

Newsletter

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Director General's Message

The XXV Biennial Congress of the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons in Bologna, Italy being held June 23-27, 2012, is a landmark and should be appropriately celebrated. For the last fifty years, the Society has had meetings all over the globe to disseminate the knowledge and encourage the specialty, as the only truly international organization of colon and rectal surgeons.

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Dr. Bruno Cola and his team are hard at work to make the next meeting a memorable one, scientifically and socially. Please consider this as a personal note to each one of the members to set the date aside. If you wish to participate in the program, I would encourage you to do so. We shall try to make your experience worthwhile.

Bologna beckons you.

Indru T. Khubchandani, MD, *Director General*



Japan Needs Your Support

On behalf of the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons, we offer our deepest sympathies and condolences to all of our colleagues in Japan who have been affected by the tragedies of the recent earthquake and Tsunami.

The Japanese contingent has been a major advocate of the ISUCRS over the years, including hosting two very successful Biennial Meetings in Tokyo and Osaka in 1966 and 2002, respectively. In addition, our Japanese members have always been one of the highest submitters of abstracts and attendees at our meetings and we appreciate their support.

To this end, we feel as a society we must help our Japanese membership during this dire time, and although the society, as a non profit, does not have the funds to help financially, we would like to encourage each of our members to donate to help those in need. We have researched the following organizations and offer them as suggestions to you.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Mobilizing to provide immediate humanitarian relief in the shape of emergency health care and provision of non-food items and shelter. Call **1-800-76-00-11** or visit **www.savethechildren.org.au**

THE SALVATION ARMY

Text "Japan" or "Quake" to 80888 to make a \$10 donation that will be added to your next cellphone bill. You may also call **1-800-SAL-ARMY** and say you want to give to "Japan Earthquake/Tsunamis"

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ABOUT THE ISUCRS!

The Society was founded in Mexico City, Mexico on November 24, 1962. Founding members were Harry E. Bacon, MD, Stuart E. Ross, MD and Fidel Ruiz-Moreno, MD.

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Society is to contribute to the progress of Colon and Anorectal Surgery, and to hold congresses and meetings throughout the world in order to interchange scientific knowledge.

Why Join ISUCRS?

- Networking with world-renowned colon and rectal colleagues.
- Free access to the World Journal of Colon and Rectal Surgery, ISUCRS' official on-line, open access journal. The unique format allows rapid publication of articles of any length, with color pictures and even video clips. The journal will enable members to keep abreast of all pertinent topics with a just a click of a button.
- Reduced registration fees for ISUCRS' biennial congress.
- Quarterly newsletter with updates about the society and colon and rectal surgery activities.

Encourage your colleagues to visit www.isucrs.org to apply today!

MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIERS

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is an international humanitarian aid organization that provides emergency medical assistance to populations in danger in more than 60 countries. MSF workers are already on ground in Japan, assessing the situation. For more visit www.msf.org/msf/donations/donations_home.cfm

MERCY CORPS

Mercy Corp has not sent its own team to Japan but it set up a donation fund for its partner, Peace Winds Japan, and its emergency assistance on the ground. To make a donation, call **888-747-7440** or visit www.mercycorps.org/donate/japan

MEDICAL TEAMS INTERNATIONAL

Medical Teams International is also on alert and staying closely in touch with its nine partners along the coast and in Japan. To donate to Medical Teams International, visit www.medicalteams.org

WORLD VISION CANADA

World Vision is among the first organizations to begin relief work by distributing emergency supplies and sending highly-trained staff to assess and respond to the most urgent needs. To donate, visit www.worldvision.ca/give-a-gift/Pages/Pacific-Tsunami.aspx

ISUCRS *History Book*

In 1962, a group of academic colon and rectal surgeons from around the world came together to form an elite organization to focus on a simple mission: Contribute to the progress of Colon and Anorectal Surgery and to hold congresses and meetings throughout the world in order to interchange scientific knowledge. Almost fifty years later, that mission still exists and is still being implemented today.

The International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons was founded in Mexico City by Harry E. Bacon, Stuart E. Ross and Fidel Ruiz-Moreno. These three visionaries helped establish our society as a leader in colon and rectal surgery. Our next Biennial Congress will be in 2012, which will mark the organization's 50th anniversary. As a tribute to this important date, the Society is preparing a special book that will commemorate the history of this society. Contributors will be Past Presidents who will write about how the Society was founded and how we have advanced through the years. Interviews from Society leaders, both past and present, and photos from past meetings and events will be highlighted.

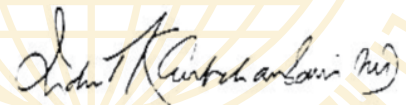
As you know, production costs for a book of this nature can be expensive and we are asking our members to help contribute to these costs. Please join Director General, Dr. Indru Khubchandani, who has already personally pledged \$5000, in helping to support the printing and distribution costs of this book. If you would like to contribute, please complete the pledge form found included in the newsletter and send it into the ISUCRS office. As a contributor, you will be recognized on a special printed page in the book.

It is imperative that we preserve our past as we look towards the future, and with your help, we can ensure that our existence as leaders in colon and rectal surgery will be sealed. Thank you for your consideration, and we hope that you will support the ISUCRS in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,



Professor Helio Moreira, MD
ISUCRS Honorary Member
Book Editor



Indru Khubchandani, MD
ISUCRS Director General

Please complete this pledge form and send it into the ISUCRS office:

ISUCRS HISTORICAL BOOK PLEDGE FORM

Donor Name: _____

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Pledge Commitment

I will fulfill my pledge commitment of:

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 \$3,000 \$4,000 \$5,000 Other \$ _____

Payment Information

Check enclosed
Please make checks payable to ISUCRS and note on the memo line c/o ISUCRS Historical Book

Please charge my credit card: Visa, MasterCard

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Pledge Commitments should charge the first installment of their pledge based on the amount and time frame of payment that has been selected.

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BECOME INVOLVED IN ISUCRS!

ISUCRS will be revamping its committee structure. If you would like to become more involved in a committee, please contact Aaron at aaron@isucrs.org. Available committees include:

Bylaws Committee

Communication Committee

Education Committee

Future Meeting Site Committee

Future Planning Committee

International Grants

Membership Committee

Program Committee

Publications Committee



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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF UNIVERSITY COLON & RECTAL SURGEONS

BIENNIAL CONGRESS

June, 23-27 2012

Palazzo della Cultura e dei Congressi
Bologna (Italy)

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

