LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

We had a wonderful meeting in Miami last March. Thomas Aloia and the Program Committee did a great job, with an outstanding Program that covered different areas of HPB Surgery and Transplantation. As usually happens in the odd years, we had a more international flavor, with the participation of the IHPBA Scientific Committee members. Please mark your calendars, our next AHPBA meeting will be held April 20-23, 2016 in Sao Paulo-Brazil, together with the 12th World Congress of the IHPBA. Chuck Vollmer (IHPBA Program Chair), Chris Sonnenday (AHPBA Program Chair), the International Scientific Committee and the Brazilian Local Organizing Committee did an integrated outstanding job developing an excellent Program that will cover the full spectrum of HPB topics. During the first day, three very interesting activities will run together, a Case-based Post-grad Course, a Practical Hands-on Training Course and the First International State-of-the-Art Conference on MIS Pancreatectomy. Also Luiz Carneiro D’Albuquerque and his team have organized a very attractive social Program with the typical “Carnival Brazilian” flavour. Please be aware of the Visa requirements principally for the US & Canada delegates and faculty. Remember to begin your application process well in advance!

Congratulations for the new Chapters of Bolivia, Paraguay and Perú recognized in our last Business meeting in Miami. At the present time 12 Chapters are now official members of our organization. Other chapters currently pending are the Caribbean, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Nicaragua & Venezuela. Strong efforts from several HPB surgeons from these countries are taking place to create and develop each of these Chapters. Outstanding Chapter meetings have and will occur in Brazil, Perú, Chile, Guatemala and México during this year. Anyone able to attend will find more information at www.ahpba.org/resources/meetings-of-interest.phtml.

After the competition organized last year by the Membership Committee, now AHPBA has its own Official Slogan: “Improving Lives through Education, Research & Innovation”. Proposed by past President Dr William Jarnagin, this slogan clearly represents in a single statement the goals, beliefs, history and future of our Society.

The AHPBA Outreach Program, started by Gazi Zibari, continued to grow with the recent trips to Kurdistan, Nicaragua, Honduras and Bolivia. Please read all about the recent trip to the Amazonia (Pando) - Bolivia in this issue. It is clear that the participation of the neighboring Chapters to the region involved will be very helpful for the AHPBA to expand the Outreach Program all over the continent. Anyone interested in participating in future outreach trips should contact Dr. Hosein Shokouh-Amiri the Chair of the International Relations Committee at hshokouh@wkhs.com.

Our 2nd Annual Fund Run held at our last meeting in March was a huge success. Congratulations to the Foundation Board and to the Fund Run Donation Leaders for their hard work in this event.

Have a great summer and I will look forward to seeing many of you at the various committee meetings held at the ACS Clinical Congress in October.

Javier Lendoire, MD, PhD
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April 20 - 23, 2016

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Abstract Deadline: September 14, 2015

*São Paulo Visa Information

VISAS are required by individuals in US, Canada, Australia and Japan. Information may be found on the Congress website http://www.ihpba2016.com/ This process can take some time, so members planning to attend the event in Brazil are encouraged to begin this process well in advance!

*Note: this meeting will be held in place of an AHPBA Annual Meeting in 2016
12th WORLD CONGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

Preparations for next year’s 12th World Congress of the IHPBA, to be held April 20-23, 2016 in Sao Paulo, have been in motion for over a year now. Our esteemed international Scientific Committee has been fully integrated with the Local Organizing Committee in Brazil and our own AHPBA Program Committee led by Chris Sonnenday. Other support has come from our colleagues from Argentina, Oscar Imventarza (IHPBA President -Elect) and Javier Lendoire (AHPBA President) who produced a successful congress last time it was held in our region - 2010 in Buenos Aires. The theme for next year’s meeting is befitting of the location – “A Carnival of HPB”.

The program and core faculty are already secured; while it promises to be of the highest quality that you have grown to expect from our international meetings, you will also find many elements which are familiar from our Americas meetings of recent years. In fact, half of the faculty for the meeting will come from the America’s region and naturally there will be robust representation from Latin and South America. The full spectrum of HPB diseases will be equally featured in parallel tracks including: Hepatic, Pancreatic, Biliary, Liver Transplantation and other subject matter.

The first (Post-grad) day, Wednesday the 20th, will feature three parallel processes:

1) A case-based post-grad course featuring MIS techniques and approaches to HPB diseases led by Mariano Gimenez from Argentina. Anyone from South America realizes the quality product Mariano has delivered in the past. 2) Practical hands-on training in technologies aimed at our younger members/trainees. These will occur at local industry venues close to the Congress headquarters in Sao Paulo, and 3) The first international State-of-the-Art conference on MIS Pancreatectomy, which we anticipate will be a crown jewel of the meeting.

The core meeting will take place over the ensuing three days (April 21-23) and each day will emphasize exclusive, featured content from the IHPBA, AHPBA, and Brazilian LOC consecutively. Presidential addresses will be delivered by IHPBA President Palepu Jagannath, Javier Lendoire and Luiz Carneiro D’Albuquerque. Living Legend lectures by Jacques Belghiti, Masao Tanaka, and our own Paul Greig will be can’t miss events, as will be five keynote lectures by other esteemed international investigators. Our AHPBA Leslie Blumgart Historical Address will be provided by Steven Strasberg, and the Henry and Betty Pitt Quality Orator will be Carlos Pellegrini. There will also be opportunities to learn from world-renowned leaders through 17 “Meet-the-Professor” offerings. Of course, the core programing you have come to expect will be delivered through 13 major symposia which will revolve around multidisciplinary care, technical topics, and scientific breakthroughs. In addition, 15 debates over contentious subjects will be argued by well-recognized icons in our field. Eighteen update lectures are planned, with opportunities for questions from the expert presenters. Some featured events include a Writers Workshop (led by Professor Garden and the Editors of HPB), a session on Pediatric HPB, and a committee showcase on “HPB Education Around the World”. We will also feature content you have enjoyed at previous AHPBA meetings – the “Clinical Trials in Progress”, “Tricks of the Trade”, and “Great Problems of Our Time” motifs. We will also conduct another installment of the Langer Fellows Symposium – this time with some international flavor. Finally, we have a special joint session planned with SAGES called “Safe Cholecystectomy” where leaders in biliary tract disease will promote optimal approaches to gallbladder surgery.

Of course, the meeting is meant to showcase the best in scientific investigations in HPB diseases. From over 4000 expected abstracts, we’ll determine the best content to be displayed through plenary sessions including the “Best of the Best” (Top 12), Young Investigator, Long- Oral, and Mini-oral sessions.

Embedded throughout these will be invited videos from the masters in our field. This Congress marks a move to E-posters only, including oral “talking-poster” presentations. As always, there will be ample opportunities to present competitive videos from the membership as well.

We invite you to benefit from this hearty array of opportunities and welcome your own contributions. The Abstract submission site is open through September 14, 2015. Please note, there will NOT be any extension of this deadline which is firm. Otherwise, we invite you to register for your attendance as well at www.ihpba2016.com. Please be aware that delegates from some countries, especially the United States and Canada, will require a Visa for attendance in Brazil. It is suggested that this be addressed early, particularly since the Olympics will be held in Brazil later in 2016. We look forward to seeing you at the WTC Sheraton, which is a spectacular venue located in a safe and sophisticated section of Sao Paulo. Please go to the official congress website at www.ihpba2016.com for additional details.

Looking forward to advancing our field and renewing our relationships in Brazil!
A new post-graduate initiative this year is a “State of the Art” Conference on Minimally Invasive Pancreatectomy (MIP). The goals of the conference are to dissect the existing literature on MIP, identify areas of expert consensus where possible, clarify topics in need of further study, and develop mechanisms to improve our knowledge in this exciting area of HPB surgery. A multinational organizing committee is in place to select experts who will analyze the existing data. Attendees will have opportunities to contribute to the process. This conference will serve as the initial spark in our collective understanding of MIP. We look forward to your participation!

Invitation from Congress Chairman: Luiz Augusto Carneiro D’Albuquerque

The AHPBA 2016 Congress will take place in São Paulo, Brazil together with the 12th World Congress of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association at the Sheraton WTC Complex from April 20 to 23, 2016.

Participants will have a unique opportunity to meet colleagues and exchange ideas in a friendly, congenial and safe environment. There will be many opportunities to discuss state of the art approaches and consult experts in both informal discussions and formal sessions. The Scientific Program is ready with 95% of speakers confirmed.

Oral and E-Poster presentations will illustrate the current worldwide research and innovative ideas in the field. Submission deadline is September 14, 2015.

AHPBA and IHPBA World Congress will include high standard and hands-on courses as well as the IHPBA Consensus Conference on Minimally Invasive Pancreatic Resection that will all take place on the pre congress day. So, plan your trip to São Paulo on April 20.

America, Canada, Australia and Japan citizens are required to have a VISA to enter Brazil. Check the website for instructions.

Get your agenda prepared for AHPBA / IHPBA 2016. Save time for Brazil!

Online registration is open; it takes just a few minutes to register.

Visit www.ihpba2016.com
AHPBA CHAPTER RECOGNITION
AHPBA welcomes the newest official chapters into the association:

Inducted at 2015 Annual Meeting

**Bolivia**
The AHPBA Bolivian Chapter is part of the Bolivian Society of Surgery. It was created on August 15, 2013 during an HPB international meeting which had the participation of Professors Javier Lendoire, Oscar Imventarza, Ricardo Bracco and Ricardo Oddi from Buenos Aires, Argentina. Those meetings also had the presence of presidents from all the Surgical Societies of the Country.

**CHAPTER PRESIDENT**
Renan Antelo, MD

**Paraguay**
The Paraguayan chapter of Hepato Biliary Pancreatic Association has its origins in a proposal by the Argentine Chapter, thanks to the steady work of Dr. Alejandro Giménez and Julio Ramirez Sotomayor, since November 2013 initiated discussions with Drs. Javier Lendoire, Oscar Imventarza and Ricardo Oddi (Argentina) and Dr. Renan Antelo (Bolivia) regular participants of the activities organized by the AAC (Argentina Association Cirugia) and the Argentine Chapter of AHPBA.

**CHAPTER PRESIDENT**
Castor Samaniego Ayala, MD

**Peru**
The Peruvian Chapter of International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (CP-IHPBA) was founded in Lima with eleven members on March 21, 2013. Leaders of HPB Surgery in Peru joined with the support and collaboration of Dr. Javier Lendoire who focused us to join efforts to grow as Peruvian force of HPB Surgery and sharing our experience to the world. Currently we are 30 active members, and have done some local meetings in Lima; but we are going to organize an International Congress in Lima or Cusco for the next years with the support of the AHPBA.

**CHAPTER PRESIDENT**
Victor Hugo Torres Cueva, MD

**EXISTING CHAPTERS**
- Argentina
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- Ecuador
- Guatemala
- Mexico
- Panama
- Uruguay

**NEW CHAPTERS**
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 and Chapter Presidents must be members of the AHPBA. For additional information regarding forming a new chapter of the AHPBA please contact events@lp-etc.com.
AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the 2015 Annual Meeting Award Winners!

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
C. Wright Pinson, MD
Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Health Affairs
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Nashville, TN

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD WINNER
Joseph Owen, MD
Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO
Colorectal Liver Metastases: Disappearing Lesions in the Era of Eovist Hepatobiliary Magnetic Resonance Imaging

2014 TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS
Kevin G. Billingsley, MD
Professor and Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology
Oregon Health and Science University
Destination: Buenos Aires, Argentina | Host: Eduardo de Santibanes, MD
Jaime Krüger, MD
Liver Surgery Unit – Hospital das Clinicas
University of Sao Paulo Medical School
Destination: Pittsburgh, PA | Host: David Geller, MD
Pablo E. Serrano, MD, MPH, MSc
McMaster University
Destination: Santiago, Chile | Host: Nicolas Jarufe Cassis, MD

The 2015 Traveling Fellowship Application Deadline is July 1, 2015.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE – TRAVEL FELLOW GRANTS | 2015 Recipients
Gabriel Herrera, MD   Juan Jose Nuñez Ju, MD
Colombia       Peru
Mariano Palermo, MD, PhD   Patrick Roberts, MD
Argentina    Jamaica

The 2016 International Relations Travel Fellow Grant Deadline is December 1, 2015

2015 RESEARCH AWARD RECIPIENTS
Samer Tohme, MD
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA
The Role of Neutrophil Extracellular Traps in Liver Sterile Inflammation

Ashton Connor, MD
University of Toronto
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
DNA Mismatch Repair Deficiency in Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma

The 2016 Research Award Application Deadline is Friday, January 8, 2016.

2016 TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

The AHPBA and the International Relations Committee are pleased to announce the Travel Awards for the 2016 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 2016 Congress, to be held April 20-23 in Sao Paulo, Brazil. *AHPBA Candidate and Active 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 $2,500, and is to be used to offset the costs of travel and accommodation for the Fellow at the Annual Meeting.

The 2016 International Relations Travel Fellow Grant Deadline is December 1, 2015
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Professional Development Committee of the AHPBA has several areas of focus which work to foster academic and clinic advancement as well as support our members continued training through CME and Self-Assessment programs. First is the mentorship section of the Professional Development Committee. Currently as a committee we are working closely with the Fellowship Committee in order to determine needs and goals and then to create pathways in which these will propagate and continue to grow over the years. We have also included members from the Latin American Chapters in the committee to better determine the needs of these growing number of members and chapters and meet the needs they have from the AHPBA. The second area of focus for the Professional Development Committee is to provide CME and more importantly Self-Assessment CME to our membership. For ABS members, 60 hours of Self-Assessment are needed on every 3 year cycle. Over the past 4 years we have increased this amount offered at our annual meeting from 8 hours to 25 hours. I would like to thank the membership for making this a success as your participation has dramatically increased over the past three years. Our goal is to provide the requirements you need every year at our meeting. We hope to continue growth and ease of fulfilling your needs.

Thank you again for your input and participation and if any professional development needs arise please contact me freely.

EDUCATION & TRAINING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The AHPBA Education and Training Committee (ETC) is responsible for handling policy matters related to postgraduate HPB training and the fellowships. The requirements for attaining certification in HPB surgery were originally written in 2010 and have served the society and trainees well as a means of generating well-rounded and highly trained specialists in the field. Over the last year, the ETC took on the challenge of revising these requirements. The new cleaner and slightly more stringent requirements will become active with the group of fellows starting training in July of 2015. The certification requirement document will be available on the AHPBA website. We encourage you to review these documents to better understand the quality of the end product of an accredited HPB training.

Two additional education efforts have been under development over the last few years. The case-of-the-month moderated discussions take place on the myHPB website. Recognized experts in the field lead the fellows through a blog style discussion of HPB relevant topics. While the input is limited to the moderators and fellows, the quality of these discussions has been outstanding and may serve as an educational tool for any HPB interested surgeon.

Dr. Tara Kent (co-chair of the ETC) has lead the effort to develop a series of HPB Educational Modules which will be published on the myHPB website. These modules are written in a style similar to the SCOPE modules used in general surgical education. The modules are peer reviewed, learning objectives are outlined, and literature references are up to date. Again, this is an excellent educational tool for any HPB surgeon.
This last year membership has grown significantly with a 20% increase in Latin American members and 15% in North America. Furthermore, many new Latin American AHPBA Chapters have been organized. This all reflects in the meeting participation and increasing the penetration and influence of the association throughout the Americas. The membership committee has been working together with other committees supporting local meetings throughout the Americas, such as the one held in São Paulo, Brazil, last August, with more than 500 people in attendance, and the Brazilian HPB Chapter together with a local Cancer Institution, along with 5 national Associations who supported scientifically the Brazilian Multidisciplinary Colorectal Liver Metastases Treatment Consensus Conference. We have made some improvement in the website content regarding membership and added written and video testimonials, encouraging membership in the AHPBA. Additionally, it is important to highlight the winner of the recent Slogan Competition. This competition invited members to select a single statement that would best represent the AHPBA goals, beliefs, history and future. The winning slogan is “Improving Lives through Education, Research and Innovation” and was proposed by past president Dr. William Jarnagin, from Memorial Sloan Kettering. This slogan will now be used in all communication and advertising for the association. Finally, for this next year we will implement a new feature on the website: “Find Your HPB Surgeon in the Americas”, showing the patient and other colleagues where to find a specialist close to them. This feature will be offered to all who are current with their annual membership dues.

Congratulations and Welcome to our Newest Members
As of March 2015

2014–2015 NEW MEMBERS

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**2015 MEETINGS OF INTEREST**

**3rd Annual HPB and Upper Gastrointestinal Surgical Symposium**  
(Highlighting Minimally Invasive Techniques)  
*English and Spanish Translation Services Provided*

**Peruvian Chapter Meeting**

19-21 August, 2015  
Lima

**Chilean Chapter Meeting**

27-29 August, 2015  
Valdivia

**Guatemala Chapter Meeting**

24-25 September 2015  
Guatemala

**Mexico Chapter Meeting**

2-4 December 2015  
Cancun
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The 2nd Annual FUND RUN, held at the March 2015 Annual Meeting in Miami was a huge success, with over $50,000 raised in donations for the AHPB Foundation!

FUND RUN DONATION LEADERS

Leading Individual Fundraisers
1. Scott Helton
2. Henry Pitt
3. Bruce Schirmer

Leading Fundraising Teams
1. Runners Who Care
2. Henry & Betty Pitt
3. MSKCC Road Warriors

Summary of Fund Run Donations
Blumgart Lecture Funds = $5,164.35
Langer Symposium Funds = $24,2013.70
Henry & Betty Pitt Quality Oration Funds = $7,213.10
Unrestricted Donations = $11,134.32
PUBLICATIONS

COMMITTEE UPDATE

Website Highlights Include:

• Complete rehaul 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, keeping content current, and adding videos and membership testimonials
• Uploaded 7 “Cases of the Month” to website, including one in Spanish

Social Media Highlights Include:

• Our Facebook page has seen 1,007 “likes” as of May 2015
• After just 2 years on Twitter there are over 670 tweets (over 1 a day) with 469 people following @AHPBA

HPB JOURNAL

ONLINE ACCESS

To access the HPB journal online, please visit the AHPBA website and select HPB Journal Login.

From here, enter your email and password, AHPBA membership dues must be paid in full for the current year in order to access the online journal.

If you need assistance with your password, please contact the AHPBA at events@lp-etc.com.

WATCH US GROW!

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

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*that’s growth of over 100 new members in the past year!
MISSION OUTREACH TRIPS

The following upcoming Outreach Trips are being coordinated. If you are interested in participating, please send a note to events@lp-etc.com. Final team composition is at the discretion of the team leaders.

2015
Nicaragua  December
Sri Lanka   December
Honduras    Dates TBD

2016
Costa Rica  Dates TBD
Ecuador     Dates TBD
Granada     Dates TBD
Paraguay    March

Exact dates are still being determined for a number of trips.

NICARAGUA
AHPBA BOLIVIA OUTREACH MISSION

A delegation from AHPBA and IHPBA travelled to Cobija, Pando in a remote area in the North of Bolivia during June 2015. The members of the delegation were E. Dixon, J. Lendoire, O. Gil, R. Oddi, S. Oks (anaesthesiologist), Angela Plante (nurse), O. Imventarza and M. Gimenez.

This outreach mission was organized with the cooperation of the President of the Bolivian Chapter of the AHPBA, Dr. Renan Antelo. Due to low frequency of flights to Cobija, the mission had to spend a night in Santa Cruz de la Sierra on the way there and again on the return journey.

Once in Cobija the following activities were carried out with the help of Dr. Antelo and the local organizer, Dr. Erik Burgos (President of the Surgical Society in Pando):

1. Meeting with the Governor of the State of Pando and the Mayor of Cobija to gain support for the mission and start talks aiming at securing continuing training activities for medical staff (surgeons, anaesthesiologists, Intensive Care doctors; and nurses) after the Mission.

2. Visits to two hospitals to discuss clinical cases and patient management with staff and residents.

3. HPB surgeries at both hospitals, assisted by local doctors and using the materials that we had taken with us while making full use of the local infrastructure.

4. Interviews with local television channels in order to inform the population of the purpose of the Mission, the reach of both Societies and OMS’ support.

5. Lectures and case presentations at the Amazon State University (two whole days). The audience was made of advanced medical students, residents and staff from the City of Cobija and surrounding towns in Bolivia and Brazil (Cobija is on the Bolivian-Brazilian border in Amazonia).

Moreover, we made the best of our stopovers in Santa Cruz de la Sierra. With the help of the local Surgery Society, its President and the local organizer, Dr. Cristobal Duran, we gave lectures in Santa Cruz and discussed clinical cases, on which we later performed operations with the help of local doctors. We also ran panels to update attendants on latest HPB pathology.

Mariano E. Gimenez, MD, PhD
International Relations Committee Co-Chair

Personal Comment:
Before departing for Bolivia (country that I had visited before, having lectured in various cities) I had my doubts about what the mission would be able to achieve.

I thought that the contribution we could make in such a remote area in a country with so many economic problems would be like a drop in the ocean.

Today I can categorically state that I was completely wrong. I had never felt before (and that applies to all members of the Mission) that our presence was so positive.

During those few days we observed the incredible enthusiasm shown by the people there (students, doctors and nurses) and an amazing desire to improve and develop professionally. I am sure this desire for excellence will continue and intensify long after we get home.

Greetings from the South of America!
Mariano
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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.

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