

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### **Dear Friends in ISAKOS,**

On behalf of the ISAKOS Executive Committee, I thank you for your membership with ISAKOS. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the recent activities of your ISAKOS Executive Committee.

The ISAKOS Executive Committee met in San Francisco in January 2010 to discuss the future direction of our society. We worked diligently with a society consultant for two days and walked away with new insights into the future of ISAKOS.

Among the first items we discussed was the ISAKOS Mission Statement, or statement of “what we do”. It was agreed to keep the Mission Statement as it currently stands...

***Advance the worldwide exchange and dissemination of education, research and patient care in Arthroscopy, Knee Surgery and Orthopaedic Sports Medicine.***

Next, we took the Mission Statement, and moved on to our Vision Statement, or “what we try to become”. This proved to be more complicated, but we were able to come to an agreement that ISAKOS strives to become....

***A dynamic international organization that attracts and nurtures outstanding members who are dedicated to our mission of worldwide exchange and dissemination of information.***

We also discussed our ISAKOS Values. What is it about our membership that we value as leaders, and what do our members value about ISAKOS? We agreed that our values are....

***Global Perspective – We respect diversity and lead through action, innovation and mentoring.***

***Excellence – We take pride in ensuring quality.***

***Integrity – We advocate high ethical conduct in all we do.***

***Dedication – We believe in the ISAKOS Mission, its teachings and collaboration with others.***

We took the Mission, Vision and Values statements with us to the recent ISAKOS Committee meetings held during the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons meeting held in March in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. We thank the committees for their hard work during the three days of meetings, and look forward to bringing the projects discussed forward to the membership over the next several months.

An additional frequent topic of conversation during these meetings was the upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial ISAKOS Congress to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. We are very excited about this Congress, and look forward to a week of exciting and innovative scientific presentations, as well as the social events, such as the Welcome Reception, and a new addition for Brazil – Sporting Events! We will take a half day on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> for an afternoon away from the Convention Center for events such as football (soccer), golf, and tennis.

We are confident that the future of ISAKOS is bright! On behalf of the ISAKOS Executive Committee, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the ISAKOS Board of Directors, the Committee Chairs, and the Committee members for their diligent efforts during the first year of their committee term. Additionally, special thanks to the ISAKOS Office for their support and efforts on behalf of our society. Finally, I thank you, the Members, for your membership with ISAKOS – it is our diversity and international perspective that makes ISAKOS great!

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