



IHPBA Electronic Newsletter December 2005

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Dear IHPBA Member

In the odd numbered years our association traditionally focuses upon regional meetings (which were all very successful this year) and prepares the scientific program for the next World Congress, which will be held in Edinburgh, 3-7 September 2006.

As a result of the strategic planning meeting organised by our President Henry Pitt, ongoing projects have progressed and improved, objectives for IHPBA have been defined (see www.ihpba.org), and we are pleased to report progress on the the first results *International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association HPB Fellowship Registry*.

Along with the fellowship program of the IHPBA, the EHPBA has also been asked to participate in the organisation of HPB surgery education by the (UEMS) European Federation of Surgery.

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The agreement of IHPBA with AUGIS for the (combined) organisation of the Edinburgh World Congress meeting is working quite well and may possibly lead to further joint meetings in the future.

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

2005 has been another very successful year for the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (IHPBA). The three Regional Associations held outstanding Asian-Pacific, Americas and European Congresses in Manila in February, in Ft. Lauderdale in April and in Heidelberg in May, respectively. I also had the privilege as your President of attending outstanding National Chapter meetings in Sao Paulo, Brazil in August and in Amedabad, India in September. The strength of our Regional Associations and the emergence of numerous National Chapters over the last few years has clearly fostered the development of HPB as a specialty.

2006 also is expected to be a banner year for the IHPBA. The Education and Training Committee has been working toward the development of an HPB Fellowship Registry (see below). The Publication Committee, chaired by Wright Pinson, also has been aiming for full indexing of our official journal, **HPB**. The Scientific Committee, chaired by Jacques Belghiti, and our Congress Chairman, James Garden, with his local Organizing Committee, under the able direction of Rowan Parks, have developed an outstanding program for our World Congress in Edinburgh in September.



Henry A. Pitt,
IHPBA President

Best Wishes for the New Year,

Henry A. Pitt
IHPBA President.

■ Fellowship Registry Coming

The membership of the IHPBA overwhelmingly recommended the development of an HPB Fellowship Registry when polled in the member survey earlier this year. At their strategic planning meeting in May, the IHPBA Council included “advancing HPB specific training” as a key mission and “setting standards for and accreditation of HPB fellowship training programs” as a major objective. As a first step in this process, the Education and Training Committee has been developing an HPB Fellowship Registry which will appear on the IHPBA website early next year.

The HPB Fellowship Registry will contain information about 1) the name and location, 2) the Program Director and faculty, 3) the duration and benefits, 4) the types of experiences offered in addition to HPB surgery, and 5) the fellowship’s history, especially with respect to fellow operative experience. This Registry will provide general surgery trainees around the world information about further training in HPB surgery. The Registry also will help the Education and Training Committee refine fellowship guidelines and begin the accreditation process. More information will be provided early next year about how to enter data about your HPB Fellowship Training Program in the HPB Fellowship Registry.

■ IHPBA World Congress

7th World Congress of the IHPBA hosted at the 10th Annual Meeting of the Association of Upper GI Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland (AUGIS)

3 – 7 September 2006, Edinburgh, Scotland

Closing Date for Receipt of Abstracts **8 March 2006**
End of Reduced Registration **14 June 2006**

This Congress will be unique since it will bring together an international faculty and audience with an interest in upper GI disease embracing not just that involving the liver, pancreas and biliary tract but also the oesophagus, stomach and duodenum. There is an opportunity to present high quality, original, scientific research and an outstanding faculty has been drawn together by the scientific committee for the symposia, debates and lectures. The programme will capitalise on a gathering of a group with a

