**Message from the Secretary General**

Dear IHPBA member

Contained within this newsletter are a number of changes that will strengthen the IHPBA and make it more effective. Included are announcements about changes in membership categories and fees, the editor and publisher of our journal ‘HPB’, and website services.

The **IHPBA website** has had a facelift and incorporates our new logo. The site currently offers:

- information on upcoming meetings,
- national HPB chapters and regional HPB associations,
- downloadable PDF versions of the IHPBA newsletters as well as standards and guidelines,
- an HPB Fellowship Registry,
- information regarding the Kenneth Warren Foundation, including present and past Warren Fellowship recipients and application procedures for future applicants.

In addition to the Membership Directory, online access to the journal HPB has been incorporated into the **Members’ Area** of the website. The Members’ Area has been further expanded to include downloadable personalized IHPBA Membership Certificates as well. Simply login to the Members’ Area and click on the Membership Certificate link. Your personalized membership certificate, featuring the new IHPBA logo, will be generated as a PDF for print or download.

IHPBA is committed to expanding its web services and welcomes your further suggestions for making **www.ihpba.org** more useful to members. Suggestions can be submitted to the IHPBA Executive Secretariat, **Heather.Wynn@medc.de**.

In order to expand the networking opportunities of our members, IHPBA has created its own groups on the popular networking sites Xing and LinkedIn. All active members of the IHPBA are invited to join the IHPBA LinkedIn Group and/or Xing Group.

Another change to be noted is that MedConnect, our **Association Management Company**, has decided not to present a proposal to extend the current contract with IHPBA beyond this year. This was a difficult decision for MedConnect and based on a number of factors. In their highly professional manner Heather and Bridget at MedConnect, are committed to ensuring a seamless transition. Like a good butler, MedConnect makes things happen without drawing attention to itself. The service has been excellent!
The IHPBA Council has begun the process of selecting another company. One thing that has not changed is the **schedule of meetings**. If you haven’t done it already, please make sure that you have the dates in your diary and have made plans to bring your colleagues and family to the outstanding international, regional and national meetings scheduled in some of the most interesting places in the world.

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

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### New IHPBA Membership Fees and Categories

In order to improve the scope of our membership services, the IHPBA Council and General Assembly, has decided to increase the IHPBA standard membership fees to USD 165 per year. This will take effect in 2009. As a strategy to help offset the effect of this fees increase it was also decided to create new membership categories, which will also be introduced in 2009.

- **Standard IHPBA Membership, US$165 per year:**
  Full membership in the IHPBA for members age 35 and over. Please note that for members of the Asian-Pacific region, standard membership in IHPBA includes membership in the A-PHPBA as well until the end of 2009*.

- **Combined Membership* EHPBA / IHPBA, US$220 per year – NEW.**
  The IHPBA and EHPBA have joined together to offer a combined membership. Combined members enjoy full membership status in both the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association as well as the European Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association, which spans the regions of Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

- **Combined Membership* A-PHPBA / IHPBA, US$195 per year – NEW.**
  The IHPBA & A-PHPBA have joined together to offer a combined membership. Combined members enjoy full membership status in both the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association as well as the Asian-Pacific Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association.

- **Junior Membership IHPBA, US$ 75 per year – NEW.**
  In an effort to make membership more affordable for young doctors and residents, the IHPBA will be implementing a junior membership status for those members under the age of 35. Junior members will enjoy the same benefits as full members at the reduced rate.

- **Combined Junior Membership EHPBA / IHPBA, US$ 90 per year – NEW.**
  Members under age 35 (and with proof of birth date) from Europe, Africa and the Middle East can also enjoy combined membership in both the IHPBA and EHPBA at a discounted rate.

- **Combined Junior Membership A-PHPBA / IHPBA, US$ 90 per year – NEW.**
  Members under age 35 (and with proof of birth date) from Asian-Pacific Region can also enjoy combined membership in both the IHPBA and A-PHPBA at a discounted rate.

*Please note that discussions have begun regarding a combined membership for AHPBA / IHPBA membership. The IHPBA strives to create combined membership categories in collaboration with all three regional associations.*
Message from the President

The 8th World Congress of the IHPBA was a great meeting organized by enthusiastic Indian members together with Scientific Committee members, and the largest number of participants met together in a beautiful corner of Mumbai, an active city. We would express our deep gratitude to the Congress Chairman, Dr. Jagannath, who showed the leadership to achieve the successful meeting.

I feel honored with a great responsibility to become the President of our IHPBA for the upcoming two years until the Buenos Aires Meeting, and I will make every effort to work for the future of IHPBA.

It is a great pleasure for me to thank the former Presidents, Professor Henry Pitt and Professor Markus Büchler for their leadership with great achievements during the past four years, particularly to establish the 3 Regional Associations, the Kenneth Warren Foundation and the Research Committee. During the Mumbai Meeting, the venue of the IHPBA World Congress in 2014 was discussed and the decision was made to hold the meeting in Seoul.

We look forward to meeting you in Regional Meetings in Florida (March 12-15), Bangkok (March 25-27), and/or Athens (June 18-22) in 2009 and Buenos Aires (April 18-22) in 2010.

Yuji Nimura, M.D.,
IHPBA President

Kenneth Warren Foundation

The IHPBA Warren Foundation continues to grow. The Warren family, the American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (AHPBA), and several members of the Foundation Board and IHPBA Council have been key contributor. The new publisher of HPB, Wiley Blackwell, also has made a very substantial contribution. However, a large number of IHPBA members also have contributed so that this wonderful international research exchange effort may continue. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated. If you want to contribute for the first time or again please go to the IHPBA website for a downloadable donation form.

Henry A. Pitt, M.D.,
Foundation President
IHPBA Research Committee – IHPBA Clinical Trials

Dear IHPBA Member!

The Research Committee of the IHPBA has been established with the aim to develop a structure capable of running trials under the auspices of the IHPBA.

During the IHPBA World Congress in Mumbai, important steps have been made to reach this goal. The Research Committee has developed general Standards for IHPBA Trial Units, specific Requirements for IHPBA Trials and introduced a structured plan for Handling of IHPBA Trial Proposals. All three documents have been approved by the IHPBA Council in Mumbai.

Recently, the documents have been posted on the IHPBA web site, so that all members can access and evaluate the established structure as the fundament for IHPBA clinical trials in the future.

Furthermore, the IHPBA Trial Head Office will be located at the Department of Surgery, University of Heidelberg, Germany for the first five years to establish an active trial platform within the IHPBA.

If you are interested in participating in upcoming multi-center randomized controlled trials or need further information about the IHPBA Trial Platform, please either contact the Executive Secretariat or contact the Trial Office directly via ihpba@med.uni-heidelberg.de.

Markus W. Büchler, MD
Past-President IHPBA
Moritz N. Wente, MD, MSc
Member Scientific Committee, IHPBA Trial Coordinator

Editor Announcement

Final discussions were held during the Publications Committee meeting and subsequently the Executive Council meeting of the IHPBA in Mumbai directed at identifying a new Editor for HPB for the 5 year period 2009-2013. This was required based on the 5 year term of the current editor coming to conclusion at the end of 2008. Professor James Toouli of Adelaide, Australia has ably served the journal bringing it from 4 to 6 issues and 64 to 80 pages per issue. He has increased the quality significantly, for which the entire association is grateful. During discussions in Edinburgh in 2006, many names surfaced as potential new editors. Specific discussions have taken place formally and informally with a few individuals. At the conclusion of the process in Mumbai, Professor O. James Garden, the Regius Professor of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, was selected as the new Editor. Many will recall that James organized the successful 2006 World Congress for the IHPBA in Edinburgh. Jim Toouli and James Garden are organizing an orderly transfer of the Editor’s office to Edinburgh from Adelaide. Professor Garden is beginning to recruit his editorial team, including associate editors and reviewing the editorial board. He is developing strategies for further improvement in style, quality, and substance of the journal. Please congratulate and welcome Professor Garden to this new role. One of the very best ways to do so would be to plan to submit a manuscript or two to HPB.

C. Wright Pinson
IHPBA President-Elect
Publisher Announcement

I am pleased to announce that we have concluded the process of identifying and negotiating a new publisher for HPB. Our contract with Taylor and Francis is due to expire at the end of 2008. A request for proposal was sent out to approximately 10 publishers. These were reviewed and the top 3 candidates selected for further negotiation in Mumbai. In late April, face-to-face interviews took place with the top 3 candidates in New York City. Following this, negotiations have taken place with the top candidate and this has recently been concluded. I am pleased to announce that Wiley has become our new publisher. Important aspects of the new agreement include increasing the number of issues per year to 8 in 2009, 10 in 2010, and 12 issues per year in 2011. We have maintained the Society subscription price at $65.00 annually. The journal will be available to Society members both in hard copy and as an on-line publication. There has been more than a 50% increase in our editorial support. There has been a five-fold budgeted increase in the royalty returns to the Society and, in addition, John Wiley and Sons have made a contribution to the IHPBA Warren Fellowship of $50,000. The journal is now the official journal of not only the IHPBA, but also the AHPBA and EHPBA. The overall anticipated financial benefit to the Associations over the 5 year life of the contract is approximately $570,000. There is a commitment to work towards inclusion in Medline and indexing by ISI. IHPBA retains ownership and copyright. It is anticipated that there will be two supplements each year in relationship to association meetings with abstract publication. Our journal publishing manager will be Verity Emmans, who will be based in Chichester, England. Other members of the editorial production team will be based in Oxford and Edinburgh. The commitment of both the AHPBA and the IHPBA to mandatory submissions to the journal from the oral presentations at their respective meetings made these arrangements possible and will allow us to expand to the 12 issues per year. Please welcome John Wiley and Sons, Ltd. as our new publisher. The journal has been improving over the years. This new contractual arrangement sets the stage for even greater improvement in the five years ahead.

C. Wright Pinson
IHPBA President-Elect


Dr Hiromichi Ito, the 2007 – 2008 Warren Fellow, is currently conducting his research project on gene expression signature as a predictor of recurrence and survival after hepatic resection of colorectal metastasis at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York. Dr. Ito has been keeping the IHPBA abreast of his research and his 3rd Progress Report is now available on the IHPBA website at http://www.ihpba.org/fellowship-recipient.html.

Warren Fellowship Announcement 2008 - 2009

IHPBA is pleased to award Dr. Maxim Petrov the Warren Fellowship 2008-2009. His research project on optimizing enteral nutrition in acute pancreatitis and critical illness will be performed at the University of Auckland in Auckland, New Zealand, under the direction of Professor John Windsor. The Warren Fellowship Committee had the difficult task of selecting a recipient from 5 high quality applications.

Dr. Maxim Petrov
## New Members (since April 2008)

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**Current IHPBA Membership Distribution by Region**

- **Americas**: 47%
- **Europe, Africa & Middle East**: 21%
- **Asia-Pacific**: 32%

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