The fifth outreach visit of the IHPBA to Nepal in 2013, took place from Oct 29 to Nov 4. The team initially consisted of eight international participants, unfortunately however, two participants had to cancel (including the only gastroenterologist in the team). Hence, six surgeons, all members of the IHBA, joined the team coming from Japan, Singapore, India, UK and the Netherlands. The program was set up in close collaboration with our local partners of the Nepalese IHPBA chapter in Kathmandu.

We visited four hospitals in Pokhara, Tansen, Nepalgunj and Kathmandu, respectively, in which we organized meetings for the local and regional surgeons.

With the IHPBA secretariat, we designed ‘IHPBA Certificates of Appreciation’ that we handed out to our hosts at the conclusion of our meetings.

The overview below, summarizes the events in the hospitals visited.

**International Participants**
Prof Avinash Supe (India)
Prof KK Madhavan (Singapore)
Prof J Primrose (UK)
Dr Takehiro Noji (Japan)
Prof Thomas van Gulik (The Netherlands)
Prof Olivier Busch (The Netherlands)

**Local Participants**
Prof Paleswan Joshi Lakhey (TUTH, Kathmandu)
Ramesh Singh Bhandari (TUTH, Kathmandu)
Dr Tseten Yonjen Tamang (Star Hospital, Kathmandu)
Prof Pradeep Ghimire (Manipal Teaching Hospital, Pokhara)
Dr Sameer Chhetri (United Mission Hospital, Tansen)
Prof Anup Sharma (Nepalgunj Medical College, Nepalgunj)

**Tuesday Oct 31**
Visit Manipal Teaching Hospital in Pokhara (Host: prof Pradeep Ghimire).

**14:00 – 17:30 Symposium Selected problems in HPB-diseases**
1. Avinash Supe - Management of cystic lesions of the pancreas
2. John Primrose - Management of cystic lesions of the liver
3. Tseten Yonjen - Current management of hydatid cysts in Nepal
4. Case presentations by local team
   Tea break
5. KK Madhavan - Basics of liver resection.
6. Thomas van Gulik - The Pringle manoeuvre; a time-honored technique to control liver bleeding
7. Olivier Busch - Surgical strategies in the treatment of acute pancreatitis
Wednesday Nov 01
Visit United Mission Hospital Tansen (Hosts: dr Sameer Chhetri and dr Tul Pun)
13:00-16:00 Meeting with surgeons and hospital staff
Friday Nov 03
Visit Nepalgunj Medical College (Host: prof Anup Sharma)
15:00 – 18:00 Symposium ‘Safe Cholecystectomy’
1. Case presentations by local team
2. Avinash Supe – Prevention of bile duct injury
3. Takehiro Noji - Timely detection of anatomical anomalies of the biliary tract during cholecystectomy
4. Paleswan Joshi Lakhey - Bile leaks after cholecystectomy
5. Ramesh Singh Bhandari - Management of biliary strictures after cholecystectomy
6. Thomas van Gulik – Endoscopic management of bile duct injuries
7. Olivier Busch – Surgical management of bile duct injuries

Saturday Nov 4
Afternoon symposium ‘Update on HPB Cancer 2023’, 15:00 – 19:00
Organized by Department of Surgical Gastroenterology at TUTH (Host: Paleswan Joshi Lakhey)
Session 1: Surgery for Pancreatic Cancer Time
1. Takehiro Noji - Vascular resection in pancreateoduodenectomy; indications and technique
2. Olivier Busch - Survival after neo-adjuvant therapy for locally advanced pancreatic cancer
3. Ramesh Singh Bhandari - Management of Post-pancreatectomy Hemorrhage: An Update
4. Paleswan Joshi Lakhey - Choice of Pancreaticojejunostomy following Pancreatecoduodenectomy

Session 2: Surgery for Hepatobiliary Cancer,
1. John Primrose - Liver resection for metastasis (including CRLM and metastases of other tumors)
2. KK Madhavan - Surgical Management of HCC: Resection or LTx
3. Thomas van Gulik - Tips in resection for PHC
4. Avinash Supe - Surgery for Gall bladder Carcinoma

Thomas van Gulik, on behalf of the IHPBA outreach team to Nepal
Nov 22, 2023