The AHPBA 2019 Annual Meeting held at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel was a great success and drew a record 1,072 attendees from 45 countries and 6 continents with increased attendance from members from Latin America and around the world! Thank you to the 2019 Program Chair, David Kooby MD, and the Program Committee who delivered an outstanding program including a case-based Pre-Congress Symposium, HPB Talks, State of the Art lectures, a peek inside the Master Surgeon’s OR, Debates, Invited International Video Session, Professor Breakfasts, Fellows Jeopardy, and more! The symposia included Advocacy in HPB malignancies, Guidelines for managing biliary tract malignancies, breakthrough science, HPB surgery in the community, resectable CRLM, distal pancreatectomy tool kit, and a 25 year celebration with Past Presidents competing in a StorySlam!, and over 340 original research presentations.

The AHPBA 2020 program will be chaired by Sean Cleary MD, Mayo Clinic, with the assistance of his Vice Chair Ajay Maker MD and our new Latin American Program Co-Chair, Alessandro Diniz MD. The program will highlight State of the Art Lectures, a How I Do It session, additional Community Surgeons sessions, Masters Videos, named lectures, debates, increased case-based discussions and more! The AHPBA 2020 Call for Abstracts deadline will be Monday, October 7th. We encourage you to start preparing your original research submissions for Oral, Video, Mini Oral and Advanced Practice Provider presentation categories now.

The AHPBA just celebrated 25 years, and we have a bright future looking forward to the next 25 years. We are rolling out our Strategic Plan, a new marketing plan, and our committees are busy at work with new initiatives, and clear focus in 2020 and the coming years. Our new mission statement, “AHPBA is Advancing HPB Care to Improve Patient Lives”, underscores our collective desire to relieve human suffering caused by HPB diseases. To emphasize our commitment to patients, we are pleased to report the Patient Education Project (PEP) is underway thanks to the generous funding of the AHPB Foundation. PEP will provide online resources for HPB patients to access useful and accurate information along their journey. This website portal will be embedded into the AHPBA website and will include features such as information videos, testimonies, peer to peer discussion board, support resources and more.

We strive to best serve you, our members, by providing access to global HPB resources, strong alliances, first class education, professional development opportunities and enduring friendship and community. Join us this year as we continue to share our strengths and vision to help improve patient lives!

We continue to work to make AHPBA an organization that is meaningful to you in your practice and of which you are proud to be a member. Thank you for your support, dedication and service to AHPBA.

I look forward to seeing you in Miami Beach!

Felipe J.F. Coimbra MD
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- Contains over 170 chapters and over 350 contributors
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- Title of each chapter is in a form of a clinical dilemma
- Each chapter begins with a Case Scenario and ends with Salient Points
- Special Debates are included in each section
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- Authors emanate from different corners of the world
- Valuable for faculty, students, surgical trainees, fellows, and all health care providers in the HPB/Trauma/Transplant field

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Contact ahpba@lp-etc.com to join the AHPBA Case Discussion group. All AHPBA members in good standing are welcome to join.

An interactive private forum for AHPBA members to share ideas, research and questions with expert peers from around the world with the main goal of improving the quality of patient care. We encourage young faculty, Fellows and Residents to participate, comment and post cases and take advantage of the educational opportunities this group provides.
PROGRAM COMMITTEE UPDATE

Sean P. Cleary MD, MSc, MPH
2020 Program Chair

Congratulations and thank you to Dr. David Kooby, the 2019 AHPBA Program Chair, who suitably helped us celebrate 25 years of AHPBA with record breaking attendance with over 1,000 meeting attendees from 45 countries and 6 continents, and 361 scientific abstract submissions.

The AHPBA 2020 Annual Meeting promises to deliver breakthrough scientific content from experts around the world, and is themed “2020 Vision – Focus on Evidence and Integrated Care.”

The 2020 meeting will include the Pre Congress Symposium planned by AHPBA President Elect Dr. Timothy Pawlik, “State of the Art” lectures and named lectures including Professor Norihiro Kokudo (Japan) and Professor John Neoptolemos (England/Germany), new “How I Do It” sessions and more!

We will also continue collaborations with ASTS (American Society of Transplant Surgeons), ILLS (International Laparoscopic Liver Society), SAGES (Society of Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons), and CCF (Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation) with co-sponsored symposia, and will continue the successful partnering with HPB Advocacy groups with the second year of the Advocacy Corner. Various other groups will have the opportunity to meet and discuss key issues pertaining to them such as Advanced Practice Providers, Women in HPB Surgery and expanded programming for Community Surgeons, as well as an AHPBA favorite – Fellows Jeopardy! In addition, you won’t want to miss two exciting video sessions – Masters Disasters and Masters Videos.

Finally, the program would not be complete without the AHPBF 5K Fund Run and our famous Congress Banquet, giving us a chance to kick back, relax and enjoy food, cocktails and entertainment with friends and family.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel March 5-8, 2020 to fulfill our mission of Advancing HPB care to improve patient lives.

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Hospital Argerich, Buenos Aires, Argentina

NORTH & LATIN AMERICAN EXCHANGE GRANT
2019 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.

Eduardo Andres Briceno Valenzuela MD
Clinical Hospital of the Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile
Travel Destination: University of Toronto

Cristina R. Ferrone MD
Massachusetts General Hospital
Travel Destination: Hospital Italiano in Buenos Aires

Hari Nathan MD, PhD
University of Michigan
Travel Destination: Hospital Italiano de Buenos Aires

2019 RESEARCH AWARD RECIPIENTS
Joshua Leinwand MD, MSE
NYU Langone
“The Microbiome and Regulation of Hepatic Immunity”

Lawrence Delrosario MD
University of Michigan
“Diabetes-Mediated Enhancement of Pancreatic Tumorigenesis: Exploring The Role of Adipocyte-Cancer Crosstalk”

Supported by the AHPB Foundation.

ANNUAL MEETING TRAVEL GRANT
The goal of the travel grants is to assist trainees from Latin America to attend the AHPBA Annual Meeting.

Deadline to Apply for 2020 Grants: September 23, 2019
Apply Online

2019 RECIPIENTS

Rodrigo Figueroa
Vagner Jeismann
Helena Facundo Navia
Victor Visag Castillo
Luis Mari Gutarra
GAZI ZIBARI GLOBAL OUTREACH AWARD
The AHPBA Gazi Zibari Global Outreach Humanitarian Award is aptly named after AHPBA Past President, Dr. Gazi Zibari, for his outstanding humanitarian contributions abroad and to honor his passion for medical outreach. The purpose of this award is to recognize an AHPBA Member who has dedicated a significant amount of time to volunteer medical outreach activity and capacity building abroad.

2019 RECIPIENT
Sean P. Cleary MD, MSc, MPH
Mayo Clinic

Members may nominate an individual or self-nominate using the online application. Deadline to Apply for 2020 Award: October 11, 2019
Apply online

ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER GRANT
The goal of these grants are to offset costs for Advanced Practice Providers to travel to and attend the AHPBA Annual Meeting.

Deadline for 2020 Grants: September 23, 2019
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2019 RECIPIENTS
Elise Diner PA-C
Patti Renaud ACNP
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Samantha Foley PA-C

BRANDEIS SCHOLARSHIP
The American College of Surgeons and the Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association offer an annual scholarship to subsidize attendance and participation in the Executive Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management at Brandeis University. The award is in the amount of $8,000, to be used toward the cost of tuition, travel, housing, and subsistence during the period of the course.

2019 RECIPIENT
Daniel A. Anaya MD
Moffitt Cancer Center

The application process is now closed, and will open again in the fall.

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

2019 RECIPIENT
Mohammad Zaidi MD, MS
Emory University
“Intratumoral Interleukin-6 and Myeloid Cell Subsets Within the Cholangiocarcinoma Tumor Microenvironment”

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**THE PATIENT EDUCATION PROJECT (PEP)**

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A microsite with videos, animated graphics, discussion community, support resources and informational content built specifically for patients. PEP will be accessed on the AHPBA website.

How will it help?
PEP will provide HPB patients with accurate and useful information regarding care of liver, pancreas, and biliary diseases.

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**Fast Facts**
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**The Advanced Practice Provider community is making strides!**
The APP Subcommittee is launching a virtual journal club. The journal club will meet quarterly and discuss interesting and current papers that relate to the Advanced Practice Provider HPB community. To be added to the listerv, email ahpba@lp-etc.com. All members welcome to attend!

AHPBA offers travel grants, symposia and abstract opportunities specifically geared for the Advanced Practice Provider Community.

Encourage your Advanced Practice Provider colleagues to apply for membership and get involved!

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HPB PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Brendan Visser MD, Chair

- Congratulations to graduating 2019 HPB Fellows!
- Incoming Fellows to begin planning 2020 Bernard Langer Fellows Symposium in September.
- HPB Fellows invited to 8th Annual Fellows Course in HPB Surgery in Charlotte, NC in late August.
- Virtual Grand Rounds to take place monthly, beginning in September. New structure will accommodate more attendance and recordings of the sessions for all members to access!

EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE

Tara Kent MD, Chair

- Congratulations to the 17 HPB 2018 Fellows who successfully achieved their certificates.
- A special taskforce will be responsible for updating HPB fellowship content online. Additionally, this taskforce will also create modules to correspond with the revised online curriculum.
- New curriculum approved! Read details here
- AHPBA 2020 Ultrasound Course to increase to 40 participants!
- An Advanced Ablation Course to be offered at #AHPBA20! Watch your email for more details and course eligibility.
Thank you for your generous donations and pledges this past year. Our new fundraising software assisted in the 25s for $25 campaign resulting in over two and a half times the donations received in 2018, along with the ability to process pledged donations.

These donations enable our Foundation to support new initiatives, as well as existing awards, the HPB textbook, and the soon to be published AHPBA The First 25 Years. Watch your email in October for your donation history to the Foundation.

We appreciate your generosity, and count on your future support to keep the Foundation running strong.

Donate To My Favorite Team 2019 raised $36k!

Thank you for your generosity!

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Baltimore MD
(Time: 21:50)

**Gail Chung**
Vancouver, BC Canada
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“The AHPBA Research Grant helped enable me to spend dedicated time during residency doing basic science research, and to join an international community of clinicians and researchers devoted to treating HPB disease. This unique opportunity is invaluable to me at this point, early in a career that I hope to build as a surgeon-scientist.”

- Dr. Joshua Leinwand
2019 Research Grant Recipient

“The AHPBA Traveling Award afforded me a great opportunity to witness some of the best master-surgeons at work, and I’ve gotten to know and became friends with a great number of people. The experience has galvanized my resolve to become a stronger advocate for my patients, many of whom have limited means.”

- Dr. Quyen Chu
2015 Travel Grant recipient

“I very much enjoyed the whole meeting. I really liked the presidential speech ‘Get Better’ by Dr. Vollmer and the symposia such as the one regarding biliary duct injury. I think the greatest benefits of my attending the meeting was, first, the update on the current management of HPB diseases and, secondly, the possibility to get together and spend some time with the experts in this specialty and experience the camaraderie of the AHPBA members.”

- Dr. Rodrigo Figueroa
2019 Travel Grant recipient

“Funding challenges and shifting priorities have curtailed the entry of young surgeons into careers incorporating basic science and laboratory work. This is unfortunate, as surgeons have the unique privilege of seeing, treating, and studying the diseases they specialize in. The field of pancreas cancer, my area of interest, has seen a remarkable increase in the number of researchers studying the disease; however, this also means that the competition for limited funding has also grown. The AHPBA 2019 Training Grant helped to fund another year in the lab to delve into the mechanistic features of how diabetes affects the initiation and progression of pancreas cancer in patients. The generous funding provided allowed me to establish myself as a more independent trainee capable of building my own surgeon-scientist research group in the future.”

- Dr. Lawrence Delrosario
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Guatemala Outreach | Guatemala City  
July 2018

The mission was carried out by Prof. Juan Sanabria (USA) and Prof. Mariano Giménez (Argentina).

Objectives:
1. To participate in the 44 Congress of Surgery organized by the Guatemala Society of Surgery and bring together de Guatemala Chapter of AHPBA and the Guatemala Society of Surgery.
2. To take part in various activities involving surgeons, residents, nursing staff at Public and Private Hospitals in Guatemala City.
3. To perform and train local surgeons on modern HPB techniques.

Activities:
1. Dr. Sanabria and Dr. Gimenez made 6 presentations at the Congress. Within the Congress, the Guatemala Chapter of AHPBA organized an event to honor its founders and announce the hand over the presidency to a new leadership.
2. Patient rounds were made and case discussions with surgeons and residents were held at two hospitals in Guatemala City: Hospital General de Enfermedades. Instituto Guatemalteco de Seguridad Social led by Dr. Leonardo Douglas and David Porras. Hospital Privado Nuestra Señora del Pilar led by Dr. Erick Soto and Dr. Estuardo Paiz.
3. Biliary drainages were carried out with local surgeons and radiologists and a Duodenopancreatectomy was planned but it was finally cancelled due to logistical problems. Also, a hands on course on ablation therapies (RFA and MWA) was organized by the Chapter where surgeons were able to practice these techniques.

The mission was very successful in supporting the local Chapter and integrating it with the general surgeons community. It was also very useful for young surgeons to be in contact with modern surgical procedures and techniques.

Mariano E. Giménez MD, PhD

Honduras Outreach | Makati Medical Center  
October 2018

Our team comprised of Dr. Quyen Chu, Dr. Awe, Ms. Christen Lummus and me representing AHPBA in collaboration with World Surgical Foundation. In brief, our team arrived in Honduras on October 6th. On Sunday, October 7th we screened more than 200 patients and scheduled surgeries for the coming week. Our team comprised of 24 members: 3 general surgeons, 1 pediatric surgeon, 1 oncologist gynecologist, 1 hand surgeon together with 3 residents (1 from Japan, 1 from LSU and 1 from Philadelphia) We had 5 anesthesiologists & 5 CRNA’s and we also had social workers, ICU nurses & ancillary staff. We ended up doing 147 surgeries during this week comprising gynecology surgery, urology surgery, general surgery, pediatric surgery & hand surgeries.

While there, medical students were great help, they were involved from the very first day translating and documenting in the charts. Later, they accompanied patients to the operating room and acted as the translator between surgeons and personnel, they made rounds with us every day consistently. We taught them how to put sutures in patients & minor part of surgery and they were extremely happy with this experience.

This was a wonderful and gratifying mission, and everyone came back happy and looking forward to the next.

Hosein Shokouh-Amiri MD

If you are interested in participating in outreach missions, or have a trip you would like to submit for sponsorship, click here to learn more details.
Our mission trip took place on August 15-17th in the city of Imperatriz, in the State of Maranhão, Brazil. The trip was held at the public hospital run by the state government, known as Dra. Ruth Noleto Macrorregional Hospital. Five surgeons, Dr. Mariano Gimenez (from Buenos Aires and Strasbourg), Dr. Alessandro Diniz, Dr. Heber Salvador (both from São Paulo), Dr. Orlando Torres (from São Luís), and Dr. Eduardo Fernandes (from Rio de Janeiro), kindly donated their time and talent to come and perform surgeries at the mission trip.

In the days before the humanitarian mission, AHPBA made the local news with radio and television interviews which gained visibility for the outreach mission as well as AHPBA. On the first day, a clinical session was held with discussion of the cases that were selected for the following day. The visiting surgeons, local surgical team, radiologist and senior students from the Medical School of the Federal University of Maranhão collaborated. On the second day, 11 HPB surgeries were performed. We had three operating rooms available for us at the hospital and the surgeries were performed by the invited surgeons with the participation of the local surgical team. The teams shared experiences for the purpose of improved surgical skills. On the third day, a half-day mini-meeting was held which included participation from other general surgeons in the community, as well as several medical students.

It is also important to highlight the collaboration of private entities for the accomplishment of the Outreach Mission. Ethicon Johnson & Johnson donated surgical supplies, SAFE and Cirúrgica Fontelles (local dealerships) donated supplies for invasive hemodynamic monitoring, and the C-Arm radioscopy was kindly loaned by the Hospital das Clínicas de Imperatriz, another private hospital at the same town.

The Outreach Mission was successful. It helped arouse health managers to the importance of having a specialized treatment team, as demonstrated by the patient demand. Additionally, we were able to convince the health managers to buy a C-arm radioscopy for the hospital. The trip also provided an atmosphere for the exchange of knowledge. We performed several surgeries which was much needed since there were some patients who were waiting for surgery for over one year. And last but not least, we promoted the AHPBA brand among local surgeons who were unfamiliar with our association.

We at Imperatriz give our most sincere thanks to AHPBA, as well as CBCHPB, and the invited surgeons, who gave their time and expertise to such a worthy cause.

Kind Regards,
Jorge S. Lyra MD

Surgeries performed on the mission trip:
- Laparoscopic Hepatic Cyst unroofing (2 cases)
- Common Bile Duct Cyst laparoscopic resection
- Distal Pancreatectomy with spleenectomy.
- Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy (3 cases)
- Percutaneous biliary drainage
- Common bile duct exploration with bile-digestive derivation
- Common Bile duct exploration
- Hepatic liver biopsy
Dear colleagues,

It’s my privilege to report the successful outcome of our first Brazilian AHPBA’s Outreach Mission (December 13th - 14th, 2018). The Brazilian College of Hepato Pancreato Biliary Surgery (CB-CHPB) merged with AHPBA fully supported the mission and helped the HPB team from the city of Cuiabá, in the state of Mato Grosso / Brazil to receive our team of surgeons. It was locally coordinated by Dr. Michelli Daltro.

The main goal was to help promoting local progress of dedicated HPB surgical care to local patients in need.

Those patients were operated on at the Hospital Geral de Cuiabá, and the surgical teams included local surgeons and residents. Operative procedures included HCC radio frequency ablation, giant hepatic cyst resection, lap cholecystectomy, percutaneous biliary drainage and iatrogenic biliary injury repair. All cases were discussed in detail on the second day, during an HPB Symposium. Also, our surgeons provided small conferences regarding HPB topics and had a very nice chat with the attending surgeons, residents and students. Fortunately, all patients did well after surgery and all participants interacted in a very friendly atmosphere. Local hospital and surgical teams could improve their skills regarding treating complex HPB diseases. AHPBA and CB-CHPB will continue to support these and other dedicated HPB teams. We thank Dr. Felipe Coimbra for the initiative to start these mission efforts in Brazil. We also want to highlight the local leadership of Dr. Michelli Daltro’s and give thanks for the very kind hospitality.

First Brazilian Outreach Mission - Cuiabá team:
Dr. Felipe Coimbra - Brasil
Dr. Michelli Daltro - Brasil
Dr. Claudemiro Quiroze Jr. - Brasil
Dr. Agnaldo Soares Lima - Brasil
Dr. Lúcio Kenny Morais - Brasil
Dr. Lee Thompson - USA
Dr. Leandro Dutra - Brasil
Dr. Alexandre Maitelli - Brasil
Dr. Mário Bernardes - Brasil

Dear Colleagues,

I am very happy to report our fact-finding mission to Manila, Philippines was very productive. They were great hosts and went out of their ways to make sure everything went well. Our colleagues from the Philippines are very interested in establishing a Liver Transplant Program and I gave the following lectures; “Establishing a Liver Transplant Program: The Essentials”, “Pancreatic Resection in the Era of Minimal Invasive Surgery” and “Update in Liver Transplantation”.

During our stay we visited all major institutions in Manila. Also, we visited with the Philippines Undersecretary of health and who oversees Transplantation and Organ Recovery.

In summary, there is significant surgical talent and potential in Philippines. I believe that with adequate support, we can help the people of Philippines to become independent in area of HPB and Transplantation Surgery.

Gazi B. Zibari MD
Kurdistan Outreach | Kurdistan, Iraq
April 2019

Dear Colleagues,

Our annual comprehensive medical outreach team (20 physicians, physician extenders and house staff) completed another successful trip to Kurdistan, Iraq from April 26 - May 4, 2019. We had 2 neurosurgeons, 2 Trauma and Critical Care Surgeons, 2 ER Physicians, 2 Anesthesiologists, 1 Surgical Oncologist, 2 Advanced Lap Surgeons, 1 Transplant/HPB Surgeon, 1 OBGYN, 1 Cardiologist, 1 Nephrologist, 1 Podiatrist, 2 Optometrist, 1 PA and 1 Nurse Practitioner.

The team was hard at work and hundreds of patients were seen in consultations and several dozen complex surgeries were performed. Additionally, many of our team members were keynote speakers and invited to join the 1st Middle East Congress, which was held in Erbil, Capital Of Kurdistan Regions Government. Additionally, other courses were given such as ATLS, Prehospital care, etc. This trip was supported by Prime Minister Nichervan Barzani’s Foundation. Additionally, more than 20 boxes of medical supplies were brought by us to for patient Care.

Respectfully,
Gazi B Zibari MD

AHPBA CHAPTERS

CHAPTER SUPPORT
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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4th Annual Latin American Regional Congress will be hosted by the Peruvian Chapter!
Features the first exported AHPBA Ultrasound Course in Spanish! Planning efforts led by the Ultrasound Course Subcommittee and Latin American trained faculty. The course is generously supported by the AHPB Foundation.
Designated focus on AHPBA member recruitment and brand awareness for non-member Latin American attendees
Registration now available online

Thanks to the AHPBA Latin American Chapter Presidents Subcommittee for their liaison work!

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