



GENERAL ASSEMBLY
March 1, 2008, 14:00 – 15:00
Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center
Mumbai, India

1. Argentina Video

A short promotional video was shown for the 2010 IHPBA World Congress in Argentina

2. Minutes of the Edinburgh meeting, September 2006 General Assembly

Prof Buechler made a motion to accept the 2006 General Assembly minutes. It was passed unanimously to accept the 2006 minutes.

3. New IHPBA Logo

Prof. Buechler presented the new IHPBA logo to the membership.

4. President's Report

Prof. Buechler announced the success of the IHPBA Membership Campaign, stating that 500 new members had joined the IHPBA within the last 12 months, which was followed by applause from the IHPBA Membership.

Prof. Buechler thanked Dr. Jagannath and his team for their hard work on the present World Congress in Mumbai and the atmosphere they had created, as well as the large number of new IHPBA members who joined during the Congress registration.

Prof. Buechler announced that the IHPBA Trial Organisation had been established.

Prof. Buechler discussed the plans to improve the journal HPB, stating that the HPB is now the official journal of the IHPBA. Prof. Buechler also announced that a new Editor had been chosen and that talks have begun to find a new Publisher as well.

Prof. Buecher informed the membership that the IHPBA Regional Associations were now well integrated with the IHPBA.

5. Secretary General's Report

Membership

Prof. Gouma commented on the current IHPBA membership structure in December 2006 compared to that of December 2007:

Type	December 2006	December 2007
Current "Active" Members	*1175	**1153
Current "Senior" Members	60	70
Current "Honorary" Members	6	6
Total Current Active Database	1241	1229
"Deceased" Members	6	8
Total New Members Joined	260	132
* defined as paying in 2005 and/or 2006		
** defined as paying in 2006/2007		

Active members come from 66 countries with 22% from the Americas, 35% from the Asian/Pacific region and 43% from Europe/Middle East/Africa.

Prof. Gouma commented on the distribution of new members, with 58% from Europe, 47% from the Asian/Pacific region, 28% from the Americas and 2% from Africa/Middle East.

New IHPBA National Chapters

Prof. Gouma announced new chapters in Australia and New Zealand, Chile, the Netherlands, Poland, Scandinavia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, and the United Kingdom. Chapters in France and Malaysia are also in preparation.

Prof. Gouma commented on the increase in website visits in 2007.

2012 World Congress Agreement - Paris

Prof. Gouma announced that the 2012 World Congress Agreement would be a combined agreement between the IHPBA, the French HPB Association (ACHPT) and the EHPBA.

Bylaws changes

The proposed Bylaws changes applied to Article III, Section 13 of the IHPBA Bylaws and included:

- The dissolution of the Development Committee.
- To change the number of ordinary members on the Scientific Committee from eight to nine.
- To change the Chairman of the Education and Training Committee from the IHPBA President to an elected chair.
- To change the Chairman of the Research Committee from the IHPBA President to an elected chair.

Motion: A vote took place, and these Bylaws changes were approved unanimously.

6. Treasurer's Report

CY 07 Operations

Dr. Pinson reviewed the results of the Calendar Year 2007 IHPBA operations, commenting that the IHPBA is operating at a break-even.

	Budget	Actual	Variance
			() = unfavorable
INCOME			
Total Income	\$ 204,226.50	\$217,863.02	\$ 13,636.52
EXPENSES			
Executive Secretariat			
Total Exec Sec. Expense	\$ 82,944.00	\$ 88,412.56	\$ (5,468.56)
		\$ -	
Website			
Total Website Hosting Expense	\$ 9,545.00	\$ 9,609.10	\$ (64.10)
Journals			
Total Journal Expense	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 31,577.85	\$ 18,422.15
Travel			
Total Travel Expense	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 14,250.00	\$ 3,750.00
Other			
Total Other Expense	\$ 34,050.00	\$ 39,716.61	\$ (5,666.61)
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 204,226.50	\$ 217,863.02	\$ 13,636.52
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 194,539.00	\$ 183,566.12	\$ 10,972.88
RESULT OF OPERATIONS	\$ 9,687.50	\$ 34,296.90	\$ 24,609.40

Year End 2007 Finances

Dr. Pinson presented the 2007 year end finances.

	Money Market	Checking	Total

Balance - January 01, 2007	\$ 55,895.34	\$ 16,704.26	\$ 72,599.60
Balance – Decewmbber 31, 2007	\$ 58,212.04	\$ 48,684.47	\$106,896.51
Net Gain / (Loss)	\$ 2,316.70	\$ 31,980.21	\$ 34,296.91

CY '08 Budget

Dr. Pinson presented the Calendar Year 2008 budget.

Motion: A vote was taken to approve the CY '08 budget, which was approved unanimously.

It was proposed to increase dues to US\$165 to improve the IHPBA financial situation.

It was also proposed to offer membership with the journal to junior members at the rate of US\$75.

A discussion ensued regarding a splitting of the membership fees and journal HPB subscription. Dr. Pinson commented that the IHPBA is currently working towards improving the journal and for this reason a split would not be possible at present, however might perhaps be an option in the future.

Motion: A vote took place, and the vast majority passed these proposals although a few members opposed.

Journal HPB

Dr. Pinson presented the journal HPB finances:

	Actual	Budget	Actual/
	2006	2006	budget
Revenues:			
Subscription revenues excl society	12338	21325	-42.10%
Society subscriptions	80650	93025	-13.30%
Other revenues	12027	13000	-7.50%
Total revenues	105015	127350	-17.50%
Costs:			
Production	24847	28500	-12.80%
Distribution	14180	17600	-19.40%
Production and distr offprints	1744	2100	-17.00%
Editorial remuneration	22000	22000	0.00%

Marketing	7647	9000	-15.00%
Publisher's administration fee	16500	16500	0.00%
Misc costs	0	1000	
Total costs:	86918	96700	-10.10%
Profit/deficit	18097	30650	-41.00%
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Dr Pinson then outlined new developments in regards to the journal HPB, including:

- Total subscribers now 1652.
- Supplements were published in 2007 from the AHPBA meeting in Las Vegas and the EHPBA meeting in Verona.
- Can now be accessed online via the IHPBA Members' Area. Online access to the journal has increased dramatically in 2007 to over 50,000 hits.
- Electronic manuscript subscription available. Turn around time < 2 mo.
- Indexed in EMBASE, SIIC and now PubMed
- Electronic access to our journal articles, beginning with the first issue of HPB.
- HPB is now the official journal of the AHPBA.
- New publisher negotiations(Springer or Lippincott)
- New Editor-O. James Garden

The announcement of O. James Garden as the new HPB Editor elicited applause from the General Assmebly.

Kenneth Warren Foundation

Dr. Pinson announced that the Kenneth Warren Foundaiton had been incorporated as a non-profit organization and a stock account had been opened for the Foundation. Dr. Pinson then presented the CY '07 finances and year end finances for the Kenneth Warren Foundation.

	Budget	Actual	Variance
			()= unfavorable
INCOME			
Warren Fellowship	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 55,117.35	\$ 25,117.35
Total Income	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 55,117.35	\$ 25,117.35
EXPENSES			
Warren Fellow	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ -	\$ 4.95	\$ (4.95)

Mtg Expenses	\$ -	\$ 230.41	\$ (230.41)
Foundation Exec Secre Finance Svc	\$ -	\$ 1,895.67	\$ (1,895.67)
License	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ (10.00)
Accounting	\$ -	\$ 1,148.00	\$ (1,148.00)
Total Expenses	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 13,289.03	\$ 6,710.97
RESULT OF OPERATIONS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 41,828.32	\$ 31,828.32

	Diversified Invest Fund	Checking	Total
Balance Jan 1,2007	0	\$ 11,895.67	\$ 11,895.67
Balance-Dec 31, 2007	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 18,723.99	\$ 43,723.99
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 6,828.32	\$ 31,828.32

7. Scientific Program Committee

Prof. van Gulik commented on the Abstract Status for the World Congress in Mumbai.

2008 World Congress Abstracts total

	No.
Plenary Papers	6
Award Papers	33
Oral Presentation	282
Accepted for Poster Session	655
Accepted Video Presentation	56
Rejected/Withdrawn	155
Total	1187

2008 World Congress Abstract Distribution

	Plenary Papers	Award Papers	Oral Papers	Video Presentation	Poster Presentation	Total
Liver	2	15	107	31	248	403
Pancreas	1	8	88	13	201	311
Gallbladder	0	4	34	10	126	174
Liver Transplant	2	5	44	1	66	118

General HPB	0	0	3	1	4	8
Allied Health	1	1	6	0	10	18
Total	6	33	282	56	655	1032

8. World Congress 2008

Dr. Jagannath commented on the high attendance of the 2008 World Congress, with approximately 1650 delegates. Through congress registration, over 300 new members had applied to the IHPBA.

Dr. Jagannath encouraged all present to attend the Mela Dinner that evening.

9. Future World Congresses

2010 World Congress

The 2010 IHPBA World Congress will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 18 – 22.

2012 World Congress

The 2012 IHPBA World Congress will take place in Paris, France, July 1 – 5.

2014 World Congress

It was announced that the Korean Chapter was awarded the 2014 World Congress bid with the meeting to be held in Seoul. Prof. Sung-Gyu Lee will be the Congress Chariman.

2009 Regional Associations meetings

Prof. Buechler encouraged attendance of the 2009 Regional Association meetings:

- AHBPA – March 12 – 15, Miami
- A-PHPBA – March 25 – 27, Bangkok
- EHPBA – June 18 – 20, Athens

10. Warren Fellowship

Prof. Gouma announced the 2008 Warren Fellow, Dr. Hiromichi Ito, Japan.

11. Nominating Committee

Dr. Pitt, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the following nominations:

IHPBA Executive Committee 2008 - 2010

President	Yugi Nimura
President-Elect	C. Wright Pinson
Secretary-General	John A. Windsor

Treasurer	Scott Helton
Chair Scientific Committee	Thomas van Gulik
<u>IHPBA Council 2008 – 2010</u>	
Congress Chairman 2010	Eduardo de Santibañes
Immediate Past President	Markus Büchler
Members-at-Large	Xiao-Ping Chen/Rob Padbury
	Helmut Friess
	Satoshi Kondo
	Sean Mulvihill
AHPBA President	Bruce Schirmer/Mark Callery
A-PHPBA President	James Toouli/Joseph Lau
EHPBA President	Jaques Belghiti/Pierre Clavien
HPB Editor (ex office)	James Toouli/James Garden

IHPBA Nominating Committee 2008 - 2010

Chair (Past President)	Markus Büchler
President	Yugi Nimura
President-Elect	C. Wright Pinson

IHPBA Publications Committee 2008 - 2010

Chair (Treasurer)	Scott Helton
Scientific Committee Chair	Thomas van Gulik
Members	Helmut Friess
	Satoshi Kondo
	Sean Muvhill

IHPBA Scientific Committee 2008 – 2010

Chair	Thomas van Gulik
President-Elect	C. Wright Pinson
LOC	J. Grondona
LOC	J. Lendoire
Members	Ried Adams
	Daniel Cherqui
	Mike Choti
	Chris Dervenis
	Ronnie Poon
	F. Shen
	A. Supe
	Moritz Wente

IHPBA Education & Training Committee 2008 - 2010

Chair	Pierre Clavien
Members:	Xiao-Ping Chen/Rob Padbury
	Helmut Friess
	Satoshi Kondo
	Sean Muvihill
AHPBA President	Bruce Schirmer/Mark Callery
A-PHPBA President	James Toouli/Joseph Lau
EHPBA President	Jaques Belghiti/Pierre Clavien

IHPBA Research Committee 2008 - 2010

Chair	Dirk J. Gouma
Chair Scientific Committee	Thomas van Gulik
Members at Large	Xiao-Ping Chen Helmut Friess Satoshi Kondo
Other Members	Thomas Howard Jacob Izbicki John Neoptolemos Ronnie Poon

IHPBA Membership Committee 2008 – 2010

Chair (President)	Yugi Nimura
Secretary General	Dirk J. Gouma
E. de Santibañes (Argentina)	M. Miyazaki (Japan)
N. O'Rourke (Australia)	S.G. Lee (Korea)
A. Tuchmann (Austria)	R. Dejong (Netherlands)
X. Rogiers (Belgium)	S. Connor (New Zealand)
P. Herman (Brazil)	Z. Pulchalski (Poland)
F. Sutherland (Canada)	V. Ribiero (Portugal)
J. Hepp (Chile)	V. Vishnevsky (Russia)
F. Shen (China)	K. Liau (Singapore)
M. Ryska (Czech Rep)	P. Bornman (South Africa)
N. Gomez (Ecuador)	J. Figueras (Spain)
G. El Ebidy (Egypt)	A. Andersson (Sweden)
R. Adam (France)	G. Mentha (Switzerland)
U. Hopt (Germany)	M.F. Chen (Taiwan)
S. Skaltsas (Greece)	V. Sachakul (Thailand)
E. Lai (Hong Kong)	Y. Tekant (Turkey)
G. Farkas (Hungary)	M. Rees (UK)
R. Joshi (India)	M. Callery (USA)
A. Principe (Italy)	

These recommendations were elected unanimously by vote of the General Assembly.

11. HPB Medallion

Prof. Büchler announced that Dr Henry Pitt would be honored with the HPB Medallion at the Mela Dinner.

12.. Transfer of Treasurer

Dr. Pinson announced Dr. Helton as the new Treasurer. Dr. Helton joined Dr. Pinson at the podium to accept the position of Treasurer.

13. Transfer of Secretary General

Prof. Gouma announced Prof. Windsor as the new Secretary General. Prof. Windsor joined Prof. Gouma at the podium to accept the position of Treasurer.

14. Transfer of Presidency

Past- President Dr. Pitt presented Prof. Büchler with a plaque acknowledging his service as IHPBA President from 2006-2010 and thanked him for his excellent leadership. Prof. Büchler announced Prof. Yugi Nimura as the new IHPBA President. Prof. Nimura joined Prof. Büchler at the podium to accept his position as President.

15. Adjournment

President Büchler adjourned the meeting. The General Assembly was attended by approximately 100 IHPBA members.