PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Gary Poehling, M.D., 1997-99 ISAKOS President

A sense of anticipation has captured the ISAKOS organization as we finalize plans for the historic meeting in Washington, D.C. You will hear from other committee members about the program. The social and cultural activities are far along in the planning process, and abstracts from around the world are arriving in large numbers. Continued participation from members all over the world guarantees an exciting meeting for 1999 with a true international interchange of ideas and techniques.

Discussions concerning the relationship of ISAKOS to continental organizations continue on an individual basis. Plans are under way to bring the leadership of all these organizations together in Washington, D.C. Credit and thanks go to Rene Verdonk for his leadership and foresight in initiating this process. The meeting of the continental leaders will allow not only better international planning in a coordinated fashion but also will minimize conflicts and strengthen future meetings. It is clear that we all have become part of an international community through improved communication and technology. Planning this meeting is a manifestation of this reality.

The Internet is changing how we relate to each other. Our organization has the chance to capitalize on this technology and provide global educational opportunities in a cost-effective and efficient manner. A spirit of cooperation guarantees the success of these efforts. I am thrilled to be part of ISAKOS as that spirit comes more alive each day as we plan the meeting. Be sure to be a part of the future and come to Washington, D.C., May 29 to June 2, 1999. I look forward to seeing you there!

More abstracts than ever before have been submitted for the 1999 ISAKOS Congress in Washington, D.C. Submissions have come from every corner of the world, and many submissions are not from ISAKOS members.

The abstracts will be distributed to ISAKOS committee members for grading, and in October the program will be assembled. The program will consist of papers, posters, debates, instructional course lectures and symposia. A multimedia center will also be available to all attendees, with CD-ROMs and videos accessible for independent study.

A Preliminary Program for the 1999 Congress will be available in early December.

Montreux, Switzerland, has been finalized as the site for the 2001 ISAKOS Congress. Barcelona, Durban, Jerusalem and Paris were also considered.

Montreux is located one hour from Geneva on the shores of Lake Geneva. Surrounded by the Alps and renowned for its temperate climate, it offers water sports, wine tours, medieval castle tours, hiking and prime skiing at such famous locations as Zermatt at the base of the Matterhorn. Montreux is home to the world-famous Jazz Festival every summer, yet the city is so small that every hotel is within walking distance of its brand new convention center.

The city was chosen for these attributes as well as for its affordability. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 14-18, 2001.
FROM THE HOME OFFICE

Kathryn Grady, ISAKOS Director

It is hard to believe that plans are already under way for the 1999 Program and that the meeting is beginning to take shape. Make room in your calendar now! Weekend excursions will be available to New York City, Nashville and Orlando. I encourage you to bring your family to this meeting. We will have an elegant spouse program, and Washington, D.C., is a fantastic city for family sightseeing. Most of the museums are free, and it is a walkable, clean city that is accustomed to international visitors. Museums have maps and guides available in almost every language. If your family has never been to the United States before, this is a golden opportunity.

I visited Switzerland this spring to begin negotiations for hotel room and convention contracts for the 2001 Congress. We have a terrific opportunity in Montreux for a first-rate meeting. The hotels will, at the most, cost US$200, and the prices will go down from there. We will have a variety of room rates available so that the meeting is feasible for everyone. We are planning a farewell banquet at the Chillon Castle, which was immortalized in Byron’s poem “The Prisoner of Chillon.” We will be renting out an entire convention center so that we have plenty of room for a varied program. The Montreux climate is remarkable, the town is safe, and the lake and surrounding Alps are breathtaking.

If you are heading to a regional meeting and want to advertise the 1999 ISAKOS Congress, please call the office to receive slides, fliers and posters. Also please link to the ISAKOS Web site from your Web site or your regional society’s home page. Links are the best way to steer traffic to our site.

It was a pleasure seeing many of you in New Orleans. Thank you for your support and energy to make ISAKOS the growing success that it is.

NEW WEB SITE FEATURES

http://www.isakos.com

Don Johnson, M.D., Communications Committee Chair

The ISAKOS Web site has all the information that you would need about the 1999 ISAKOS Biennial Congress in Washington, D.C. Web site visitors can reserve their hotel room, check the Washington, D.C., city map for the location of the hotel and see its location in relation to popular tourist sites. In addition, the site includes links to Web sites for popular Washington attractions. The Preliminary Program will be available online in early December.

You can also see all the abstracts from the Buenos Aires meeting by clicking on the “Journal” link on the left side of the home page and then clicking on the heading “1997 ISAKOS abstracts.”

The future look for the ISAKOS Web site is education. We want to post instructional courses and current concepts lectures so that if someone searches on the Internet for what’s new in anterior cruciate reconstruction or rotator cuff repair, he or she will be directed to the ISAKOS site.

There are currently eight instructional course type presentations in the “Innovations” section. I am still waiting for more of you to send in your presentations. Send them in any format to the ISAKOS office at isakos@aaos.org or to donnie@resudox.net.

We will also post your Web site URL in the directory. At the present time, your e-mail address is listed under your name. This makes it easy to e-mail another member; simply click on the e-mail address and send a message. Included in this newsletter is a member response form (on page 4) with which you can tell us your Web site URL so that we can post a link to your Web site in the directory as well.

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DOCUMENTATION & OUTCOMES COMMITTEE GENERATES LONG-TERM GOALS

Christopher D. Harner, M.D., Chair

Recognizing the need for a universal set of measures to evaluate clinical outcome for the treatment of knee injuries, the society appointed a Documentation and Outcomes Committee. The committee met for the first time at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Annual Meeting. Through this meeting, the committee developed several goals and objectives:

1. To develop a working definition and framework for outcome measures related to the knee.
2. To provide a framework that emphasizes the need for and justification of an outcomes data collection process.
3. To educate the members on issues/concerns related to outcomes. This will include:
   a) identifying currently available outcome studies;
   b) specifying how they can be modified to better serve our societal needs; and
   c) observing how collected outcomes data will provide improved patient care.
4. To serve as a clearinghouse for outcome instruments related to the knee. This will include reviewing and recommending various forms and methodologies for collecting outcomes data rather than developing additional instruments.

The committee has planned a symposium to be given at the ISAKOS Second Biennial Congress in Washington, D.C., in June 1999. This symposium will give our membership a broad overview of outcome—what is currently available, how our committee proposes to implement outcome measures into our society, and how outcomes data can be better used to improve the communication amongst our membership on treatment of knee injuries.

The committee will be meeting again at the AAOS Annual Meeting in Anaheim, California, February 4-8, 1999, to finalize the above goals and objectives as well as to finalize the symposium for the Second Biennial Congress in Washington, D.C. We welcome all of those who are interested to give their input.
SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE DEFINES ROLE IN ISAKOS

Gideon Mann, M.D., Chair

ISAKOS has honored me with the chairmanship of the Sports Medicine Committee – a difficult mission on its own, needless to say, when following in the footsteps of Per Renström. I have debated often the target and direction of our committee together with other members, and it seems that our aim is marked and clearly defined: to introduce sports medicine as an integral part of ISAKOS.

This simple and defined course is probably less simple than it appears. Many of us would question if any surgery that does not involve an arthroscope has any place in modern medicine at all, never mention extra-articular surgery or the long-forgotten conservative treatment. Prevention of orthopaedic diseases and injuries should be entered as a central issue and excluded from its usual position as a 10-minute closing lecture at the end of a last session, after sunset of the last day of the entire conference.

The following targets should guide our way:

1. Emphasizing sports extra-articular trauma, overuse injuries, prevention and conservative treatment in future calls for ISAKOS meetings.
2. Widening the scope of acknowledgments and rewards for presentations in theses various fields:
   a) the best overall paper;
   b) the basic research paper;
   c) the best clinical study;
   d) the best study in injury prevention; and
   e) the best innovation.

   These are only examples, and emphasis should be put on the need for further attention and acknowledgment of individuals researching in the sports medicine field.
3. Publishing via the Internet or by written data the series in sports medicine, including material presented as symposia and instructional courses during ISAKOS meetings. This should preferably be printed before the meeting and handed out at the meetings as a booklet titled 'ISAKOS Series in Sports Medicine – Instructional Courses and Symposia, 1999.'
4. Requesting papers in sports medicine to be submitted and published on equal terms in the ISAKOS Journal of Arthroscopy and Related Research. Personally, I still think that the name should be slightly modified to emphasize that sports medicine is now a part of the journal.
5. Developing new initiatives for common and possibly multinational research would be discussed for any idea presented by our committee members or ISAKOS members at large.

In order to achieve these goals, we will need the continued support of our president and the Board of Directors. The committee and I are all looking forward to the coming two years and doing our best to achieve our outlined goals.

SOCIETY IN GOOD FISCAL SHAPE

K.M. Chan, M.D., Treasurer

I am happy to report that our organization is in a healthy financial status. The main revenue comes from membership dues. At present, we have some 1,316 members, 1,144 of whom are dues-paying, and the number is increasing! I would like to appeal to all of you to recommend your colleagues to join the ISAKOS family.

The society is running a very efficient and cost-effective office, and this helps contain the general expenses. With the 1999 Biennial Congress to be held in Washington, D.C., we expect some significant savings as compared with an overseas meeting. This will certainly put us on a much firmer financial foundation to launch our future projects.

We are planning to build up further networking with corporate sponsorship, expansion of our educational activities and incentives for travelling fellowship and academic awards for excellence in research.

I am sure that with YOUR support, we will be able to achieve these objectives!

TRILLAT AND ACHILLES AWARD APPLICATION DEADLINES APPROACHING

Applications for the Albert Trillat Young Investigator’s Award and the Achilles Research Award are due in the ISAKOS Office by October 1, 1998.

The Albert Trillat Young Investigator’s Award was established in memory of Professor Albert Trillat, past president and founder of the International Society of the Knee. The award provides recognition for a young researcher who has done outstanding clinical laboratory research contributing to the understanding, care or prevention of injuries to the knee. It consists of a US$3,000 honorarium, presentation of the paper at the 1999 Congress and possible publication in the American Journal of Sports Medicine.

The Achilles Research Award recognizes researcher(s) who have done outstanding clinical or laboratory research in the field of sports medicine, such as the care and prevention of injuries. The award consists of a US$3,000 honorarium and presentation of the paper at the 1999 Congress.

To receive an application or further information, visit the ISAKOS Web site (http://www.isakos.com) or telephone the ISAKOS office at +1 (847) 698-1632.
MEMBER RESPONSES SOUGHT

In an effort to better serve the needs of the society, the Communications Committee would like to know your principal area of interest: Please check one:

- Arthroscopy
  - Shoulder
  - Wrist
  - Elbow
  - Knee
  - Hip
  - Upper Extremity
  - Spine
  - Lower Extremity
  - Reconstructive Knee

Do you have a Web site? Please tell us the address: http://www.

Please fax or mail this response form to:

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FAX: +1 (847) 823-0536
NEW ASSOCIATE, ACTIVE AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS WELCOMED

The society has been actively recruiting new members; membership applications were included in the 28,000 Call for Abstracts booklets mailed out this winter. Associate members are now accepted on a rolling basis. Every application that is received is given a response within four weeks.

May 1997
- Carlos Alberto Cury Faustino, M.D., Brazil
  (This member was accidentally omitted from the Summer ‘97 announcement.)

February 1998
- James J. Irrgang, P.T., USA

March 1998
- Wahid Alkharsui, Oman
- John Bartlett, Australia
- Francesco Benazzo, M.D., Italy
- Melbourne D. Boynton, M.D., USA
- Jens-Ulrich Buelow, M.D., Germany
- Salvatore Franzese, M.D., Italy
- William E. Garrett Jr., M.D., Ph.D., USA
- Kinuthia Gichuhi, M.D., Kenya
- James J. Guerra, M.D., USA
- Arnaldo Jose Hernandez, M.D., Brazil
- Osman Karaoglan, Turkey
- Alexandra Kirkley, M.D., Canada
- Lars Konradsen, Denmark
- Romeu Goncalves Krause, M.D., Brazil
- Masahiro Kurosaka, M.D., Japan
- Hee Soo Kyung, M.D., Korea
- Ferdinand J. Liotta, M.D., USA
- David F. Martin, M.D., USA
- Juan Nogales, Spain
- Tae Soo Park, M.D., Korea
- Kevin David Plancher M.D., M.S., USA
- William G. Rodkey, D.V.M., USA
- Donato Rosa, Italy
- Massimiliano Salvi, M.D., Italy
- Ronald M Selby, M.D., USA
- Stephen R. Soffer, M.D., USA
- Hans-Ulrich Staubli, M.D., Switzerland
- Kevin R. Stone, M.D., USA
- Chris Terreblanche, South Africa
- Russell Tregonning, FRACS, New Zealand
- Bruno Violante, M.D., Italy
- Gabriel Wasmer, M.D., Germany
- John E. Zvijac, M.D., USA

May 1998
- Paulo Amado, Portugal
- Annunziato Amendola, M.D., Canada
- Uwe W. Bischoff, M.D., Germany

At the Membership Committee Meeting in New Orleans, 28 new Active Members were voted into acceptance by the committee. Active membership can be granted only through a vote by the Membership Committee, which meets annually at the AAOS Annual Meeting and at the ISAKOS biennial congresses. The newest ISAKOS members are listed below.

- Philip J. Branson, M.D., USA
- Stephen S. Burkhart, M.D., USA
- Jose Dinis Carmo, M.D., Portugal
- Eurico Manuel Pinto De Oliveira, M.D., Portugal
- Evan F. Ekman, M.D., USA
- Cyril B. Frank, M.D., Canada
- Tassos Georgoulis, M.D., Greece
- Kenneth William Jackson, M.D., USA
- Wafi Abu Khalaf, M.D., Jordan
- Miguel Khoury, Argentina
- Jeffrey Pettus Lawrence, M.D., USA
- Valenzuela Luis, M.D., Chile
- Howard J. Marans, M.D., USA
- John F. Meyers, M.D., USA
- Luiz Alberto Motta, M.D., Brazil
- Stephen W. Munns, M.D., USA
- Urs Munzinger, Switzerland
- Franco Napoleoni, M.D., Italy
- Lars Peterson, M.D., Sweden
- Richard Pope, M.D., Australia
- Antonio Jose Rebelo, M.D., Portugal
- J. Filipe Salreta, Portugal
- Carlos Manuel Silva Arruda, M.D., Portugal
- Bernhard Segesser, M.D., Switzerland
- Shivinder Singh Sandhu, M.D., India
- Kurt P. Spindler, M.D., USA
- Luis A. Vargas, M.D., USA

June 1998
- William F. Bennett, M.D., USA
- Eduardo Pilar Cezar, M.D., Brazil
- Frank A. Cordasco, M.D., USA
- Cimar Marques Da Silva, M.D., Brazil
- Howard Freedberg, M.D., USA
- Raphael S.F. Longobardi, M.D., USA
- Kandian Raveendran, M.D., Malaysia
- Sahir Shaikh, M.D., Australia
- Peter Todd Simonian, M.D., USA
- Harukazu Tohyama MD, Ph.D., Japan
- Daniel C. Wascher, M.D., USA

- = Active Member
- = Associate Member
- = Affiliate Member