



**IHPBA E-Newsletter Decemeber 2007**

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### ■ Message from the Secretary General

Dear IHPBA member

Have you already organised your trip /travel/airplane/hotel reservation for the upcoming 8th World Congress of the IHPBA to be held in Mumbai, India February 27th – March 2nd, 2008. The program and planning are proceeding well under the guidance of the Congress Chairman, Prof. Palegu Jagannath (see [www.ihpba2008.com](http://www.ihpba2008.com)). The number of abstracts submitted was 1117 and the Scientific Committee has finalized an excellent program with one plenary session for the 6 best selected abstracts and 6 award sessions. Posters will be presented on a large LCD screen with fixed 4 minutes presentations.



Dirk J. Gouma IHPBA  
Secretary General

During the World Congress in Mumbai, the IHPBA Council will select the location of the 2014 meeting in the Asian-Pacific HPBA Region and we would like to invite IHPBA members in the Asian-Pacific region to submit their bids for the 2014 IHPBA World Congress. For further information on the bidding process, please contact the [IHPBA Executive Secretariat](#).

See you in Mumbai

Dirk J. Gouma  
IHPBA Secretary General

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Besides the well known updates, debates and symposia, the local organising committee has also organised 15 “Meet the Professor” breakfast sessions. We are looking forward to meet you for another successful World Congress.

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter Dr. Hiromichi Ito has been selected as the seventh Kenneth Warren Travelling fellow 2008. The deadline for applications for the next fellow (2009) is already approaching and will be the 30th of April 2008. IHPBA members are invited to support candidates for applications (see [www.ihpba.org/warren-fellowship.html](http://www.ihpba.org/warren-fellowship.html)). Considering the early schedule of the Mumbai World Congress in February 2008, the next Warren fellow will be announced in the E Newsletter.

Since the launch of an intensive membership campaign by our President, Markus Büchler, 123 new IHPBA members have been registered and in concordance we expect an increase of the number of National Chapters within the IHPBA.

## Message from the President

Dear IHPBA-Member!

The 8th World Congress of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association is approaching fast. In less than three months from now the pinnacle of novel research findings in hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery, as well as molecular and laboratory research will be gathered in Mumbai, India from February 28th to March 2nd, 2008.



Congress Chairman Dr. Jagannath and his local team with Scientific Committee Chairman Thomas van Gulik

With more than 1100 submitted abstracts, the scientific community has again accepted our World Congress as the leading conference for hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery and research. The Congress Chairman Dr. Jagannath and his local team and the Scientific Committee under the leadership of Thomas van Gulik are setting another scientific milestone in our field!

So – please finalize your travel itineraries to come to Mumbai! For further details and an overview of the scientific programme please visit [www.ihpba2008.com](http://www.ihpba2008.com).

With more than 120 new members since the 7th World Congress 2006 in Edinburgh, United Kingdom, the IHPBA has substantially increased the membership and is definitely on solid ground for the future.

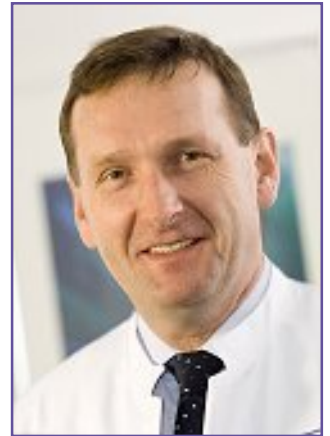
Please mark your calendar for the upcoming regional meetings in 2009: A-PHPBA in Bangkok, Thailand from March 25th to March 27th; and EHPBA in Athens, Greece from June 18th to June 20th. Please check our website [www.ihpba.org/regional-meetings.html](http://www.ihpba.org/regional-meetings.html) on a regular basis to get further details.

And – to give you again a view into the future, the 9th World Congress will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina from April 18th to April 22nd, 2010 with the Congress President Eduardo de Santibanes and the 10th World Congress will take place in Paris, France from July 1st to July 5th, 2012 with the President Jacques Belghiti. The decision for the location of the 11th World Congress 2014 in Asia-Pacific will be made in Mumbai in February, 2008.

The IHPBA Research Committee is actually preparing the fundamentals for establishing a strong IHPBA Trial Network. We should use our unique international network to perform high quality clinical trials under the auspices of the IHPBA! The first IHPBA trial will hopefully start recruiting in the second half of next year. If you are interested in participating in upcoming multi-center randomized controlled trials, please ...EITHER contact the [executive secretariat](#) OR send us your contact details so that we can keep you posted about developments in this field.

All the best to you for a prosperous new year 2008!  
Looking forward to see you all in Mumbai,

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President 2006-2008, IHPBA.



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