recent past**

The society has been growing from strength to strength since its inception in 1999 at Vienna. The membership of BSI has grown steadily over the years, and now stands at more than 165 members from 45 countries. We would like to request all BSI

and ISS members to urge their peers, colleagues and friends who have major interests in breast surgery to become members as well, so that the society is further strengthened. Over the past few years, the BSI has supported with participation of its representative members, councilors and officers in various educational programs and symposia, some of which are the Asian Breast Cancer Conference, European Breast Cancer Conference, Global Summit of Breast Health Global Initiative, SGPGI Breast Course, Lucknow, India and many more. The society stands committed to support CME and training programs in breast surgery and oncology by participation of its representatives in the future also. The information of such programs would be published on the BSI website.

The BSI website <http://www.breast-surg-intl.org> is periodically updated and is also available to access via [www.iss-sic.ch](http://www.iss-sic.ch) from a link on "affiliated societies". You may visit the official websites of our society frequently for periodic updates and notices. Any suggestions for making better use of our website and any submissions for publication on the website are welcome and should be directed to Gaurav Agarwal, Webmaster and Secretary, BSI. You can find a link to a panel of "International Guest Faculty" - these are eminent breast surgeons who have volunteered to receive visitors and to travel to overseas institutions to share knowledge in the field of breast surgery. Any BSI member willing to act as an international guest faculty is requested to write to the secretary with their information. It is planned to provide information and links to other training/fellowship opportunities in breast surgery on the BSI home page. The members, and their associates and colleagues are invited to avail of these training opportunities.

### ***Collaboration with Breast Health Global Initiative (BHGI)***

The BHGI under leadership of Ben Anderson from USA has been conducting numerous activities to devise and operationalize breast cancer management protocols for the low and medium income countries. BSI has been a collaborating organization of the BHGI in most of these activities over last many years. Jay Harness, President BSI, will be representing the society at the forthcoming BHGI global summit scheduled to be held at Chicago USA in June 2010, as a post-ASCO satellite meeting. Besides, many BSI members have submitted abstracts for poster presentations at the BHGI global summit. Information about the BHGI activities and meetings, as well as the BHGI newsletter can be found on the BSI website. We look forward to a long and productive association with the BHGI, and work towards our common goal of "improving breast cancer care in developing countries".

## Future BSI activities:

### ***BSI meeting at the ISW 2011, Yokohama Japan***

The next major meeting of BSI will take place in conjunction with the International Surgical Week to be held at Yokohama Japan in August 2011. Sarkis Meterissian is coordinating with all members of the program committee to chart out a comprehensive, informative and interesting 2011 BSI sectional program. The program will include symposia on contentious issues of breast surgery, pre-congress ultrasound course, postgraduate course, luncheon panels; all deliberated by distinguished faculty and research work and invited experts. Your suggestions for making the program useful would be very welcome. Kindly mark the dates in your calendar and make it a point to send your best breast surgery related clinical and research work for presentation at the congress. The deadline for the submission of Abstracts will be in early January 2011, which will give you enough time to be ready with your best abstracts. BSI members are encouraged to submit a manuscript of their presentations for publication in the World Journal of Surgery, the official journal of our society.

### ***BSI Post-graduate Courses***

The huge interest generated by the pre-congress BSI post-graduate course has encouraged the society to plan more such courses in future, besides making it a regular feature at the ISW's. These courses will emphasize the society's commitment to take continuing medical and surgical education opportunities to developing countries around the world. The society will encourage any of the members from developing countries to chalk out appropriate programs keeping the local participants in mind, and the society will try and arrange for a few international guest speakers participation, besides extending all possible assistance. Any interested members may kindly contact the BSI Secretary for the details.

We have no doubt about a bright and exciting future of the society, and we share the enthusiasm of the membership for an even more active and productive time ahead. We look forward to meeting you, if not earlier, at Yokohama in August 2011.

With the very best wishes, on behalf of the BSI council

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## News from International Society for Digestive Surgery ISDS



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*Tonia Young-Fadok,  
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To Members of ISDS

Much has happened in the last six months, the culmination of several years of joint ventures between ISS/SIC and ISDS. Our first joint meeting was in 2007, when ISDS met in conjunction with the International Society of Surgery, in Montreal. Since that time, both ISDS and ISS/SIC have been working to determine the best ways of serving the membership of both societies. With this in mind, the two societies met together last September 2009 during International Surgical Week in beautiful Adelaide, Australia. This was an immensely successful meeting, both in terms of the rapport between the two societies and the broad program and quality of content that encouraged an attendance that was far greater than initially expected given the worldwide financial downturn.

ISDS is now a partner society of ISS/SIC! The leadership of both societies has considered this alliance very carefully, and believes that the interests of our members are best served by the two societies joining and ISDS becoming a partner society of ISS. This benefits our members in a number of ways. Individuals who are members of both societies will now pay a single set of annual dues, rather than two separate accounts. Those who were members of ISDS alone will be "grandfathered" into ISS without a separate application process. Members of ISS may choose to join ISDS via membership in ISS particularly if their professional interests are in gastrointestinal surgery. All members will benefit from a biennial meeting that contains greater breadth and content than either society alone can present, with a high caliber international faculty.

The headquarters of ISDS is in the process of transition to the ISS office in Switzerland. Both present and past members of ISDS should have received dues notices. If you are currently a member we encourage you to continue your membership. If you are a past member, please consider renewing your membership in this new alliance of international societies.

In September 2009, during the Adelaide meeting, Professor Masaki Kitajima assumed the role of President. Prof. Kitajima, and President-Elect Prof. Marco Patti wish to continue to keep ISDS relevant to the many accomplished senior members of the GI surgical community who have been strong supporters of this society, while at the same time encouraging the participation and membership of younger surgeons, who can, within ISDS, find an international community of GI surgeons with similar interests but diverse backgrounds. Prof. Kitajima will be supported during his tenure by the enthusiastic members of the ISDS Executive Committee.

We look forward to meeting old friends and meeting new ones at International Surgical Week in Yokohama, Japan, August 28 - September 1, 2011. The program is being finalized with a truly international expert faculty and we hope you will join us!

Masaki Kitajima  
President ISDS

Tonia M. Young-Fadok  
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