The foundation of the ISK
Columbus 1975-76
New Orleans 1975
During my stay in Columbus we started the idea to build the ISK and after few years of diplomatic connexions and various meetings we organised the foundation meeting in Roma 1977.
Callaway gardens 1976
preparing the ISK foundation
It was the time of the ACL season!
Roma 1977
the ISK foundation
Lyon 1979
first Congress of the ISK
Ken De Haven and the meniscal suture
During this congress Kurt Franke described the use of a free patellar tendon graft (BTB). He published this technic and the results (130 patients) in 1976.
As an alternative technique Helmuth Brückner of Rostok recommended the use of a free central strip of bone-patellar tendon-bone graft (B-PT-B) taken from the contra-lateral knee in cases where the ipsi-lateral patellar tendon was compromised through previous surgery.
In 1979 Kurt Franke of Berlin presented in Lyon his experience of 130 ACL reconstructions using a free graft of the central third of the patellar tendon as previously described by Bru¨ckner.

This was the first publication on clinical long-term results with a free bone-patellar-tendon-bone (B-PT-B) graft in a large patient cohort, providing good functional outcome in combination with a reliable and reproducible technique. Following Franke’s publication, B-PT-B was to become one of the most popular graft sources and was further popularised through the work of Eriksson in Europe and Clancy in the United States.
This technic was first described in 1969 by Brückner.

He used the mid third of the patellar tendon, free graft with a press fit fixation in the tibia.
The goal of this association:

• Protection of the graft during the ligamentization.
• Treatment of a potential antero lateral acute or chronic ligamentous lesions equivalent to a Segond fracture as described by J Hughston.
New Orleans 1981
In the middle of 80’s the most popular graft was the BPTB “The gold standard”

• With a classical two incisions technic (Out – In)
• Fixed by - a wire and an extra articular screw
  - a press fit
  - an interference screw (AO screws K Lambert Jackson Holes 1983, specific screws Kurosaka Kobe 1987) metallic then absorbable
• Evaluation of the graft isometry to manage it’s placement.
1983 Glen Eagle
Since then is recent history....

The ESKA was founded in Berlin in 1984 by W. Mueller, L. Trickey, E. Eriksson, P. Hertel and T. Van Rens