Message from the President

Professor Oscar Imventarza

2017 will go down in IHPBA’s history as the year that we became fully harmonised with our three Regional Associations. All members of AHPBA, A-PHPBA and E-AHPBA are now combined members of IHPBA and the joint membership package offers a wealth of benefits across the regions.

I am delighted that the Regional Associations and all our members have embraced this opportunity which has strengthened our Association globally resulting in record high member numbers and increased benefits for all.

I would like to thank all our Regional Association Presidents and Past Presidents for their support in completing the process of harmonisation, in collaborating in joint ventures with IHPBA and for the tremendous work in their regions in 2017. Dr Rebecca Minter, AHPBA President, Dr Gazi Zibari, AHPBA Past-President, Professor Dong-Wook Choi, A-PHPBA President, Professor Norihiro Kokudo, A-PHPBA Past-President, Professor Christos Dervenis, E-AHPBA President and Professor Martin Smith, E-AHPBA Past-President have all worked extremely hard in 2017 to strengthen their Association and the links with IHPBA.

In 2017 AHPBA held their annual meeting at a new venue, the Loews Miami Beach Hotel. The new location was a great success with over 1000 attendees. Shishir K. Maithel and the entire Programme Committee put together an excellent programme around the theme of ‘Securing the Future Through Research, Education and Mentorship’. One of the highlights was Professor Russell Strong delivering the annual Blumgart Historical Lecture, sharing his experience in performing the world’s first living donor liver transplant. We look forward to returning to Miami for AHPBA’s 2018 Conference which is taking place from 7 - 11 March.

We also thoroughly enjoyed the 12th Biennial E-AHPBA Congress which was held in Mainz, Germany in May. Hauke Lang and his team hosted a fantastic event. The programme began with a day dedicated to the 10th Anniversary of ALPPS, followed by 3 days of more than 30 symposia and special lectures focusing on shifts in indications, technologies and treatment protocols in the HPB field. The conference was a great success with over 1,000 attendees from Europe and worldwide.

Shortly after the trip to Mainz, we received a very warm welcome from our Japanese colleagues at the 6th Biennial Congress of the Asian-Pacific Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (A-PHPBA) in Yokohama. This conference was held in conjunction with the 29th Annual Congress of the Japanese Society of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery (JSHBPS). The 2017 programme theme was ‘East Meets West’ and brought together leaders in the HPB field worldwide to exchange research findings, best clinical practices, and HPB training methods. A-PHPBA and JSHBPS’ collaboration resulted in a hugely successful and significant event in the HPB field with over 2,000 delegates attending.

**Strengthened Relationships with the National Chapters**

During 2017, we have been working hard to strengthen the relationships with IHPBA’s national chapters and to encourage the creation of new chapters. I am pleased to report that IHPBA now has 47 national chapters and I am delighted to welcome our newest chapters from France, Spain, Myanmar, Mongolia and Nepal to the IHPBA community.

**Our Globetrotting Flag**

Over the last year, in my role as IHPBA President I have travelled extensively always with the IHPBA flag in my luggage. Many of these visits have included humanitarian outreach missions which is an extremely important part of IHPBA’s activities. Our Association’s flag, must be one of the most well-travelled flags around!

**Thomas Starzl Lecture**

I was deeply saddened by the passing of my mentor Dr Thomas Starzl “the father of modern transplantation” earlier last year. Dr Starzl was the pioneer of liver transplantation and to honour his legacy and invaluable contribution to our HPB field, we have established a Thomas Starzl named lecture at the IHPBA World Congress. You can donate to the Thomas Starzl lecture fund [here](#).
Message from the Secretary General,
Professor Norihiro Kokudo

Harmonisation & Membership
To echo our President, I am really encouraged to see the positive results of regional harmonisation. IHPBA now has a record high of 2,460 members from 95 countries and our national chapter numbers have increased to 47. As we strive to strengthen our global network, we hope to see these numbers continue to grow.

Website & myHPB
We are continuously working on improving our website and myHPB. We have a new featured content page which provides a sample of the educational content which is available to IHPBA members. A popular feature is the monthly discussions co-ordinated by AHPBA. Our Education and Training Committee have been working with our partners AHPBA and Ethicon on developing our new pre-operative planning modules. See below for more information!

World Congress Preparations
The preparations for the 2018 World Congress in Geneva are well underway and I am delighted to see such a successful collaboration between Professor Clavien and his Local Organising committee and IHPBA. Professor Parks and the Scientific Committee have been working hard to put together an extremely high quality scientific programme. A unique feature of the 2018 programme is the thirteen partner society sessions which are being coordinated by Professor Clavien and the Local Organising Committee. Abstract submission opened in September and the deadline is 17 January 2018 so if you want to be involved in the programme, please submit your abstract in the next week. Visit the IHPBA World Congress 2018 website for further information.

Social Media
It has been great to see our followers on social media grow. We now have approximately 660 Facebook followers and 2,600 Twitter followers. This is an ideal way to keep up to date with IHPBA news. If you have not already done so, please like our facebook and twitter pages now.

IHPBA New Members
We would like to welcome all our new members over the past year. Please click here to view the full list of new members since 1 January 2017.
Message from the Editor,
James Garden

The impressive rise of HPB continued in 2017. Those members who support the journal by manuscript submission and review should draw considerable satisfaction that the impact factor increased again from 2.918 to 3.290. For those who are wondering how to reach a specialist HPB audience, there are few other journals above us in the surgical journal rankings list for you to consider!

It is now almost ten years since I took on the role of Editor-in-Chief and it has been a privilege during that time to lead a committed team of editors all of whom have striven to ensure the quality content of the journal. During 2018, I will be assisting with the transition to a new Editor-in-Chief. I do not imagine that you will see dramatic change immediately but it is a good time for my replacement to bring fresh initiatives and drive to the journal and to take it to the next level. There is no reason why the impact factor should not continue to rise and we should remain open to the importance of social media in assisting with this.

James Garden, HPB Editor-in-Chief

HPB BLOG

Keep an eye out for our monthly HPB blog which has become one of the most popular items on our website.

Volunteer for an IHPBA Committee

IHPBA has a number of committees to carry out the work of the Association. We are seeking new committee members who are enthusiastic, committed and have the time, experience and qualities required to make a difference to the Association. In 2016, our call for volunteers was very successful and out of 27 applicants, 8 were appointed to committees. We hope to be able to accommodate more new committee members this time around. If you feel that you can contribute, please click here for further details on how to apply. The deadline for applications is 28th February 2018.
Congratulations to Dr Fabio Bagante of Verona, Italy who has been awarded the 2017/2018 Kenneth Warren Fellowship.

The primary objective of Dr Bagante’s research project is to investigate the association between clinical data of patients who underwent liver surgery for Cholangiocarcinoma (CCC) at 14 tertiary referral HPB centres in the USA, Europe, Asia, and Australia, and the genetic characteristics of the CCCs. Dr Bagante will be working under the mentorship of Dr Timothy M. Pawlik, at the Ohio State University.

We wish Dr Bagante every success and thank all applicants for the very high quality of their submissions.

Dr Nouredin Messaoudi

Dr Kenneth Warren’s sons Tom and George Warren originally had a goal of creating a corpus in the Foundation which would produce enough funds to support the salary of two Warren Fellows each year. We are therefore delighted that this additional funding has enabled the IHPBA Foundation to award a second Kenneth Warren Fellowship in 2017.

The fellowship has been awarded to Dr Nouredin Messaoudi who is currently based at University of Antwerp, Belgium. Dr Messaoudi’s project ‘Immunosuppressive impact of adenosine pathway in colorectal liver metastasis’ will be carried out at the University or Montreal under the mentorship of Dr Simon Turcotte.

We would like to congratulate Dr Messaoudi and wish him every success for his project.

If you would like to apply for the Warren Fellowship this year, click here for more information.

Professor Wan Yee Joseph Lau

The IHPBA Distinguished Service Award/Medallion is the pre-eminent award of the IHPBA, recognising the work of an individual who has provided leadership and made significant contributions to the field of hepatopancreato-biliary surgery as well as to the IHPBA itself.

The 2017 IHPBA Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Professor Wan Yee Joseph Lau. Professor Lau has made an exceptional worldwide contribution to HPB surgery throughout his dedicated career, and IHPBA is delighted to award him the 2017 IHPBA Distinguished Service Medal, augmenting his outstanding list of achievements. The award was presented during the 6th Biennial Congress of the Asian-Pacific Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association and 29th meeting of the Japanese Society of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery in Yokohama, Japan. Read more here.

Nominations are now being sought for the 2018 IHPBA Distinguished Service Award which will be awarded to a distinguished surgeon from the Europe/Africa/Middle-East Region at the Geneva World Congress in September this year. The selection of the recipient for the medallion is based on:

- the individual’s contribution to HPB surgery in the Europe/Africa/Middle-East Region
- his/her contribution to the IHPBA
- and is preferably awarded to an individual who has retired or is about to retire from active HPB practice

More information on the nomination process is available on our website here.

The closing date for nominations is 28 February 2018.

Dates for your diary:

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Right hepatectomy [to posterior sectionectomy]

Imaging Analysis
Look through the patient’s CT scan to identify any areas of concern for the necessary procedure.

Available Image Sequences:
- Pre-Chemo: Axial Version
- Coronal Version

Preoperative imaging is available and the operating and consulting surgeons talk about how they plan the procedure, describing their “slowing down” moments. Unedited operative videos show how any problems were dealt with, and the de-brief section allows the operating and consulting surgeons to provide multiple perspectives on the case. Five cases are currently available, with more to be added over the coming months.

By watching the video discussions, viewers will gain a better understanding of:

- Critical anatomy
- Operative manoeuvres
- Techniques used by the surgeons
- How experts stay out of trouble and perform the operation safely

Case modules are based on real situations with:

- Case overview
- Patient imaging and clinical history
- Preoperative analyses from two or more expert surgeons, with the opportunity to compare their findings with the viewer’s own analysis
- Intraoperative videos narrated by the operating surgeon
- Post-operative debrief from the operating surgeon reviewing the key learning points from the case

These videos feature expert HPB surgeons from around the globe, some speaking in their own languages, with English subtitles. Left lateral sectionectomy and right anterior sectionectomy cases with analysis from operating surgeons Steven Gallinger and Alice Wei and consulting surgeons Paul Greig, Sedat Karademir, Gonzalo Sapisochin, Palepu Jagannath, Jacques Belghiti and Ajith Siriwardena are our latest modules, but please check out the full library at www.myhpb.org.

Surgeon’s Impressions
Watch the following videos of the surgeons preoperative plans for the case. Compare their findings with your own analysis below.

Operating surgeon
Dr. Alice Wei

Consulting surgeon
Dr. Steven Gallinger

Consulting surgeon
Dr. Jacques Belghiti

Consulting surgeon
Dr. Ajith Siriwardena
We are delighted to announce that all three of our corporate partners have recently renewed their agreements with IHPBA, demonstrating their commitment to this relationship with the Association and to supporting the wider HPB community. We look forward to continuing to work closely with these valued partners over the coming years. Please visit our virtual exhibition and industry news pages to keep up to date with their news and developments.

Latest from our corporate partners:

**Angiodynamics**

AngioDynamics is proud to continue our corporate partnership with the IHPBA. We support the IHPBA’s vision to relieve world-wide human suffering caused by Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB) disorders by improving patient care through innovation. Our partnership with the IHPBA is a commitment to our patients with HPB disorders throughout the world. Together with the IHPBA, we will work to improve patient care by advancing training, fostering research, accelerating innovation and encouraging multidisciplinary collaboration amongst the HPB community.

**Ethicon**

Surgical treatment improves chances for survival, however over one-third of hepato-biliary procedures are affected by major complications or comorbidities. Ethicon offers a broad portfolio that delivers surgical precision and optimal hemostasis at every critical step of complex hepato-biliary procedures.

**Sirtex**

Sirtex is proud to renew their Corporate Partnership with IHPBA. Please visit the Sirtex website and the following industry news section on the IHPBA website.
IHPBFA Foundation - Please get involved!

The Kenneth Warren Foundation was reincorporated as the IHPBFA Foundation in 2016. The IHPBFA Foundation has three areas of focus namely research, which includes the Kenneth Warren Fellowship, education and humanitarian outreach work. We urge our members to get involved with the work of the Foundation, whether it be volunteering for an outreach project, fundraising or making a donation. IHPBFA's charitable work relies on the support of our members. Together we can make a real difference. You can read more on our Foundation page.

Donor Wall - We would like to thank all our generous donors for their support of the IHPBFA Foundation.

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Wiley Blackwell

Sustainers $10,000 - $24,999
Australia and New Zealand Hepatic, Pancreatic and Biliary Association (ANZHPBA)
European-African Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (E-AHPBA)

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