



International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association

Message from the President



As the year draws to a close, let me bring you some more good news from your association.

The year 2015 has been an exciting and very positive year for IHPBA with:

- ✓ Three successful Regional Congresses
- ✓ Recognition of IHPBA by the WHO
- ✓ 'HPB' impact factor going up to 2.675
- ✓ Great interest in outreach programs
- ✓ Comprehensive scientific program finalized for World Congress
- ✓ Harmonization with Regional Associations
- ✓ Run up to the IHPBA World Congress 2016 in São Paulo in full swing
- ✓ IHPBA Foundation is on course

Regional Congress:

2015 started with three highly successful Regional Congresses.

Miami The [AHPBA Regional Congress](#) was superb and well attended under the Americas HPBA leadership of Elijah Dixon and Javier Lendoire. Participation by international speakers from IHPBA enriched the scientific program. We had very productive meetings of which joint membership and IHPBA 2016 planning were the highlights. Delegates and industry were informed of the partnership of AHPBA in the IHPBA World Congress 2016.

Singapore served a different flavour. The [Asia Pacific HPBA Congress](#), held in the modern convention centre at Suntek City, had a distinct Asian touch. KK Madhavan and his team executed the meeting with perfection. With many regional topics, the A-HPBA leadership ensured a well-balanced program. Past presidents were also honoured during the conference, which ended in an enjoyable congress gala at Universal Studios.

Manchester The E-AHPBA Congress was flagged off by [HRH Princess Anne](#) and had all the traditional highlights including the Presidential dinner at The Monastery.

[Prof Jaques Belghiti](#) was presented with the IHPBA Medal of Honour: an emotional moment of recognition for the master liver surgeon. Ajith Siriwardena pulled off the balancing act of a joint meeting with the British Surgical Society while retaining the core HPB content. It was again well attended by all colleagues across Europe and Africa. Many colleagues from the

new [Middle East and North Africa \(MENA\) Chapter](#) came and were addressed by Claudio Bassi and myself. There was keen interest in developing national chapters in Europe and Africa. A number of national chapters like Peru, Indonesia held their meetings with support from IHPBA

Discounted registration: Regional Congresses offered special discounted registration for 'combined members' for the first time. This initiative stimulated a surge in attending delegates, with an especially large delegation from Asia at the Manchester meeting.

Harmonization of IHPBA and regional associations

IHPBA and the Regional Associations AHPBA, A-PHPBA and E-AHPBA have agreed plans for harmonization of membership. The 'combined membership package' will give 'member benefits' across all the regions. Discounted registration for São Paulo will offer a great opportunity for the growth of regional associations along with IHPBA. The new combined membership discount is substantial and would be carried forward to December 2016. It is an opportunity to join both IHPBA and regional associations. The 'harmonization will be formalized in IHPBA 2016, Sao Paulo. This is a landmark proposal in the history of IHPBA

[Click here for more information about combined membership packages](#)



Message from
the Acting
Secretary General



Message from
HPB Editor-in-Chief



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IHPBA Kenneth
Warren Foundation



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12TH WORLD CONGRESS
OF THE INTERNATIONAL
Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association
APRIL 20-23 2016 - BRAZIL
SHERATON WTC - SÃO PAULO

Preparations for the 12th IHPBA World Congress in April 2016 are going exceptionally well. Please take a look at the full [Scientific Programme](#) on the [IHPBA2016 website](#). You'll also find information about [registration](#), [visas](#), the [social programme](#) and much, much more.

Remember, if you need a visa, apply now!

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IHPBA STATE OF THE ART CONFERENCE ON MINIMALLY INVASIVE PANCREATIC RESECTION

Sheraton WTC, São Paulo, Brazil
20th April 2016

The "State of the Art" Conference on Minimally Invasive Pancreatic Resection has received a huge response: thank you! Our [full programme and line up](#) of world class experts is now available.

One component of the conference is an international survey on MIPR: If you haven't completed the MIPR survey yet, you can find it [here](#).

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Message from the President (continued)

Recognition by the World Health Organization: The news of the year is that the WHO has recognised IHPBA as an 'external partner'. This will not only give us endorsement, but will allow us to partner with the WHO in their global surgery initiative. IHPBA will play an important role in the global training of HPB surgeons in addition to running humanitarian outreach programs

Outreach program:

- 'Support Nepal' was planned to intensify our outreach efforts in Nepal following the devastating earthquake. We must assist Paleshwan Lakhey and her colleagues in Nepal, who are doing their best under difficult circumstances.
- IHPBA teamed up with AHPBA for an [outreach program to Bolivia](#).
- IHPBA team have just visited Sri Lanka. It's a multinational effort initiated by myself with participation from the UK, USA and India. Aloka Pathirana and Mohan de Silva are our hosts in Colombo. [Click here for the news page about the Sri Lanka trip](#). Updates and photos will be added as soon as they are available.



An [Outreach registry](#) is being developed, to list projects and match potential volunteers with program co-ordinators. It would be a good opportunity to fulfil our social responsibility.

IHPBA Foundation

It has been a strategy goal to create the IHPBA Foundation as an overarching foundation to cover humanitarian outreach, education and research. As I write this, the structure is being fine-tuned and we will soon have the IHPBA Foundation with a much broader rôle.

Special features of the World Congress 2016, São Paulo

- IHPBA 2016 will be the first Congress in which IHPBA has taken a very active role in the scientific program planning, abstract management and registration management.
- The close partnership between the Local Organising Committee, AHPBA and IHPBA will ensure a successful Congress.
- For the first time abstract submission took place over a standardized system and using modern tools. We will also provide a digital platform to enable program planning on smartphones and tablets.
- A record number of more than 2000 abstracts were submitted from all over the world.
- Videos and electronic posters will be available for upload and content will be available online for the members.

The IHPBA management team has worked hard to ensure that delegates have the best experience.

Prof. Luiz Carniero and Team Brazil will welcome you to a congress at a vibrant venue.

Scientific Program:

For the first time, a state-of-the-art conference on minimally invasive pancreatic surgery is planned along with the CME and the workshops. Dr Chuck Vollmer and the scientific committee have done a tremendous job in putting together this comprehensive and truly international program.

My sincere thanks to the faculty from around the world for participating in IHPBA 2016, São Paulo.

We want delegates to come from every corner of the world! Brazil is an exciting, vibrant and colorful destination in Latin America. An exciting social program awaits you and your families. Come to meet old friends and make many new friends from around the world.

In all, 2015 has been a great year and this momentum needs to be sustained.

**Wishing you and families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Come to São Paulo, and enjoy the Carnival of HPB !**

**Dr P Jagannath
IHPBA President**

Message from the Acting Secretary General



I am pleased to report that IHPBA membership is continuing to grow strongly, with member numbers **standing at just over 2,000**. This is an important milestone and is the greatest number of members at the end of our membership year than at any time in the Association's history. To sustain this growth I would urge those of you who have not yet renewed your membership for 2015 to do so now.

Since the last newsletter, IHPBA has been working very closely with the three regional associations and the process of harmonization continues. Many of you took advantage of the registration discounts which were offered at the AHPBA, E-AHPBA and A-PHPBA regional congresses earlier this year for all IHPBA/regional association combined members. IHPBA's "Combined Membership for All" initiative encourages members to become involved not only in the International Association but in your local regional organisation and I would urge those of you who are IHPBA stand-alone members to also consider joining your regional HPB association by renewing for 2016 as a combined member. This year, for the first time, combined IHPBA/AHPBA membership will be available and we thank our colleagues in the Americas Region for their help in putting this package together. All information relating to [membership packages and fees](#) is detailed on our website.

There are too many advantages of combined membership to list here, but it is worth noting that combined members will now receive even greater registration discounts at the IHPBA World Congress in São Paulo, Brazil next year. [Online registration](#) is open with reductions for combined members. If you are currently a stand-alone member, you have the option to renew early as a combined member to enjoy full member benefits until the end of 2016 and take advantage of these special combined member registration fees for the São Paulo World Congress.

Preparations for the São Paulo World Congress are progressing well. The program committee have put together an excellent academic program with something for everyone. This will be a remarkable opportunity to participate in the program as well as connect with old friends and make new friends in the global HPB community.

IHPBA now has 35 national chapters listed on our website. Congratulations to all inaugurated in the last year. We look forward to formally welcoming you to the global IHPBA community in São Paulo.

Our website continues to develop: we now have updated fellowship directories and a new guidelines section as well as comprehensive news and meetings sections. The monthly HPB Journal Editor's Blog has become one of our most popular pages, regularly attracting a readership of over 700. We would also encourage you to visit our [online education platform, myHPB](#) and to benefit from the educational content and contribute to the related discussion boards. Recently we started a series of videos of round-table discussions about pancreatic cancer: watch out for further chapters being released each month in the run up to the world congress.

Our Twitter presence continues to grow, with more than 950 followers. We would be delighted to retweet relevant news: please use @ihpba. We recently set up a Facebook page too, which already has more than 200 likes.

We are also delighted to have welcomed three new members of IHPBA Corporate Partner Programme this year. Ethicon, AngioDynamics and SIR-Tex have now joined Takeda as IHPBA partner companies and we look forward to working with them on an ongoing basis to achieve shared goals. Takeda and AngioDynamics have recently provided educational content for myHPB and we hope that you have taken the opportunity to benefit from this and have joined the online discussions. Dr Reddy's Laboratories have also supported the formation of an India Chapter platform on myHPB and if your own national chapter would like to look into the possibility of a local platform, please contact industry@ihpba.org.

From January our journal HPB will be published by Elsevier B.V. and we very much look forward to working with them. Thanks to Wiley Blackwell for their support over the last 7 years, and for their efforts in bringing the journal to its current standing as one of the major scientific journals.

Finally, I would like to thank the team from our management company, ACS Global, for their hard work and professional management of the affairs of the IHPBA.

I look forward to seeing you in São Paulo.

**Professor Martin Smith
IHPBA Acting Secretary General**

Message from the Editor

As we come towards the end of our long association with Wiley and another successful year for our journal, HPB, we now look forward to 2016 with renewed vigor, to a new publisher, Elsevier BV, and a new journal website. As a leading academic publishing company in medical and scientific literature, we expect that we will benefit from Elsevier's strong track record in surgery and association publishing. The editorial team has worked hard over the last few months to ensure that the transition is as seamless as possible. You should not see any major changes with the journal format but there will be greater focus on its electronic version and we would appreciate your feedback on the journal and the new website. We look forward to a long and productive relationship with our new publishing team and are really excited for the opportunities that lie ahead.



James Garden
Editor-in-Chief, HPB

Kenneth Warren Fellowship 2015 early report



First of all, I would like to thank the IHPBA for supporting our study on the evaluation of micrometastases in patients undergoing resection for colorectal liver metastases. This study will be implemented under the supervision of Doctor Jean Nicolas Vauthey at MD Anderson Cancer center of Houston. The Warren Fellowship award offered me, the unique opportunity to increase my knowledge in research on liver's cancer, in such a respected team in the field of hepatobiliary surgery.

Micrometastases defined as separate satellites of colorectal liver metastasis only seen upon microscopic evaluation could have an important impact on local recurrence. Reported results on incidence and related outcomes are controversial, and we have a low understanding of the natural history of these lesions. We hypothesize that the existence of micrometastases represents biologically and clinically different patterns of liver metastases. We expect that a better characterization of colorectal liver metastases with micrometastases help in selection of patients and treatments.

A strong collaboration between pathologists, biologists and surgeons is primordial to set up basis of such a study. During the first months of my fellowship starting January 1st, 2015, we aimed to define and organize the practical implementation of the study. After the standardized pathological sampling was defined, all patients operated for colorectal liver metastases were prospectively evaluated for micrometastases. To date, preliminary results are limited but confirmed the feasibility of micrometastases sampling and analysis.

I look forward to presenting the completed study at the IHPBA clinical Congress in 2016.

Guillaume Passot
KWF Fellow

Have you taken part in the MIPR Survey?

In preparation for the State of the Art Conference on MIPR an international survey is being carried out —please participate. [Link to the survey here.](#)



Are you interested in IHPBA Committee work?

We are looking for volunteers to participate in IHPBA Committees. You can [read more here](#) and please watch out for an email to all members with the application form.

Did you see...

How IHPBA came about...

Many thanks to Dr Ronald Tompkins, past president and indeed inaugural member of IHPBA, for his fascinating article about the history of our Association. You can read his full article [here](#).



Our monthly HPB Blog

This is one of our most popular features. Each month we publish a blog by an HPB Editor on the highlights of the current issue of HPB. You can find the December Blog, by HPB Editor-in-Chief Professor James Garden, [here](#). All of the past blogs are available in our [News Section](#).



New Members

Welcome to all of our new members! You can see a full list of all new members [here](#).



Meeting His Holiness Pope Francis...

On 12th August 2015, IHPBA and AHPBA were represented in Rome to present His Holiness Pope Francis with a book about the Associations' outreach projects around the world. You can read the full story [here](#).

IHPBA on Social Media



You can find IHPBA on [Facebook](#) and on Twitter @IHPBA. Please keep an eye on both for the latest news and developments in our field. At the time of going to press we have 974 followers on Twitter. Please follow us and let's get to 1000+ for 2016!

Video Series on myHPB

Did you catch the [new videos on myHPB](#)? We have a series of round table discussions on Pancreas, hosted by Dr Chuck Vollmer. This resource was supported by our corporate partner Angiodynamics.



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We are proud to recognize our donors and would like to thank all of the Organisations and Individual Supporters whose continued generosity allows us to promote research of diseases of the liver, pancreas and biliary tract. Below is a list of all donors through the years.

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Season's greetings from



Wishing all our members happy holidays and the very best for 2016!