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NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President



*Michael Sarr, USA
President ISS/SIC*

ISW 2009 in Adelaide is approaching rapidly and will prove to be an absolutely outstanding, multidisciplinary program. Considerable work has focused on increasing the breadth of the program by hosting joint sessions with several national groups from Australia, particularly the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS), New Zealand Association of General Surgeons (NZAGS) and General Surgeons Australia (GSA) with the latter holding their annual meeting during ISW 2009 in Adelaide. ISS/SIC is excited about this cooperation, because not only will such interaction broaden the depth of the program offered, but it will help to highlight Australian and New Zealand surgery and its challenges from a more parochial viewpoint.



*Adelaide, Australia home to ISW 2009 from
September 6th to 10th.*

In addition to the participation of several Australian national societies, the International Society of Surgery ISS/SIC is working hard to maximize interaction between the various affiliated societies across topics of mutual interest. For example, nutritional support crosses many specialties, and joint programs are being developed between the International Association for Surgical Metabolism and Nutrition IASMEN, the International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care IATSIC, and our new partner society, the International Society of Digestive Surgery ISDS, in topics such as nutritional support of the critically ill, programs of Enhanced Recovery after Surgery (ERAS) or the so-called fast track surgery, and bariatric surgery.

The ISS/SIC leadership would also like to highlight several other approaches taken to broaden the attraction of ISW 2009 in Adelaide.

1. The growing **interaction with the ISDS** brings a special and focused new expertise in the field of gastrointestinal surgery, nutrition, GI oncology, and minimal access surgery that will only broaden the entire program.
2. **IATSIC will put on another of their outstanding courses in trauma training**, as they have done so successfully in the past, the Definitive Surgical Trauma Care DSTC.
3. Through several new avenues of funding, **we hope to be able to offer more traveling fellowships for surgeons from developing countries** to attend the meeting, because at least one of the focuses of the meeting will address surgical problems in the developing world, opportunities/experiences with different forms of volunteerism, and possibilities of globalization of health care delivery.
4. **Women in surgery.** As the number of women forging their careers in surgery increases, different types of challenges face them, especially so in balancing commitments to family and children, training paradigms, career choices, and various cultural obstacles often specific to their specialty, their country, and their interaction and integration into the local medical culture. These problems are often not transparent to many of their colleagues (both male and female), but are very real to the young female surgeons thinking about developing and creating their careers.

Finally, concerning the venue in Adelaide, I am confident that you will find the overall site of ISW 2009 incredibly attractive for many reasons. Australia, the "Country Down Under," has a truly unique history, diverse countryside, and unparalleled flora/fauna not found elsewhere — kangaroos, koalas, platypus and wombats, all of which can be seen around Adelaide.

In addition Adelaide and environs is the heart of Australia's wine industry with 60% of Australian wines being grown and made around Adelaide. Many famous vineyards and wineries are no more 15km from your hotel and the Barossa Valley only 45 minutes away.



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Australia is a country fully the size of the United States or Europe with many differing sites — from Adelaide to Sydney to Brisbane to Perth to Darwin — and all the history, countryside, and cultural flavors these areas breath and, of course, lots of the outback “in-between” — the entire country offers a taste of rustic romance to the rest of the world.

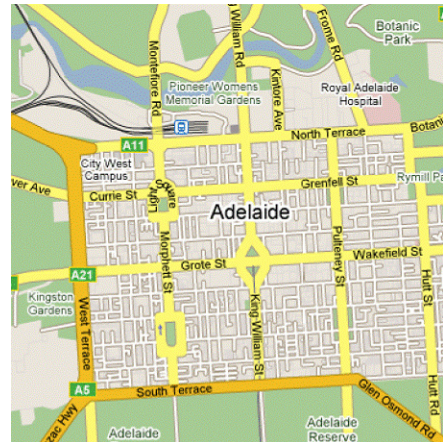
Through the hard work of the local organizing committee headed by Dr. Peter Malycha and Ian D. Civil, the convention center is top rate, the living accommodations are ample and affordable (with various ranges of cost) **AND ARE CLOSE** and Adelaide itself is intriguing in its own sense. The city of Adelaide is beautifully planned with the Convention Center within easy walking distance of hotels, restaurants and entertainment – in fact most hotels are either on the campus of the Convention Centre or within a few minutes walk.

In addition to the opening ceremony, one night will offer a social, cultural, and culinary “outback” experience. Be prepared for a bit less formality to the meeting, at least compared to ISW 2007 in Montreal, Canada. Business suit attire may even be a bit “frowned upon!” on some of the venues. Remember, this is Australia! As usual, social programs to see the sites around Adelaide are available and will be available for you to view through the **ISW 2009 website www.isw2009.org or simply Google ISW 2009**, as are longer trips (usually not day trips) to other places on this wonderful continent that offer so much; these type of trips are probably best tacked onto either the front end or back end of the meeting because of distance between sites.

In addition, the Executive Committee of ISW 2009 has tried to minimize the number of evening affairs to encourage a more social interaction with the many attractions Adelaide has to offer; there will be a brief reception on Sunday night with drinks and finger food, the always popular but optional local event attraction, “Outback Night” will be held Monday evening, most affiliated societies hold their dinners Tuesday evening, and Wednesday and Thursday evenings are free.



▲ Sydney, New South Wales is 1200 km by road from Adelaide or a 2 hours flight



▲ Adelaide Business district with Convention Centre (A11) and area where most Congress Hotels are situated.



◀ The Ghan, which travels from Adelaide to Darwin and takes 2 days for the one way trip. Flying time 4 hours

We decided specifically not to hold a Grand Banquet at ISW 2009 for several reasons:

1. To hold down the ever-increasing costs of holding an international meeting, and
2. Many participants complained that there was “too much going on” without any really free time to enjoy the benefits of the venue after such a long trek to the meeting. Indeed, the ISS/SIC is sympathetic about these concerns, and we have tried to free up any formal meetings on the Wednesday afternoon from the ISW program without threatening the science and education of the overall program.

So — I think you can see that ISW 2009 has something to offer everyone — family as well as participant. Adelaide and Australia are looking forward to hosting ISW 2009 and the time approaches us fast — only 14 months away.

Finally, for those travelling a long way, New Zealand is 3 to 4 hours from Adelaide and is one of the world’s great experiences. Its scenery changes from through the sub tropical North to the fiords and mountains in the South. Dr Ian Civil, President of IATSIC is Vice President LOC ISW2009. In future newsletters we will tell you more about New Zealand.

ISS/SIC is here to help to make this meeting the best ever! Please interact with the website — BUT, if I can help, please email me at sarr.michael@mayo.edu with any questions/concerns you have. We all look forward to seeing you there!

Michael G. Sarr
Congress President ISW 2009
President ISS/SIC



Auckland, North Island (New Zealand) is 3 to 4 hours from Adelaide and en route for those travelling from North America



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The word of the Secretary General



*Felix Harder,
Switzerland
Secretary General
ISS/SIC*

The message from the president has it all!

It is now up to you to make your plans for the late summer 2009. For most members a trip to Australia will not fit in if planned only a few months ahead of time. The scientific program looks really good and covers a very broad and interdisciplinary field. Please follow its progress on the website www.isw2009.org. There you find also all the details concerning representatives, traveling, hotel reservation, abstract submission etc.

Let me come back to some items mentioned in our last newsletter of November 2007. If you look closer at your WJS copy you will find that ISDS (The International Society for Digestive Surgery) has now joined in and taken WJS as its official scientific publication which is a distinct enrichment of our journal and significantly broadening its scope. At the same time an additional number of internationally well established experts have committed themselves to make their expertise available for the Editorial Board of WJS.

Once more I would like to draw your attention to the fact that there is a Junior Membership available for surgeons up to 35 years of age at a real discount prize including 12 copies of WJS per year and a reduced congress rate at ISW. Please do inform younger surgeons of your entourage (see advertisement in this newsletter).

Again you will find a data sheet in this mailing which you should urgently complete (unless you are among the 1'500 members who already have done so) in order for us to be able to communicate by e-mail with you. These information will not be dispatched at any time and only used for our own mutual communica-

tion. ISS/SIC had one of its most memorable ISW's in Sydney in 1987 and it looks as if we were going to do at least as well next year. Don't miss it! Plan now!

Felix Harder
Secretary General ISS/SIC



International Surgical Week ISW2009

September 6-10, 2009, Adelaide, Australia

Checklist for your ISW 2009 participation

- Scientific Program checked (www.isw2009.org)
- Preparation of Abstract for submission (deadline January 4, 2009) done
- Congress dates highlighted in diary
- Family convinced to do an outstanding family trip
- 1 or 2 weeks of additional vacation planned
- Offer from travel agency arranged and booked
- Deadline for advantageous early registration (flight + Congress registration) observed

Deadlines: ISS/SIC early bird: January 31, 2009
General: April 30, 2009



Adelaide Convention Center and the headquarters hotel Hyatt Regency.

Report from the ISS/SIC Foundation



*Jay L. Grosfeld, USA
Secretary-Treasurer ISSF*

Dear ISS/SIC members

The ISS Foundation was established to raise funds for charitable, scientific and educational purposes and endows a fellowship fund through voluntary contributions mainly from the membership. One of the important activities of the Foundation is to support the ISSF Travel Scholars Fund. These travel grants permit talented young surgeons **from developing countries** to attend the biennial International Surgical Week (ISW). This unique opportunity to share knowledge, exchange ideas, learn new techniques and technologies and subsequently influence the improvement of surgical care in their native countries and has proven to be an extremely valuable and worthwhile experience. The grant process has focused on young surgeons from developing countries that might not otherwise have funding to attend ISW. International Travel Scholar applicants are graduates of Schools of Medicine under the age of 40 years that have demonstrated a commitment to surgical teaching and/or research in accordance with the standards established in the applicant's country of origin. The selection process is competitive. Documentation of training and letters of support from Department Chairs are required. Further information concerning eligibility for the ISSF-Travel Grant program has been published in the *World Journal of Surgery*. Applications can be obtained by contacting my office at jgrosfel@iupui.edu. The due date for submission of applications is December 31, 2008. The ISSF will provide a number of USD 2'000 stipends for travel scholars to attend ISW 2009 in Adelaide, Australia September 6-10, 2009. The registration fee for travel scholar grant awardees will be waived. The travel scholar program has been quite successful at previous ISW meetings and we look forward to continue to provide this opportunity to deserving young surgeons in Adelaide.

The ISSF selected 10 travel scholars that attended the ISW 2007 in Montreal, Canada. The 2007 Travel Grant Award Recipients were Andrew Laksman Tambyraja, India; Gabriel Ianoși, Romania; Nino Kartvelishvili, Georgia; Varut Lohsiriwat, Thailand; Eshonkhodjaev Otabek, Uz-

bekistan; Vivek Aggarwal, India; Nehara Begum, Bangladesh; G.S. Prabudoss, India; Raphael Omotayo Ayorinde, Nigeria and Sami Eldirdiri Elgaili Salah, Sudan.

Professor Michael Sarr, the ISS/SIC President has been instrumental in stimulating Departments of Surgery in the United States and Canada to participate in the funding of travel scholars to attend the ISW meeting in Adelaide.

Professor J. Rüdiger Siewert has completed his tenure as President of the ISS-Foundation and we are grateful for his excellent leadership. Professor Masaki Kitajima is the new President of the Foundation. Other members of the Foundation Board of Directors include Kerstin Sandelin, Sweden; John G. Hunter, USA; Kenneth D. Boffard, South Africa; Felix Harder, Switzerland; Michael G. Sarr, USA and myself.

Professor Kitajima has been a generous contributor to the foundation and has joined the list of Theodor Kocher Benefactors by presenting the largest individual gift ever donated to the Foundation this past year. Professor Kitajima has set a fine example for others to emulate.

Contributions to the ISSF are greatly appreciated. Most of the funding for ISSF activities comes from the members of the Society. The Foundation is a not for profit, tax exempt 501C(3) corporation legally registered in the State of Illinois, USA. All the contributions to the ISSF are fully deductible as charitable donations to the extent permitted by the law. Growing the corpus of the ISSF will allow us to fund other worthy programs. These gifts can be directed individually to our office or through the donor's participating and/or integrated society to the ISSF. If you haven't donated to the ISSF as yet this year, we encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

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The World Journal of Surgery

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Additionally the following surgical journals are available on-line for ISS/SIC members:

1. Annals of Surgical Oncology
2. Archives of Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgery
3. Diseases of the Colon & Rectum
4. International Journal of Colorectal Diseases
5. Journal of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery
6. Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery
7. Langenbeck's Archives of Surgery
8. Neurosurgical Review
9. Pediatric Surgery International
10. Surgery Today
11. Surgical Endoscopy

IAES Newsletter



Dear IAES member

The program for the World Congress and next IAES meeting in Adelaide, Sept 6-10, 2009, has been outlined. Highlights of this program will be the Peter Heimann lecture "Molecular genetics of endocrine tumors" by Bruce Robinson, and a historical lecture by Malcolm Wheeler. There will be State-of-the-Art lectures by Janice Pasieka "Symptoms and consequences of primary hyperparathyroidism – what are the indications for surgery?", and Quan Duh "The art and indications of laparoscopy for adrenal tumors", and an IAES symposium entitled "Adrenocortical carcinoma". There will also be luncheon symposia "Parathyroid and thyroid ultrasound", "Thyroid carcinoma in children and adolescents" (joint session with WOFAPS), and "Primary hyperparathyroidism: techniques and pitfalls", and a lunchtime video session on selected techniques in endocrine surgery. As a new program point there will be a clinical skills review, teaching the technique of local anaesthesia in thyroid and parathyroid surgery. The number of free paper sessions, and thereby the number of papers that will be accepted for publication, will be increased, and it should be important for all our members to already now plan studies that can be submitted for presentation at the conference. As previously the IAES will provide Travel Awards to younger investigators with accepted presentations. The local organisers have made excellent arrangements, and we can all look forward to a fantastic meeting with not only excellent science, but also possibilities to see the fantastic Australia, and meet with friends in wonderful surroundings. The local organiser for the IAES will be Rob Parkyn, who has arranged a special hotel, the Hotel Sebel Playford, for the IAES members adjacent to the convention centre, and who is planning a great social program for us. It will be important to register early to ensure room at the IAES hotel.

August 24 – 28, 2008, one year prior to the Adelaide conference, there will be a 9th International Postgraduate Course in Endocrine Surgery, in Visby, on the island of Gotland, Sweden. The postgraduate courses have been very successful and the forthcoming course in Visby will be no exception. Visby is a beautiful place, with a very interesting history and the interest for this course is likely to be high. Since the number of participants is limited, it is important to register now for anyone who wants to attend. Details at www.endocrinesurg2008.com

The IAES can be proud of the recent project initiated in collaboration with the Editor of World Journal of Surgery, aiming to present evidence base for diagnosis and treatment of the various endocrine surgical disorders. A first issue for 2007 edited by Henning Dralle, was focused on thyroid carcinoma with great articles by IAES members, and was really excellent. An issue on benign goiter will be published this year, and will be followed by similar issues on the parathyroid, and on the endocrine pancreas. The success of this project substantiates the outstanding spirit of our organisation and the willingness of our members to contribute and to collaborate for the progress of our society. This spirit in our organisation is something we have to carefully guard for the future.

Greetings from your President and Secretary Treasurer.

Göran Åkerström and Gerard Doherty



*Göran Åkerström,
President IAES*



*Gerard M. Doherty,
Secretary IAES*

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IATSIC Newsletter



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International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care

The IATSIC Programme Committee under Bill Schwab's leadership has been very busy over the past few months putting in place an exciting multidisciplinary programme for ISW 2009 in Adelaide. The meeting will be run in conjunction with a number of surgical organisations but also other societies that have the multidisciplinary membership commonly involved in the care of trauma patients. This will mean the range of topics covered and the attendance will be very broad. As was the case in Montreal, a DSTC course will be run in association with the conference but the exact dates and location for that course are still in the planning stages. Time marches quickly on. While this meeting is still nearly 14 months away it is not too early to consider your plans both to attend the congress and to visit other locations in Australia and New Zealand which this meeting might give you unique opportunities to.

Membership continues to increase with a small consistent stream of applicants who meet the requirements for ISS and IATSIC. Erwin Thal is tireless in his ensuring that any applications are processed expeditiously.

The DTSC programme has had a busy few months with courses in established sites and a number of new venues holding initial courses. Ari Leppäniemi has provided oversight for this activity as Chair of the DSTC Subcommittee.

In response to a request and funding from the World Society of the Abdominal Compartment Syndrome (WSACS) we are advertising a scholarship to members from low or low-middle income countries to attend the WSACS meeting in Dublin in June 2009. Details are available on the ISS website, www.iss-sic.ch under the heading "IATSIC Travel Scholar, 4th World Congress of the Abdominal Compartment Syndrome".

The IATSIC website has yet to be formally developed but Scott D'Amours is working with a small group to undertake this task. A website which addresses the needs of our Association is expected to be operational during the course of this year.

Ian Civil
President IATSIC &
Vice President LOC ISW 2009



*Ian D. Civil,
President IATSIC*

Kangaroo at the beach



BSI Newsletter



Dear BSI members

This year is an interim year for ISW but lots of preparatory work is going on. The local organizing committee in Adelaide together with ISS headquarters, the affiliated societies are preparing for Adelaide 2009. Peter Malycha founding member of BSI and his team are preparing for the event where BSI will have a program that will start on Sunday with a Post Graduate Ultrasound course. Jay Harness, BSI president-elect and Dr. Beverly Barraclough from Sydney will be responsible for this day that will give an overview and hands on advice on breast imaging. Monday BSI organizes a PG course where updates on breast cancer will be the main topic. Advanced breast cancer a topic that concerns many of our members will be discussed in the program. The scientific program contains educational sessions where we hope to get curious surgical trainees to challenge the faculty with cases to discuss. The Umberto Veronesi lecture will be given by professor Emiel Rutgers from the Netherlands Cancer Institute. Emiel has a vast experience of conducting trials in breast cancer and has contributed much to the evolution of breast surgery. Among the planned symposia breast cancer as a model of care will be presented where participants from the National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Center will take part. Oncoplastic surgery evolves and becomes an integrated part of breast surgery. In this symposium multiprofessional aspects on this topic will be discussed. Posters will be presented in the San Antonio mode, which means that presenters will stand by their posters and discuss and answer questions. Refreshments will be available during this afternoon session.

Jim Kollias from Royal Adelaide Hospital BSI member has graciously helped with the program so that there will be ample local representation with Australasian expertise. Jim has also promised BSI an exceptional social event on Tuesday evening.

Manuscripts submitted to World Journal of Surgery for the BSI price winning session will be considered for presentation and a BSI poster prize will also be available.

Remember to use the web page <http://www.breast-surg-intl.org/> to communicate. Don't forget to pay

your dues! Your contribution is important for the viability of our society.

On behalf of BSI council I convey my warmest greetings,

Kerstin Sandelin
President BSI



*Kerstin Sandelin,
President BSI*

IASMEN Newsletter



The International Association of Surgical Metabolism and Nutrition was founded in the seventies when surgeons operationalised the concept of artificial nutrition to allow their patients, suffering from abdominal catastrophe, to survive. They realized that to optimize the outcome of surgical patient care the focus of their activities should not only be surgical technique but also metabolism and nutrition. When the techniques to administer nutrition artificially were established and applied, interest waned and focus again shifted very much to the technological aspects of the profession. At present, there is a revival of interest in non-technological aspects of surgical care as evidenced by the ERAS programs, the interest in risk factors, the evaluation of benefit of advanced procedures in an aged population with significant co-morbidity. IASMEN aims to support and encourage these activities. This time IASMEN will not only present a program in Adelaide 2009 but sponsor also meetings outside the congresses.

Activities 2008

IASMEN organized a symposium at the FELANPE Conference in Cancun Mexico from 18-21 May. The symposium addressed "Nutritional and metabolic care in surgical catastrophe" and was presided by Dan Waitzberg, Brazil (President of IASMEN). Speakers were Olle Ljungqvist, Sweden, who discussed "New approaches to improved metabolism in surgery". Antonio Carrasco Rojas, Mexico (former president of IASMEN) addressed "Management of enterocutaneous fistulas". Humberto Arenas Marques, Mexico, highlighted "Advances in nutrition in surgical sepsis".

IASMEN will also organize a symposium on June 20 at the III Brazilian Conference of Nutrition and Cancer in Sao Paulo. Dan Waitzberg will preside the symposium addressing "Advances in surgical metabolism". William Manzanara, Uruguay, will speak about "Metabolism and nutrition in neurotrauma". Wim van Gemert, the Netherlands, will address "Pre-operative nutrition in oncology". A large part of the symposium will consist of interactive clinical cases concerning nutritional therapy in short bowel syndrome with renal failure by Mariana Nascimento, Sabrina Segatto Valadares Goastico and Lidiane Catalani from the University of Sao Paulo Hospital das Clinicas, Brazil.

Activities 2009

The program of the Adelaide congress 2009 is in preparation. Important subjects will consist of new developments in the enhanced recovery programs. Furthermore, focus will be directed to the role of bacteria in the gut with as important subject the role of probiotics in surgery. Joint programs with other societies will be organized concerning the role of bariatric surgery in metabolic disease. A joint symposium will be organized together with the Australian Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (AUSPEN).

Confirmed speakers will be among others Gordon Carlson, UK; Gil Hardy, Australia; Olle Ljungqvist, Sweden; Harumasa Ohyanagi, Japan; Dan Waitzberg, Brazil; Peter Soeters, the Netherlands and Humberto Arenas Marques, Mexico.

Dan L. Waitzberg
President IASMEN



*Dan L. Waitzberg,
President IASMEN*

News from the Administrative Office ISS/SIC

After having operated from our offices in Pratteln for the last 15 years it's time to say goodbye - but also hello to our new premises in Lupsingen. In September 2008 the Administrative Office ISS/SIC will change its location to:

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Our phone and fax numbers as well as the e-mail address will remain the same.

We are looking forward to serve the ISS/SIC members from our new location and expect that the transition will go smoothly and will not be creating any gaps in our services.

Administrative Office ISS/SIC

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Koala





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ISW 2009 will provide a high quality, state-of-the-art meeting on all aspects of general surgery. Scientific topics will cover all aspects of clinical surgery, experimental surgery and related sciences, surgical education and the socioeconomic aspects of surgical care.

With the collaboration of many integrated and participating societies, ISW 2009 will offer, in addition to selected topics of general interest to all general surgeons, a program of meetings devoted to the various specialties and subspecialties.

ISW2009 in Adelaide will provide you with an opportunity to enjoy a 'snapshot' of Australian culture – a stones throw from the outback and within minutes of beautiful beaches.

On behalf of the organising committee we extend our warmest invitation to attend – and are sure that you will have an enjoyable time both professionally and socially.

We look forward to seeing you in Adelaide 2009.

Congress President

Michael G. Sarr, Rochester USA

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