



Project Report

Summary

Project leader	Martin Smith
Project Title	Establishment of the Ethiopian Chapter of the IHPBA/EAHPBA
Place and dates, if applicable	3rd – 7th July 2019

Details of Personnel

Martin Smith represented the IHPBA and was the IHPBA co-ordinator for the visit.
John Devar is a council member of the EAHPBA and represented the EAHPBA

Due to political instability just before we were due to leave the visit was cut short. Both of us visited 3 hospitals in Addis Ababa and Mekelle. We did ward rounds and teaching rounds in all three hospitals with the resident specialist staff, residents, Medical officers and students. In Mekelle, MDS delivered a presentation on Pancreaticoduodenectomy and JD on Palliative care for Pancreatic cancer. On the last evening there was a formal function to launch the Ethiopian chapter attended by about 30 people; surgeons, gastroenterologists and radiologists. The Ethiopian chapter is a multidisciplinary chapter. MDS delivered a lecture on The role and benefits of being an IHPBA member in a LIC. JD delivered a lecture on the role of the junior member in the IHPBA/EAHPBA.

Dr Esayas was nominated to lead the team to establish the Ethiopian Chapter
Economic constraints make it very difficult for their members to pay their membership subscription and this has been a real obstruction to becoming members of the IHPBA/EAHPBA. Both societies will need to consider ways to assist them

The HPB skills in Ethiopia are very limited. There are a few individuals who have been exposed to international fellowship programs and have some skills and can perform straight forward major pancreatic resections and very simple liver resections. The infrastructure and equipment is very limited. They have a large burden of irresectable pancreatic cancer patients with no access to endoscopic stenting. As such, they are often forced to do open bypasses on these patients with poor outcomes. A discussion encouraging them to use their laparoscopic skills to develop a program for palliative bypass was held. There are very enthusiastic HPB surgeons who need incredible support. This program is really essential.



Details of Local Coordinators

Reiye Esayas, MD, FCS-ECSA, Associate Professor
Surgical gastroenterologist and minimal access surgeon,
Chief Clinical Director of Ayder Comprehensive Specialized Hospital
College of Health Sciences
Mekelle University

Details of Planning Phase

The Co-ordinators of the Ethiopian chapter will communicate with ACS Global to ensure they are able to meet the requirements of a Chapter. I was encouraged by the overall response and am confident this chapter will be established formally and contribute to the improvement in HPB care in Ethiopia. The IHPBA and the EAHPBA must ensure ongoing outreach programs to Ethiopia to support this young group of enthusiastic surgeons.

Details of Delivery Phase

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Use of Funding

Including budget for the different elements of the project and details of o

<p>\$1,500 funding was awarded by the IHPBA Foundation. The cost of travel and accommodation for Martin Smith was \$1,116.64, so the project came in under budget. John Devar's travel and accommodation was supported by E-AHPBA.</p>
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Assessment of Impact

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Plans for ongoing project development or capacity building and support

If applicable

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Payments already made

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Reporting Schedule

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Application for Further Funding

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News and Photos





