

ISUCRS SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER



PHILIP F. CAUSHAJ, MD, PHD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My dear friends and colleagues,

I can't believe that we are less than 5 months away from our next biennial meeting in London. The Executive Board has been hard at work organizing a most stimulating meeting for us all.

We have the honor to establish the Angelita Habr-Gama Pioneer in Colon and Rectal Surgery Award, the ISUCRS International Master of Coloproctology that will awarded to Stanley Goldberg, the Fumio Konishi Excellence in Clinical or Research in Colon and Rectal Surgery Award, the Jae Gab Park Outstanding Contribution to Colon and Rectal Surgery Award, and the Harry Bacon lecture will be delivered by Robin Phillips.

London will prove to be our best meeting ever with international luminaries like: Angelita Habr Gama, Robert Beart, Stanley Goldberg, Gina Brown, Philippe Rouanet, Fumio Konishi, Nam Kyu Kim, and numerous others. Consider joining the thought leaders and your friends in London and sharing your experiences.

Come to London to meet your friends and colleagues and to exchange ideas, opinions and even tell stories. An exciting scientific and social program has been developed under the leadership of Joseph Nunoo-Mensah our Program Chair and Secretary General.

The Executive Board has had numerous activities since our last communication. The leadership of our society partook in the establishment of the Albanian Society of Coloproctology in Tirana, Albania in November 2017. Also we had a very successful joint meeting in Hangzhou, China in December of 2017. With Professor Chuan-Gang Fu becoming a new Reginal Vice President and gracefully accepting to give a lecture during the London Biennial meeting.

We have sponsored meetings in Czech Republic and South America. Upcoming meetings in Lithuania, Russia, Argentina, El Salvador have been approved by our board and will have strong participation by our Society.

The World Journal of Coloproctology is off to an exciting start under the leadership of Dr. Nasser Al Sannea of Saudi Arabia. He has assembled an awesome editorial board and we are off to becoming indexed. The Executive Board has selected Tokyo as the site for our 2020 meeting under the leadership of the Japanese Society of Coloproctology and Professor Koutarou Maeda and his colleagues.

I am really looking forward to seeing many of you soon. As Chair of the Nominating Committee, please forward any suggestions directly to me for upcoming positions in our Society. With our newly reinvigorated Board, we are happy to welcome you to this merry band of brothers and sisters.

Best regards,

Philip F. Caushaj, MD, PhD, FACS, FACG, FASCRS, FISUCRS, AGAF, FASGE, FSSO President, ISUCRS

Professor of Surgery, University of Connecticut

PAST EVENTS SUMMARY

Latinamerican Association XXV Congress in Paraguay

Between August 2-5, 2017, Latinamerican Association had its XXV Congress in Paraguay.

There were more than 850 attendees to the event. Invited speakers from Spain, USA, Lithuania, Korea, Saudi Arabia, India, Japan and Switzerland shared their knowledges and experience with Latinamerican Colorectal Surgeons. Countries from Mexico to Chile also joined.

This is the first time that ISUCRS Executive Board participated in a Latinamerican meeting.

We had the opportunity to have an ISUCRS assembly with the support and in collaboration with Latinamerican Society.



International Forum of Colorectal and Anal Diseases Hangzhou. CHINA. Nov 2017



Between November 3-5, 2017, members of ISUCRS Board participated in a International Summit Forum of Colorectal and Anal Diseases and Pelvic Floor Disorders, in Hangzhou China. There were around 600 people registered. Invited speakers from Spain, Egypt, Lithuania, Korea, India, Venezuela, Japan and Italy shared their knowledges and experience with Chinese Colorectal Surgeons. At the meeting ISUCRS Board members had the opportunity to share information about our Society and promote the 29th Biennal International Congress in London.

The 3rd Multidisciplinary Medical Congress in Albania 16-18 November 2017



The 3rd Multidisciplinary Congress was held on 16-18 November 2018, at the Plaza Hotel, Tirana Albania. This event was a great success with the participation of 2,343 doctors and medical staff from 20 countries. We invited as key lectures 62 faculties from all over Europe, USA, Japan and south Korea.

The Congress had 20 multi-disciplinary clinical sessions, including different aspects of innovative techniques and strategies in surgical practice, mini-invasive treatments in different surgical and non-surgical medical specialties and modern treatment protocols in head and neck surgery, neurosurgery, urology, orthopedic, intensive care and anesthesia, in cardiac and transplants patients, advanced imaging, nuclear medicine and laboratory, IVF and gynecology, diagnosis & treatment in internal medicine, corneal transplants in ophthalmology etc. There were various Workshops and Satellite Symposia on Plastic Surgery and Dermatology, Nutrition, Clinical Case Reports Symposia, Colorectal Summit, etc.

We had the 1st Albanian Colorectal Summit held on 17 November with the great help of Prof. Philip Caushaj, Prof. Narimantas Samalavicius, Prof. Houng Chun Moon, Mr. Joseph Nunoo-Mensah and others. The summit was very helpful for the medical audience because the key lecturers shared with us the best colorectal experiences from their country of origin. We will continue in the future with the 2nd Colorectal Summit in 2018. At the end of the summit "The Albanian Society of Coloproctology" was created with the very honorable President Prof Philip Caushaj.

We received a total of 435 abstract and accepted 390 for the abstract Book of the Congress.

A total number of 19 best oral presentations and best poster presentations awards were given for the speakers and 6 Prices of Award of Excellence were given to the well-known Professors from different countries for their contribution in medicine.

Event Pictures

Dilemmas & Debates in Colorectal Surgery The Great Hall, King's College London, UK 7-10th December 2017



Year on year we have seen DDCRS conference getting 'Bigger & Better' since the original meeting in 2013. Overall we had 270 medical delegates to the meeting from nations as far as Bangladesh. 120 delegates also participated in a new Haemorrhoid and Fistula Masterclass, a pelvic floor US & HRM anophysiology and abdominal wall surgery workshops in the new Clinical Skills facilities at The Weston Education Centre, King's College Hospital.

The didactic sessions were once again stimulating, thought provoking and well presented by our wellchosen speakers from around the world. The now traditional debate sessions did not disappoint! We had an excising debate on *'Obstructive Defaecation Syndrome - My way is the best'* with 'The Clash of The Titans' - Gonzalo Hagerman, Mexico, Mario Trompetto, Italy, Angelo Stuto, Italy and the one and only Antonio Longo, Italy. Other interesting debates included a debate on *'Is laparoscopic surgery for rectal cancer is in its prime time'* with Narimantas Samalavicius, Lithuania versus Yury Shelygin, Russia. We were also grateful for Michael Dolberg, USA to stand in place for Philip F. Caushaj and participate in the debate *'Local staging of rectal cancer is so imprecise that all patients should receive maximum neoadjuvant therapy before surgery'* against Paris Tekkis, UK.

We were also privilege to have Professor Tony Mundy, Consultant Urologist, UK provide a state of Art Lecture on *'Urorectal fistulation following the treatment of rectal cancer and prostate cancer'* and Simon Bach, UK present the other State of Art Lecture on *'Organ preservation - 'watch and wait' strategy, TReC, STAR-TReC and beyond'*.

The collaboration of the DDCRS 2017 meeting with The French Research Group of Rectal Cancer Surgery (GRECCAR) worked extremely well with great rectal cancer talks from Jacques Tuech, Philippe Rouanet, Quentin Denost and Antoine Brouquet.

On the Wednesday 6th December there was a preconference patient and relative's colorectal cancer support group session and a general practitioners (GP) colorectal study day. The meeting was attended by 20 patients/relatives and 60 GPs respectively.

Overall 94% and of delegates who attended the main DDCRS 2017 meeting rated the meeting as good/very good with 97% willing to recommend the meeting to others and 97% willing to attend the meeting again.

Once again thank you for all the speakers, participants and industry support for making DDCRS 2017 a success. We would also like to extend an appreciation to Medtronics our Gold Sponsors who have strongly supported the meeting since 2013. We also appreciative to our silver sponsors Acelity/HC21 & THD for also supporting our meeting.

Finally this meeting would not be possible without energetic administration and AV teams – Thank you Charles Everard, Tolu Salako, King's Venues team and for our colorectal cancer nurse practitioners Lynne Higgins and Stella Beazley for organising the patient session.

With The 29th ISUCRS Biennial Congress being held in London, UK from Aug. 29th – Sept.1st, there will be no DDCRS meeting in December 2018. However the DDCRS 2018 will be incorporated into the ISUCRS Biennial Congress this august. We therefore look forward to seeing you at the 29th ISUCRS Biennial Congress held in London, UK from Aug. 29th – Sept.1st.

Regards,

Mr Joseph W Nunoo-Mensah Professor Narimantas E. Samalavicius Mr Pasquale Giordano Professor Philippe Rouanet

Co-Programme directors for DDCRS 2017









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
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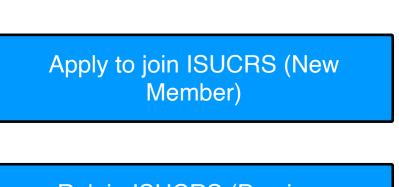
Membership Dues Structure

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 <u>click here</u> to view the list.

Active 1 Members pay annual dues of \$150 USD per year.

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