



IHPBA Electronic Newsletter June 2005

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Dear IHPBA Member

The introduction of the Electronic Newsletter last year was well received and appreciated by most members. During the last year there is an enormous shift towards electronic information within the IHPBA and the different regional associations. Communication about abstract submission, advertisement, registration etc. for the regional meetings is now preferably done by the Website and Email correspondence and has resulted in 3 successful meetings with more participants than before. The Fellowship and Membership surveys were also done electronically and early results already showed that we should increase links and information by Newsletters and the Website.



Dirk J. Gouma Secretary General

The regional meetings held in Manila, February 2005, Fort Lauderdale, April 2005, and two weeks ago in Heidelberg were very successful. Membership is increasing and we welcome members to join our activities and provide input on the HPB Journal.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Dirk J. Gouma
IHPBA Secretary General

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President's Message

Two firsts for the IHPBA have been achieved in the past four months: the Member Survey and the Strategic Planning meeting. In February 380 IHPBA members responded to the on-line survey. Key findings include

- i. overall satisfaction of 90%
- ii. a rating of the World Congresses, the official journal HPB, and the website as the most important services
- iii. a consensus that education should be the primary mission, and
- iv. a message that the IHPBA should play a key role in advanced HPB training

On May 24th, the IHPBA Council met in Heidelberg for strategic planning. The survey results were

discussed, and a new vision, mission statement, principles and strategic objectives were developed. Perhaps the most important new objectives are for the association to provide a web based HPB Fellowship Registry, to define fellowship requirements and to accredit training programs in the future. More details about the Member Survey and the future strategy will be forthcoming on the IHPBA website shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Henry A. Pitt
IHPBA President



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■ The new Asian Pacific Hepato-Biliary Association is launched in Manila, February 2005!



Tadahiro Takada
A-PHPBA President

The Nominating Committee of the A-PHPBA (Professor Joseph W.Y. Lau as Chairman, and Professor Tadahiro Takada, Professor James Toouli, Professor Xiao-Ping Chen, Dr. Palepu Jagannath and Dr. Sung-Gyu Lee), met at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel in Manila on February 9, 2005, during the 2005 Congress of the Asian Society of HPB Surgery.

The first President of the newly formed A-PHPBA is Professor Tadahiro Takada, and the Executive Committee and the Members-at-large were elected to form the first Council of the A-PHPBA. The first Council consists of members coming from 13 countries/regions within the Asian-Pacific region. The Scientific Committee of the A-PHPBA was also formed and Professor Sheung-Tat Fan was elected Chairman. The members of the Scientific Committee come from 10 countries in the Asian Pacific region.

» [more information on continuing development of the A-PHPBA and the](#)

[Congress planned for 2007](#)

■ AHPBA American Congress

AHPBA celebrated its ten year anniversary at the recent AHPBA 2005 Americas Congress, April 14 – 17 in Hollywood, Florida. The meeting was AHPBA's most successful ever. This year's Congress was held together, for the first time, with the American College of Surgeons and the Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES), creating "Surgical Spring Week". This strategy succeeded as the total registration for the AHPBA meeting was the largest ever, 699 total attendees, and over 3000 for the week. The society also set a new standard for having the highest number of Canadian and Latin American attendees as well. Overall, one third of the scientific content of the program came from outside the United States. 94% of attendees rated the meeting excellent to very good. When asked if the education was applicable to their practice, 84% answered YES!



» [Read more about the AHPBA 2005 Americas Congress](#)

Warren Fellowship Recipient for 2005-2006 Announced



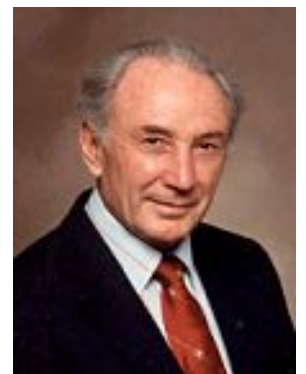
Dr. Siong-Seng Liao

IHPBA is pleased to award Dr. Siong-Seng Liao, currently working at the Higher Surgical Training programme in Cambridge, the Warren Fellowship 2005-2006. His research project "Ribonucleotide reductase M2 subunit: a novel therapeutic target and prognostic marker for pancreatic cancer therapy" will be performed at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston USA, under the mentorship of Professor Michael J. Zinner and Dr. Edward E. Whang. The Warren Fellowship Committee had the difficult task of selecting a recipient from 7 high quality applications.

» [More information about the Warren Fellowship](#)

HPB Medallion

On April 15 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida during the AHPBA's America's Congress, Frank G. Moody, MD was awarded the second HPB Medallion, the IHPBA's Distinguished Service Award. Frank was the International Biliary Association's (IBA) fourth president in 1984 and he hosted one of the first IBA international congresses in Houston. Frank is the former Professor and Chairman of Surgery at the University of Texas at Houston as well as at the University of Utah. Frank has mentored many current HPB leaders and remains active as a professor Emeritus in research and education.



Dr. Frank G. Moody

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