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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Minhua Zheng

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Surgeons of Asia (ELSA).

Surgery has met with lots of technology innovation such as laparoscopy, single-port surgery, robotic surgery and NOTES since the end of last century. Millions of patients have been cured and benefit from those minimally invasive surgeries. Satisfying outcomes, quicker recovery and better cosmetic outcome make those surgical techniques spread widely in the world.

In the past years, ELSA acted as a leader and organizer in the Asia-

Pacific region, and has already made a great success in the field of education, training, academic discussions, etc.

The ELSA board of governors and I propose to establish an excellent website for all the surgeons in the Asia-Pacific region, which includes rich information on the emerging development, conference, update news in this field. We'll also give great support to the organizing committee of ELSA2011, Singapore.

I really hope more and more surgeons would join us, and more and more patients would benefit from our works.



MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Michael KW Li

As the Secretary General of ELSA, I would like to express my deep gratitude to our previous 2010 ELSA Hanoi Organizer, Prof. Giang, for the successful and fruitful international conference, which received overwhelming responses from participants all over Asia.

Meanwhile, we have updated all the governors' information and their respective countries membership status. Our members are highly recommended to actively access to and update their email addresses in the "membership corner", so as to keep all the members informed of the upcoming ELSA meetings and to encourage members' participation in the world congresses. Throughout the year, we have strengthened our

website by the newly-added membership search engine and ELSA 2010 photos share link. Your participations and contributions to the society are appreciated. Hope this bring forth our society to a new horizon and to the next level of Endo-laparoscopic surgery.

Last but not least, I look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming ELSA Singapore. *Thank you.*



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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Davide Lomanto

Dear Colleagues,

welcome to the 2nd issue of News@ELSA.

This to continue to keep you update on the various activities inside our Society and in our region. This issue is in electronic format and we are planning to printout the 3rd issue for our Annual Congress in Singapore in August.

To be environmental-friendly we wish we can move on to an electronic version only ! but we need your email to be updated !

But our progress is not without your help and we look forward to get you email address update, your suggestion, reports from your region to be spread among the ELSA Members in our next issue.

ELSA continues to be the leading association for endo-laparoscopic surgeons in our Region and the success of the latest Congress in Hanoi was a further confirmation of it, the Society is growing and the Executive Committee is planning to expand the role of the Society being closer to its Members with different initiative but also supporting and regulating more educational activities in Asia-Pacific.

If you surf our website www.elsa-soc.com

you will find interesting news: membership engine to communicate among us; photo link, new links from regional educational activities and with your help, we wish to provide more in the future. .

The Official Journal Asian Journal of Endoscopic Surgery



(ASES) thanks to the great leadership of our Editor-in-Chief, Prof. M. Kitajima and all the Editorial Committee is now indexed on PubMed and we hope to get the Impact Factor soon. We hope to get more scientific contribution to be published and shared among the ELSA Members. As you know the ASES is still Free-Access and it is an invaluable tolls to keep our self updated.

I would like to thank personally all of you for the strong and encouraging support and for your future help in getting informations on your side.

I hope to see all of you in Singapore



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ASES: OUR OFFICIAL JOURNAL

Seigo Kitano

Editor, *Asian Journal of Endoscopic Surgery*



Dear ELSA members and colleagues,

Since Japan Society of Endoscopic Surgery (JSES) was created in 1991, the current Editor-in-Chief Dr. Kitajima had the idea to launch an English language journal to publish important clinical research results by members of JSES. At the time, I was serving as the first president of Asia Endosurgery Task Force (AETF) and also felt the need to publish important clinical research results from the Asian region in English. In 2008, JSES and AETF decided to launch a joint English journal which became Asian Journal of Endoscopic Surgery (ASES). After preparing for 6 months, ASES was launched in September 2008. In 2010 ELSA decided to join ASES and as a result ASES became the official journal of 3 organizations in the Asian region. Currently Dr. Kitajima is serving as the first Editor-in-Chief and other representatives of ELSA, JSES and AETF are serving as the editorial board members of ASES.

Our aim is to develop this journal as one of the most high profile medical journals in Asia. This year, 2011, marked a milestone in the development of ASES. The journal has been accepted into MEDLINE and it will be officially indexed in PubMed from the latter half of this year.

We are delighted with this exciting result and look forward to further develop ASES as an Asian focused international journal. Taking this opportunity, we would like to encourage you to submit your manuscript to ASES and also

cite articles published in ASES when you are submitting your manuscript to other journals. This will help ASES to be accepted by SCI in the near future and achieve an Impact Factor which is our next aim.

Please visit:

www.wileyonlinelibrary.com/journal/ases for further information about the journal.

Online submission and review:

<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ases>

For any questions or suggestions, please contact our Editorial Office: ases@wiley.com

We hope you will consider submitting some of your excellent research to this journal and we thank you in advance for your contributions.



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GUIDELINES ON ACCREDITATION OF TRAINING (SUMMARY)

Role of ELSA in Training

ELSA being the professional society representing Asia in the field of endoscopic and laparoscopic surgery, has the responsibility to set standards on the practice and training of endoscopic and laparoscopic surgery that are agreeable by all the country members.

A set of principles of guidelines on training that is agreed by all countries will be useful to the development of minimally invasive surgery in the member countries.

Accreditation of Training as a means to attain acceptable standard

These guidelines are meant to be recommendations for corresponding professional organizations to follow. If the ELSA guidelines on training can be more explicit and concrete, they will represent the standard of minimally invasive surgery training in Asia that is transparent to all concerned parties and stakeholders. In so doing, the ELSA guidelines will be more credible and through proper accreditation process, facilities that meet the prerequisite criteria can be labeled as ELSA accredited training centers and this will facilitate the development of minimally invasive surgery in Asian countries and at the same time safeguards the acceptable standards are being met.

Training Centers

It is important to have centers or facilities that meet certain criteria and are deemed adequate in the ability to provide training in minimally invasive surgery and be accredited as ELSA training centers. This label of ELSA centers only mean that those centers have attained certain standards that the ELSA has endorsed.

ELSA training centers should be institutions where adequate training facilities are available for training and regular training courses are provided. Training courses can be in form of fellowship programs, courses in basic and advanced laparoscopic and endoscopic surgery and hands-on training opportunities on animate and / or

inanimate models.

Training facilities should include

- facilities for classroom teaching
- facilities for hand-on training on animate and / or inanimate needs
- training resources such as videos, books, journals and electronic access to publications
- structured training courses or programs that are delivered regularly to trainees

The training centers should also be centers where laparoscopic and endoscopic works are regularly performed and audits on those works were regularly carried out to ensure acceptable outcomes are achieved. Centers may be classified according to the major laparoscopic or endoscopic work done in the centre and types of training programs delivered.

1. Basic laparoscopy
2. Advanced laparoscopy (in subspecialties). Examples -- colorectal; hepatobiliary vascular; urology; gynecology hernia; cardiothoracic etc.

Trainers

Good trainers are the key to success of every training program. Trainees very often follow what their trainers or mentors do when they practice independently.

Procedures for Accreditation

Application sent to ELSA secretariat by interested centers

Inspection Team

Recommendation to Accreditation Board for approval

Endorsement by President of ELSA

Please contact the ELSA secretary for more information

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REPORT FROM ELSA 2011: SINGAPORE

The 10th Asia Pacific Congress of Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Surgery (ELSA 2011) will be held at Suntec International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Singapore (Suntec Singapore), from 11 – 13 August 2011.

The theme will be “So Radical Today, So Obvious Tomorrow”. State of the art surgical techniques like Robotic Surgery, Single Port Surgery and scar-less surgery through Natural Orifices will be scrutinized under an ‘academic microscope’. Consensus on who should do it and who to train will be sought. Cost effectiveness and patient selection will be discussed. The prospect of Metabolic Surgery in managing weight and as a way of ‘curing’ diabetes mellitus will be explored.

This 10th Asia Pacific Congress organised by ELSA in Singapore will also be unique in two ways. There will be four national societies participating making it the biggest surgical congress in Singapore in 2011. They include the Society of Colorectal Surgeons (Singapore), Obstetrics and Gynecology Society of Singapore, Singapore Urological Society and the Gastroenterological Society of Singapore. There will also be special sessions for pediatric surgery and thoracic surgery.

Another unique feature is a one day symposium in Mandarin to cater to non-English speaking delegates from China and Taiwan. For our Muslim friends, there will be a prayer room in the conference area.

There will be almost 100 speakers in the conference. There will be at least 3 plenary lectures per day to shed light on latest innovations that can benefit doctors from all disciplines. Symposia will aim to be interactive and include differing views on various topics.

Participants will have ample opportunities to improve their skills in various hands-on courses in the 4 pre- and 2 post- congress workshops conducted by world experts.

The best free paper will win a trip to IRCAD Taiwan to attend any course of his/her choice worth SGD\$6000. The best free video and poster will win an iPad2 each.

Gentleman, let’s come together and have a great time of learning, sharing and bonding.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Kum Cheng Kiong
Congress President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

8th International Workshop on Obesity and Metabolic Surgery

Singapore 30th June - 1st July 2011
www.misc-asia.com

AETF 14th Workshop on Advanced MIS

Shanghai, China July 25-26 2011
www.aetf-endosurg.com

10th Asia Pacific Congress of Endoscopic Surgery

Singapore 11- 13 August 2011
<http://www.elsa2011singapore.com/site/>

International Surgical Week

Yokohama, Japan, August 28-September 1 2011
www.isw2011.org

Asian Pacific Digestive Week

Singapore October 1-4, 2011
<http://www.apdw2011.org.sg>

7th International APHS Congress

Hua-Hin, Thailand 9 -11 Nov 2011
<http://aphs2011.org>

3rd International EndoLaparoscopic Surgery Symposium

Hong Kong December 19-21 2011
<http://www30.ha.org.hk/mastc/tc/o/overview.aspx>

XVII World Congress IFSO

New Delhi, India September 11-15 2012
www.ifso2012.com

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