

## Combined Membership for All

Dear Member

For the past few years, IHPBA and the three regional HPB associations have been working on a process of harmonization. It is clear that we all have an important role to play in both advancing the interests of HPB surgery and offering benefits to our members, and together we have been developing a unified strategy to facilitate this. In association with combined membership, IHPBA and the regional associations have also been actively promoting national chapter development within the regions.

Our ultimate aim is that each IHPBA member should also be a member of their regional association and national chapter, allowing them to interact with colleagues locally, regionally and internationally, to attend the world and regional congresses and to benefit from all of the other advantages offered by these organizations. 'Combined membership for all' will enable members to attend all the regional congresses, and the World Congress at concessional registration fees and to access a host of other benefits across the regions including national chapter meetings. In a move towards this, we are proposing that stand-alone IHPBA and stand-alone regional association membership will no longer be available from 2017 onwards. All the regional associations have agreed to the proposal. We would like to ask for member approval for what we see as this great step forward and will have a vote on this at the forthcoming General Assembly, which will take place at the São Paulo World Congress on Friday 22 April.

In order that members have all of the information in advance, it is proposed that combined packages offered in 2017 will be at the following costs:

IHPBA/AHPBA Combined Membership:	\$310.00
IHPBA/AHPBA Combined Junior Membership:	\$75.00
IHPBA/A-PHPBA Combined Membership:	\$205.00
IHPBA/A-PHPBA Combined Junior Membership:	\$130.00
IHPBA/E-AHPBA Combined Membership:	\$235.00
IHPBA/E-AHPBA Combined Junior Membership:	\$75.00

We believe that this is an important step towards developing an even closer relationship between IHPBA and the regional associations and allowing us to harmonize our activities.

We seek your support of this motion at the General Assembly.

Best wishes



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