ISUCRS
WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear colleagues and friends,

First of all, on behalf of the new ISUCRS leadership and all the members I would like to express most sincere gratitude to our immediate past-president Prof. Ho-Kyung Chun for his extraordinary valuable contribution to the development of our society and those countless miles he moved us all forward during the last two year. It would be very difficult to list all the accomplishments our society has achieved during Dr. Chun's presidency, but at least some of them will be listed in this newsletter. Having this luminary of colon and rectal surgery with us, together with the new board members, regional vice-presidents, committee chairs and members as well as each and every society member during next two years we will try to reach another higher level, as it was so successfully done by our most recent leaders.

ISUCRS' last Biennial Congress in Yokohama, Japan, though due to safety demand virtual, is reported below. With Dr. Kotaro Maeda's and Dr. Keiji Koda's leadership it was a huge success, overcoming pandemic hardships. It was very well attended, with a huge number of keynote speakers who are pioneers in colorectal surgery. It was so heartwarming to see how our members and congress participants interacted and showed appreciation for the extraordinary program put together by the congress organizers, and the ISUCRS board.

During the coming 2020-2022 years of my presidency, with the strong support from the ISUCRS board and members, we will focus not only in increasing membership but also on growing ability to offer our members benefits and growth that comes through both collaboration and the sharing of our knowledge.

As many of you might have already received emails to activate your members-only access via our www.isucrs.org, you will see that we intend to increase access to information via this platform by:

- Every quarter aiming to provide free educational information in the form of lectures, webinar conferences, live streaming videos, etc.
- Biennial meeting lecture presentation will continue to be posted on our members only website. We would like to hear your feedback on this platform.
- Having a blog site where you can collaborate with colleagues by sharing videos, or clinical cases and engage in productive and beneficial discussions.
- We intend to create the Young Colorectal Surgeon's Group and Journal club that offer recommended readings from selected articles from leading coloproctology sources every quarter (coming soon).

We would like to increase member participation and involvement in improving our organization and all ISUCRS activities. Our ISUCRS board will continue to meet once a month during upcoming years. We welcome all of you to bring forward ideas and share any suggestions with us via email at admin@isucrs.org. Your suggestions and input will be included for discussions in our monthly board meetings. As your president during the 2020-2022 term, I will aim to increase our members benefits and involvement.

With Seasons Greetings to each of you and all your beloved ones!

Narimantas Evaldas Samalavicius, MD
President, International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons

New 2020-2022
ISUCRS Executive Board Members

President: Narimantas Samalavicius, Lithuania
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Immediate Past President: Ho-Kyung Chun, Republic of Korea
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Associate Director of Int'l Advisory Committee: Joaquim Costa Pereira, Portugal
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Kang-Young Lee, Republic of Korea
Keji Koda, Japan
Chuan-Gang Fu, China
Niranjan Agarwal, India
Mustafa Oncel, Turkey
Enio Oliveira, Brazil
Khaled Madbouly, Egypt

ISUCRS Conference/Educational Activities

2020 ISUCRS BIENNIAL CONGRESS
Yokohama, Japan
11 - 14 NOVEMBER 2020

Firstly, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the members, local organizing committee and board members for supporting 30th ISUCRS 2020 Yokohama Japan meeting in spite of this COVID-19 pandemic time. Though we had to perform the congress on webinar due to the pandemic, we could safely complete the congress without big trouble thanks to your great cooperation, in spite of time difference. We do appreciate all the participants, especially President of ISUCRS Ho-Kyung Chun for the great contribution to 30th ISUCRS 2020 Yokohama meeting.

A total 257 papers including presidential lecture, oration, awards, symposium, how I do it session, oral and poster session were reported and discussed in the meeting.
The total number of delegates at the meeting was 2,249 persons including ISUCRS (500 persons) and JSCP (1,949 persons, Japan Society of Coloproctology).

All the presentation including ceremony, general assembly can be viewed on-demand streaming from 1-20 Dec. 2020 - please see below. After this period of on-demand streaming, ONLY ISUCRS members maybe able to view all the presentations on the home page of ISUCRS for free. Therefore, if you are not a member of ISUCRS, I would kindly encourage you to do so.

Kotaro Maeda MD, PhD
Congress President of 30th ISUCRS 2020 Yokohama
Professor, Fujita Health University Hospital

On-demand streaming (1-20th Dec 2020)

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ISUCRS Supported Events Summary

SUPPORTED PAST EVENTS NAME	Location	Date
17th Congress of Asia Pacific Federation of Coloproctology Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	
Spring Colon Hospital De Braga	Braga, Portugal	14-15 June 2019
International academic conference on Colorectal anus surgery and pelvic floor disorders	Hangzhou, China	5-7 July 2019
ISUCRS Interim Meeting 2019	Mumbai India	1-3 Nov 3019
The Annual Conference of Chinese Society of Colorectal Cancer and the 4th International Colorectal Cancer Conference of National Cancer Center	Beijing, China	31 Aug-1 Sep 2019
ESCRS	Cairo, Egypt	28-30 Aug, 2019
Shanghai International Colorectal Week	Shanghai, China	15-17 Nov 2019
Master Class of Colorectal Surgeons	Tirana, Albania	Nov 2019
Latin American congress	Cancun, Mexico	Sep 2019
Dilemmas & Debates in Colorectal Surgery (DDCRS)	London, UK	Nov. 2019
3rd International Diverticular Disease	Rome Italy	11-13 April 2019
Turkish Colon And Rectal Surgery Congress	Antalya, Turkey	9-13 April 2019
Sri Lanka College Of Surgeons & Indian Association Of Colon and Rectal Surgeons	Sri Lanka	27-28 Aug 2020
21st International Symposium on Endoscopic Ultrasonography	Bangkok, Thailand	1-2 Dec 2018
3rd International Meeting on Diverticular Disease	Madrid, Spain	11-13 April 2019
International Colorectal Meeting	Shanghai, China	30 Nov - 2 Dec 2018

ISUCRS Webinars

Date	Organizers/Speakers	Topics
31 Oct 2020	Nam Kyu Kim	Robotic surgery optimal complete mobilization of the rectum 'The Rainbow Method'
3 Oct 2020	Andreas M. Kaiser	The pursuit of control in rectal cancer
26 Sep2020	Sergio Larach	TAMIS 10 years later
20 Sep2020	ISUCRS & Lithuanian Society of Coloprotologist	ISUCRS Vilnius rectal cancer webinar
22 Aug 2020	Giovanni Brandimarte	DICA classification. A new approach for diverticular disease
1 Aug 2020	Richard Fortunato	The rectal cancer conundrum 'Modernization of the TNM Staging System'
1 Aug 2020	ACRSI & ISUCRS Webinar	Constipation, ODS & pelvic floor
26 Jul 2020	ACRSI & ISUCRS Webinar	Rectal cancer surgery is changing
12 Jul 2020	ACRSI & ISUCRS Webinar	Colorectal emergency
27 Jun 2020	Keiji Koda	LARS – etiology and preventive surgical techniques
28 Jun 2020	BSCRS, ACRSI & ISUCRS Webinar	Update on the management of rectal carcinoma
28 Jun 2020	ACRSI & ISUCRS Webinar	Intraoperative complications in colon and rectal surgery
7 Jun 2020	ACRSI & ISUCRS Webinar	Writing a scientific research article
24 May 2020	ACRSI, FOGSI & ISUCRS Webinar	Perineal tears, rectovaginal fistula and pelvic organ prolapse
6 Feb 2020	Phil Caushaj	Current strategies in diverticular disease
21 Mar 2019	Pascal Gervaz	Scientific research & robotic surgery: A tragic opera
12 Dec 2018	Luai Ashari	How & when to evaluate the response to neoadjuvant therapy in rectal cancer
24 Jul 2018	Pascal Gervaz	Peritoneal lavage in diverticulitis Hinchey III
27 Jun 2018	Gervasio Salgado	Management of sacral haemorrhage

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World Journal Of Colorectal Surgery

Update

- Online submission system has increased submissions dramatically.
- Issues are released on time and quarterly.
- Past issues archived digitally to complete file for indexation.

- Submission for PubMed indexation will be in Q1 2021.
- Please support WJCS with more submissions.

ISUCRS COVID-19 Publication

Original Study

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COVID-19 and the Global Impact on Colorectal Practice and Surgery

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Abstract

We have presented the results of a survey used to assess the global impact of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on the delivery of colorectal surgery. Despite accessible guidance information, our results have demonstrated that COVID-19 has significantly affected the ability of colorectal surgeons to offer care to patients. We have also discussed practical adaptation strategies for use during the recovery phase.

Background: The novel severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 virus that emerged in December 2019 causing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has led to the sudden national reorganization of health care systems and changes in the delivery of health care globally. The purpose of our study was to use a survey to assess the global effects of COVID-19 on colorectal practice and surgery. **Materials and Methods:** A panel of International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ISUCRS) selected 22 questions, which were included in the questionnaire. The questionnaire was distributed electronically to ISUCRS fellows and other surgeons included in the ISUCRS database and was advertised on social media sites. The questionnaire remained open from April 16 to 28, 2020. **Results:** A total of 287 surgeons completed the survey. Of the 287 respondents, 90% were colorectal specialists or general surgeons with an interest in colorectal disease. COVID-19 had affected the practice of 96% of the surgeons, and 52% were now using telemedicine. Also, 66% reported that elective colorectal cancer surgery could proceed but with perioperative precautions. Of the 287 respondents, 19.5% reported that the use of personal protective equipment was the most important perioperative precaution. However, personal protective equipment was only provided by 9.1% of hospitals. In addition, 64% of surgeons were offering minimally invasive surgery. However, 44% reported that enough information was not available regarding the safety of the loss of intra-abdominal carbon dioxide gas during the COVID-19 pandemic. Finally, 61% of the surgeons were prepared to defer elective colorectal cancer surgery, with 29% willing to defer for ≤ 8 weeks. **Conclusion:** The results from our survey have demonstrated that, globally, COVID-19 has affected the ability of colorectal surgeons to offer care to their patients. We have also discussed suggestions for various practical adaptation strategies for use during the recovery period.

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ISUCRS Fellowships & Postgraduate Courses

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

Current future programmes

- **8-week Post-Graduate Course In Colorectal Surgery. The Colorectal Unity of Hospital de Braga, Braga, Portugal** - Fee 2000 Euros. For more information contact Dr Joaquim Costa Pereira at j_costapereira@yahoo.com

- **International Clinical Colorectal Fellow - King's College Hospital, London, UK (6-12 months) -** To be able to perform an active clinical fellowship, applicants will have to obtain GMC registration in the UK. As the position is not salaried nor does it receive any external funding, applicants will have to be able to support their existence in teh UK during the fellowship. For more information contact Joseph Nunoo-Mensah at joseph.nunoo-mensah@nhs.net.

- **International Clinical Observer - King's College Hospital, London, UK (4-12 weeks) -** To be able to participate as a clinical observer, registration with the GMC is not required. However, the applicant will not be able to perform interactive procedures because of non-registration with the GMC. For more information contact Joseph Nunoo-Mensah at joseph.nunoo-mensah@nhs.net.

NEW ISUCRS AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT
Excellence in Teaching Award

Philip Fillor Caushaj, MD, PhD, FACS, FACG, FSSO, FISUCRS

- Born NYC September 20, 1954
- NYU à Johns Hopkins à Columbia University à Lehey Clinic
- Voracious reader, Speaks 4 languages
- Chairman/ Vice Chairman/ Chief of Surgery since age 31 – Yale University
- Publications >100 including New England Journal of Medicine
- Book Editor – Laparoscopic Atlas of Surgery 1996
- Book Chapters
- President of Surgical Societies (6): ISUCRS (2016-2018)
- Honorary Fellow Surgical Societies (9)
- Honorary Medical Degree - University of Plovdiv, Bulgaria
- Top Surgeon USA, International(16)
- Taught and trained countless medical students, residents and fellows
- Educator of the Year (12): Yale, UCLA, UMass, UConn, Temple, Penn State…
- Finalist, Parker J. Palmer "Courage to Teach" Award, ACGME
- Surgeon, Educator, Life-long mentor, Father-figure and Friend

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UPCOMING ISUCRS RELATED EVENTS

2022 ISUCRS Biennial Congress
Istanbul, Turkey

27-29th October 2022

Congress President: Dursun Bugra, MD

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2024 ISUCRS Biennial Congress
Seoul, South Korea

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

Congress President: Woo Yong Lee, MD

Join the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons

Benefits

- Networking with world renowned colon and rectal colleagues from over 80 countries with a society founded since 1962
- Free access to the World Journal of Colon and Rectal Surgery, ISUCRS' official on-line, open access journal
- Reduced registration fees for ISUCRS' biennial congress
- Obtain a membership certificate
- Have an opportunity to be regional vice president and participate on the ISUCRS executive board and/or participate in a number of ISUCRS committees
- Receive 1/2 yearly newsletter with updates about the society and colon and rectal surgery activities
- Have an opportunity to host ISUCRS's Biennial Congress in his/her country by completing an application form
- Organize an educational event in association with ISUCRS
- Have your contact details on ISUCRS's website including private practice details/website
- Obtain Member-only access to a new enhanced ISUCRS website with free educational information e.g. lecture slides, practice guidelines, live streaming videos (coming in 2018)
- Access to the ISUCRS Membership listing (coming in 2018)
- And lots more...

Membership Dues Structure

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

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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.

Yours truly,

Narimantas Evaldas Samalavicius, MD
President, International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons

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