



IHPBA Electronic Newsletter September 2005

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Dear IHPBA Member

After the successful 2005 Spring meetings of our regional Chapters in Manila, Fort Lauderdale and Heidelberg, the members of the Association will enjoy their summer holidays. In the meantime, Professor James Garden and his team are preparing the next World Congress which will be held in September 2006 in Edinburgh. More detailed information is available on the website www.ihpba.org. Should your association be interested in bidding to host a future world congress, a bid manual and guidelines are available through our Executive Secretariat, [Medconnect](#). Our Council is working well in advance, and Buenos Aires has already been determined as the location for the 2010 World Congress.

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Dirk J. Gouma, IHPBA
Secretary General

Our President, Professor Henry Pitt, is analysing the results of the Member Survey and the strategic meeting in Heidelberg. A summary of the survey results and the mission, vision, principles and objectives can be found below, and in more detail on the IHPBA website.

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Dirk J. Gouma
IHPBA Secretary General

■ Message from the President

The IHPBA Council met in Heidelberg on May 24th for a strategic planning meeting. As a result, new Vision and Mission statements as well as five Principles and 15 Objectives have been defined. Our VISION is that "The IHPBA will be the premier international organization devoted to relief of worldwide human suffering caused by hepato-pancreato-biliary disorders by improving education, innovation and patient care." For more details regarding the MISSION, PRINCIPLES and OBJECTIVES, please go to www.ihpba.org.

One of the key new objectives of the IHPBA will be to "Set standards for and accredit HPB fellowship training programs." As a first step, the IHPBA is developing a web-based HPB Fellowship Registry. We will be communicating later this year on how to enter fellowship training program information on the Registry. For the benefit of future HPB trainees, we are anxious to have all existing fellowships included. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Henry A. Pitt
IHPBA President.

■ Member Survey Results

Nearly 40% of our members from around the world responded to the Member Survey earlier this year. Valuable information was gathered about the demographics of our members who are overwhelmingly male surgeons who have received advanced training in HPB surgery, transplant surgery and/or surgical oncology. 75% of those responding held faculty appointments, and nearly all were involved with patient care, teaching, research and administration. The survey also provided useful information about IHPBA services such as the World Congresses, the official journal HPB, the Regional Congresses and the website. In addition, the relative importance of our missions of education, research, patient care and training were defined. For more details regarding Member Survey Results, please go to www.ihpba.org.

■ HPB Online

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A new SARA announcement service has been developed to enable all IHPBA Members to receive their username and password for access to the HPB Journal Online and to enable optimal navigation around the online HPB journal, and access to the latest Table of Contents of HPB, as soon as it becomes available online. Shortly after becoming a new member of IHPBA, you will receive an initial SARA Announcement via email from Taylor & Francis, the HPB Publishers. This SARA announcement will contain your username and password, which when entered on the journal's online Table of Contents provided at www.tandf.no/hpb will allow you to access the HPB Journal online, any time.



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EHPBA Update



The European Congress hosted by Markus Buechler in Heidelberg was very successful. More than 800 registrants participated in the excellent scientific and social program. Under the leadership of Christoph Broelsch new Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws were adopted. During the general assembly held in Heidelberg on May 27, 2005, new officers were elected to the EHPBA Council on the basis of their leadership in HPB surgery and past commitments for the association.

Council:

President:	Dirk Gouma, Amsterdam, Netherlands
President-Elect:	Jacques Belghiti, Paris, France
Secretary-Treasurer:	Pierre-A. Clavien, Zurich, Switzerland
Members-at-Large:	1. Yaman Tekant, Istanbul / Turkey 2. Helmut Friess, Heidelberg / Germany 3. Giulio Belli, Naples / Italy (new) 4. J. Peter Lodge, Leeds / UK (new) 5. Dimitris Skaltsas, Chalandri / Greece 6. Bengt W. Jeppson, Malmö / Sweden 7. Philippus Bornman, Cape Town / S. Africa (new)

Nominating Committee:

President:	Dirk Gouma, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Past President:	Christoph Broelsch, Essen, Germany
President-Elect:	Jacques Belghiti, Paris, France
Secretary:	Pierre-A. Clavien, Zurich, Switzerland

Scientific Committee:

Chairwoman:	Andrea Frilling, Essen, Germany
Members:	Pierre-Alain Clavien, Zurich, Switzerland Massimo Falconi, Verona; Italy Thomas van Gulik, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Research and Education Committee:

Chairman:	Jean-François Gigot, Brussels / Belgium
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Membership Committee:

Chairman:	Daniel Jaeck, Strasbourg / France
Members:	Juan Figueras, Barcelona / Spain Hans J. Schlitt, Regensburg / Germany Krzysztof Zieniewicz, Warsaw / Poland

Auditing Committee:

	Hein Gooszens, Utrecht / The Netherlands Andrea Frilling, Essen / Germany Roland Andersson, Lund / Sweden
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