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LETTER FROM PRESIDENT



William C. Chapman, MD

June 24, 2013

On behalf of the Council of the AHPBA I would like to welcome you with our first newsletter which is an effort to update our membership with the many ongoing activities and committee updates within the organization. Since our last meeting in February, 2013 we have had a number of exciting activities occur within the AHPBA.

First, we recently completed a change in our management company, and I am pleased to report that this transition has been a relatively smooth one. Nonie Lowry and her team from LP etc are fully engaged with our many committees and are off to an excellent start. Please see their contact details as part of this newsletter, and feel free to contact Nonie and her team with any specific questions.

Please note that because of several scheduling conflicts including the 2014 IHPBA meeting in Seoul, Korea, we have changed next year's meeting date to February 19-23, 2014 at the Eden Roc Hotel in Miami, Florida. Activities are already underway for planning of this exciting meeting. Please begin considering your abstracts for submission and plan to attend our upcoming meeting.

The mission of the AHPBA is to encourage the exchange of clinical and scientific knowledge among HPB and transplant surgeons, hepatologists, gastroenterologists and members of related disciplines. We also have a strong interest in the promotion of training, education, and career development amongst young physicians in their training and early practice. To carry out these activities we have established a committee structure within the organization, and these committees have been actively at work. In our newsletter, we will highlight activities of the organization and plan to have an update on every committee at least once over the course of the year.

Finally, the AHPBA welcomes the broad participation of our membership at all levels from trainee to the senior practicing surgeon. Please let us know if you have specific areas of interest, and we would welcome your involvement. We will be adding members to our various committees, so please notify our headquarters if you have interest in joining our committees. Please send your request by July 15th.

Respectfully,
William C. Chapman, MD
President

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NEW OFFICERS

We would like to introduce the AHPBA 2013-2014 Executive Council and Committee Chairs

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NEW HEADQUARTERS CONTACT INFORMATION

Effective April 1, 2013, the AHPBA Headquarters contact information has changed. You may contact the Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association at the contact information provided below. Please update your records:

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Please note the change in 2014 Annual Meeting dates

February 19-23, 2014

Eden Roc
Miami Beach, FL

MEETING REGISTRATION

Visit our online registration site to reserve your spot. Registration begins in November at www.ahpba.org

ROOM RESERVATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Eden Roc Resort. This legendary resort features the retro vibe of Miami Beach balanced with modern luxury and high-end service.

The AHPBA room rates are: \$324 (+ tax) per night Single or Double occupancy. These rates are available three days before and after the meeting dates, based on availability. For reservations, please call and request the AHPBA room rate. The room reservation cut-off date is January 27, 2014.

RESERVATIONS TELEPHONE: 1-800-319-5354 or 305-531-0000

ONLINE RESERVATIONS: www.ahpba.org

NEW CHAPTERS

AHPBA welcomes the newest Official Chapters into the Association:



ARGENTINA

President Elect, Dr. Oscar Imventarza, accepting a plaque recognizing Argentina as an official Chapter at the AHPBA 2013 Annual Meeting.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Ricardo Bracco, MD
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BRAZIL

Past Chapter President, Dr. Paulo Herman, accepting a plaque recognizing Brazil as an official Chapter at the AHPBA 2013 Annual Meeting.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

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CHILE

Current Chapter President, Dr. Hernán de la Fuente, accepting a plaque recognizing Chile as an official Chapter at the AHPBA 2013 Annual Meeting.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

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ECUADOR

Current Chapter President, Dr. Eduardo Rivas, accepting a plaque recognizing Ecuador as an official Chapter at the AHPBA 2013 Annual Meeting.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members who recently joined at the Argentina Chapter meeting held in Mendoza

Jorge Mario Aguirre, MD

Victoria Ardiles, MD

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Jorge Bufaliza, MD

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**New Members may apply
online at www.ahpba.org**

NEW CHAPTERS

Panama, Mexico, Uruguay and Peru are submitting final applications to join as an official AHPBA Chapter. Per bylaws, National Chapters may be independent organizations or may be subgroups of other National Surgical Associations. The composition of National Chapters within the AHPBA must consist of a minimum of six members all of whom are members of either the AHPBA or IHPBA; Chapter Presidents must be members of the AHPBA.



Recent HPB graduated fellows receiving their plaques at the 2013 AHPBA Annual Meeting at the Eden Roc in Miami Beach, FL

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

HPB is an emerging area of expertise, with an extraordinary increase in number of patients and complexity of the cases. It has been recognized as an important area of surgical and non-surgical practice and allows patients to identify professionals who are enthusiasts and trained in this field. Furthermore, AHPBA is representing HPB specialists, throughout North, South and Central America.

Additionally, our organization offers a wide range of benefits for members, highlighting: education and career development, an exciting annual meeting, consensus conferences, several additional educational meetings in US and South America (including Mendonza, Brazil, and Paraguay this year), recognition as an individual who has distinguished interests in the HPB field, serve on AHPBA Council and committees, reduced registration fees for the Society Annual Conference, subscription to the Society's newsletter and Journal, personalized membership certificate, the privilege to apply annually to the Research and Travel Grant, and the opportunity to be part of the Charity traveling and professional

growth.

Our initiatives to increase and retain members include: automatic letters, such as a welcome letter, "We missed you at the meeting", email campaign for delinquent (permanently), AHPBA Liaison Program, membership brochure, list of benefits (from each committee), develop sub-groups for membership communication every 3-4 months, such as liaison, mailing calendar, website, besides preparing special material for local meetings using its own language.

With more than 1,000 members from all around the Americas, AHPBA is the perfect place for you to meet colleagues and friends and to share your expertise. I welcome your feedback and look forward to learning how AHPBA can be of value.

We Remain,

Felipe J. F. Coimbra, MD
Membership Committee Chair



JOIN NOW!

Please encourage colleagues to join AHPBA online now at www.ahpba.org

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active	796
Allied Health	18
Candidate	154
Senior	68
TOTAL	1036

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AHPBA FOUNDATION

*Advancing Research, Education, Training
and Philanthropic Endeavors of the AHPBA*

The AHPBAF was created to support the vision, principals and objectives of the Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA). Our focus is to foster and advance the research, education and training activities of the AHPBA and, thereby, enhance the quality of hepato-pancreato-biliary surgery and patient care.

The AHPBA Foundation was founded exclusively for charitable, research, educational, and training purposes in the field of HPB surgery. The work and awards of the Foundation are supported through gifts from individual members, corporations, other foundations, patients in honor of family members or friends, and from the AHPBA.

Endeavors supported by the Foundation include:

- International Collaboration through Regional Travel Grants
- Research Support for Promising HPB Investigators
- Global Surgical and Medical Humanitarian Outreach Missions
- Annual named lectures at the AHPBA Congress

**Help us reach our
short-term goal of generating
a \$1 Million Endowment**

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HPB FELLOWSHIPS

The **HPB fellowships** are growing in recognition and stature. These fellowships are highly sought after and are rapidly becoming the most competitive mode by which to train in HPB surgery. The application process is now open through the Fellowship Council. The plan is to move the match up to a 4th year match, such that residents can “early specialize” in their final year of training towards a career in HPB surgery.

There are currently two fellowship courses that will be sponsored by the AHPBA: one August 18-19th at The Carolina’s Medical Center focusing on minimally invasive liver and pancreatic surgery. This will feature an evening of history and advice on practice-building, followed by a day of didactics and live cases observation. The

second course will be jointly sponsored with the Society of Surgical Oncology and will be held in Cincinnati November 7-8th. This course will focus in novel techniques in liver and pancreatic resection and will include a lab.

Another important piece of news: the AHPBA will lead the effort on a tripartite consensus conference on training. The first of it’s kind, this conference will engage the other societies that are involved in training surgeons in HPB surgery- the SSO and the ASTS. The expected date for the conference will be with ACS 2014; more to come!

D. Rohan Jeyarajah, MD
HPB Program Directors Chair

International Relations Committee Updates



NICARAGUA

For the second year in a row, the AHPBA sent a humanitarian surgical outreach team led by Jean-Nicolas Vauthey, MD to Managua, Nicaragua (December 5-8, 2012). The surgical team consisted of 3 team members: Dr. Vauthey (surgeon), his physician assistant, Steven Wei, PA-C, and Dr. Alex Holmes (Anesthesia). They were hosted by Sergio Lopez Torres, MD (Surgery), and Julio Ramon Castillo, MD (Interventional Radiology). Charitable support and surgical supplies were generously provided by both Ethicon and Medtronic. Some highlights of this short trip to Managua included`

- Morning rounds of HPB cases with Dr. Torres at Hospital Escuela Dr. Roberto Calderon Gutierrez
- One-year follow-up of a patient s/p extended right hepatectomy (NET metastases) from last AHPBA trip (December 2011)
- Liver surgery OR cases, including hands-on surgical teaching with local surgeons and residents

- 2nd Workshop Hepatobiliopancreatic, including presentations on colorectal liver metastases, anesthesia for liver cases, and HPB cases studies
- Brief tours of Managua and Masaya, and delightful Nicaraguan hospitality

During our brief stay in Nicaragua (second poorest country in Western hemisphere), we learned that there is still so much that we can offer, specifically in the area of HPB surgery, both in terms of knowledge and medical support. Although the resources are severely limited, Dr. Torres and his colleagues are passionate about providing the most advanced and appropriate care possible for his patients suffering from HPB diseases. The AHPBA can help assist Dr. Torres and his colleagues in building an effective HPB practice by providing hands-on surgical training, knowledge, and support.

Jean-Nicolas Vauthey, MD

AHPBAF Treasurer

AHPBA Past President



Team performing Nissan Funoplication laparoscopically in Sulaymaneh Kurdistan of Iraq

KURDISTAN

The 3rd Annual Joint AHPBA, ICS, Operation Hope & World Surgical Foundation Joint Humanitarian Surgical / Medical Outreach to Kurdistan of Iraq (March 8-20, 2013)

Approximately 1.4 billion people live in poverty globally. One-third of diseases in developing countries are potentially treatable by surgery. Surgical disease represents a substantial global burden. Surgeons in the USA are playing a pivotal role in addressing this medical burden via volunteerism and humanitarian capacity building.

Dr Gazi B. Zibari Lead a team of 17 Health Professional to Iraqi Kurdistan (March 8-20, 2013). Several members of our medical team have been doing surgical/medical humanitarian outreach work in Kurdistan of Iraq since the 1st Gulf War. This comprehensive team was co-sponsored by the AHPBA, ICS, Operation Hope & World Surgical Foundation.

The destination of our surgical team was Kurdistan of Iraq, the war torn country that is also the heartland of Mesopotamia and the cradle of civilization. This mission was very special because 25 years ago, the people of Kurdistan, particularly the people of the city of Halabja were subjected to genocide and chemical warfare. The people of Mesopotamia not only suffered the ravage of several Wars over last several decades, but also were subjected to torture, atrocities, and the Anfal Campaign whereby over 189,000 Kurdish Civilians were vanished and annihilated by the previous Iraqi Regime of Saddam Husain. Additionally, over one million people were killed during Iraqi-Iran War alone, not to mention the countless casualties incurred during both gulf wars. Nearly 450 mass graves have been discovered through out Iraq since Saddam's regime was toppled and the Iraqi people were liberated in 2003.



Dr. Zibari in front of donated RFA

KURDISTAN *continued*

We devoted a full day to the 3rd Annual Joint AHPBA, ICS, Operation Hope & World Surgical Foundation "A Comprehensive State of the Art Surgical & Medical Symposium" on March 13, 2013. This symposium was given in honor of victims of Halabja Chemical Warfare 25 years ago (March 16, 1988). This time around we felt it was appropriate to put more emphasis on trauma, emergency medicine and critical care. We were very fortunate to have well respected colleagues in the areas of trauma, critical care, emergency medicine, neurosurgery, interventional radiology, ENT, advanced Laparoscopic surgery, HPB Surgery and Transplantation in addition to epidemiologist, physician extenders, etc. The people of Kurdistan are very fortunate to have so many dedicated surgeons and physician friends who were willing to make so many sacrifices in order to support them. Also, our faculties participated in Mesopotamia health congress in Sulamani, Kurdistan of Iraq on March 14-15, 2013.

During this Scientific Program team members addressed different topics ranging from disaster care, introduction to exposure assessment, diagnosis and treatment of illness due to chemical agents and bioterrorism and epidemiology of multi-drug resistant TB.

Additionally, the team visited Syrian Refugee Camp in Kurdish Region of Iraq and several of their patients were operated on by our team in Duhok, Kurdistan of Iraq. Our team was greeted by speaker and Vice President of Kurdistan Regional Parliament in Erbil, the Kurdish Regional Capital. We approached the Kurdish Parliament leadership to establish and adopt Cadaveric Organ Donation in Kurdistan. The leadership was very open and willing to bring it to the floor of Parliament with guidance of our medical colleagues in Health Ministry of Kurdish Region. The team is planning to go back to Kurdistan spring, 2014.

As you can see that different organizations (AHPBA, Operation Hope, ICS, World Surgical Foundation) put their energy and man power together in order to send a very comprehensive team to achieve their goal of capacity building. The team was very successful in educating the local medical community, treating complex pathology, and engaged both local medical and political leadership to support our capacity building. Because of the capacity building annual teams, now renal transplantation, HPB surgery, advanced laparoscopic surgery, trauma and complex neurosurgical and ENT procedures have been adopted successfully in this part of world.

Finally, I am in debt to all sponsoring organizations, my own colleagues who volunteered their time and energy to take care of the poor and the needy far away from home. Also, I extend my thanks to the Office of Kurdish Regional Prime Minister, Mr. Nichervan Barzani for treating our team like dignitaries during our stay in Kurdistan. Additionally, we are very thankful to our medical colleagues in Duhok and Sulaymani for their warm welcome and for putting all their resources and operating rooms at our disposal. We are very grateful to Col Mark Weber for supporting our team and to Mr. Roger Lindley for creating a wonderful documentary about our outreach trip. Lastly, but not the least, I want to congratulate AHPBA's leadership and foundation for making humanitarian surgical/medical outreach one of their major priorities.

Gazi B. Zibari, MD, FACS
AHPBA Treasurer

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

For your planning convenience, additional future meeting dates are as follows:

2013

1st Congress Mexican Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AMHPB) and the Mexican Chapter of the Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA)

3-5 July, 2013

Live Acqua Cancun Hotel,
Cancun, Mexico

2014

CPS 2014: International Symposium of the Medical and Surgical Treatment of Chronic Pancreatitis

6-8 February, 2014

Kiawah Island, SC

2014 CONTINUED

AHPBA 2014 Annual Meeting

11th World Congress
19-23 February, 2014
Miami Beach, FL

11th World Congress

22-27 March, 2014
Seoul, Korea

2nd Argentina & Latin American Congress of Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgery

28-30 April, 2014
Buenos Aires, Argentina

2015

AHPBA 2015 Annual Meeting

11-15 March, 2015
Eden Roc
Miami Beach, FL

5th A-HPBA 2015 Regional Congress

18-21 March, 2015
Singapore

E-AHPBA 2015 Congress

22-24, April 2015
Manchester, UK

2016

12th World Congress

19-23 April, 2016
Sao Paulo, Brazil



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

If you are interested in joining one of the AHPBA committees, send your name and committees of interest to events@lp-etc.com.

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- Professional Development
- Program Committee
- Publications
- Research



MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Thanks to the 2012-2013 AHPBA Council



The Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA), an incorporated, nonprofit organization, was created with a vision of devoting itself to relieving the human suffering caused by HPB disorders throughout the world, by improving education, training, innovation, research and patient care.

The AHPBA serves as the American Chapter of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (IHPBA). The IHPBA was formally inaugurated at its first General Assembly on May 31, 1994 in Boston, Massachusetts. The AHPBA was inaugurated later that same year in Chicago, Illinois. Since then the AHPBA has grown from a handful of surgeons interested in HPB surgery to a membership of nearly a thousand.