



### IHPBA Electronic Newsletter August 2006

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Dear IHPBA Member

Preparations for the 7th World Congress of the International Hepato-Pancreatic Biliary Association in Edinburgh, September 3-7, 2006 are on schedule, and the Congress Chairman professor James O. Garden looks forward to welcoming IHPBA members and friends, as well as AUGIS colleagues in Scotland. In addition to the excellent scientific program there will also be a very spectacular social program. Please see [www.ihpba2006.com](http://www.ihpba2006.com) for further information.

Traditionally, the IHPBA Executive Committee has organized many different committee meetings during the Congress to further improve the quality of IHPBA, to strengthen the communication with the Regional Associations and the National Chapters and to increase the scientific activities of our association.

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Dirk J. Gouma, IHPBA  
Secretary General

A new Research Committee, chaired by the President-Elect Markus Büchler will be proposed during the Edinburgh Congress and will focus on improvement of "IHPBA" research and multicenter, as well as overseas, trials.

All members are invited to attend the IHPBA General Assembly on Wednesday September 6 from 13:30 –14:30 in the Pentland Suite of the Edinburgh International Convention Center. During this meeting, the location of the 2012 World Congress will be announced. The IHPBA was pleased to receive 5 excellent bids for this meeting. Furthermore, a change of the bylaws will be proposed in order to add a Treasurer-Elect position and add a new Research Committee. An update on the IHPBA website will also be provided at this time.

Dirk J. Gouma  
IHPBA Secretary General

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## ■ Message from the President

As the IHPBA World Congress in Edinburgh nears, the activities of our Congress Chairman, Congress Organizers and Committees have appropriately sharply increased. Please see the messages below from James Garden and the Executive Secretariat for details regarding the Congress. One activity that I want to update now is the work of the Education and Training Committee. Presently, on our website, [www.ihpba.com](http://www.ihpba.com), the HPB Fellowship Registry has information on 48 fellowships in 16 countries in three regions, Americas (17), Asia/Pacific (15), and Europe/Africa (16). In addition, HPB Fellowship Training Guidelines have been written and will be discussed and endorsed in Edinburgh.

Another wonderful announcement (see below) is that Russell Strong from Brisbane will be honoured as the third recipient of the HPB Medallion. The Warren Fellowship Committee also has chosen Stefano Crippa as the 2006-07 research fellow from among seven excellent candidates. Of great importance also, the IHPBA leadership along with the Warren family, has established the IHPBA Kenneth Warren Foundation to continue this important international research exchange for the future. I look forward to seeing you in Edinburgh!

Henry A. Pitt  
IHPBA President.

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## ■ Edinburgh Meeting



Edinburgh, Scotland

One of the largest IHPBA meetings is almost upon us but there is still time to join more than 1350 delegates who have already registered to come to Edinburgh for the premier educational scientific and social event in the HPB calendar! The planning is now complete, and our scientific committee has prepared an outstanding programme ([www.ihpba2006.com](http://www.ihpba2006.com)). We look forward to having you enjoy all that the historic capital city of Scotland can offer. We start with fireworks and offer warm hospitality to close with a memorable Congress Dinner and Ceilidh, but there remain some surprises for those coming to Scotland's capital city on 3-7

September 2006. The enthusiastic support of our corporate sponsors and industry partners has enhanced the quality of the meeting in one of the world's most spectacular cities.

James Garden, M.D.  
Congress Chairman.

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## ■ Invitation to IHPBA Booth at World Congress

IHPBA is pleased to invite you to their booth, Stand 10, in the Edinburgh Exhibition Hall.

Please take a moment to stop by the booth in order to:

- Pick up your free IHPBA pin
  - Address questions about membership
  - Receive information about upcoming regional, national and world congresses
  - Meet members of the IHPBA executive
  - Learn more about IHPBA programs and activities
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