Message from the Secretary General

Dear IHPBA member

I would like to add my congratulations and thanks to Dr Jagannath and his excellent team for the outstanding success of the 8th World Congress of the IHPBA in Mumbai. It was a colourful and memorable few days in one of the most fascinating cities in the world.

It is very exciting to see the growth of the IHPBA, especially through the numbers that came out of the World Congress, our showcase event. There are many ways to define that success, and these include the record number of submitted abstracts, the record attendance numbers, the quality of the scientific program, the representation by 65 nations, the growth in membership of the IHPBA, the strengthening of relationships between our regional associations, the increase in the number of national chapters, the success of the Warren Fellowship, the increase in the number of fellowship positions. I could go on.

The reality is that we have reached a stage in the growth of our Association where we can be very confident about the future. The foundations have been well laid and we need to thank many visionary and energetic leaders over the last few years. It is good that the history of the IHPBA is going to be written by Henry Pitt, himself a key player in our history.

There is now a new team at the helm. Professor Nimura, our new President, will no doubt enunciate his priorities for the IHPBA. I am indebted to Dirk Gouma for his contributions as Secretary General over the last 4 years. He has set a high standard. My goals include ensuring that there is excellent communication across our international family, that issues are addressed in a timely and professional manner, and that there are increasing opportunities for you to participate in the activities of the Association. Please diarize the dates of the upcoming meetings and make plans to attend and contribute.
Regional Congresses

AHPBA, 9th Americas Congress
Miami, Florida
12 - 15 March 2009
Chairman: Dr. Bruce Shirmer
Web site: www.ahpba.org

A-PHPBA, 2nd Asian–Pacific Congress
Bangkok, Thailand
25 - 27 March 2009
Chairman: Dr. Vibul Sachakul
Web site: www.2-apphpba2009.org

EHPBA, 8th European Congress
Athens, Greece
18 - 20 June 2009
Chairman: Prof. Christos Dervenis
Web site: www.ehpba2009.com

World Congresses

9th IHPBA World Congress
Buenos Aires, Argentina
18 - 22 April 2010
Chairman: Prof. Eduardo de Santibañes
Website: www.ihpba-ba2010.com

10th IHPBA World Congress
Paris, France
1 - 5 July 2012
Chairman: Prof. Jacques Belghiti

Please do not hesitate contacting me on j.windsor@auckland.ac.nz if there is anything I can help you with.

John A. Windsor
Secretary General
IHPBA

Message from the President

Dear IHPBA-Member!

The 8th World Congress of the IHPBA was held in Mumbai in India from February 27th to March 2nd, 2008. The congratulatory messages from all over the world to the Congress President; Professor Palepu Jagannth and his team are a testimony to the success of the 8th World Congress. Detailed planning and team work for the scientific content as well as the social events were the critical components for achieving this success.

During the congress, I took over the Presidency of the IHPBA from Professor Markus Büchler, who established and completed a worldwide HPB network: the three regional associations. I would like to express my thanks to Professor Markus Büchler for his achievements over the last two years as President of the Association. The membership campaign lead by Professor Büchler has helped to increase IHPBA membership to over 1500 in less than two years! The IHPBA has also established a head Trial Office in Heidelberg, Germany, which will focus on organizing and conducting randomized and controlled multicenter trials in hepato-pancreato-biliary departments across the IHPBA regions. Under Professor Büchler's leadership, the Association has also taken crucial...
steps towards improving the quality of our official journal HPB. Further development of our journal HPB has been planned by the publication committee and the editorial members.

Buenos Aires 2010 now lies ahead of us! Following another successful World Congress in Mumbai, I am confident that IHPBA members will continue to show their support for the next World Congress, which will be hosted by our Argentine colleagues in Buenos Aires, led by Professor Eduardo de Santibanes with the support of the American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association and the Argentine Chapter of the IPHBA. An excellent scientific program is being prepared and we hope members will also take advantage of the opportunity to explore Argentina. If you haven’t already, please be sure to mark your calendars for what promises to be an outstanding Congress (18 – 22 April, 2010).

Three important regional association meetings will take place in 2009. In March, the American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA) conference will take in Miami, Florida, USA (12 – 15 March) followed by the 2nd meeting of the Asian-Pacific Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (A-PHPBA) in Bangkok, Thailand (25 – 27 March). The European Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association will hold its next Congress in Athens, Greece in June (18 – 20 June). I would like to encourage all members of the IHPBA to attend at least one these important regional meetings.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the IHPBA Council and Membership for the granting me the great honor of serving as IHPBA President for the next two years. I look forward to using my time in office to work hard for the future of our Association.

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### Report on the 8th World Congress of the IHPBA, Mumbai, India

The delegates and the faculty were unanimous in their verdict “IHPBA 2008 was a great success.”

The 8th World Congress of IHPBA had 1450 delegates from 68 different countries. By far, this was the largest IHPBA World Congress so far. Response from all over the World was excellent with more than 1000 abstracts being submitted.

The Congress was inaugurated by the past presidents with the lightening of the traditional lamp and was followed by a showcase of Indian Art and Culture.

The Scientific Program was very well appreciated with many new concepts; electronic posters, the breakfast sessions by the Lakeside - the Gurukuls [30 sessions]. The pre-conference CME which was attended by nearly 600 delegates set tone for an intense scientific program with talks by the Living Legends, 24 Keynote Lectures, 25 Symposia, 10 Master Video Symposia, and 13 debates which were keenly contested. The entire program went on with a clockwork precision with packed halls. The delegates had the opportunity to interact with more than 200 HPB leaders from all continents.

The social programs included the inaugural musical festival with scintillating sitar performance and the Dances of India thrilled the audience. The faculty enjoyed the Moghul theme night which was an unique experience for many. The ‘Mela’ which showcased the rural Indian dance forms was vibrant and had the delegates having a great time at the end of the long scientific sessions. The effort and warmth of the Local Organizing Committee were very evident in the success of the program.
Dr. P. Jagannath and his “Team India” had put in many hours of hardwork and planning which was appreciated by one and all.

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**IHPBA General Assembly Minutes – 8th IHPBA World Congress, Mumbai**

The IHPBA General Assembly was held during the World Congress in Mumbai on March 1, 2008. The General Assembly minutes can be viewed [here](#). Included in the minutes is a list of the new IHPBA Council and Committee members, which can also be viewed on the [IHPBA website](#).

Congratulations to all those elected to serve on the Councils and Committees of the IHPBA!

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**HPB Medallion**

During the 8th IHPBA World Congress in Mumbai, Dr. Henry A. Pitt was awarded the 5th HPB medallion, the IHPBA’s distinguished service award.

Henry A. Pitt was born and raised in New Jersey, USA, where he attended the Pingry School. He did his undergraduate studies at Cornell University where he played baseball. Dr. Pitt received his M.D. degree from the Cornell University Medical College graduating Alpha Omega Alpha. He did his surgical residency training at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore; and during this time, he served in the U.S. Navy for two years. In 1979 he joined the faculty at UCLA where he focused his clinical and research efforts on hepatobiliary and pancreatic disease. In 1985 he returned to Baltimore as Vice Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Johns Hopkins. During this time, he spent three years studying the Business of Medicine. In 1997 he moved to Milwaukee as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin. In 2004 he moved to Indiana University where he is Vice Chairman and Program Director of the HPB Fellowship.

Throughout his career, Henry Pitt has been clinically active caring for patients with complex pancreatobiliary and liver disease. He has participated in multiple prospective clinical trials and has extensively published his clinical experience. He also has been actively involved in basic research on gallstone pathogenesis as well as biliary motility and has been nationally funded for this work for more than 24 years. In his present role he remains actively involved in medical student and resident teaching. He is a member of multiple societies including the American Surgical Association, the Society of University Surgeons and the Association for Academic Surgery. He is a Past President of the Society of Clinical Surgery, the American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association and the International Hepato-Biliary Association. He presently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract.

Henry Pitt has served on the editorial boards of multiple journals including the Annals of Surgery, the British Journal of Surgery, Surgery, the Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery and HPB. He has published more than 375 journal articles and book chapters and has lectured extensively around the world. He has been married to his wife, Betty, for 35 years, and they have three children, Laura, David and Susan. Their first grandchild was born in March 2002 and is named Elizabeth Jane after her grandmother.
IHPBA Kenneth Warren Foundation

The IHPBA Kenneth Warren Foundation had a very successful first year in 2007. More than US $50,000 was raised with Tom Warren, Ken’s son, contributing $US20,000 for the Warren family. The American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA) and C. Wright Pinson, the foundation’s Treasurer, also contributed US$10,000. In addition, more than 90 of the IHPBA’s leaders and members donated last year, and Tom Warren as well as the AHPBA have already made significant contributions in 2008. Moreover, Sally Warren, Ken’s daughter, represented the Warren family at the World Congress in Mumbai. For more information about the Foundation or the Warren Fellows, who are supported by the Foundation, please go to the IHPBA website.

IHPBA Warren Fellowship 2009 – Deadline Extension

IHPBA 2009 Warren Fellowship applications are now being accepted. Application guidelines can be found here.

Please note that the April 30 deadline has been extended until May 31.

Journal HPB

In an effort to improve the quality of the IHPBA official journal HPB, the IHPBA encourages all members to submit their original work for publication in HPB. Online submission is available here.

IHPBA 2014 World Congress

Congratulations to the Korean HPB Chapter, the Korean Association of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery, for the acceptance of its bid to host the 11th IHPBA World Congress in Seoul, Korea. Dr. Sung-Gyu Lee will chair the 2014 Congress in Seoul.

New Members (Since December 2007)

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REZA ADIB
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Jugalkishore AGRAWAL
G K AGRAWAL
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Saidikhom AKHMEDOV
Mamun AL MAHTAB
Mamdouh AL NAHAWI
Majeed ALAM
Wasif ALI
Faisal ALSAIF
Hironobu AMANO
Nasser Muhammad AMJAD
Manoj ANDLEY
Agarwal ANIL
Francesco ARDITO
Pedro Tomas ARGUELLO ARIAS
Jean-Pierre ARNAUD
K V ASHOK KUMAR
Federico AUCEJO
Hiroyuki BABA
OL Nagnath BABU
T G BALACHANDAR
T G BALCHANDAR
Dharmesh BALSARKAR
Pinaki BANERJEE
Adam BARTLETT
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