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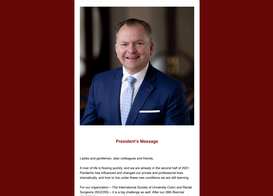
Summer 2021 NEWSLETTER



President's Message

Ladies and gentlemen, dear colleagues and friends,

A lot of life is flowing quickly, and we are already in the second half of 2021. Pandemic has influenced and changed our private and professional lives dramatically, and it has for ever shifted these two conditions as we still learning.

As our organization - The International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ISUCRS) - it is a big challenge as well. After our 28th Biennial Congress in Istanbul, we had to cancel our 29th Congress in Vancouver because our school leadership, has received its goals, tasks and activities. Our objectives are no longer to only be inclusive of colorectal surgeons with only academic interests, but also to be a "home" for all colon and rectal surgeons of universal disease and/or proctology. Hence, to achieve the goal of growth, our membership numbers are growing. However, to achieve the goal of growth, we need to have our meetings and various regional meetings in different parts of the world - it was much easier. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictive measures, we could not have our meetings in person. We had to switch to our members by organizing monthly international webinars in 2020. During the fall half of the year conducted the last successfully – our webinars were very well received. Our monthly international webinars were very well received and we organized a large number of attendees from from all over the world. As we all see the pandemic is not yet to leave us, after the second wave, we are in the third wave and we back from September, October and November.

Another outstanding initiative of our organization - Master of Masters webinars (The essence of this initiative is a webinar, devoted to contemporary controversies of colon and rectal surgery). The first one has already been completed - with 300 participants, and the fall, we have the four weeks no- introduction - and it does be attracting fans.

Our web page www.isucrs.org has more and more information and offers educational possibilities - please visit our web page registering as a member and you will see all challenges we offer today.

Very great news received us from the headquarters of our society journal - The Journal of Colorectal Surgery. Our journal is on the way to be indexed in Medline - please by the end of this year, and that as well means that all published articles by now will become PUBMED cited automatically.

ISUCRS have hybrid meetings every month, discussing different current and future plans. This is our regular activity for last 5 years, and has proven to be very successful. Our members are from all over the world, and everyone recommend. As an example, recently our discussion revealed that there are groups which have minor representation in our society - for example women, or young colon and rectal surgeons, or people from Asian or Latin American countries. Looking into the future of this committee is working plan has been planned and will be followed, for great of our society.

The most important activity of our organization remains our biennial meeting. Due to initiative of our 2020 biennial meeting convener and our vice president Prof. Ali Sakar, MD, PhD, our 29th congress was planned in beautiful Vancouver, Marriot Pinnacle, where our 31st biennial meeting is going to be held October 27 to 29, 2022. A draft program was discussed in details and I am already state that it will be very interesting and very educational. Unfortunately, we had to cancel 29th of hold Congress crossed that we over meet in this amazing historic city. Uniquely situated both in Europe and Asia - in person, and not through web.

Other goals of excellent service for ISUCRS are an executive director Mrs. Bethell stepped down from the position to go for other and her main goals in life. But as her position has been of the highest possible quality, ISUCRS is looking for a new person to fill the position. Finding a new ED is a big organization. How difficult it is to go on without her for all us, we welcome our new executive executive director, Mrgo Lakatos and wish her all the best in her service!

May I remind you that we welcome all of you to bring forward ideas and share any suggestions with us via email at admin@isucrs.org. Your suggestions and ideas are important for us and our society. Our organization is growing and most likely in future we have partners, who willingly decided to support our organization to let as reach our goals - Frankenman International, Inomed, Baxter, Senhance, Medtronic, Olympus, etc. We are most valuable support helps our organization to march forward every day. Wishing you all the best and to stay in good health and spirit.

Sincerely yours,

Ivanka Stamatakis, MD
President, International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons

New 2020-2022 ISUCRS Executive Board Members

President: Ivanka Stamatakis, Lithuania
Vice President: Duncan Bugby, Turkey
President Elect: Joseph Nivison-Smith, UK
Immediate Past President: Ali Sakar, Turkey, Ali Kirkan, Turkey
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New 2020-2022 ISUCRS Regional Vice Presidents

Asia - Pashtiban Ibrahim (Bangladesh)
Asia - Quan Dan Tang (China)
Asia Shahriar Sunjaba (India)
Asia - Masaki Kobayashi (Japan) (Chair)
Asia - Kenichiro Furukawa (Japan)
Asia- Nobuaki Miyajima (Japan)
Asia - Ali Kirkan (Turkey)
Asia - Mohammed Singh (Malaysia)
Asia - Igor Pavlovskiy (Russia)
Asia - Ali Sakar (Turkey)
Asia - Sean Kay Chung (South Korea)
Asia - Seung Taek (South Korea)
Asia - Wei-Yang Lee (Korea)
Europe - Lovisa Emma Nero (Albania)
Europe - Constantine Spanos (Greece)
Europe - Pascale Dorchies (UK)
Middle East - Lutfi Tarhan (Jordan)
Middle East - Ali Sakar (Turkey) (Israel Arabia)
North America - Jaime Salgado (USA)
North America - Rena Rattner (USA)
South America - Ricardo Rosero (Ecuador)
South America - Sergio Martinez (Venezuela)

Future ISUCRS Congresses

2022 ISUCRS Biennial Congress
Istanbul, Turkey

31 29th October 2022

Congress President: Duncan Bugby, MD

2024 ISUCRS Biennial Congress
Seoul, South Korea

Proposed dates: Sep. 4-8 2024 or Oct. 3-7 2024 (tbc)

Congress President: Wooi Yong Lee, MD

ISUCRS Webinar Summary 2021

14th July 2021 - ISUCRS & AORD PERTALKOON WEBINAR 2021
20th June 2021 - ISUCRS FACIAL INCONTINENCE - A global problem and a neglected disease
9th June 2021 - ISUCRS CELL DIRECTIN - SURGERY - Looking forward to a safer future
12th May 2021 - ISUCRS MASTER OF MASTERS - Stanley W. Goldberg, MD, FACS
25th April 2021 - ISUCRS MASTERCLASS ON HAEMORRHOIDAL DISEASE
28th March 2021 - ISUCRS RECTAL CANCER - "Sphincter Saving Strategies in Rectal Cancer Treatment"
31st March 2021 - ISUCRS & ASUCRS "HOW I DO IT"

Watch the Webinars 5th June & 20th June
Courtesy of Sir Spencers Fox Fine

World Journal Of Colorectal Surgery

Update

- Online submission system has increased submissions dramatically.
- Issues are released on time and quarterly.
- Sponsorship for Editorial Board is sought for information.
- Submission for PubMed indexation will be in Q1 2021.
- Please support ISUCS with more submissions.

ISUCRS Fellowships & Postgraduate Courses

ISUCRS is delighted to support a number of short and long terms fellowships and postgraduate courses worldwide Unfortunately this program has been impacted by COVID-19 so we hope to be able to provide a wide array of fellowships and postgraduate courses from late 2021/2022

Current future programs

- **A week Post-Graduate Course in Colorectal Surgery, The Colorectal Unity of Hospital de Braga, Braga, Portugal** - For more information contact Dr Joaquim Costa Ferreira, jc_ferreira@hotmail.com
- **International Clinical Colorectal Fellow - King's College Hospital, London, UK (6-12 months)** - To aim to perform an entire clinical fellowship, applicants will have to obtain GMC registration in the UK. As the fellowship is clinically focused, applicants with a medical degree only will need to be able to support their existence in the UK during the fellowship. For more information contact Joseph Nivison-Smith at joseph.nivison-smith@nhs.net
- **International Clinical Observer - King's College Hospital, London, UK (1-3 months)** - To aim to perform an entire clinical observership, applicants with the GMC is not required. However, the applicant will not be able to perform interventive procedures because of non-registration with the GMC. For more information contact Joseph Nivison-Smith at joseph.nivison-smith@nhs.net

Apply for a fellowship or postgraduate course

Join the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons

Benefits

- Networking with world renowned colon and rectal colleagues from over 90 countries with a society founded since 1960
- Free subscription to World Journal of Colon and Rectal Surgery, ISUCRS' official on-line, open access journal
- Reduced registration fees for ISUCRS' biennial congress
- Free membership
- Have an opportunity to be regional vice president and participate on the ISUCRS Executive Board and/or participate in a number of committees
- Receive 12 yearly newsletter with updates about the society and colon and rectal surgery articles
- Have an opportunity to receive ISUCRS's Biennial Congress in his/her country by completing an application form
- Organize an educational event in association with ISUCRS
- Receive reduced rates on ISUCRS's website including private practice directory listings
- Obtain Member-only access to a new enhanced ISUCRS website with free educational material, a lecture video, practice guidelines, live streaming of ISUCRS meetings, etc.
- Access to the ISUCRS Membership listing (coming in 2016)
- And lots more...

Membership Dues Structure

The dues structure is a 2-tier system based on the per capita income of each country.

To find the tier group for your country click here to view the list.

Active 1 Members pay annual dues of $150 USD per year
Active 2 Members pay annual dues of $100 USD per year
Fellows & Residents pay annual dues of $75 USD per year
Retired members - Free

Join Us TODAY

Dear Industrial Sponsors

We would like to invite you to educational and financially support the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ISUCRS) towards its global goal to contribute to scientific knowledge in Colon and Rectal Surgery globally.

There is no financial benefit to those of us who organize, lecture and/or attend the meetings. We do it because we feel that our contribution and plans give relevant rate do need financial support. We would kindly ask you to support our activities in 2021, and following ways are possible:

Platinum sponsors - (€2,000) (available spots)

- Available for 2 platinum sponsors
- Opportunity to attend the Directors ISUCRS website and World Journal Of Colorectal Surgery (WJCS)
- ISUCRS website and the ED dedication as sponsors of ISUCRS
- Opportunity to advertise your production in ISUCRS website and or have a link to your own website
- Your company name & logo will be placed on our monthly webinars' advertisements
- Your company name & logo will be placed ISUCRS international training scholarship

Diamond sponsor – (€1,500)

- Available for unlimited sponsors of ISUCRS
- Opportunity to advertise your production in ISUCRS website and or have a link to your own website
- Your company name & logo will be placed on our monthly webinars' advertisements
- Your company name & logo will be placed ISUCRS international training scholarship

Silver Sponsor – (€1,000)

- Available for unlimited sponsors of ISUCRS
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- Your company name & logo will be placed ISUCRS international training scholarship

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Application/Contact us at admin@isucrs.org for sponsorship

Donate to ISUCRS

Thank you very much for considering a donation to the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons.

Funds donated to ISUCRS will be specifically used to enhance the education and training of colon and rectal surgeons worldwide such as sponsoring traveling surgical fellowships etc.

If you would like to donate to help our course please feel free to do so below.

Thank-fully,

Ivanka Stamatakis, MD
President, International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons

Donate

If you would like to make a bank transfer, Please contact our executive director Mirga Liekyte at admin@isucrs.org for our banking details

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Only a maximum of 3 units per item may be purchased. Purchased items will be delivered by recorded delivery.

A postal delivery fee of $30.00 will be included with your order. If your postal fee is less than $30.00 a refund will be made onto your card. If its above $30.00 we will contact you to make the additional payment before delivery.

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