The AHPBA 2017 Annual Meeting at our new location, Loews Miami Beach Hotel was a great success and drew a record 1,021 attendees from 47 countries and 6 continents!

We extend our gratitude to the 2017 Program Chair, Shishir Maithel, and the Program Committee who delivered an outstanding program including interactive Pre-Congress Symposium debates, new symposiums and state-of-the-art lectures, engaging and legendary invited lecturers, greater integration of transplant topics, 140+ invited speakers sharing their expertise, and a record 441 abstracts submitted.

The AHPBA 2018 program will be chaired by Shimul Shah, with the assistance of his Co-Chair David Kooby and our new Latin American Program Co-Chair, Heber Salvador Ribeiro. It will offer a continued added focus on transplant along with collaborative symposiums with the ASTS and SAGES, over 150 invited speakers, and exciting educational and innovative content. Also new this year, AHPBA committees were given the opportunity to submit symposium proposals, and the top three were selected for the program. Thank you to all who submitted ideas, and please submit your abstracts now prior to the Friday, October 2, 2017 deadline. A focus of the AHPBA’s mission is to advance education and training in HPB Surgery.

The HPB Program Directors are gearing up to kick off the 2017-2018 academic year and welcome new HPB Fellows. The Education and Training Committee is hard at work scheduling Grand Rounds Video Conferences and myHPB Online Discussion Boards for the Fellows to participate in throughout the year. In addition, we are waiting excitedly to learn more about the American Board of Surgery’s next steps with respect to a possible future state where HPB Surgery could be recognized as an area of focused expertise for ABS Diplomates who meet certain qualifications.

In our efforts to disseminate knowledge and encourage multidisciplinary collaboration, the Publications Committee launched a new AHPBA Case Discussion Group boasting almost 200 members. The goal of the Discussion Group is a private forum for AHPBA members to share ideas, research and questions with expert peers from around the world with the goal of improving patient care. Our Latin American HPB Chapters also continue to flourish, elevating the quality of HPB Care in South and Central America. To further support this mission, the AHPBA recently appointed Oscar Guevara and Moises Cukier as Chair and Co-Chair respectively of the AHPBA Chapters, and they will have a representative seat on the Executive Council of our association.

The Surgical Innovation Committee is joining forces with the Industry Council to support industry relationships to increase our support for innovation and to provide a platform for partnering with industry. In addition, the Clinical Trials Committee has launched an AHPBA-NSQIP initiated trial, and they are refining the submission procedures for future trials. These are
LETTER FROM PRESIDENT  

exciting initiatives as they will truly allow the AHPBA to help drive the field forward.

The AHPB Foundation has joined forces with the Program Committee and AHPBA leadership to target fundraising toward our 2018 mission of “Elevating Quality and Safety for our Patients.” We will be encouraging industry and member support for these initiatives in the coming year.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to serve on an AHPBA Committee. We had over 100 volunteers, and only a small number of positions to fill this year. We greatly appreciate your willingness to serve, and encourage you to submit your name again next year if you were not placed on a committee. Those who have previously volunteered, and are members in good standing will be given priority for appointment this coming year. It is exciting to see the level of engagement that exists within our society.

The AHPBA is healthy and growing, and we thank our members for their amazing talents and energy that they share with us. I am honored to serve as the president of our society and I look forward to our continued work together. I know the AHPBA will only continue to grow and flourish, and to make significant contributions to the field of HPB Surgery.

Rebecca Minter, MD
2017-2018 AHPBA President

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Thanks to the 2016-2017 AHPBA Council

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

The AHPBA serves as the American Chapter of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (IHPBA). The IHPBA was formally inaugurated at its first General Assembly on May 31, 1994 in Boston, Massachusetts. The AHPBA was inaugurated later that same year in Chicago, Illinois. Since then the AHPBA has grown from a handful of surgeons interested in HPB surgery to a membership of over 1,200 members.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association is to disseminate knowledge, foster research and innovation, advance education and training and encourage multidisciplinary collaboration.

IN MEMORIAM  

Please report the passing of other AHPBA members to ahpba@lp-etc.com
2017-2018 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

We would like to introduce the AHPBA 2017-2018 Executive Council and Committee Chairs

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2018 ANNUAL MEETING

"Elevating Quality and Safety for our Patients"
March 7-11, 2018
Loews Miami Beach Hotel in Miami Beach, FL

ABSTRACT DEADLINE – October 2, 2017
www.ahpba.org/meeting/call-for-abstracts
The Program Committee has been hard at work preparing for the 2018 AHPBA Annual Meeting which will take place at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel, in the heart of South Beach. The immediate past Program Chair, Shishir Maithel, did a fantastic job last year with record attendance of 1,021 participants which also led to a record number of 441 abstract submissions.

The theme for the 2018 meeting will be “Elevating Quality and Safety for Our Patients.” We will focus on the impact of quality, innovative therapies and consensus guidelines as it pertains to HPB surgery both at the bench, operating room and bedside. We will focus on the next generation of HPB surgeons and leaders to promote dialogue, highlight research and compare therapies both old and new. From a review of therapeutic challenges in metastatic colon cancer to learning about the merits of ALPPS for cancer specifically or new paradigms in advanced pancreatic cancer, the focus will be on providing the optimal care with understanding quality and safety for our patients. The call for abstracts is now open and will close on October 2, 2017 for original work. Visit the AHPBA website to submit an abstract today!

We are making a concerted effort to increase participation across the world, multiple disciplines and diverse expertise in our meeting and our organization. In concert with the theme of the meeting, we will have a special symposium analyzing evidence for support of aggressive surgical and medical therapy in HPB malignancies. The meeting will also feature a multidisciplinary session on enhanced recovery pathways in HPB surgery and a debate to determine what margins are necessary in the cancers we operate on. We will be having the first ever AHPBA-ASTS Joint Symposium on the Multidisciplinary Management of HCC and also have the first AHPBA - SAGES Joint Symposium on Lap Liver Resections, which will showcase leading minimally invasive liver surgeons across the world. The Betty and Henry Pitt Quality Oration will feature Clifford Ko and Dorry Segev will give a State of the Art Lecture on “Of Math and Medicine: Advancing Surgical Policy and Practice Through Big Data.” Beyond clinical medicine, the meeting will highlight special symposiums on the “Business of HPB Surgery” and “New Paradigms of Academic HPB Careers.”

Lastly, we always leave room for fun. Make plans to join us for the 5K Run on Friday, March 9th, and the AHPBA Congress Banquet to be held on Saturday, March 10th.

We hope you joined us in Miami for record breaking attendance at the AHPBA 2017 Annual Meeting where we hosted over 1,000 attendees from 47 countries and 6 continents. We look forward to seeing you in Miami in 2018.
AHPBA CHAPTER RECOGNITION

AHPBA welcomes the newest official chapter into the association:

*Inducted at AHPBA 2017 Annual Meeting*

**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 ahpba@lp-etc.com.

**El Salvador**

CHAPTER PRESIDENT
Julio Cesar Alfaro Varela

**NEW!**

AHPBA Chapter Chair
Oscar Guevara (Colombia)

Co-Chair
Moises Cukier (Panama)

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- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Caribbean
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Uruguay

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.
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NORTH & LATIN AMERICAN TRAVELING FELLOW GRANTS
2016 RECIPIENTS
These grants support an exchange of a surgeon from North America to Latin America (or vice versa) to learn how HPB diseases and conditions are managed in a different country. The goal is to promote international collaboration and sharing of best practices.

Gilton Marques Fonseca, MD
University of São Paulo Medical School, Brazil
Travel Destination: The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
Host: Timothy M. Pawlik, MD, MPH, PhD

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Travel Destination: MD Anderson Cancer Center
Host: Thomas Aloia, MD

Victor Zaydfudim, MD, MPH
University of Virginia Health System
Travel Destination: Hospital Italiano, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Hosts: Juan Pekolj, MD, PhD and Eduardo de Santibañes, MD, PhD

The 2017 North and Latin American Traveling Fellow Grants Application Deadline has expired. Next year’s deadline and application instructions will be posted to the AHPBA website soon!

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE – TRAVEL GRANTS
2017 RECIPIENTS
Deadline to Apply for 2018 Grants: September 29, 2017
Apply online today!
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.

Argentina
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David Barzallo, MD

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Alvaro Andres Duarte, MD

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Helmut A. Segovia-Lohse, MD

Mexico
Karen Pineda Solis, MD

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

These awards are proudly provided by the AHPB Foundation. To support these efforts, please consider a donation to the foundation.
https://www.ahpba.org/foundation/ahpbf-donations.phtml
The AHPBA continues to grow and successfully cultivate loyal HPB enthusiasts! We are excited to report that we have nearly doubled our New Members from 2016 to 2017. This year, at the AHPBA Annual Meeting in Miami, we welcomed an impressive 219 New Members! Many thanks to the Membership Committee, Leadership and AHPBA members for your efforts in recruiting.

We are also happy to share that the harmonization of dues with IHPBA launched successfully this year. The combined membership allows members the convenience and cost effectiveness of paying a single fee and enjoying all the benefits of membership of both Associations for a full year. Members can pay dues on either the AHPBA or IHPBA websites and gain access to both members-only portals.

As a reminder, AHPBA is proud to offer Allied Health professionals membership in our organization. This effort affirms our belief in the importance of a multi-disciplinary approach in the care of our patients. Please encourage Allied Health professionals in your practice to join as a member and attend the AHPBA 2018 Annual Meeting, which will feature a dedicated symposium for our Allied Health partners.

Overall, we continue to explore ways to best meet the needs of our growing membership. Moving forward, our committee will focus on both retention, recruitment and progress.

Christopher Anderson, MD
Chair

WATCH US GROW!

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP
Active 1,267
Allied Health 44
Junior 158
TOTAL 1,469

Encourage fellow HPB enthusiasts to apply for membership today!

That’s growth of 219 new members in the past year!
Join today!

The AHPBA is a great place for HPB enthusiasts to meet, learn and collaborate!
AHPBA Pancreatic Registry
With support provided by AngioDynamics, Inc.

Assist in the quality improvement research using the NanoKnife System for the treatment of pancreatic cancer by joining the AHPBA Pancreatic Registry.

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The HPB Carnival Dance and 5K Fund Run were held at the AHPBA 2017 Annual Meeting raising almost $50,000!

HPB HEROINES TEAM LED BY AHPBA PRESIDENT REBECCA MINTER, MD RAISED $11,203!

Total Raised: Almost $50,000!
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.

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The Surgical Innovation Committee’s goal is to identify promising emerging technologies and techniques applicable to the treatment of pancreatic, liver, and biliary disease and facilitate the introduction of these in the clinical arena.

As part of the mission of monitoring the safe introduction of new technologies, our committee has been recently tasked to support the AHPBA Irreversible Electrophoresis (IRE) Pancreatic Cancer Registry. This will promote the involvement of interested AHPBA members while facilitating the dissemination of knowledge and outcomes of this new technology.

As the AHPBA membership expanded to the all of the Americas, AHPBA leadership recognized that the level of “surgical innovation” varies among regions of the American continent. Acknowledging this need, we are actively working to bridge the gap in technology and to facilitate introduction, education, and adoption of new techniques in Central and South America. In collaboration with the Ultrasound Subcommittee we have proposed to organize a Latin American AHPBA Ultrasound Course (LA-AHPBA US) to be delivered in the future at the Latin American HPB Regional meetings with the collaboration of local chapters and industry support. This first LA-AHPBA US course may take place in the regional meeting in Peru in 2019. The CSI is also collaborating with the International Relations Committee to take advantage of the AHPBA sponsored outreach mission trips to facilitate the training of local surgeons in different techniques and technologies. In a recent mission trip to Cuzco, Peru, on June 2017, local surgeons were exposed to different energy devices, intraoperative ultrasound, ablation modalities and surgical techniques delivered by AHPBA surgeons.

We continue to welcome new ideas from all AHPBA members from all regions to improve access to surgical innovation in HPB surgery.
CLINICAL TRIALS

The clinical trials committee is a relatively new committee but has been working hard to develop mechanisms to develop HPB clinical trials through collaboration with the AHPBA. So far, we have developed a very successful collaboration with the ACS/NSQIP group and have written and begun to execute a multi-center randomized trial analyzing antibiotics and surgical site infections after pancreatoduodenectomy. The trial protocol has been approved at the lead center and will be rolled out to other institutions in the fall of 2017. This has been a very exciting and successful collaboration. We also will be putting out a request for ideas from the AHPBA membership for other trials to be run through the infrastructure that we are creating.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The management of conflict of interest (COI) has been an increasingly important issue for professional organizations like the AHPBA as well as individual surgeons. Notably, JAMA devoted a significant portion of their May 2017 issue to this topic. The COI committee has revised and modernized the policies and processes for COI management and disclosures for the organization. The objective of these changes was to develop an environment of transparency and honesty, while outlining ways to manage COI issues without being discriminatory or punitive.

The COI committee would like to remind members to ensure that their disclosure information is up-to-date and accurate when submitting abstracts or accepting invitations for the Annual meeting.

EDUCATION & TRAINING COMMITTEE

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 each year.

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. In the coming year, these modules will be expanded and aligned with the HPB fellowship curriculum. The committee is also working to develop trainee resources for ablation. Committee representatives are also part of the unified standards taskforce, to include SSO, ASTS, SSAT, & SAGES, in working to establish entrusted professional activities (EPAs) for HPB fellow training. Over the past year, we also welcomed our Latin American AHPBA colleagues to the committee, and continue discussions of collaborative efforts and idea sharing with respect to trainee education.

Michael D’Angelica
Chair

Sean Cleary, MD
Chair
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Roberto Alejandro Hernandez, MD

The Publications Committee develops guidelines for the treatment of HPB disease and is charged with overseeing arrangements with the Association’s journal, as well as providing oversight for content and structure to the organization’s website. We are happy to welcome three new members to the committee: Karen Pineda, Koji Tomiyama and Ana Gleisner. Currently, we are a geographically diverse and gender balanced group.

We continue our work in the social media sphere with the Case-of-the-Month on the website and we are excited to announce the launch of our first private Facebook Group “AHPBA Case Discussion Group.” This is a secure platform to generate educational discussions on provocative and challenging HPB cases. In just few months we have 165 engaged members of the group. We invite fellows and faculty members to participate in order to enhance the educational value of the discussions.

Looking forward to seeing you online!

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.

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BOLIVIA 2017 OUTREACH MISSION  Submitted by Mariano Gimenez, MD

OUTREACH MISSION
Sucre - Potosi, Bolivia
March 5-11, 2017

TEAM LEADER
Mariano Gimenez
Professor of Surgery University of Buenos Aires and Scientific Director of Percutaneous Surgery. University of Strasbourg

MEDICAL SPECIALITY
HPB Surgeon and Percutaneous Surgery

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Oscar Invendara (IHPBA President)
Javier Lendoire (AHPBA Past President)
Octavio Gil (HPB Surgeon)

LOCAL COORDINATORS
Gary Durán (HPB Surgeon and Percutaneous Surgeon)

With the participation and support of the Bolivian and Argentine chapter of the IHPBA / AHPBA in the city of Sucre we performed HPB surgeries, together with the Bolivian surgeons in the two main public hospitals of the City. (Institute of Gastroenterology and Hospital Santa Barbara)

We shared case discussions with residents and a 3-day HPB course was conducted with the participation of surgeons, residents and a health team. At the end of the week, we moved to the city of Potosi, 160 km away and 4,060 meters (13,300 feet) above sea level. There we participated in discussion of cases with residents and held a scientific day with lectures.

This Outreach Mission was the first where the entire team of surgeons HPB belonged to Latin America.

It is our second mission in Bolivia. We consider the result to be very positive. A possible third mission for the year 2018 has already been discussed.

PERU 2017 OUTREACH MISSION  Submitted by Mariano Gimenez, MD

Outreach Mission in Cusco, Peru, 18 to 23 June 2017.

PARTICIPANTS
Local surgeons: Eduardo Anchante (President of the Peruvian Chapter) and Victor Hugo Torres (Former President of the Peruvian Chapter)
Foreign surgeons: Oscar Invendara and Octavio Gil (Argentina), Patricio Polanco (USA) and Daniel Figueroa (Mexico).
Leader: Mariano Gimenez (Argentina).

LOCATION
Hospital Adolfo Guevara Velasco -EsSalud. Cusco's main teaching public hospital.

MEDICAL ACTIVITIES
The team plus local surgeons at the hospital performed 9 surgeries of low, medium & high complexity. All surgeries was successful and represented real learning opportunities for the local surgeons.

We also carried out medical rounds with doctors from the hospital, doctors from the surrounding region, including Bolivia, and nursing staff. Every morning we engaged in discussion of clinical cases with the above mentioned groups. In the afternoons we ran an HPB update course which included lectures and extensive case discussions which were extremely well attended.

IMPACT
The outreach mission achieved a high level of interest and recognition. In addition, members of the Mission where interviewed in various radio and television media.

Moreover, the National Director of EsSalud (the network of public hospitals across the whole of Peru), who has the rank of Minister of State, came to Cusco to meet the members of the outreach mission. We discussed possible future educational activities, such as:

• Consider future Outreach Missions to other cities in Perú.
• Provide free advice and consultancy to help the Cusco Hospital achieve liver transplants.
• Offer, at the Universities and Institutions represented by the International members of the Outreach Mission, scholarships, fellowships and observerships to Peruvian doctors to supplement their training.

These Missions represent a powerful learning experience both for the hosts and mission participants. The experience clearly exceeds the usual educational process of arriving in cities and giving classes and lectures. Living and working with local surgeons and other health workers the whole day for a week creates long lasting bonds leading to future cooperation and mutual enrichment.
The Caribbean chapter had a successful meeting on January 26th, 2017. All chapter members with one exception were present and participated in the meeting. We were grateful to Dr. Charles Vollmer and Dr. Elijah Dixon who were present and actively participated in the program. All members presented their experiences and challenges within each territory. The meeting provided opportunities for future collaboration within the territories and all members left motivated to pursue efforts to strengthen collaborative research. Overall everyone felt enlightened by the talks and enjoyed the fellowship. The Chapter thanks to AHPBA for its outreach efforts in the development of HPB surgery throughout the Americas.
URUGUAYAN CHAPTER ACTIVITIES SUMMARY  Submitted by Dr. Gustavo Andreoli, Past president Uruguayan Chapter

SECOND NATIONAL AHPBA CHAPTER MEETING
This was an all central day HBP exclusive activity into the 3 days 67 Uruguayan National Surgical Congress. This is the biggest national surgical activity and took place at Punta del Este, our biggest beach tourist city.

There were 246 registered surgeons and 28 foreign speakers (18 from Argentina, 4 from Chile, 2 from Germany, 2 from EUA, 1 from Brazil, 1 from Paraguay and 1 from Peru).

9 of the International Speakers were AHPBA members including AHPBA Past Presidents William Jarnagin and Gazi Zibari.

The course included 12 conferences, 4 clinical case discussion, 1 round table cases discussion and the official lecture.

All activities were well attended and after the meeting our national HPB chapter grew from 22 to 37 members.

NEW URUGUAYAN AHPBA CHAPTER AUTHORITIES
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