We had another very successful meeting in Florida this past February. Dr. Bryan Clary and the Program Committee did a great job putting together a meeting that really had something for everyone. Dr. Thomas Aloia is already hard at work on the program for 2015 which promises to have some exciting new features. Please mark your calendars for March 11-15 at the Eden Roc in Miami Beach!

The AHPBA continues to have a very strong Outreach program with recent trips to Costa Rica, Iraq, and Honduras. Please read all about Dr. Gazi Zibari’s recent trip to Iraq in this issue. Dr. Zibari has made this amazing work a central part of his career; please view the news feature on Dr. Zibari at http://vsee.com. Anyone interested in getting involved in future outreach trips should contact Dr. Sean Cleary the Chair of the International Relations Committee at Sean.Cleary@uhn.ca.

This year in conjunction with the SSO and the ASTS the Education Committee will jointly host a Consensus Conference on Training in HPB Surgery. This one day meeting will take place on Monday, October 27 at the Omni Hotel in San Francisco. This transdisciplinary meeting will tackle many of the important and controversial areas that deal with the training of HPB surgeons. It is being held during the ACS Clinical Congress to maximize attendance. Please plan on attending this meeting which will have positive implications for the training of future HPB surgeons. You may register online at www.ahpba.org.

The AHPBA received exciting news recently. We have been granted representation on the Board of Governors of the ACS. This important body acts as a liaison between the Board of Regents and the Fellows of the College. This very important recognition is a result of hard work by past presidents and Dr. Henry Pitt. We are currently in the process of nominating our first Governor.

In this newsletter we have included a brief biography about the member of the AHPBA responsible for the current logo of the Association, Dr. Oscar Andriani. Please read about him in the newsletter. Along similar lines we have recently sent out a request for proposals to develop an official Slogan of the AHPBA. Please submit slogans for consideration at www.ahpba.org by Saturday, August 30th. All submissions are welcome!

This year will be marked by the development of new chapters in South America in Bolivia and Peru. Other chapters currently pending include Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic and Paraguay. Outstanding Chapter meetings have and will occur in Argentina and Brazil this year. Anyone able to attend is encouraged to as the program looks great and can be found at www.ahpba.org.

Have a great summer and I will look forward to seeing many of you at the Consensus Conference this fall.

Elijah Dixon, MD
AHPBA President, 2014-2015
2014-15 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

We would like to introduce the AHPBA 2014–2015 Executive Council and Committee Chairs

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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: $319 (+ 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 Monday, February 16, 2015.

RESERVATIONS TELEPHONE: 855-433-3676
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AHPBA CHAPTER RECOGNITION

AHPBA welcomes the newest official chapters into the association:

CANADA
The Canadian Hepato-Pancreatico-biliary Association was formed over a decade ago by Francis Sutherland and Michael Marcaccio as an organization to promote and coordinate professional, educational, research and social activities among HPB surgeons in Canada. The CHPBA works closely with the Canadian Association of General Surgeons to provide HPB related content, invited lectureships and continuing medical education to Canadian surgeons through local and national meetings.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT
Sean P. Cleary, MD

GUATEMALA
During the 2nd Congress of the AHPBA Ecuador Chapter in The Galapagos Islands in December 2013 with the participation of 6 members, the Guatemalan Chapter was established.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT
Erick Roberto Soto Solís, MSc., MACG

MEXICO
Mexico National Chapter was created in July 2013 during the first Congress of the Mexican Hepato Pancreato Biliary Association in the city of Cancun.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT
Carlos Chan, MD

PANAMA
The Panama Chapter of the AHPBA was created in August, 2013. This chapter has begun with 7 members and is looking forward to collaborate actively with the AHPBA and other Chapters.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT
Moises Cukier, MD

URUGUAY
The Uruguayan Society of Surgery, founded in 1920, it is a scientific and professional association that congregates all surgeons of our country. As a part of this Society, in July of 2012, the HBP Chapter was created, with its own authorities, monthly meetings and an annual course in the Uruguayan Surgery Congress.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT
Hernan E. Parodi, MD

NEW CHAPTERS
Currently we have six additional chapters pending: Bolivia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Peru, Dominican Republic, and Paraguay. This new expansion brings more resources, knowledge and experiences to our membership and is an exciting new direction for AHPBA.

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. For additional information or questions, please contact events@lp-etc.com

EXISTING CHAPTERS

ARGENTINA  BRAZIL  CHILE  ECUADOR

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Dear Members of the AHPBA

The Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Foundation (AHPBF) was created to support the vision and mission of the AHPBA. In particular, the Foundation plans to expand the support of meritorious research through research grants, enrich the Americas Congress through sponsoring travel grants and lectureships and support regional HPB surgeon exchanges as well as humanitarian outreach missions. This year, the Foundation is supporting the following:

- $30,000 research grant
- $10,000 to support four-$2,500 travel grants to attend the Americas Congress
- $2,500 for the Blumgart Historical Lecture
- $15,000 for three-$5,000 regional international exchanges of AHPBA members from Latin/South America to North America or vice versa to observe and learn from one another
- $10,000 for surgical outreach missions to Latin America

The Foundation congratulates this year’s recipients of the Traveling Fellowships:

- Kevin Billingsley, MD (Oregon Health & Science, USA) traveling to Hospital Italiano, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Jaime Kruger, MD (Sao Paulo Medical School, Brazil) traveling to University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
- Pablo Serrano Aybar, MD (McMasters University, Canada) traveling to Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Chile

None of this activity would be possible if it were not for the generous support of the AHPBF Executive Council and general members who have thus far made contributions to the Foundation. The Foundation Board and I want to sincerely thank each member who has contributed to the AHPBF. While the Foundation’s assets have grown to $500,000, we have a long way to go to reach our short term goal of $1,000,000 by March of 2015. To do this, the AHPBF needs broader support from the entire membership and continued annual support from the Executive Council. WE NEED EVERYONE’S HELP TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS GREAT EFFORT. I am hoping that every member of the AHPBA is willing to make a tax deductible donation of $50 or more before the end of this year as they renew their membership. This small contribution, if made by the general membership, would add up to over $50,000 in total and enough to support an entire research grant next year. So please join me, the AHPBA Executive Council and the Foundation Board members in supporting the AHPBF.

Please note that your donation or pledges also can be directed to specific causes such as humanitarian outreach, the Bernard Langer Fellow’s Conference, or the Blumgart Historical Lecture. Credit card payments may be made online at www.ahpba.org/foundation or you can contact the Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Foundation via telephone at 913-402-7102 or email events@lp-etc.com.

Thank you for your generous support and interest in supporting the mission of the AHPBF Foundation.

Sincerely,

W. Scott Helton, MD
President, AHPBF
AHPB FOUNDATION

The AHPBF 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.

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The AHPBA Publications Committee has been hard at work over the last year, since our new management transition. Here are just a few of the items the committee has been able to accomplish during this time.

**Complete re-haul of AHPBA website. Over 2,000 edits made to AHPBA website in 10 months.**

Edits include changes to overall design, cleaning and updating old content, adding social media buttons, opening various submitters, adding a webpage for each AHPBA Chapter, and keeping content current.

Uploaded 7 “Case of the Month” cases to website, including one in Spanish.

**Facebook, Twitter**
The Facebook page has seen 229 “likes” as of May 15, 2014 and after a year on Twitter there are 456 Total Tweets (1.2 average tweets/day) with 227 people following @AHPBA.

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**HPB Journal Information**
On behalf of Professor Garden and the HPB Editorial team, we are delighted to announce that HPB has been accepted for indexing in Medline. This is a great achievement for HPB and will undoubtedly have a significant impact on the journal’s profile and discoverability. This success has been the result of the collective efforts of the Editors, Editorial Board and Associations. We express our gratitude to all parties involved.

Professor James Garden and the HPB Editorial team

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2014 Research Award Winner
Jonathan Hernandez, MD
Characterization of Dormancy and Outgrowth for Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer in the Liver
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Supported by: AHPBA

*The 2015 Research Award Application Deadline is January 5, 2015.

2013 Traveling Fellowship Recipients
Adnan A. Alseid, MD, EdM
Digestive Disease Institute
Destination: National Institute of Medical Science and Nutrition Salvador Zubiran, Mexico City, Mexico.
Hosts: Carlos Chan Nunez, MD, Miguel a Mercado, MD
INNSZ Fellows: Ismael Dominguez Rosado, MD, Daniel Zamora-Valdés, MD

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Hospital Regional De Alta Especialidad de La Peninsula de Yucatan
Destination: Seattle, WA

Jiping Wang, MD, PhD
Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Destination: Buenos Aires, Argentina
Host: Alberto R. Ferreres, MD, PhD, FACS

International Relations Travel Fellow Grants 2014 Recipients

Nicaragua
Sergio Manuel Lopez Torrez, MD, MSc

Columbia
Alvaro Andres Duarte Garces, MD

Brazil
Jaime Arthur Pirola Kruger, MD

Honduras
Hoover Rodyl Henriquez Cooper, MD

The AHPBA and the International Relations Committee are pleased to announce the Travel Awards for the 2015 Annual Meeting. The goal of the fellowships is to assist trainees and AHPBA members from Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America to attend the AHPBA Annual Meeting in Miami on March 11-15, 2015. AHPBA Candidate and Full members (within the first 5 years of their faculty appointment) are eligible to apply for these awards.

Four fellowships awards are available and each fellowship is valued at $2500, and is to be used to offset the costs of travel and accommodation for the Fellow at the Annual meeting. Watch the website for details coming shortly at www.ahpba.org

The 2014 Traveling Fellowship Application Deadline was April 1, 2014.
2ND ARGENTINE AND LATIN AMERICAN CONGRESS ON HEPATO-PANCREATO-BILIARY SURGERY – HPB 2014

On April 28-30, 2014 the 2nd Argentine and Latin American Congress on Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgery – HPB 2014 was held at the Sheraton Libertador Hotel in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

During the Congress the following scientific activities took place:

1. Pre-Congress Course
2. Debate sessions
3. Case Presentation sessions
4. Controversy in HPB sessions
5. Master video sessions

534 Participants

413 Argentina
121 Other countries
  - Chile 23
  - Brazil 12
  - Uruguay 12
  - Perú 10
  - Paraguay 8

12 Other countries
  - Argentina
  - Bolivia
  - Brazil
  - Ecuador
  - Guatemala
  - Perú
  - Paraguay

92 Abstracts

- 44 Free videos
- 28 Oral presentations
- 20 Posters

A joint meeting with the Presidents of the Latin American HPB Chapters together with the Presidents of the IHPBA and AHPBA was organized. The objective of the meeting was to analyze the regional and national characteristics of each Chapter and define common pathways of cooperation with both societies.

The following invited speakers participated in the scientific program:

Dr. Renán Antelo (Bolivia)  
Dr. Erwin Buckel (Chile)  
Dr. Luiz Carneiro D'albuquerque (Brasil)  
Dr. Felipe Coimbra (Brasil)  
Dr. Luis Carlos Chan (México)  
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Dr. Víctor Torres Cueva (Perú)  
Dr. Pablo Valsangiacomo (Uruguay)  
Dr. Thomas Van Gulik (Holanda)

One of the most important aspects of the event was the active participation of the delegates with interesting discussions and comments in all the presentations, papers and videos presented.

During the meeting 12 delegates were registered as new members of the AHPBA.

Javier C. Lendoire MD, PhD  
Congress Chairman
The HPB Program Directors Committee continues to grow stronger with the HPB fellowship model gaining traction and recognition. The match, which is run through the Fellowship Council, was a great success this year with a record number of applicants for the available positions. The match is now a fourth year match for residents, such that the Chief residency year can be tailored towards a focused rotation schedule felt to better prepare residents for fellowship training.

An upcoming highlight is a Consensus Conference on Training in HPB Surgery. This is an event that is co-sponsored by the AHPBA, SSO and ASTS. This will be held on Monday, October 27th in San Francisco, during the ACS Clinical Congress. You may register online at www.ahpba.org.

The hope is that we can find common themes in HPB training across all pathways to make for a more uniformed and well trained product.

The HPB Program Directors group welcomes any input and questions. Please email the chair, Rohan Jeyarajah, at Rohanjeyarajah@gmail.com.

Oscar Andriani completed his residency and was Chief Resident in General Surgery at the Hospital Español, de Buenos Aires. He did his training in HBP Surgery and Liver Transplantation in the Centre Hépato-Biliaire, Hôpital Paul Brousse (Villejuif France) with Prof. Henri Bismuth (1987-1988). Currently he is the Associate Head of HBP Surgery and the Liver Transplantation Unit and Co-director of the HBP Surgery and Liver Transplantation Fellowship Program, Hospital Universitario Austral (Pilar, Argentina).

He is an avid skier and loves to draw. He wanted to create a logo that could be drawn in a single stroke without taking the marker off the paper. This is the origin of the logo for the AHPBA.
2014-15 MEETINGS OF INTEREST
For your planning convenience, additional future meeting dates are as follows:

8th ILCA Annual Conference
5-7 September, 2014
Kyoto, Japan

AHPBA Panama Chapter Meeting
17-18 September, 2014
Panama City, Panama

AHPBA Canada Chapter Meeting
19-20 September, 2014
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

2nd International Consensus Conference on Laparoscopic Liver Resection
4-6 October, 2014
Morioka City, Iwate, 020-8501, Japan

AHPBA Bolivia Chapter Meeting
8-10 October, 2014
Tarija, Bolivia

Consensus Conference on Training in HPB Surgery
27 October, 2014
San Francisco, CA

2 Congreso AMHPB & AHPBA
3-5 December, 2014
Cancun, Mexico

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CURRENT MEMBERSHIP
Active 974
Allied Health 34
Candidate 193
Senior 72
TOTAL 1,273
Since 2011 AHPBA has been sending a minimum of 5 Humanitarian Surgical/Medical Outreach Teams annually to Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica and Ecuador and also to Kurdistan of Iraq. The focus of these comprehensive humanitarian outreach teams has been centered on capacity building. AHPBA has successfully collaborated with other medical organization and foundation in these endeavors especially in Kurdistan of Iraq. AHPBA has been teaming up with Operation Hope, World Surgical Foundation and The American Kurdish Medical Group and VSee to Kurdistan of Iraq. Once again this year, Dr. Zibari has led two separate such Surgical/medical outreach teams to Iraqi Kurdistan.

The 1st team traveled to Kurdistan in January 2014 and the focus was telemedicine and patient care. The team took advantage of telemedicine for the first time in this part of world. The team spent some time at Syrian refugee Camp of Domez in Province of Duhok, Kurdistan of Iraq. This telemedicine was launched very successfully. An Ophthalmologist was examining and treating Syrian Refugees eyes from Panama City via VSee Telemedicine. Several dozens of ENT, HPB & renal transplant as well as obesity surgery and advanced Laparoscopic Surgeries were performed in addition to a day dedicated to symposia.

Last month (May 10-24/2014) Dr. Zibari led another Humanitarian outreach team to Kurdistan of Iraq. This team was consistent with 2 Critical Care & Trauma Surgeons (UT Knoxville), 2 Emergency Medicine Physicians (LSU New Orleans), 2 attending Neurosurgeons with 2 of their fellows (2 from LSU Shreveport and 2 from University of Colorado), Vascular Surgeon (American Univ of Beirut), ENT and Advanced Laparoscopic Surgeons from Texas, Surgical Oncologist (LSUHSC-S) and Transplant / HPB Surgeon (WKHS) from Shreveport, LA; and an ophthalmologist from Panama City. Also, we had 4 individuals from VSee including their CEO to help with telemedicine technology and electronic medical record (California), in addition, a movie maker from Texas, Roger Lindley, Director/D.P., Ragtown Media and Korban Motion Pictures.

This team gave a state of the art Symposia and topics which included Trauma system of Care (Dr. Enderson), Designing a pre-hospital emergency medical service for Kurdistan (Dr. Moreno-
Walton), Penetrating neck trauma (Dr. Smith), Penetrating & blast injuries and TBI (Dr. Bolles), Update in the FAST Exam (Dr. Butts), Vascular Trauma (Dr. Hoballah), Telemedicine + wearable sensors= distributed hospital (Dr. Chen), The rise of the Machines (Dr. Dean), Management of Pancreatic Cancer (Dr. Chu), The utility and limitation of ICG angiography in cerebral aneurysm surgery (Dr. Guthikonda), Endoscopic resection of intra-ventricular lesions (Dr. Shafer), and Advanced Robotic Surgery / Robotic Whipple (Dr. Zibari).

In addition to the symposia, our Emergency Physicians and trauma surgeons were hard at work educating local ER physician, house staff and personnel about ATLS....etc.

This team also conducted 2 four hour seminars: Topics in Critical Care in Acute Medicine for the Internal Medicine doctors and Topics in Trauma. Each seminar was attended by 20-25 doctors, so 40-50 doctors were served by this program. Lectures for topics in Critical Care in Acute Medicine: Basic Echocardiography, Electrolyte Disturbances: Diagnosis and Management, Management of Shock in Acute Medicine, Interpretation of the Arterial Blood Gas. Lectures for Topics in Trauma: FAST for Trauma, Diagnosis and Treatment of Shock in Trauma, Stabilization of the Pediatric Trauma Patient, Triage and Initial Assessment in Trauma.

Also, other faculties were giving lectures to medical students and house staff between cases and clinics. More importantly, over 500 patients were seen in consultations in ER, wards, consultation clinic and at day surgery. Additionally, some 85 major cases were performed by our team ranging from HPB surgeries to Transhiatal esophagectomy, Pelvic exoneration, Major ENT / Ophthalmology, Breast, gastric, goiters, choleduchal cysts, surgeries and Complex Neurosurgical cases as well as renal transplantation...etc.

This team donated a complete laparoscopic tower, VSee Telemedicine equipment, Laparoscopic equipment as well as Ophthalmology / ENT equipment and supplies...etc. The Telemedicine equipment has helped the team to follow up with our patients and also, our team members are available for consultation via VSee to local Doctors. Our goal is to go back and reinforce what we have taught them and to teach them new innovations and to invite them to visit our centers in USA and to help them attend our scientific meetings... etc. We have established Renal Transplant, HPB center and have introduced advanced Laparoscopic techniques in this worn torn part of the world.
**HUMANITARIAN TRIP CONTINUED**

**VSee Team in Iraq – Syrian Refugee Telemedicine Clinic in Duhok**

Duhok (Dohuk or Dahuk) is about an hour from the Turkish border of Iraqi Kurdistan.

Syrian refugee camp tents concrete base and soft roof

Syrian refugee camp patients waiting to be seen as we unload our equipment.

**Several interesting surgical cases done by team**

7th month old child with myelomeningocele and hydrocephalus who underwent repair and V.P. shunt by Dr. Bharat Guthikonda.

26 year old female with brain Meningioma who underwent resection by our neurosurgery colleagues.
20 year old white female involved in a motor vehicle accident with obvious spinal injury who underwent internal fixation by Dr. Bharat Guthikonda, Dr. Gene Bolles and their house staff Dr. David Shafer and Dr. Rimal Hanif.

A child from Kirkuk traveled many hours to be seen by our team. She has meningioma arising from upper sternum/neck. She was treated with B-Blockade & steroids.

7 year old child with symptomatic choledochal cyst who underwent resection and hepatico-jejunostomy

17 year old male with necrotic/infected sarcoma of Right shoulder who underwent amputation by Dr. Quyen Chu, Dr. Gazi B. Zibari and assisted by Dr. Mustafa Mufti

70 year old Kurdish male with recurrent basal cell cancer who underwent resection and plastic reconstruction by Drs. Marc Dean, Dr. Raul Chanis

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17 year old male with necrotic/infected sarcoma of Right shoulder who underwent amputation by Dr. Quyen Chu, Dr. Gazi B. Zibari and assisted by Dr. Mustafa Mufti

70 year old Kurdish male with recurrent basal cell cancer who underwent resection and plastic reconstruction by Drs. Marc Dean, Dr. Raul Chanis

20 year old white female involved in a motor vehicle accident with obvious spinal injury who underwent internal fixation by Dr. Bharat Guthikonda, Dr. Gene Bolles and their house staff Dr. David Shafer and Dr. Rimal Hanif.

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