Message from the President
American Hepato Pancreato Biliary Association (AHPBA) Update

It is a pleasure and honor to address the membership of the AHPBA through our annual newsletter, halfway through my Presidential term. This newsletter, along with our Web site, serve as the main conduits for keeping members and other interested parties informed about our Society's status, past and current initiatives, future proposals, and needs. Therefore, I will take the liberty of using this newsletter to inform our membership of important events occurring behind the scenes in order to keep everyone abreast of “what's happening” in the AHPBA.

As most of you know, the Executive Council and various committees of the AHPBA meet twice a year: during our Annual Meeting in March or April, and during the ACS meeting in October. However, these are not the only times that committee members come together to discuss and work on important initiatives and make decisions. In contrast to what many may think, a lot of work is carried out on a daily basis by numerous individuals who serve on our committees led by committee chairs, members of the Executive Council, and our administrative management.

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Mission Statement & Values

- To promote understanding of the causes and treatment of disorders of the liver, pancreas, and biliary tree.
- To encourage interchange of clinical and scientific knowledge among surgeons, hepatologists, gastroenterologists, and members of related disciplines.
- To foster friendship among clinicians and scientists in the hepatic, pancreatic and biliary disciplines.
- To strive towards the highest ethical standards.
- To foster education and career development.

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, October 11
AHPBA Committee and Council Meetings in conjunction with the ACS Clinical Congress (see Meetings Page of AHPBA.org for specific details)

January 21, 2010
AHPBA Consensus Conference on Multidisciplinary Treatment of Hepatocellular Cancer – Orlando Marriott World Center Resort and Convention Center Orlando, Florida
www.mdanderson.org/conferences

April 18-22, 2010
AHPBA 2010 Annual Meeting, In conjunction with the IHPBA & EHPBA, Buenos Aires, Argentina
The 9th World Congress of the International Hepato Pancreato Biliary Association – IHPBA 2010. This event will take place at the Hilton Buenos Aires Hotel on April 18-22, 2010 and is organized by the International Hepato Pancreato Biliary Association (IHPBA), the American Hepato Pancreato Biliary Association (AHPBA), and the Argentine Chapter of the International Hepato Pancreato Biliary Association (CA-IHPBA).

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Venue
The Hilton Buenos Aires Hotel is situated at Puerto Madero, within walking distance of the financial district of the city, and it offers easy access to the international airport, domestic airport and main highways connecting to different areas of Buenos Aires. Hilton Buenos Aires has a contemporary design with comfortable and spacious rooms, nine floors with an important exhibition and convention center.

Buenos Aires
The city of Buenos Aires is considered the most elegant city of South America. Despite its modern architecture and dynamic activity, it preserves old traditions. Visitors will enjoy its monuments, churches, museums, art galleries and theatres, colonial neighborhoods, large commercial centers, typical restaurants and international cuisine. An exciting night-life is offered through different amusements, including the well-known local music and dance, the Tango. All types of international cuisine are available, although the best represented are the country’s national dishes, the excellent quality of Argentine meat is famous all over the world.

Argentina
From Buenos Aires visitors may enjoy the rest of the country: Trips to the North include the renowned and spectacular Iguazú Falls and the Provinces of Salta, Jujuy and Tucumán. The province of Mendoza, to the West, is known for its excellent wine production and the Andes Mountains with the Aconcagua peak, the highest in the Americas. The region of La Pampa, the main cattle-raising district and the land of the “gauchos,” is an immense plain with splendid and comfortable “estancias” where you can enjoy the typical barbecue. Going South, the most popular locations are Bariloche, San Martín de los Andes, Península de Valdés, Lago Moreno, Glaciar Perito Moreno and Ushuaia, the southernmost town in the world.

Important dates
- Deadline Extension for abstract submission: Sunday, October 25th
- Confirmation for accepted abstracts: December 19, 2009
- End of reduced registration: January 18, 2010

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team at Crow-Segal. As we approach our upcoming Executive Council session during ACS, all committee chairs and Executive Council are busy preparing the agenda and following up on various initiatives. The success of our growing and vibrant association is dependent upon all these individuals' hard work and commitment to our organization. I and the association are grateful for their efforts. For those members who were recently appointed to a committee by either Dr. Callery or myself, welcome and we look forward to your ideas, support, and work to further our Society's mission.

Since the annual meeting and throughout the summer, committee chairs and the Executive Council have kept busy working on or refining several of the initiatives set by past President Callery with respect to making our association more global. (See Dr. Callery's message on page six). These initiatives include developing and implementing a strategy for membership growth throughout Latin and South America, creating an international relations committee, creating and funding three traveling scholarships that will foster academic exchange between members of the AHPBA and other regions of the world, and strengthening our affiliation with the IHPBA. A tremendous amount of time and effort is currently being devoted to fund raising for the 2010 AHPBA meeting in Buenos Aires in collaboration with our Argentinean hosts. Dr. Espat and I will also be speaking at the Brazilian HPB Surgeons meeting in Brazil in November, along with Eduardo deSantibanes, in an effort to recruit Brazilian HPB surgeons to join the AHPBA. Since our society's life blood is membership growth and participation, it is important that all members reach out and recruit colleagues to join our ranks and, above all, to submit their best work and attend our annual meeting. With respect to our upcoming meeting in Buenos Aires, please join us. http://www.ahpba.org/home/documents/AHPBA_WC_2010_Flyer.pdf

I will be discussing a number of new initiatives and proposals at the Executive Council in October which I believe are important for the future success and continued growth of our organization. These include: the creation of a new committee called CETAT (Committee on Emerging Technologies and Therapeutics), and creating a charitable foundation whose purpose is to support many of our educational and research initiatives and introducing some new policies and procedures to both ensure and strengthen our financial security as an organization. Finally, we will discuss ways to further enrich our Web site to benefit of our members, including ways to facilitate professional social networking (blogs, tweets, etc) and hosting our own DVDs.

The AHPBA annual meeting was a great success this past March 12-15, 2009 and was punctuated by our return to the historic Eden Roc Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida, with President Mark Callery presiding. We were blessed with spectacular weather the entire time. The meeting unofficially teed off on Wednesday with the second annual HPB golf tournament and an offshore fishing tournament. Special thanks goes to Microsulis for their generous support of the golf tourney won by team President Callery, former President Bill Myers, Robert Pridy, and yours truly. Simultaneously, the first AHPBA offshore fishing contest was held and the competition was squelched by Dr. Kambiz Kosari who landed a massive Hammer Jack (unknown to this day if he ate it).

On Thursday, The Postgraduate Course “Innovation in HPB Surgery: A Look Into The Future” was attended by 241 people—an all-time record for our post-grad course. Special thanks goes out to all the speakers and moderators that made the course a success but particularly to those colleagues who traveled so far from our Southern Hemisphere as well as Northern Canadian Provinces to give the course an international flavor.

This year we had a total of 309 Abstracts submitted, the highest ever. Friday through Sunday competitive abstracts were presented; 58 in oral plenary and free paper; 16 competitive videos; and 118 oral poster presentations. The quality of presentations was as good as ever and followed by insightful invited discussions. The meeting space was excellent and atmosphere congenial. Dr. Callery's Presidential address on “going global in HPB Surgery” and his invited speaker, Dr. Joseph Fisher, highlighted the program on Saturday. The exhibits and social networking that occurred in and around them was fantastic (see photos). Several breakfast morning sessions and industry-sponsored symposia added further to the educational value of the meeting. The annual banquet on the beachfront, accompanied by the Eden Rock’s Celebrity Stars (Marilyn Monroe, Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, and Sammy Davis Jr) contributed to a wonderful setting that enables the social networking that helps drive our society. And then, of course, there was South Beach and the Fontainebleau for the tireless and adventurous.
Going into this meeting, the Executive Council was quite concerned about the financial risk to our organization given the international financial crisis. However, these fears quickly abated when 440 attendees registered from 28 different countries. There were 348 attendees from North America, 36 from Central/South America, and 55 from outside the Americas. I am happy to report that the association lost no money and actually made a small profit. Credit for the successful educational program goes to Program Chair Will Chapman and his committee, while the meeting venue was once again expertly planned by Kim O’Dell, our Executive Director, and her colleagues at Crow-Segal Management.

For the first time in our association’s history, all oral papers presented at our annual meeting were required to be submitted to HPB for publication and to strengthen the journal in an effort to get it indexed. There was a serious concern by some members of the society that this requirement could possibly weaken the quality and quantity of submissions to our meeting. This concern never materialized for the membership rallied to support our meeting and the journal by submitting outstanding work and the quality of the presentations was as good as any previous meeting. 66 papers were submitted to HPB in a timely manner for publication. Of those, over 33 have been accepted for publication, 14 are under revision and additional review, 8 were rejected, and 1 withdrawn. This is a potential 71% acceptance rate in a journal where the successful publication rate is 30%. This is testimony to the high quality of work being presented at our meeting. But more important, I want to personally thank all authors for their support and commitment to our united goal of helping the journal get over the hump towards becoming what will certainly become the leading journal in HPB surgery.

In an additional effort to expand our society’s global reach and display our intent and commitment to global partnership with colleague HPB societies in all regions of the world, The Council approved a joint IHPBA/AHPBA membership for our members in early 2009 that offers a net saving of $100 to those who select this option. To date, 139 AHPBA members have signed up for the joint AHPBA/IHPBA membership. I personally encourage everyone to take advantage of this offer and join the IHPBA so as to more firmly demonstrate our commitment to and willingness to lead global efforts in advancing care of patients with HPB disease. As past President Callery and I have both said, no global endeavor will be as important as our membership's commitment to our next Annual meeting in collaboration with the IHPBA in Buenos Aires in 2010. Our association has a 25% stake in this combined meeting and so it is essential that we take an active role in ensuring its success. All members should also recognize that this will be the largest meeting of HPB surgeons to convene anywhere in the world in 2010 and 2011. So why would you not want to be there? Please read my personal invitation to attend this meeting; it will be an experience you will never forget and further our success as an increasingly influential surgical society.

In closing, it is important for the membership to note that we have thus far weathered the financial global crisis reasonably well and continue to grow and prosper. Despite this, we cannot be cavalier nor ignore the potential negative impact the world and U.S. economies may have on our Association’s future. We must identify ways of increasing revenue independent of our annual meeting and control our costs. Membership growth is perhaps the easiest and assured way to increase revenue, but even more important is the need for all members to pay their annual dues on time; our survival depends upon this more than anything else. Following the Executive Council meeting at ACS, we will post on our Web site a summary of initiatives and actions to keep the membership engaged.

The majority of this newsletter is committed to the committee chairs who have been asked to provide the membership with an update of their activities since the Annual Spring meeting.

The future strength of our organization will depend upon the strength and engagement of our members. For this reason, I invite all members to share any ideas and suggestions for how the association can better serve you with any of the committee chairs or me directly. I look forward to your thoughts, continued support and seeing you in Argentina.

W. Scott Helton, M.D.
AHPBA President
As the Internet collapses social and international barriers and facilitates instantaneous communication, leadership of the AHPBA realized that our association needs to make “Going Global” a vital survival strategy. Our members operate in a global arena, a “flat world,” and we all can benefit from the exchange of experience and ideas among international colleagues. As detailed in my March address in Miami Beach, we convened a leadership retreat and built our strategy. We knew our joint meeting of AHPBA and IHPBA in Buenos Aires in 2010 could symbolize our desire to reach out and connect. We believe it will enable both organizations to grow and achieve our mutual goal of representing the very best of our specialty.

Our committees have been charged with building the infrastructure of internationalism in their areas of expertise. The Education and Training Committee seeks to create a Web-based HPB Fellowship Curriculum, a Web-based HPB Patient Education, a Global HPB Trainee’s blog, and a Visiting Fellowship Exchange Program. The Membership Committee is working to create and build regional chapters throughout the Americas, using “native tongue” efforts to reach out to our peers. Our membership is now coupled with the IHPBA. The Research Committee is working to lead a Web-Based International HPB Database/Registry, fund Annual Research/Enrichment Traveling Fellowships, and facilitate new global research collaborations. The Publications and Program Committees are expanding our Web site and Annual Meeting program to reflect these new priorities and educational needs. Together with you, they are fueling the success of our international journal, HPB. Our new International Relations Committee (IRC) has been charged with melding and facilitating these individual committee efforts, and delivering tangible and sustainable results.

Cross-culturalism creates new challenges. Most are unanticipated, but can be met through adaptability. After all, “Culture is to a Society what Personality is to an Individual.” All humans view each other through the prisms of their own culture regardless of nationality. “Going Global” will call on all of us to suspend or alter judgments, improve our sensitivity, question assumptions, and adapt learning styles in some instances. In Argentina, for example, very late nights are normal, and you might well need to balance your sleep schedule against unintentionally appearing disrespectful! Misunderstandings will no doubt crop up along the way, but we and our international colleagues have so much to learn from each other. In the end, the AHPBA and our profession will gain strength as we pull everyone together across the globe. We can and should lead.

The Buenos Aires 2010 World Congress is a critical step in “Going Global.” We hope our members will attend in large numbers. Our attitude and adaptability as people and physicians will yield lasting impact. Bring an open mind and attitude and learn how well and differently HPB care is and can be delivered around the globe. Interact and establish new relationships. Reach out especially to our Central and South American colleagues, vital members in our AHPBA. Identify, welcome and sponsor new members from their countries. Enjoy a fabulous cross-cultural scientific and social program amidst all the pizzazz and rich culture of Buenos Aires and beautiful Argentina. What better place to kick off our global initiatives?

Thank you again to Kim O’Dell and the AHPBA Leadership, Committee Co-chairs, and our facilitator, Kay M. Jones of Grovell, LLC for making our “Going Global” retreat a success.
The 2009 annual meeting of the AHPBA was held at the Eden Roc Beach Resort, Miami Beach, Florida on March 12-15. The official meeting was preceded by a very enjoyable golf tournament (at the Miami Beach Golf Club) and fishing tournament (with Captain Stan) on Wednesday March 11th, and a well-attended post-graduate course on “Innovation in HPB Surgery: A Look into the Future” (organized by president-elect Scott Helton) Thursday March 12th.

The general meeting began bright and early on Friday morning with industry-sponsored breakfast symposia. Despite the early hour, these sessions attracted a large number of attendees and have become a popular forum for members to learn about advances in different areas. Presentation of oral papers began with the President's Plenary Session, which featured the eight top scoring abstracts in each of the sub-categories (liver, pancreas, biliary, transplantation, basic science). Mark Callery's insightful presidential address on expanding opportunities for global collaboration in HPB surgery was a highlight on this first session. In addition, meeting attendees were privileged to have the opportunity to hear about the exciting changes taking place within our journal HPB. Throughout the subsequent three days, a total of 199 papers were presented, either as podium talks, video presentations, or oral posters. The oral poster format is relatively new for the AHPBA, and has allowed increased and important interactions for poster presenters with expert members of AHPBA.

A new feature of this year’s meeting included Case Presentations before a panel of experts with electronic audience participation, with a session on Pancreas Cases (moderated by Keith Lillemoe) and a session on Liver Cases (moderated by Will Chapman). Other meeting highlights included a lively debate on the “Role of Transplantation vs Surgical Resection for HCC in Well Compensated Cirrhotic Patients,” with Nancy Ascher taking on Ronnie Poon, and moderated by Susan Orloff and Eduardo de Santibanes. A second lively debate pitted Nancy Kemeny against Eddie Abdulla on the topic of the “Role and Need for Hepatic Artery Infusion (HAI) Therapy in the Modern Era of Systemic Chemotherapy” (moderated by Michael D’Angelica and Nick Vauthey). There were three State of the Art Lectures, covering “Transplantation for Cholangiocarcinoma: Where are We in 2009?” by Chuck Rosen, “Staging of Acute Pancreatitis” given by Hein Gooszen, and “Nanotechnology – What is the Future?” delivered by Mike Mason.

The President's Invited Speaker, Dr. Joseph Fischer, delivered a provocative lecture on the opportunity and urgent need for leadership for HPB surgeons to stop the fragmentation and decline of General Surgery as a surgical discipline. The meeting included four focused symposia sessions, covering “Current Management Strategies of Complicated Pancreatitis,” “The Changing Paradigm of Metastatic Colorectal Cancer,” “Ethical Issues in Liver Transplantation,” and “Emerging Image Guidance Systems for HPB Surgery.”

This year, as in the past, the video sessions were a highlight of the meeting, with two invited video sessions and two competitive video sessions providing ample opportunity for meeting attendees to see first-hand the techniques of the experts and at the same time for surgeons to demonstrate first-hand their novel and cutting edge techniques.

There were over 300 submitted abstracts this year for an all-time record for the AHPBA annual meeting. Sixty-six oral presentations were given and overall 199 presentations were made, including competitive videos and oral poster presentations.

Finally, a luncheon for fellows and young attendings was held again this year after being initiated at last year's Ft Lauderdale meeting. It was very well attended and proved to be a good venue for the young members of the society to gather in an informal setting. The Eden Roc, our traditional site for AHPBA meetings in South Florida, provided a spectacular venue for this year's meeting, having undergone an extensive remodeling since our last Miami Beach meeting three years ago. This site always allows for the opportunity to take advantage of a wide array of water sports, including the unique promenade on the beach, as well as the wide array of shopping and social opportunities.

Overall, the meeting was very successful (over 450 registrants), educational (21.75 hours of CME credits) and a pleasure for all. Credit for the success of our meeting goes to many people, including the members of the Executive Committee; Program Co-chairman Susan Orloff and all of the members of the Program Committee, and all of the members who served as speakers, discussants, and moderators; Wright Pinson and the members of the Development Committee who made the meeting financially successful; and most of all, Kim O'Dell and her colleagues at Crow-Segal Management, whose hard work and professionalism continues to ensure the success of our organization. Next year, the AHPBA looks forward to another successful meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as part of the IHPBA.
Inside and out The Delano exemplifies aesthetic style and grace.

The Delano Gardens. A perfect backdrop for the Cocktail Party.

The blue bow tie and white dinner jacket are the essence of Miami Beach style.

The Callery family revels in Dad’s big event.

The Delano Gardens. A perfect backdrop for the Cocktail Party.
Dr. Helton kicks off the Meeting

Paul Greig

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Highlights from the 2009 Annual Meeting

President Callery Welcomes everyone to the Annual Meeting

International Members show up in force at the Miami Meeting.

Demonstrations abound in the Exhibit Hall

Weather balmy enough for lunch outside

Mugging for the camera...President Callery and President-Elect Helton

Paul Greig in deep discussion with Thomas Van Gulik

One of our prestigious panel of experts during the Q&A session.
Presidential Invited Speaker, Josef F. Fischer, MD

Reid Adams engages the audience

Javier Lendoire has a question.

South American Members with Helton and Callery

Attendees enjoying AHPBA 2009

Callery family & attendees applauding as Dr. Callery concludes his Presidential speech

Enough speeches Dad!
Members delight in the latest tools of the trade

Queen Yona accompanied by Dave Nagorney and Steve Strasberg
Scenes from the Poster Sessions

Another hugely successful Poster Session

Research Grant Awards Ceremony and the winner is...

Wigdan Al Sukhni, MD
University of Toronto

Kendra D. Conzen, MD
Washington University

Peter Nau, MD
The Ohio State University Medical Center
Lucille & Desi Arnaz cozy up to attendees.

Dr. Callery says something naughty to Lucy & Desi.

Was the Golf Tournament rigged?

Marilyn Monroe & Sammy Davis Jr. join Lucy and Desi with the evening’s sponsor, Ethicon.

Closest to the Pin & Longest Drive winners

Good Fellowship at the Friday Night Dinner

Winners of the Biggest Catch & Smallest Catch from AHPBA’s Inaugural Fishing Tournament.

Our celebrities with the Callery family

Members enjoying festivities
Our golfers were enthralled by the Miami Beach Golf Club course.

Evidence to the contrary, our fishermen were served lunch.

Getting warmed up.

Not every fish was a whopper, but every one is a thrill.

Paul Greig has his hands full!

The winning catch of the day!

Everyone having fun!
The capital of Argentina melds the Old World elegance of Europe with the passion of Latin America in ways that appeal to both the intellect and the senses. You will long remember its stately architecture, natural grandeur, friendly people, and spectacular food. AHPBA welcomes you to a premier destination.

First founded by a Spanish gold-seeking expedition in 1536, the original site of Buenos Aires was burned down by the indigenous people and the Spanish forced to flee. The town was founded again in 1580 and became an important center of trade—often of the illegal variety. It faced raids from the French, British, and Portuguese, and was occupied by British troops during the Napoleonic wars. In 1810, armed citizens rejected the British without the aid of the Spanish viceroy, and they demanded independence, setting off a wildfire of revolt in South America. Argentina won independence in 1826 and Buenos Aires became the nation’s capital in 1862.

Railroad construction in the latter 19th century stimulated...
development and trade in the Pampas, primarily in beef and cereals, and by the late 1880s, Buenos Aires was becoming one of the wealthiest and most important cities in the world. Porteños began to call their city “The Paris of South America” and embarked on an ambitious construction program. Beautiful mansions and buildings, wide avenues, expensive hotels, and restaurants became permanent fixtures in the city’s landscape. The Teatro Colón, an architectural jewel used for ballet, opera, and classical music, opened in 1908 to world acclaim.

Through the 1930s, the city became a haven for immigrants, principally Italians, Spanish, and Germans, and after World War II, it attracted thousands of migrants from other parts of Argentina.

Among the places you’ll want to explore:

- **La Plaza de Mayo**, the site of many important events throughout the nation’s history, and today an important site for ceremonies and mass protests.
- **El Museo de Arte de Latinoamericano de Buenos Aires**. MALBA is one of the cornerstones of the city’s cultural life, with a memorable collection of 19th- and 20th-century Latin American Art.
- **Parque Tres de Febrero**. Two hundred acres of lawns, copses, lakes, and trails make up this enchanting park, which also encompasses a crazy-quilt of smaller parks known as Los Bosques de Palermo.
- **Cementario de la Recoleta**, established in 1822, presents ominous gates, Doric-columned portico, and labyrinthine paths, and is the final resting place for the nation’s most illustrious figures. El Cementario is a virtual city of the dead, covering 13½ acres and holding more than 6,400 elaborate vaulted tombs and majestic mausoleums, 70 of which have been declared historic monuments.
- **Museo Evita**. The exhibits here convey the extraordinary depth and pageantry (and the controversy) of the life of Eva Duarte de Perón, one of the most important figures in Argentine history.
- **Plaza Dorrego**. Stately trees shade outdoor tables in the city’s second-oldest square. The surrounding architecture provides an overview of the many historical influences that have shaped the city’s history.

When it’s time to eat, you’ll find that all places you go will have excellent food at good prices, but Argentinians specialize in meats, pasta, and pizza. Spanish and Italian foods are fused with a unique way of preparing to perfection. Wine lovers will be in heaven; Malbec is the local grape and should be enjoyed.

**Palermo**

- **Casa Coupage**. Set in a 1920s-style house, the ambience is modern Argentine and the food is a celebration of the country’s greatest palates.

**Puerto Madero**

- **Chila**. Opened in 2007, a marvelous, modern chic place to dine. It has gotten great reviews.

Buenos Aires is a city of exciting nightlife, with numerous clubs and places to dance and have fun. According to Fodor’s, “Porteños love to party. Many don’t think twice about dancing until 6 AM and heading to work at 8 AM. And alcohol doesn’t play a vital role in whether people enjoy themselves or not; Porteños could have fun at an insurance convention, provided the conversation and music were good and everyone looked marvelous. Indeed, for many, it’s better to look good than to feel good.” It is a late-night town, with clubs filling up only after 2 a.m.
Message from the HPB Journal Editor

It is difficult to believe that six months have already elapsed since the new-look HPB appeared. We have been delighted by the very positive comments that we have had from colleagues regarding the transformed image of our journal with its new editorial team, format, and content. The inclusion of an editorial highlight's page and brief summary allows the reader to focus on material that may be most relevant to their practice. The editorial team will also highlight key original or review content that is felt to be of importance to the surgeon specializing in HPB surgery. The inclusion of color content for the first time makes the content easier to read and brings out the relevance of operative procedures.

Image is not everything and we are therefore gratified by the steady stream of original manuscripts that has been submitted to the journal in the last six months. We received a tremendous response from the AHPBA meeting in Miami in March of this year. I shared the anxiety of colleagues from the Americas that the compulsory submission of manuscripts resulting from presentation at the meeting would be difficult to deliver. The Journal did, however, benefit from the submission of some 64 high-quality manuscripts. The dedicated August issue of the journal signalled the publication of the first ten of the 31 papers that have so far been accepted. Several others remain in the editorial process and are very likely to be accepted for publication. Despite a rigorous review process, it is impressive that there has been such a high acceptance rate. For those who have not been successful this time, there is always the possibility that their preliminary clinical and scientific data will yet rise to prominence at future meetings and in HPB! The commitment from the AHPBA membership is a tremendous achievement and we look forward to capitalizing on this success at next year’s IHPBA World Congress in Buenos Aires.

The EHPBA meeting in Athens did trigger a flourish of manuscript submissions and we look forward to working with the Asia-Pacific group in the future.

I am well supported by my editorial team, which has ensured a turnaround time from submission to acceptance of manuscripts of less than 50 days. While I appreciate that some colleagues are disappointed that we have not always been able to accept their work for publication, the current overall 37% acceptance rate for submitted manuscripts bodes well in our drive to improve quality. This will provide us with a strong foundation on which to build a successful submission for listing of the journal by Medline and by ISI Thomson. I am working hard with our publisher, Wiley-Blackwell, to ensure that our submission in February 2010 will be successful and realize our ambition to have an impact factor of 2 by the end of my 5-year term of office.

We have produced a more detailed summary of our activities over the last year and these can be accessed at http://ihpba.org/assets/downloads/pdf/HPB_Update_IHPBA_Newsbulletin_August.pdf

I am grateful to colleagues for their continuing support of HPB. We will endeavour to maintain the quality of the journal’s content and ensure that the membership of the international and regional associations remain proud of their Journal. The future is very bright.

Professor O James Garden,
Editor-in-Chief, HPB

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Born and raised in Los Angeles, Dr. Thomas J. Howard obtained his M.D. from the University of Oklahoma and completed both his internship and residency in General Surgery at UCLA. While at UCLA, he spent two years in the CURE research laboratory of Edward Passaro, Jr., M.D., studying pancreatic islet cell tumors and gastric microcirculation. His current research interests are centered on the surgical treatment of diseases of the pancreas, liver and bile ducts. He currently serves as the Willis D. Gatch Professor of Surgery at Indiana University School of Medicine.

CETAT - Committee on Emerging Technologies and Therapeutics
David A. Iannitti, M.D., F.A.C.S., is currently serving in his fourth year as Chief of HPB Surgery at Carolinas Medical Center as well as Program Director of a two-year HPB Surgical Fellowship which was developed shortly following his recruitment to CMC. Dr. Iannitti completed his residency training at the Brown University Program in Surgery after which he did his fellowship training in Pancreatic and Hepatobiliary Surgery at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Ohio. Upon completion of his specialty training he returned to Providence, RI as Assistant Professor of Surgery in 1997 and then served as Associate Professor in recognition of his development of an extensive research program among several other academic / teaching activities. He has authored more than eighty journal articles and book chapters and in excess of 150 meeting presentations. At Carolinas Medical Center, Dr. Iannitti has developed a well-funded center for research in liver disease with multiple active grants for basic science, translational and clinical research projects. He serves as Program Director for multiple physician training courses in Microwave and Radiofrequency Ablation as well as a regional/national annual Liver Course held each December, currently anticipating the third agenda. He holds committee appointments in multiple societies and has served as invited speaker on many issues pertaining to liver, pancreatic and biliary diseases, in particular regarding emerging technologies in these areas. His practice is focused on diseases of the liver, pancreas and biliary tract with a specific interest in laparoscopic liver surgery and robotic surgery for pancreatic and biliary diseases.

Development
Dr. C. Wright Pinson attended Miami University and the University of Colorado, where he graduated with distinction in Physics. He worked as an engineer for IBM and at the same time completed a Masters in Business Administration. He then attended medical school at Vanderbilt University. He took his general surgery training at the University of Oregon and completed three fellowships, one in cardiovascular physiology as an American Heart Association Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Oregon Health Sciences University, one in gastrointestinal surgery at the Lahey Clinic and one in transplantation at Harvard University.

After completing his training, he started the first liver transplantation program in the Pacific Northwest in 1988 at Oregon Health Sciences University, the first such program in the V.A. system in 1989 in Portland, OR and then was recruited to Vanderbilt University as Professor of Surgery to start the liver transplant program and liver surgery division in 1990. In 1993, he became the Surgical Director of the Vanderbilt Transplant Center. His other administrative posts have included Interim Chairman of Surgery 1993 - 1995, Vice-Chairman 1995-2001, Chairman of the Medical Board of Vanderbilt University Medical Center 1997-1999, and Chief of Staff of the Vanderbilt Hospital 1997-present. Most recently, he was named H. William Scott Professor of Surgery and Chairman of the Department. He has been active in the teaching of medical students and residents and has served as the program director for the Vanderbilt Integrated General Surgery Residency Program.

C. Wright Pinson is an active clinical researcher and maintains a laboratory in the field of transplantation surgery having received numerous grants and recently both the Sawyer’s research award and the Liddle research mentoring award. He has authored more than 250 contributions to the literature and given more than 500 scientific presentations and lectures. He is on the Editorial Board of Annals of Surgery and the Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery. He has boards in surgery and critical care. He is on the board of the United Network for Organ Sharing, chairs the surgery section of the Southern Medical Association, is past president of the Tennessee Transplant Society, and is president-elect of the American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association. He is active in the International HPBA, American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, American Surgical Association and The Halsted Society among others. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American College of Physician Executives.
Education & Training
Dr. Greig is Professor of Surgery at the University of Toronto, where his academic and clinical focus is in Transplantation and Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB) Surgery. He is a Past President of the Canadian Society of Transplantation, former Chair of the Canadian Organ Replacement Register, and former Director of the Multiple Organ & Retrieval Programme of Toronto. He served as the Chair of the Per fusable Organs Subcommittee on the Canadian Standards for Cells Tissues and Organs for Transplantation Committee.

Dr. Greig is the Program Director of the Abdominal Organ Transplant Fellowship (accredited by the American Society of Transplant Surgeons) and the HPB Surgical Oncology Fellowship (accredited by The Fellowship Council). He is the Chair of the AHPBA Education & Training Committee and is the AHPBA representative to the Board of the Fellowship Council. He also represents the AHPBA on the Fellowship Council Curriculum Committee.

Dr. Greig’s research interests are in Liver Transplantation, in particular disease-specific outcomes and living-donor transplantation, and in HBP Surgical Oncology, in particular outcomes of the multidisciplinary management of hepatocellular carcinoma.

HPB Program Directors
Dr. Rohan Jeyarajah is a distinguished member of the Methodist Hospital of Dallas attending staff and has served as Director of the Surgical Oncology Program for the last four years. He is also Director of the Upper GI Fellowship Program. He trained at the University of Chicago and did a liver transplant fellowship at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, after which he spent eight years in academic medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. He has authored more than 60 articles and book chapters and has received funding for his research in liver disease. He holds appointments in many societies and has been an invited speaker on issues pertaining to liver and pancreatic diseases. His practice is focused on diseases of the upper abdominal tract, and includes surgical therapy for pancreatic, liver, bile duct, stomach, and esophageal conditions.

Specific interests include increasing the role of laparoscopy and the utilization of multimodality therapy.

International Relations
A native of Tampa, FL Nocif Joseph Espat completed his undergraduate studies at the University of South Florida in Tampa with a Biology BS and Philosophy BA. He attended medical school at the University of Florida in Gainesville, then pursued general surgery training at UF from 1990-97. During his residency, he completed two years of formal basic science research in the laboratories of Wiley Souba, MD MsC 1992-3 and Lyle Moldawer, PhD 1993-1994. Dr. Espat then completed a Surgical Oncology/Hepatobiliary fellowship at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York from 1997-99.

In 1999, Dr. Espat joined the faculty at the University of Illinois at Chicago and became Associate Professor of Surgery, Pharmacology and Human Nutrition. He also spent a year as interim chief of general surgery at the University of Illinois. Dr. Espat served as the Director of the Hepatic Regional Therapies program and Director of Surgical Laboratories. In 2007, he became the Harrold Wanebo Professor of Surgical Oncology and Vice Chairman of Surgery at Roger Williams Medical Center/Boston University in Providence, RI. This year, he was named Director of the Adele Decof Cancer Center, Roger Williams Medical Center.

Dr. Espat has received NIH funding to research omega-3 fatty acid modulation of cancer chemoresistance and has authored more than 150 articles. He is a committee member for four National Societies and is on the Editorial and/or Review Board of 15 Journals. His area of clinical interest is laparoscopic and open upper GI surgery, with a focus on HPB malignancy.
International Relations
A native of Kurdistan, Iraq and a graduate of David Lipscomb College in Nashville, TN and the UTHSC-College of Medicine (1985) in Memphis. Dr. Zibari completed his general surgery Residency Program at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, LA. He then completed a fellowship in transplantation at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD. Dr. Zibari returned to LSUHSC Shreveport in 1993, where he has served as Professor of Surgery with Tenure, Director of Pediatric and Pancreatic Transplantation, Chief of the Division of Transplantation, and Director of Willis-Knighton/ LSUHSC Regional Transplant Program. He holds the Malcolm Feist Chair in Transplantation Surgery. Additionally, he was appointed as a Vice Chairman, Dept of Surgery for Academic Affairs at LSUHSC-S. He is a member of numerous professional organizations (ASTS, AST, AHPBA, ACS, SUS, AAS, SSA, SESC, AMA). He is a Past President of the Louisiana Surgical Association and of the Louisiana Organ Procurement Association, and a current Board Member of the American College of Surgeons/Louisiana Chapter, Board Member of International College of Surgeons/World Body, Chair of the Board of Regents and Vice President of International College of Surgeons/US Section. He is also Vice President of the American Foundation for Donation and Transplantation (AFDT).

Dr. Zibari has received numerous awards including AOA, Verstanding Award, elected as best Resident of the year (x4) by his peers at LSUHSC-S. Additionally, he was given “Best Refugee Award” by the State Dept. in 1991. However, one of which he is particular proud of is the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. He emigrated to the United States from Kurdistan, Iraq after high school as a refugee. Since the first Gulf War he has been going back to Kurdistan at least annually and has done a significant amount of medical mission work under very risky conditions. He has helped to introduce advanced laparoscopic surgery, Hepatopancreaticobiliary surgery and Renal transplantation to their medical communities.

Membership
Charles Vollmer, MD is an Attending Surgeon at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, where he specializes in Pancreaticobiliary and other complex gastrointestinal surgery. He is an Assistant Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School with a clinical research focus in outcomes assessment in high-acuity surgery. In 2008, he served as the Josef Fischer Traveling Fellow in Academic Surgery for the Society of Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (SSAT) – an opportunity which allowed him to tour many of the top pancreatic surgical programs in Europe. He also has an interest in medical education and is a member of the BIDMC Resource Faculty (a dedicated institutional education task-force) and is also a previous Rabin Fellow in Medical Education.

Dr. Vollmer’s received his BS the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, then received his MD degree in 1994 from Jefferson Medical College in his hometown of Philadelphia. He received general surgical training at the Barnes-Jewish Hospital program at Washington University in St. Louis and became Chief Resident. He studied gene therapy as a surgical oncology research fellow at the University of California-Los Angeles during his clinical training. Dr. Vollmer matriculated to the Hepatobiliary and Solid Organ Transplantation Surgery Fellowship at the University of Toronto in 2001. Following another dedicated year of translational research investigating the genetics of pancreatic cancer at the Samuel Leuenfeld Institute in Toronto, he took his first faculty position at BIDMC in 2003. His practice encompasses both malignant and benign conditions of the pancreas with a strong emphasis in pancreatitis.

Program
Dr. Susan L. Orloff is Professor of Surgery and the Director and Chief of the Division of Abdominal Transplantation at Oregon Health and Science University. She has a busy practice in hepatobiliary surgery and multi-organ abdominal transplantation. She is also Director of Basic Science Research in the Department of Surgery and, for 12 years, has run an NIH-funded laboratory studying the mechanisms and genomics of CMV accelerated vasculopathy in heart and kidney transplant rodent models. She also has a research interest in the epidemiology, screening, treatments, and genomics of hepatocellular carcinoma. She has over 80 peer-reviewed publications and 18 book chapters, and has presented her work locally, nationally and internationally. She is an active member of numerous surgical societies as well as serving on many institutional, regional and national committees.
Publications
Dr. Michael A. Choti is Jacob C. Handelsman Professor of Surgery and Oncology and Vice Chair of the Department of Surgery at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He received his medical school degree at Yale University, general surgery training at the University of Pennsylvania, and completed the surgical oncology fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center before joining the division of Surgical Oncology at Johns Hopkins. Dr. Choti is the principal or co-investigator for a variety of clinical and preclinical studies examining new approaches for the treatment of liver, pancreatic, and colorectal cancer. He also serves as Director of the Johns Hopkins Colorectal Center. Dr. Choti serves on various leadership positions in national and international societies and has chaired study sections for the American Cancer Society. He currently serves on the American College of Surgeons’ Commission on Cancer and is on the Colorectal Cancer and Neuroendocrine Tumor Panels for the National Cancer Coalition Network. One focus of his research involves the use of robotics and computer assistance to surgically treat cancer using minimally invasive image-guided approaches. He also has a strong interest in molecular genetics and biomarkers in gastrointestinal cancer, as well as clinical research, conducting clinical trials and outcomes research in the hepatobiliary, pancreatic, and gastrointestinal malignancies. Dr. Choti has also served as a mentor for many trainees and investigators, including directing the Surgical Oncology Fellowship training program at Johns Hopkins.

Research
Dr. Elijah Dixon attended medical school at the University of Manitoba, and then surgical residency at the University of Calgary. From there he went to the University of Toronto and did a fellowship in Hepatobiliary/pancreatic surgery and GI transplantation at the Toronto Hospital. He then proceeded to the Harvard School of Public Health and did a Masters in Epidemiology. In 2004 he returned to the University of Calgary where he is an Associate Professor of Surgery, Oncology, and Community Health Sciences. His practice is focused on Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgical Oncology. His research is focused on health services research, clinical trials, and improving the quality of cancer surgery.

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International Relations Committee  
Chaired by Joseph Espat and Gazi Zibari

The goals of our committee should go hand in hand with AHPBA’s “Going Global Strategy”:

1. Foster Cross-Cultural HPB Educational Pursuits
2. Support and Enhance Relationships with Regional Chapters and minimize barriers
3. Establish visiting and traveling Fellows’ scholarship and support exchange programs
4. Help to better organize charity work done by our fellows worldwide
5. Foster dual membership between Regional Chapters, AHPBA and IHPBA

Membership Committee  
Charles M. Vollmer, Jr., MD - Chair

2008-2009 was a banner year for the Membership Committee of the AHPBA as we welcomed a record 130 new members. This represents a growth of over 20% in one year – indicating the growing popularity of our specialty field and the mounting appeal of the organization’s product. This growth spurt was enhanced by a number of factors including development of a more streamlined application and review process, and improved mechanisms for recruiting. For instance, the AHPBA now reaches out directly to all fellows in the approved surgical oncology, HPB, and transplantation fellowship training programs. We have also appealed to all General Surgical trainees and surgical research fellows in America and Canada in an effort to attract bright, enthusiastic surgeons to our field at the earliest stages in their training. Targeted recruiting in these venues has contributed to a swelling of our “Candidate Member” ranks.

Another major accomplishment of the committee during the last twelve months was building on former President Mark Callery’s “Going Global” initiative. To that end, we set up an infrastructure designed to enhance recruitment of new HPB surgeons from throughout the America’s region. On the committee we now have seated “national representatives” from the majority of countries in South and Central America. Together, we will be stepping up efforts to attract new members beyond our traditional emphasis in the United States and Canada. This dovetails nicely with the AHPBA’s expected high profile at the upcoming IHPBA meeting in Buenos Aires next April. Furthermore, we have installed a duplicate “Membership” Web page fully translated in Spanish, and expect French-Canadian and Portuguese versions to follow. Finally, in an effort to improve efficiency, we have streamlined the membership application and dues payment process in concert with the IHPBA, thus making it easier for members of one society to join the other, while decreasing logistical redundancies and costs.

The year ahead holds more promise for growth of our society. There will be further concentration on attracting HPB surgeons from throughout South and Central America, where there is a burgeoning cohort of HPB specialists. We will also continue to concentrate efforts in capturing young surgeons from the breeding grounds of the oncology, transplant, UGI, HPB and Fellowship Council programs. Lastly, we are interested in developing a new “Affiliate Membership” program so that we can better partner with our colleagues in industry. This would allow for companies and their individual representatives to enjoy many of the benefits of membership that are currently extended, but limited to physicians (like educational resources, networking opportunities, and subscription to our journal HPB).

It is a great time to be a part of the AHPBA as it continues to grow in size, scope, and quality. I urge you to encourage your peers, colleagues in associated fields such as radiology and oncology, as well as young, enthusiastic surgeons, to join our ranks. The application process is easier than ever.

Program Committee  
Susan L. Orloff, MD – Chair

Highlights of the 2010 meeting:

- Meeting combined with IHPBA in Buenos Aires, Argentina—the biannual meeting of the IHPBA is being held with the annual AHPBA meeting, resulting in the largest International attendance ever (greater than 2,500 HPB surgeons), and more diversity than any previous meetings
- Oral debates and video debates on surgical approaches to HPB diseases
- Symposia and updates on advances in technology and minimally invasive surgery, global HPB surgery, and controversies in the management of surgical HPB diseases
- Symposia and updates on new drugs coming down the pipeline for HCV, HCC, Pancreatic Cancer and Neuroendocrine Tumors
AHPBA Committee Updates

Program Committee Update Continued

- Comprehensive approaches to a vast expanse of HPB diseases seen both in the US and abroad
- Video sessions highlighting newest techniques
- Breakfast with the Professor sessions
- Pre-Congress course on Multimodal treatment of HPB tumors
- Meeting locale--- the “Paris of South America”
- Tango lessons from the greatest experts

Publications Committee
Michael Choti, MD - Chair

Visit the new active site in November!

Home Page of AHPBA’s re-designed Web site

Research Committee Update
Elijah Dixon, MD - Chair

The Research Committee has been working on securing funding for new Traveling Fellowships. This funding has been obtained for this year, and will support and encourage travel by members of the AHPBA within the Americas and internationally. The formal announcement and application instructions will be posted on the Web site following the ACS Clinical Congress. The program for the upcoming Consensus Conference on Hepatocellular Cancer has been finalized and will be sent out to all AHPBA/SSO/SSAT members via email. This meeting will bring together a multidisciplinary group of leaders in the field of HCC, and will follow the same format used during the recent successful AHPBA/SSO/SSAT Consensus Conference on Resectable and Borderline Resectable Pancreatic Cancer. Please plan to attend this exciting event on January 21, 2010 in Orlando, Florida just before GI ASCO. The winners of the AHPBA Research Fellowships will be announced at the meeting in Buenos Aires.

Training & Education Committee
Paul D, Greig, MD - Chair

Mar – Sept 2009

1. The enhancements to the Web site are in progress. A new page on with the Clinical Fellowship Registry will include detailed descriptions and links to the HPB Fellowship programs that facilitate applicants seeking additional training in HPB Surgery. The HPB Curriculum and requirements for certification will be available, and a Fellows’ blog will promote interaction amongst trainees in our Fellowship programs.
2. The combined match of HPB Fellowships with the Surgical Oncology Fellowships is underway. Special thanks go to Karen Oster of the SSO and Yumi Hori of the Fellowship Council for their superb job in making this possible. Rank Submission date is Sept 22 and Match announcement day is Oct 19, 2009. Applications to the HPB Fellowships have gone up this year – 59 applicants for the 12 positions!

3. The combined match has been the impetus for the creation of the Program Directors’ Committee. Dr. Rohan Jeyarajah is the Chair of the new AHPBA ad hoc Committee. The Program Directors and their Institutions are noted in the table below.

4. The T & E Committee will provide certification of HPB Fellowship training for graduates of our Fellowship programs beginning with this year’s Fellows. The recommended requirements for certification will be presented to the Executive Council in Chicago.

5. Review of the Fellowship Council (FC) HPB case log data for our FC approved HPB programs has identified several areas which warrant further clarification and recommendations from the E & T committee. Therefore, a subcommittee will be convened from within the E&T committee with the following charges:
   a. Review case logs and current curriculum/requirements and make recommendations regarding any adjustments in what cases “count” or “don’t count” towards the case volume minimum requirement in the HPB categories.
   b. Review the case and procedure data from each program and make recommendations regarding which procedures should be “unbundled” and which always “bundled” (e.g. can a case count as both a major liver & major biliary case if hepatic resection and complex biliary reconstruction are performed?).
   c. Review current case log procedures and make recommendations for changes once the above two charges are completed, and consensus is reached and approved by the entire E&T committee and the AHPBA Board.
   d. Review and make recommendations regarding minimum case number adjustments in concert with recommendations regarding procedure vs. case counting.
   e. Consider defining a minimum case volume experience in the domains of intraoperative ultrasonography and ablation.

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7:00–8:00 am  Continental Breakfast/Registration

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Reid B. Adams, MD, Co-Chair
Stephanie Wilson, MD
Ahmed Kaseb, MD
Paul Greig, MD

8:00–8:20  Staging of Hepatocellular Cancer
Scott Helton, MD

8:20–8:30  Discussion

8:30–8:50  Optimizing Pretreatment Imaging of Hepatocellular Carcinoma
Bachir Taouli, MD

9:00–9:20  The Role of Portal Vein Embolization in Preparation for Hepatic Resection
Eddie Abdalla, MD

9:20–9:30  Discussion

9:30–9:50  Defining Criteria for Resectibility – Tumor Characteristics and Liver Function
Timothy M. Pawlik, MD

10:00–10:30  Break

SURGICAL TREATMENT
Panelists:
William Jarnagin, MD, Co-Chair
Elijah Dixon, MD, Co-Chair
Thomas A. Aloia, MD
Alan W. Hemming, MD
Roderich E. Schwarz, MD

10:30–10:50  The Role of Thermal Ablation and Emerging Technologies in the Curative Therapy of HCC
Steven Curley, MD

10:50–11:00  Discussion

11:00–11:20  Laparoscopic and Open Liver Resection for HCC
Michael D'Angelica, MD

11:20–11:30  Discussion

11:30–11:50  The Role of Bridge to Transplantation Therapy – Transarterial, Ablation, Resection, or Nothing?
Charles B. Rosen, MD

11:50–Noon  Discussion

Noon–12:20 pm  Milan and Extended Criteria for Liver Transplantation
William C. Chapman, MD

12:20–12:30  Discussion

12:30–1:30  Lunch

COMBINED MODALITY TREATMENT
Panelists:
Alan P. Venook MD, Co-Chair
Roderich E. Schwarz, MD, Co-Chair
Andrew X. Zhu, MD, PhD
Melanie B. Thomas, MD
Kelly W. Burak, MD

1:30–1:50  The Role of TACE and Emerging Therapies
J. F. Geschwind, MD

1:50–2:00  Discussion

2:00–2:20  Systemic Therapy of HCC
Ghassam K. Abou-Alfa, MD

2:20–2:30  Discussion

2:30–2:50  Yttrium-90 Microsphere Therapy
Riad Salem, MD

2:50–3:00  Discussion

3:00–3:20  Photon and Proton Radiotherapy
Sunil Krishnan, MD

3:20–3:30  Discussion

3:30  Adjourn

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