I am delighted to inform you that the 12th World congress of the IHPBA, which was held on April 20-23, 2016 at Sheraton WTC, Sao Paulo, Brazil was a great success. The meeting was a joint Congress of IHPBA, AHPBA and the Brazilian Chapter of AHPBA. Many congratulations go to Chairs of the Program, Chuck Vollmer, (IHPBA Program Chair), Chris Sonnenday (AHPBA Program Chair), the International Scientific Committee and the Brazilian Local Organizing Committee as well as to all program committee members. Together they did an excellent job developing a comprehensive scientific program, and covering different topics that were of great interest to the members such as state of the art lectures, dilemmas, controversies and debates.

On the first day, three interesting activities took place simultaneously: a case-based postgraduate 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 organized an impressive and attractive social program with the typical “Carnival Brazilian” flavor at their famous Soccer Stadium.

At the congress, there were 2,099 delegates, with representatives from 82 countries. 233 internationally world-renowned invited speakers shared their expertise to the members and 2,016 abstracts were submitted, of which 1,112 were presented.

I am excited that the 2017 AHPBA Annual Meeting will be held at Loews, Miami Beach from March 29 to April 2, 2017. The chair of the scientific program, Shishir Maithel, Shimul Shah (co-chair) and members of the program committee are hard at work organizing the program and adding exciting new features. As expected, when meetings are held on odd calendar years, we anticipate to have more international flavor with the participation of the IHPBA Scientific Committee members. Additionally, President Elect Rebecca Minter, with the help of the program chair is organizing an outstanding Pre-Congress Symposium titled Controversies and Conundrums in HPB Surgery.

Dr. Javier Lendoire, in his presidential address AHPBA Globalization, informed us that we now have 16 AHPBA chapters in South America and Central America. Of course, most of the credit goes to him and Oscar Imventarza whose hard work along with the commitment of our past presidents has paid off. The following new chapter presidents were honored: Caribbean - Wesley P. Francis, Colombia - Oscar Guevara, Costa Rica - José Pablo Garbanzo Corrales, Honduras - Hoover Henriquez Cooper, and Nicaragua - Sergio Lopez Torres. Clearly, globalization, membership harmonization with IHPBA and Humanitarian Medical Outreach endeavors all go hand in hand, bringing pride to the membership of these impressive achievements.

AHPBA continues to have a very robust Humanitarian Medical Outreach Program. AHPBA & IHPBA have teamed up and together successfully initiated a partnership with the World Health Organization.
2016–2017 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

We would like to introduce the AHPBA 2016–2017 Executive Council and Committee Chairs

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2017 ANNUAL MEETING
March 29–April 2, 2017

ABSTRACT DEADLINE – September 30, 2016
www.ahpba.org/meeting/call-for-abstracts
our Latin American outreach mission, the International Relations Committee will select four trainees and AHPBA members from Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America to attend the AHPBA Annual Meeting in Miami with the assistance of $10,000 in grant money. Also, as in previous years, the Research Committee will select three recipients to receive $5,000 grants to travel from South America to North America and vice versa. Lastly, we are excited to announce the continuation of a second $30,000 AHPBA Research Grant. Two $30,000 grant recipients are selected by the AHPBA Research Committee to provide the opportunity for a resident or fellow to spend one year of full time research under the mentorship of an AHPBA member, during the 2017 academic year.

For more information on AHPBA award opportunities, please visit www.ahpba.org.

I am also excited to share with you that we have successfully partnered with the American College of Surgeons to send 1-2 of our members to attend the Brandeis University Heller Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management. This scholarship will be awarded annually and we are in the process of creating criteria to select members. Please be on the lookout for this opportunity.

To continue to add value to our members, we have embarked on an exciting endeavor of publishing a unique clinical textbook “Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary And Transplant Surgery: Practical Management of Dilemmas”. The textbook is supported by AHPB Foundation and will be divided into six sections (Liver, Biliary, Pancreas, Transplant, Trauma & Innovation and Technology). The founding editors are Quyen Chu, Charles Vollmer, Gazi Zibari, Susan Orloff, Mallory Williams and Mariano Gimenez. Additionally, attorney Trina Chu is providing free legal assistance, and for that we are indebted to her. Revenues generated from sales of this textbook will be ploughed back into our organization to help us grow, flourish, and embark on new pursuits. Many of you will be contacted to help contribute chapters and because this is your textbook, please feel free to contact any of the editors with your ideas and interest.

I would be remiss not to mention our beloved Association Management Director, Nonie Lowry, who passed away far too young in early April. Dr. Chapman gave a moving tribute to Nonie at the World Congress meeting in Sao Paulo. We thank Nonie for her endless energy and dedication to the AHPBA. She will be greatly missed by so many. Marjorie Malia and Jill Willhite will carry on Nonie’s legacy, and the AHPBA is in good and capable hands as we go into the future.

As you can see, we have embarked on many exciting endeavors that I hope will continue to increase our organization’s value. Our society is strong and we are poised to make significant strides in meeting our missions and goals. I hope to work closely with all of you in the upcoming days as we continue this great journey together.

Gazi B. Zibari, MD
President
PROGRAM COMMITTEE UPDATE

First, the Program Committee would like to thank and acknowledge Chuck Vollmer and Chris Sonnenday for all their hard work and congratulate them on a fantastic meeting in Brazil! This year, the meeting will be returning to Miami but we are moving to the Loews Hotel in the heart of South Beach. The Program Committee is working diligently on finalizing the 2017 Annual Meeting. Plans are well underway and all speakers have already been confirmed. This year the theme of the meeting is “Securing the Future Through Research, Education, and Mentorship”. We will focus on our next generation of HPB surgeons. Their original research will be highlighted, and we will facilitate interaction and discourse between our young members and the senior surgeons and leadership throughout the meeting. Fellows from around the country will also compete in a Fellows Jeopardy game, where each team will consist of HPB, Transplant, and Surgical Oncology Fellows working together.

We are also making a concerted effort to increase the participation of our transplant surgeon colleagues in the meeting and in our organization. We are featuring a symposium on “Updates in Transplantation” and are featuring a lively debate on living donor liver transplantation between Nancy Ascher and Joseph Tector. The Annual Blumgart Historical Lecture will be delivered by Professor Russell Strong, as he will share his experience performing the world’s first living donor liver transplant. Greater integration of our transplant surgeon colleagues into the AHPBA annual meeting will undoubtedly raise the meeting to a new level!

We are featuring many new symposiums and state-of-the-art lectures this year including "Liver Replacement Therapy Systems – MARS / ELAD", “Potpourri of the Bile Duct”, “HPB Surgery and the Law”, “Management of Benign Hepatic Lesions”, “Pancreas Adenocarcinoma: Defining the Standard of Care”, “Mucinous Pancreatic Cysts: IPMN and MCN”, “Advanced Practice Providers and an HPB Practice”, “Mentoring Women to Leadership”, and many more! This year’s meeting will also feature the inaugural “Consensus Conference Symposium” headed by our Research Committee that will focus on a single, clinically relevant, question that we face daily in HPB practice. The Presidential Invited Lecture will be delivered by Dr. John Cameron and the Betty and Henry Pitt Quality Oration will be delivered by Dr. John Birkmeyer.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Loews Hotel in Miami from March 29 – April 2, 2017 to come together in friendship, collaboration, and our quest to improve HPB care!
AHPBA CHAPTER RECOGNITION

AHPBA welcomes the newest official chapters into the association:

Inducted at 2016 World Congress

**EXISTING CHAPTERS**
- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- Ecuador

**NEW CHAPTERS**
- Costa Rica
  - CHAPTER PRESIDENT
  - José Pablo Garbanzo Corrales
- Honduras
  - CHAPTER PRESIDENT
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- Colombia
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  - Oscar Guevara
- Nicaragua
  - CHAPTER PRESIDENT
  - Sergio Lopez Torres
- Caribbean
  - CHAPTER PRESIDENT
  - Wesley P. Francis

Requests for support from AHPBA at Chapter Meetings must be formally submitted 9 months prior to your meeting date. Requests will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. To formally submit a request, please go to the AHPBA website and click on the Request Chapter Support button.

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS

- **5th Meeting of the IPBA Chilean Chapter**
  - September 29 – October 1, 2016
  - Punta Arenas, Chile
  - http://www.cirujanosdechile.cl/

- **Colombian HPB Chapter Meeting**
  - November 4-5, 2016
  - Bogota, Colombia

- **Mexican HPB Chapter Meeting**
  - December 7 – 9, 2016
  - Cancun, Mexico
  - http://www.amhpb.org.mx/

- **Paraguayan HPB Chapter Meeting**
  - September 20 – 21, 2016

- **Uruguayan HPB Chapter Meeting**
  - November 29, 2016
  - Punta del Este, Uruguay

- **Caribbean HPB Chapter Meeting**
  - January 27, 2017
AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the 2016 Annual Meeting Award Winners!

IHPBA 2016 WORLD CONGRESS
MEMBER AWARD
BEST VIDEO PRESENTATION
Conrad Simpfendorfer, MD
Cleveland Clinic Foundation
“Laparoscopic Central Pancreatectomy with Pancreaticoanastomosis Reconstruction”

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
Wright Pinson, MD, MBA
Vanderbilt University Medical Center

2015 TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS
Quyen D. Chu, MD
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
Travel Destination: Hospital Italiano, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Rodrigo Sanchez Claria, MD
Hospital Italiano, Buenos Aires
Travel Destination: Washington University School of Medicine

Pablo Cantileno, MD
Hospital de Clinicas, Montevidea, Uruguay
Travel Destination: Florida Hospital

The 2016 Traveling Fellowship Application Deadline was July 31, 2016.
Next year’s deadline and application instructions will be posted to the AHPBA website soon!

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE – TRAVEL FELLOW GRANTS | 2016 Recipients

Edward Castro Santa, MD
Costa Rica

Jimmy Ronald Ixcayau Hernandez, MD
Mexico

Mauricio Pasten, MD
Bolivia

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Four fellow grants are available and each award is valued at $2,500. The grant money is to be used to offset the costs of travel and accommodation for the Fellow at the Annual Meeting.

The IRC Travel Fellow Grants application deadline is Friday, September 30, 2016.

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2016 RESEARCH AWARD RECIPIENTS
Derek J. Erstad, MD
Massachusetts General Hospital
Molecular MR Imaging of Desmoplasia After Neoadjuvant Treatment of Pancreatic Cancer

Nicholas G. Berger, MD
Medical College of Wisconsin
Determination of Xanthohumol Inhibits Notch Signaling in Vivo and Increases the Survival and Reduces Tumor Progression in HCC Liver Xenograft

The 2017 Research Award Application Deadline is Friday, January 6, 2017.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Professional Development Committee continues its mission of providing the highest quality of continued medical education (CME) for its members at the Annual Meeting of the Americas. By streamlining the scientific abstract submission process with the educational content of the plenary and parallel sessions, our committee will be able to offer over 12 hours of CME credit with self-assessment opportunity for the 2017 Meeting of the AHPBA. In an effort to provide the AHPBA membership with additional educational opportunities in HPB diseases throughout the year, our committee is now organizing a monthly launch of a web-based challenging case scenario with expert discussion and an updated focused review of the pertinent literature.

Younger members of our organization continue to express interest in identifying recognized experts in HPB surgery who are willing to provide advice and guidance for surgeons during the early phases of a professional career. Another major initiative of the Professional Development Committee is the ongoing overhaul of the mentorship content of the AHPBA website. Established mentors will be organized into focused areas of clinical specialization and scientific investigation.

EDUCATION & TRAINING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The AHPBA Education and Training Committee (ETC) is responsible for handling matters relating to education and training of residents, fellows, and policy regarding postgraduate HPB training. The Committee oversees the fellowship certificate application process. This year, we incorporated our newly revised certificate requirements for the 2016 graduates. These new requirements can be reviewed on the AHPBA website. Over the last year, the committee has initiated an effort to more clearly define the roles a fellow plays in operative cases, with respect to the certificate requirements for primary surgeon role vs. first assistant. Additionally, the committee is responsible for organizing the Case of the Month moderated discussions which take place on the myHPB website and which participation is required for certificate attainment. 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. Also available online via contributions of AHPBA members and with editing oversight by the Committee are a series of HPB Educational Modules published on the myHPB website. These modules are peer-reviewed, with outlined learning objectives, and references focusing on primary literature sources. This year, we are excited to welcome our South American AHPBA colleagues to the committee, as we hope to expand discussions of collaborative efforts and idea sharing with respect to trainee education.
Congratulations and Welcome to our Newest Members  

**As of March 2016**

### 2015–2016 NEW MEMBERS

#### NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS
- Matthew Porembka, MD - Dallas, TX USA  
- Viney Mathavan, MD - Carmel, IN USA  
- Ravi Maharaj, MD - Champ Fleur, Trinidad & Tobago  
- Ngoc Thai, MD - Pittsburgh, PA USA  
- Sajid Khan, MD - New Haven, CT USA  
- Pouya Dastouri, MD - Washington, DC USA  
- Jin He, MD - Baltimore, MD USA  
- Vijaya Gottumukkala, MD - Houston, TX USA  
- Sean Dineen, MD - Lexington, KY USA  
- Danielle Ladie, MD - Harrisburg, PA USA  
- Murwarid Assifi, MD - Grand Rapids, MI USA  
- Jonathon Redwine, MD - San Jose, CA USA  
- Steven Brower, MD - Englewood, NJ USA  
- Kirpal Singh, MD - Indianapolis, IN USA  
- Sheng Ping Li, MD - Guangzhou China  
- Clara Tan-Tam, MD - Cooperstown, NY USA  
- Ali Cheaito, MD - Los Angeles, CA USA  
- Patrick Wagner, MD - Winchester, VA USA  
- Rajeev Sharma, MD - Buffalo, NY USA  
- Christophe Nguyen, MD - Spartanburg, SC USA  
- Michelle Fillion, MD - Wilmington, NC USA  
- Mathew Augustine, MD - Dallas, TX USA  
- J. Phillip Boudreaux, MD - Kenner, LA USA  
- Timothy Shaver, MD - Fairfax, VA USA  
- Francisco Igor Macedo, MD - Southfield, MI USA

#### NEW ALLIED HEALTH MEMBERS
- Jessica Leiberg CNP - Sioux Falls, SD USA  
- Vicki Morton RN - Charlotte, NC USA  
- Jenilette Velasco PA-C - Houston, TX USA  
- Dorothy Robinson ANP - New York, NY USA  
- Jessica DiNapoli PA-C - Howell, NJ USA  
- Alicia Chin ARNP - Riverview, FL USA

#### NEW CANDIDATE MEMBERS
- Rachel Beard, MD - Boston, MA USA  
- Xavier Ketugen, MD - Bethesda, MD USA  
- Jorge Eduardo Devoto, MD - Buenos Aires Argentina  
- Kimberly Bertens, MD - Seattle, WA USA  
- Muhammad Butt, MD - Dallas, TX USA  
- Nicolas Goldaracena, MD - Toronto Ontario Canada  
- Jean-Michel Aubin, MD - Calgary Alberta Canada  
- Imran Siddiqui, MD - Charlotte, NC USA  
- Andrea Jester, MD - Indianapolis, IN USA  
- Pragatheeshwar Thirunavukarasu, MD - Houston, TX USA  
- David Al-Adra, MD - Toronto Ontario Canada  
- Gareth Eeson, MD - Toronto Ontario Canada  
- Sean Ronnekleiv-Kelly, MD - Baltimore, MD USA  
- Susannah Cheek, MD - Pittsburgh, PA USA

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**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Christopher Anderson, MD  
Chair

In the last several years, the membership committee has strived to increase membership throughout the Americas. Through these efforts, membership grew significantly with an impressive 20% increase in Latin American members. Many thanks are due to the outgoing membership committee chair, Dr. Felipe JF Coimbra, for leading these efforts. Moving forward, the membership committee will continue to focus on efforts to not only grow membership throughout the Americas, but to also help support those members. An example is supporting a new feature on the association website: “Find Your HPB Surgeon in the Americas”, allowing patients and physicians an easier way to locate an HPB surgical specialist near them. Another is that beginning in 2017, dues harmonization between AHPBA and IHPBA begins, and will open up new opportunities for AHPBA members giving them access to IHPBA programs and initiatives. The committee will focus on ways to better align our common interests with other associations (SAGES, SSO, SSAT, ASTS, etc). We hope that this will open up more opportunities for our members. Overall, we will explore ways to better meet the needs of our membership moving forward focused on both growth and retention.
Join today!

The AHPBA is a great place for HPB enthusiasts to meet, learn and collaborate!

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Radhakrishnan Ganesh MBBS - Montreal Quebec Canada  
Dominic Sanford, MD - St. Louis, MO USA  
Ignacio Merlo, MD - San Isidro Argentina  
Suman Bhushan Koganti, MD - New York, NY USA  
Chetan Patel, MD - Atlantis, FL USA  
David Caba Molina, MD - Chicago, IL USA  
Russell Kirks, MD - Charlotte, NC USA  
Nicholas Berger, MD - Milwaukee, WI USA  
Patrick Worth, MD - Portland, OR USA  
Alfonso Bandin, MD - Mexico City Mexico  
David Barzallo, MD - Mexico City Mexico  
Eric Stanelle, MD - Louisville KY, USA  
Nikolaos Chatzizacharias, MD - Cambridge UK  
Nathan Zilbert, MD - Toronto ON Canada  
Robert Simon, MD - Royal Oak, MI USA  
Mohammad Raheel Jajja, MD - Atlanta, GA USA  
Agustin Vintimilla Moscoso, MD - Cuenca Ecuador  
Johannes Lauscher, MD - Toronto ON Canada

**NEW LATIN AMERICAN MEMBERS**

Jose Pablo Garbanzo Corrales, MD - Costa Rica  
Alvaro Sanchez-Siles, MD - Costa Rica  
Maria Amalia Matamoros Ramirez, MD - Costa Rica  
Edward Castro Santa, MD - Costa Rica  
Milenko Slako, MD - Chile  
Raphael Raph, MD - Brazil  
Enrique Lobo Hernandez, MD - Costa Rica  
Eduardo Alfaro, MD - Costa Rica  
Mauricio Pasten, MD - Bolivia  
Camilo Tarazona, MD - Colombia  
Mauro Carretta, MD - Caracas Venezuela  
Roberto Lustosa, MD - Recife Brazil  
Veronica Garay, MD - Argentina  
Luis Manuel Barrera Lozano, MD - Medellin Colombia  
Luis Nunez Romero, MD - Neiva Colombia  
Dario Fernando Perdomo Tejada, MD - Colombia  
Hector Pulido, MD - Colombia  
Mauricio Vanegas Ballesteros, MD - Floridablanca Colombia  
Diego Davila, MD - Medellin Colombia  
Cristian Tarazona Leon, MD - Colombia  
Giovanni Bonilla, MD - Colombia  
Renzo Nunez Pacheco, MD - Peru  
Freddy Coayla, MD - Peru  
Roberto Antonio Jerez Caballero, MD - Honduras  
Bessy Mejia Elvir, MD - Honduras  
Oscar Guevara, MD - Bogota Colombia  
Norma Minera, MD - Honduras  
Luis Alberto Ortiz Colindres, MD - Honduras  
Lenar Rodriguez, MD - Honduras  
Carlos Diaz, MD - Honduras  
Ronal Alberto Aldana Amores, MD - Guatemala  
Mauricio Ramos, MD Porto - Alegre Brazil  
John Abad, MD - Ecuador  
Roberto Acevedo, MD - San Isidro Argentina  
Dave Harnanan, MD - St. Augustine Trinidad  
Leo-Paul Powell, MD - Kingston Jamaica  
Javier Ormazabal, MD - Santiago Chile  
Shivraj Bahadursingh, MD - Trinidad and Tobago  
Henry Rodriguez Galviz, MD - Colombia  
Helmut Segovia Lohse, MD - Fernando de la Mora Paraguay  
Rodolfo Arguello, MD - Managua Nicaragua  
Carlos Zavaleta, MD - San Salvador El Salvador  
Angelica Lucchese, MD - Brazil  
Oscar Felipe Hernandez Arauz, MD - Nicaragua  
Ignacio Torrejon, MD - Vina del Mar Chile  
Julio Cesar Castillo Blandino, MD - Nicaragua  
Christian Moreira, MD - Costa Rica  
Juan Manuel Gamez, MD - Mexico  
Guillermo Aldana, MD - Bogota DC Colombia  
Emanuel Gois, Jr., MD - Londrina - PR Brazil  
Pablo Sisco, MD - Buenos Aires Argentina  
Andres Troncoso, MD - Chile  
Raul Oleas Chavez, MD - Quito Ecuador  
Jose Menna, MD - Buenos Aires Argentina  
Juan Carlos Marcos, MD - Lima Peru  
Hubert James Mendoza Rojas, MD - Lima Peru  
Luis Navarro, MD - Alvaro Obregon Mexico  
Victor Visag-Castillo, MD - Mexico  
Mauricio Almav, MD - Chile  
Rafael Acosta Fernandez, MD - San Lorenzo Paraguay  
Jorge Bonnin, MD - Asuncion Paraguay  
Felipe Catan, MD - Santiago Chile

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**2015–2016 NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED**

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP**

- Active: 1,159
- Allied Health: 50
- Candidate: 184
- Senior: 76

**TOTAL: 1,473**

*that’s growth of almost 100 new members in the past year!*

**WATCH US GROW!**

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

HPB Carnival Dance

Wednesday, April 20th | 7pm – 9:30pm

1ST PLACE
Scott & Andrea Helton

2ND PLACE
Carlos Chan & Holly Gamble

3RD PLACE
Geraldo & Virginia Almeida

Dancing Liver-ettes Team raised the most money!

Sponsored by William Jarnagin

The HPB Carnival, held at the April 2016 Annual Meeting in Sao Paulo was a huge success, with over $30,000 raised in donations for the 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 and its membership.

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

The Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Foundation (AHPBF) is a not-for-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible as charitable contributions. The AHPBF accepts gifts of cash, appreciated securities and gifts by bequest. Tax ID# 27-4355142.

Use this link when you shop online and Amazon will donate to AHPBF!
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Susan Logan
Michael Lowry
Nonie Lowry
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Congratulations to the graduated fellows who received AHPBA’s certificate of training in HPB surgery on Saturday, April 23, 2016 during the AHPBA Annual Business Meeting in Sheraton Sao Paulo, Brazil!

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The joint clinical sessions of the IHPBA and Sri Lanka Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (SLHPBA), under the global outreach program of the IHPBA, was held from the 11th to 13th December 2015 in Colombo. This was the first such program to be held in Sri Lanka, initiated by the IHPBA, under the auspices of Prof P Jagannath, President of IHPBA.

The resource persons included Prof P Jagannath, Prof Shailesh Shrikande and Prof Chetan Kantharia from India, Prof Ajith Siriwardena, Ms. Anya Adair and Mr. S Jegatheeswaran from the UK and Dr. Rohan Jeyarajah from the USA, and Dr. Mohan de Silva from Sri Lanka.

The 3 day program covered many topics of importance to surgeons with an interest in HPB from Sri Lanka. Twenty consultants from all parts of the country and 54 surgical trainees registered and attended the sessions.

Laparoscopic Skills Training Center
The faculty was able to visit the laparoscopic skills lab of the College of Sri Lanka, which was located at the same venue as the sessions and some were able to observe the training program which is conducted regularly for surgical trainees in Sri Lanka. The overseas faculty pledged to support this activity by providing equipment which was needed to improve the facilities.

Sri Lankan Chapter
During the sessions, the SLHPBA was officially recognized as an affiliated national chapter of the IHPBA. The SLHPBA which was formed in 2011 consists of 50 members (surgeons, gastroenterologists, pathologists and radiologists). However, the minimum number of members with IHPBA membership to become a National Chapter was only fulfilled recently. We sincerely believe that this affiliation would benefit the surgical fraternity with an interest in HPB to further their skills and knowledge. Prof Jagannath offered two complimentary registrations for the IHPBA 2016 to SLHPBA members.

Course Evaluation
The clinical sessions was an intensive program with interactive lecture discussions. Many doubts were clarified and the participants expressed their gratitude and satisfaction in the “course evaluation” which was completed by all. The participation of so many internationally acclaimed speakers was highly appreciated by all. Many had requested this program to be a regular event in the future.

Visit to an HPB Unit
Three international speakers (Prof Ajith Siriwardana, Ms Anya Adair and Mr Jegatheeswaran) were able to visit the Colombo South Teaching Hospital to get a firsthand experience of the facilities available in Sri Lanka.

Needs of the SLHPBA
The needs of the SLHPBA were highlighted to the international speakers. There are no dedicated HPB surgical units in the country. A few surgeons (mostly those attached to University Surgical Units) who have had some training in HPB surgery, practice complex HPB surgery. The audits of the recognized units were presented at the meeting. Although the variety of cases was adequate, the numbers of each unit are relatively small (50 to 75 complex cases per year) compared to centres of excellence overseas.

Training of HPB Surgeons
The Sri Lankan postgraduate training in Surgery is supervised and conducted by the Post graduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM), of the University of Colombo. The PGIM recently introduced “General Surgery with a special interest in HPB” as a specialty training programme. This program is for those after the MD in
Surgery (the exit exam in Sri Lanka). The trainees complete one year of general surgery in the capacity of a senior registrar and train in a “recognized unit” for another year in Sri Lanka, before proceeding to a centre overseas for further training – for one year. With the limited number of cases (and hence exposure) in Sri Lankan units in one year, we depend a lot on the exposure gained in overseas centers. However, up to now the trainees who have completed the local training have not been able to secure a suitable training post overseas in a HPB surgical unit overseas. This has been the major setback for HPB surgical training and hence the growth of the specialty in the country. Many speakers offered to help by training Sri Lankan surgical trainees in their units. It would be necessary to work out the logistics for this endeavor. The Sri Lankan government offers a stipend/scholarship for one year which is sufficient for living expenses in the west. Therefore it is not mandatory for the trainees to be offered a paid job, but only exposure and preferably hands-on training.

Capacity Building and Research
The surgeons who practice HPB surgery in Sri Lanka too would benefit by visits to centres of excellence for short periods. This too we hope could be worked out with the help of the IHPBA. Another area which we could benefit is by getting involved in research projects. Since the numbers are small in the centres in Sri Lanka we could join with projects conducted elsewhere.

Database of HPB Cases
The SLHPBA had initiated an online database 3 years ago which did not catch on. Only one HPB unit maintains a comprehensive database. We intend to work on this and provide our membership with a proforma either online or as hard copies – in order to improve on the maintenance of data across all HPB units.

Future of HPB Surgery
The future of HPB surgery in Sri Lanka seems bright, with GI surgeons too, planning to include HPB surgery in the training program. There is a great enthusiasm among the junior surgeons to take up HPB surgery. If proper supervised training could be provided to these interested and capable individuals, the care of patients with HPB diseases would definitely improve.
FRIDAY DECEMBER 11, 2015
Chairpersons: Professor P. Jagannath and Aloka Pathirana
12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
Welcome and Outline
Professors P. Jagannath and Mohan De Silva
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.
How to Train in Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy
Mr. S. Jegatheeswaran
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.
Current Indications for Laparoscopic Liver Surgery—The Tokyo Consensus
Professor Ajith Siriwardena
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Lap Distal Pancreatectomy—The Modern Standard of Care
Dr. R. Jeyarajah
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Laparoscopic Mobilisation of Right Liver and Laparoscopic Left Lateral Sectionectomy
Professor Ajith Siriwardena
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.
Tea Break
3:15 – 3:45 p.m.
Lap Whipple—With or Without Robot
Dr. R. Jeyarajah
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Faculty Dinner
Nugagama - Cinnamon Grand

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015
Chairpersons: Professor Ajith Siriwardena and Dr. Thejana Wijeratne
8:30 – 8:45 a.m.
The Ihpba’s Global Mission
Professor P. Jagannath
8:45 – 9:00 a.m.
Hpb Training in Sri Lanka—Past, Present, and the Future
Prof Aloka Pathirana
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.
Safe Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy
Professor Mohan De Silva
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Acute Biliary Injuries—Management Algorithm
Professor Ajith Siriwardena
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Benign Biliary Stricture—Endoscopy vs. Surgery
Miss Anya Adair
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Management of Complex Biliary Injuries
Dr. Chetan Kantharia
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Tea Break
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Gallbladder Cancer—Treatment Strategy
Professor P. Jagannath
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.
Cbd Stones—is Surgery Redundant
Dr. Chetan Kantharia
12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
Techniques of Hepaticojejunostomy—Towards Zero Leak Rate!
Dr. R. Jeyarajah
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.
HCC—Evaluation And Surgical Treatment
Miss Anya Adair
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Lunch And Video Session
Video Presentations
Liver Resections—Technical Aspects and Intraoperative Tools
Mr. S. Jegatheeswaran and Professor Ajith Siriwardena
Whipples
Mr. R. Jeyarajah
Hilar Cholangiocarcinoma Resection
Miss Anya Adair
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Challenges in the Management of Hilar Cholangiocarcinoma
Miss Anya Adair
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Extending the Boundaries of Liver Resections—Newer Approaches and Concepts
Professor Ajith Siriwardena
3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
Liver Resections—Technical Aspects and Intraoperative Tools
Dr. R. Jeyarajah
4:15 – 4:45 p.m.
Net Pancreas
Professor P. Jagannath
4:45 – 5:15 p.m.
Current Status of Surgical Treatment of Pancreatic Cancer
Professor Shailesh Shrikhande

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015
Chairpersons: Dr Anya Adair/ Dr S Sivaganesh
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.
Acute Necrotizing Pancreatitis—Changed Paradigm
Professor Ajith Siriwardena
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Chronic Pancreatitis—Surgical Management When and How?
Dr. Chetan Kantharia
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.
Cystic Tumours of Pancreas—Approach And Management
Professor Shailesh Shrikhande
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Laparoscopic Pancreatic Surgery—Standard of Care or Treatment in Evaluation!
Professor Shailesh Shrikhande
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Tea Break
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Extended Resections in Pancreatic Cancer—Role And Value
Dr. R. Jeyarajah
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Setting Up a Liver Transplant Unit—Edinburgh Experience
Miss Anya Adair
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Lunch Break And Video Session
Frey’s Procedure
Dr. Chetan Kantharia
Laparoscopic Distal Pancreatectomy
Dr. R. Jeyarajah
SMA First Technique
Professor Shailesh Shrikhande
The Publications Committee is off to a strong start. We have a well-balanced committee representing several countries of the Americas. Our main focus remains continuing case of the month, creating a state-of-the-art webpage and expanding social media. We will also be exploring the possibility of creating Case Based Webinars.

Social Media Highlights Include:
- Our Facebook page has seen 1,669 “likes” as of July 2016
- After just 3 years on Twitter there are almost 900 tweets with 691 people following @AHPBA

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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.

**REPORT ON THE BOLIVIA 2015 OUTREACH MISSION**  
*Submitted by Dr. Gimenez*

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 O. Imventarza, E. Dixon, J. Lendoire, O. Gil, R. Oddi, S. Oks (anaesthesiologist), Angela Plante (nurse) 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 run panels to update attendants on latest HPB pathology.

During those few days our team observed incredible enthusiasm shown by students, doctors and nurses, and their amazing desire to improve and develop professionally, which is sure to continue and intensify long after the completion of the Mission.
REPORT ON THE KURDISTAN 2016 OUTREACH MISSION

Submitted by Dr. Annamalai

In February 2016, a team of 14 physicians, lead by Dr. Gazi Zibari, traveled from North America to Kurdistan, Iraq for the 7th International Joint Symposium. This venture was supported by the International and Americas Hepato-Pancreati-Biliary Associations, Operation Hope & World Surgical Foundation. Also, our team was supported by Kurdish Regional Government and particularly by the Prime Minister Mr. Nichervan Barzani’s Health Foundation and Province of Duhok Director of health system and by their Governor. The pivotal concept of this team’s efforts since the inception and dated back to 1992 has evolved around “capacity building.”

Over a one-week period of time, 55 major and complex operations were performed, not to mention that advanced emergency medicine training and nursing care were performed. Over the last 7 years, the surgical advancements have progressed, and now Kurdish surgeons independently perform annually over 150 living related & unrelated kidney transplants and have matured from no laparoscopic or hepatobiliary experience to over 1,000 of such cases done yearly. During our last journey, surgical capacity building included gastric sleeves, kasai procedure, radical neck dissections, hepatic trisegmentectomies, and laparoscopic adrenal and pancreatectomies. Similarly, emergency medicine has progressed from limited “front line” care to developing fully trained on-field paramedics to stabilize patients en route to hospitals where physicians are now fully trained in BLS, ALS, ATLS, and PALS. Also, the trauma and the neurosurgical team performed many complex surgeries as well.

Our next step is to support the academic efforts of the Kurdish surgeons by helping them develop clinical research teams and more advanced surgical training such as laparoscopic fellowship and tele-fellowship.

The success of our surgical efforts has been founded on strong collaboration, trust and mutual education between the visiting and host teams. Our hope and aim is that these advances continue to progress over the long term.
The supply and demand of medical care is an ongoing problem. Physician shortages have been the topic of policy and program creations since the 1950s. In 2006 the U.S. Government Accountability Office noted in their February report “Health Professions Education Programs – Action Still needed to Measure Impact”. To meet this demand, new medical schools and specialty programs have been created in the past 3 years. As a result, in their Physician Supply and Demand: Projections to 2020 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services concluded that “if the current healthcare utilization and delivery patterns continue, the overall supply of physicians should be sufficient to meet the expected demand through the next 10 years.” Central America is not free of this problem. In Nicaragua, according to data from the Ministry of Health, the public health system has 128 sub-specialty physicians. For a population of nearly 6.5 million where cancer is among the top 5 causes of death, the demand is more than the supply.

Since 2011 the AHPBA has held one or more yearly outreach programs in Nicaragua to assist in performing surgery in complex hepato-pancreato-biliary cases, to deliver lectures on various topical areas in the field, as well as the delivery of surgical supplies and technology. In these venues renowned international speakers have traveled to Nicaragua to provide information and oral presentations on topics such as the multidisciplinary treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma, cholangiocarcinoma and bile duct cancer in addition to updates on pancreatic cancer.

In 2015, a HPB and Transplant Surgery Workshop was held in Managua, Nicaragua where Dr. Gazi Zibari and Dr. Nicolas Vauthey, gave lectures in the management of primary liver tumors, including liver transplantation. Dr. Susan L. Orloff and Dr. Alvaro E. Castillo (native of Nicaragua and General & HPB Surgeon trained in the USA) visited Managua, Nicaragua in December of the same year where they did 2 major hepatobiliary cases with Dr. Sergio Lopez, the pioneer in HPB surgery in Nicaragua. Equally important, the consolidation of the Nicaragua Chapter of the AHPBA was signed and agreed upon in a meeting with local surgeons in the areas of General Surgery, HPB Surgery, Surgical Oncology, and Gynecology, in addition to an Interventional Radiologist and Daniel Ortega's Attorney. The Bill for the introduction to the Nicaraguan Congress was signed and submitted to create the foundation of a liver transplant program.

In December 2016 and January 2017 outreach trips are planned by Drs. Orloff and Castillo and Drs. Zibari and Vauthey, respectively, to invigorate and reinforce efforts toward a countrywide HPB and liver and kidney transplant programs, as well as assisting with hepato-pancreato-biliary cases to include the supply of necessary instruments, equipment and technology.
REPORT ON THE HONDURAS 2015 OUTREACH MISSION  Submitted by Dr. Amiri

On behalf of AHPBA, Dr. Hosein Shokouh Amiri joined the World Surgical Foundation team in an outreach trip to Honduras in November 2015. Collectively they performed more than 200 general surgery cases from Imperforate Anus, thyroidectomy, cholecystectomy, liver resection, hysterectomy, colectomy, ureteral implant, and many reconstructive plastic surgery cases. The team was very well prepared having 3 anesthesiologists, ICU nurses, and even 2 philanthropists to further the mission and make this and other outreach activities more possible.

The next outreach trip has been scheduled for Nov. 12 - 19 2016.
AHPBA Fondly Remembers

Nonie Lowry
AHPBA Director - Association Management

With great sadness we learned that Nonie Lowry recently passed away after a heroic battle with breast cancer. Dr. William Chapman gave a moving tribute to Nonie’s life during the World Congress in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

For everyone who knew her, you know that heaven is about to become a lot more organized!

LP, etc strongly and proudly continues Nonie’s legacy and the important work of the AHPBA, led by Marjorie Malia and Jill Willhite.

“We are extremely saddened to hear the news that Nonie, our beloved executive director has departed from our world. We will keep her and the family in our prayers and May God let her rest in peace up in heaven. She will be missed by all.”

Dr. Gazi Zibari, Current AHPBA President

“She was an incredibly nice person and a tremendous colleague. She helped our Society so much. It will be an immeasurable loss for all of us and for the AHPBA. We will miss her a lot!”

Javier Lendoire, AHPBA 2014-2015 President

“Nonie was known as a wonderful and selfless leader of an outstanding organization, who was tragically taken in the prime of her life. We were so fortunate to have known her.”

Dr. William Chapman, AHPBA 2013-2014 President

“We are shocked by the sad demise of Nonie. She was such a lively and active person and always willing to help. Her contribution to AHPBA and IHPBA are enormous. I vividly recollect her assurance, in Miami, that she and her team would ensure the success of the world congress. On behalf of IHPBA we express our sincere condolences to her extended family of LP, AHPBA and IHPBA. I request Javier to plan an appropriate tribute to this extraordinary lady who was so courageous till the last.

A little tribute true and tender,
Just to show that we remember.
Time may pass and fade away
But memories of you will always stay.

May her Soul rest in peace.”

Dr. P. Jagannath, IHPBA Past President

“We are deeply saddened by this news. Please extend our sympathy to her family and friends.”

Dr. William Jarnagin, AHPBA 2012-2013 President

“We are very stunned and saddened by this awful news. We will have Nonie in our prayers.”

Bruce Schirmer, AHPBA Past President

Nora “Nonie” Christine Lowry
June 7, 1967 – April 9, 2016
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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To strive towards the highest ethical standards.

To foster education and career development.