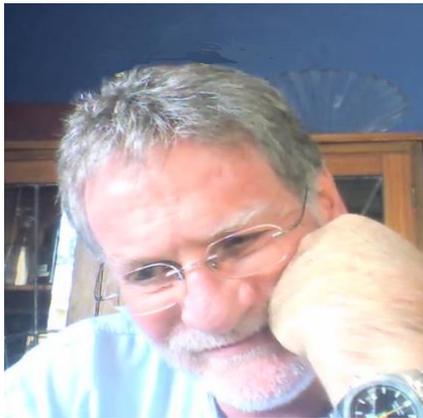


July 2016

# Newsletter

European-African HepatoPancreato-Biliary Association



Dear E-AHPBA members,

Since our last newsletter I am happy to report that the E-AHPBA has secured the services of ACS Global as our new management company. We, as an executive committee, are very excited about this appointment and we look forward to working with Carol and Camilla in taking the association forward and to further develop our services to members. We would like to thank Victor and Marianne Bertschi with all at Allveco, for their years of dedicated service to the E-AHPBA. They were instrumental in taking the association forward and established a very strong platform for our future endeavors. We wish them well and hope they enjoy their well-earned retirement.

The IHPBA meeting in Sao Paulo was a great success. The program was very well constructed and the quality of the presentations, postgraduate course and other symposia was excellent. We were extremely warmly welcomed by our friends and colleagues from Brazil.

Our Secretary General, Kees Dejong, hosted the E-AHPBA postgraduate course in Maastricht in June. This was the first in a program aimed to cover the UEMS curriculum over a 2 year cycle. This was well, organized and the quality of the program and the presentations were well received by the trainees and young HPB surgeons who attended. The UEMS exam for HPB surgery was also hosted in Maastricht and we congratulate all those who were successful and we look forward to welcoming them as new members of the E-AHPBA and IHPBA. The next course will take place in Mainz in May 2017 at the Biennial E-AHPBA congress.

## General Secretary

Our 13<sup>th</sup> E-AHPBA Biennial Congress will be in Mainz (Germany) in May 2017. Keep an eye on the website for important dates.



**12<sup>th</sup> Biennial E-AHPBA Congress 2017**  
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## Membership

Remember to encourage your colleagues to join our Association. We are particularly interested in reaching out to our trainees and medical students

*Letter of the President - continued*

The program of Harmonization with the IHPBA and the other regional associations is now well established. The IHPBA general assembly approved a single combined membership at the AGM in Sao Paulo. The value of the combined membership is compelling and includes access to the IHPBA education platform MyHPB as well as significant discounts for regional association meetings. This initiative will strengthen HPB surgery globally.

Increasing our membership and encouraging the creation of new chapters is a focus for both the IHPBA and the E-AHPBA. We are confident that we will be able to welcome new chapters from our region in the near future. We welcome the Kenyan Chapter of the E-AHPBA which was launched in April this year. The launch was combined with a successful outreach activity to Nairobi. We hope to support the development of new chapters in the same way where required.

Our newest committee is the Communications committee which was established to assist the association in our communication strategy which includes our social media and website presence. They have also helped put together this newsletter and so I would like to express our appreciation to this group of young members who have enthusiastically risen to the task.

Best Wishes to All

Martin Smith



## Notes from the Secretary General



Dear EAHPBA members,

We are in the middle of the summer holidays. Some of you may be off work, others may look forward to having a break. It is more than a year ago since the last Newsletter has been sent out to you – so time for an update. Our President and the President of the IHPBA have already addressed quite a number of topics, so I will limit myself to spending a few words on Membership and future Congresses.

With the Mainz E-AHPBA meeting in 2017, the Geneva IHPBA meeting in 2018 and the Amsterdam E-AHPBA meeting in 2019, doctors and allied health professionals will have easy access to a number of top HPB meetings in the next 3 years. In this context, it is highly attractive to be or become a joint member of the E-AHPBA/IHPBA as the reduced registration fee for the meetings will compensate for most of the costs of the membership.

Increasing membership is important for our organization and the E-AHPBA will therefore continue to invest in this. In this context, we are trying to make membership attractive by for example exploring our relationships with various national chapters. I hope I can update you on this in the next newsletter.

I wish everyone a happy, but also exciting summer holiday!

Best wishes

Kees Dejong, E-AHPBA secretary general





## Report from the IHPBA president



Dear E-AHPBA members

Following the very successful 12<sup>th</sup> IHPBA World Congress in São Paulo, Brazil, I am pleased to report that the IHPBA member base continues to grow strongly, peaking at a record number of just over 2,200 members at the end of March. IHPBA truly is a global organization, with distribution of our membership evenly spread across the three regions and members in 95 countries worldwide.

We have been continuing to work closely with E-AHPBA and the other regional HPB associations on the process of harmonization and the result of this is that over 70% of IHPBA members are now also members of their local regional association. A-HPBA adopted “Combined Membership for All” in 2015, and IHPBA and AHPBA members also voted in favour of this at their respective business meetings in São Paulo. A new IHPBA/AHPBA combined membership package, for the first time offering members in the Americas the cost-effectiveness of a single membership and the convenience of being able to renew on either the IHPBA or AHPBA website, will be offered from the end of this year. E-AHPBA members will vote at their General Assembly in May 2017 and we hope that they will follow suit, meaning that by 2018 all members will join their regional association as well as IHPBA. This year, IHPBA and our colleagues in the Japanese Society successfully trialed the “HPB Passport” which offers a single membership of IHPBA, A-HPBA and JSHBPS. We hope to extend this package to other national chapters in the near future. With the implementation of these positive steps to promote harmonization, we are confident that by the end of next year IHPBA will have a membership of over 3,000 specialist HPB surgeons.

There are too many advantages of combined membership to list here, but it is worth noting that combined members received excellent discounts on registration fees at the São Paulo World Congress, and a high proportion of delegates took advantage of these reduced registration fees. Similar discounts will be offered by the three regional associations to all IHPBA combined members at the regional congresses in Miami, USA, Mainz, Germany and Yokohama, Japan in 2017. If you are not already an E-AHPBA/IHPBA combined member, I would urge you to renew on this basis for 2017.

IHPBA now has 39 national chapters listed on our website. At a very successful networking session in São Paulo, all of our national chapters were presented with a plaque formally acknowledging and welcoming them to the IHPBA community. IHPBA has a policy of actively supporting national chapters by attending their meetings and encouraging chapter development, and so in May I attended the II International Meeting of HPB Surgery hosted by the Spanish chapter in Zaragoza. We look forward to an ongoing dialogue and collaboration with our national chapters, and to meeting with chapter representatives at similar sessions at future World Congress.

The São Paulo World Congress was a huge success on all levels, scientifically, socially and financially. It was a real team effort, with IHPBA, AHPBA and the Local Organising Committee working closely together to deliver a superb congress. For the first time IHPBA managed abstract submission and registration in-house, providing a seamless interface for our members. This model will be carried forward, so in two years' time, this process should be very familiar and easy for you all! Planning for the [Geneva 2018 World Congress](#), led by Professor Clavien and his team, and in association with the E-AHPBA leadership, is well under way, and we are looking forward to another excellent congress.

The process of transitioning to our new journal publisher, Elsevier, is now complete and we hope you have visited the new and improved journal website [www.hpbonline.org](http://www.hpbonline.org). We were recently delighted to receive the news that HPB's impact factor has risen again this year, to 2.918.

This places the journal at 38/199 in surgery, and 33/78 in the gastroenterology and hepatology journal category, above many long established surgical journals. Many congratulations to James Garden, our Editor-in-Chief and his editorial team on this considerable achievement. We urge you to support HPB's increasing prestige by publishing your best work in your specialty practice there – remember that as an E-AHPBA member HPB is your journal!

The IHPBA website continues to develop and is a valuable resource to our members. We are proud to have achieved the milestone of over a quarter of a million page views last year (up 12% on the previous year). We continually update the fellowship directory and guidelines as well as maintaining comprehensive news and meetings sections. We would strongly encourage you to visit our online education platform, [myHPB](http://myHPB), to benefit from the educational content and contribute to the related discussion boards.

With the support of our industry partners, IHPBA is also in the process of developing local chapter platforms on our online education platform, [myHPB](http://myHPB), with the option of these being in the local language. If your own national chapter would like to look into the possibility of hosting a local platform, please contact [industry@ihpba.org](mailto:industry@ihpba.org).

IHPBA's Twitter presence continues to grow, and we now have more than 1,250 followers. We would be delighted to retweet your relevant news: please use @ihpba.

Finally I would like to thank the E-AHPBA leadership for the opportunity to include this IHPBA update in the newsletter. I hope to see you at the Mainz congress next year.

Best wishes



Oscar Inventarza, IHPBA President



## Committee news

The E-AHPBA is committed to a regular turn-over of councilors, chairs and members of the various committees according to its *by-laws*.

The E-AHPBA is very keen to include motivated and innovative individuals in the leadership of the association with a great desire to promote young HPB doctors covering the broad field of HPB diseases. If you have an interest and are ready to commit some time for the success of the E-AHPBA, please send us a short CV and a few words of motivation. Of course, only active and "in good standing" E-AHPBA or combined E-AHPBA – IHPBA members will be considered.

The nominating committee will propose a few names to the council to replace councilors and other chairs.

Please send your application to the Secretary General at: [carol@eahpba.org](mailto:carol@eahpba.org)

**The *Nominating Committee*** is composed of the President of the E-AHPBA and the three immediate past presidents as well as the president-elect.

Currently, the Committee therefore consists of Martin Smith, our president, Christos Dervenis, the president-elect and Jacques Belghiti, Pierre-Alain Clavien and Claudio Bassi.

**An update on all Committees and their members will be on the E-AHPBA website after the summer**

**The *Educational committee* (chair Prof. X. Rogiers)** has been expanded to help E-AHPBA to achieve its strategic long-term goals in teaching and training. It consists now of

### **1. Subcommittee on training center accreditation**

prof. X. Rogiers, prof. M. Smith, prof. C. Dejong, prof. P. Clavien, prof. K. Conlon, prof. J. Izbicki and prof. R. Parks

### **2. Subcommittee on educational activities**

Prof. X. Rogiers, prof. M. Abu Hilal, prof. C. Dejong, prof. Berrevoet, prof. G. Marchegiani, prof. S. Olde Damink and prof. G. Toogood

**NEW**

### **The Communications Committee**

**The *Communications Committee*** was established to assist the association in the communication strategy, including newsletters, social media and website presence. It consists of Gregory Sergeant, Carlijn Buis, Joris Erdman, John Devar and Sahid Farid.





## Impressions IHPBA 2016 - São Paulo



## Now history – a great success!



**Check out: link to the abstract issue  
of HPB:**  
[http://www.hpbonline.org/issue/S1365-182X\(16\)X0008-1](http://www.hpbonline.org/issue/S1365-182X(16)X0008-1)



## Coming soon



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# Update from the Mainz 2017 Programme Committee



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### Registration & Abstract Submission:

[www.eahpba2017.com](http://www.eahpba2017.com)



Prof. Hauke Lang will host the 12th E-AHPBA congress in Mainz May 23-26, 2017.

The program committee is setting up a fascinating program of scientific exchange for members and friends of the association. In addition to scientific and free-paper sessions, several state-of-the-art lectures will cover important topics in the field of HPB surgery and liver transplantation. As part of the E-AHPBA curriculum for the UEMS exams, which can be taken during the meeting, a postgraduate course on pancreatic surgery will be held on May 23, 2017. Also, a special meeting dedicated to the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ALPPS will be held during the pre-congress phase on May 23.

Mainz is located in the beautiful Rheingau area offering a large number of attractions in the direct surroundings. It can be easily accessed by train or by plane through Frankfurt Airport. Special fares can be booked through most Star Alliance airlines. Also, early bird fares are available for congress participation. Please visit the congress website [www.eahpba2017.com](http://www.eahpba2017.com) for further information and registration.

We will keep you updated with latest news regarding the meeting.

On behalf of the Program Committee,

Stefan Heinrich, Ajith Siriwardena and Hauke Lang

## Teaching, training and certification

### E-AHPBA postgraduate courses and the UEMS exam

The E-AHPBA organization will increasingly focus in the next years on teaching, training and certification. Currently, it is the UEMS in Europe that takes care of awarding such diplomas – for HPB, the E-AHPBA takes care of teaching and training. It facilitates in the UEMS examination and provides examiners, but is not responsible for organizing the exam or for awarding the diplomas. To facilitate E-AHPBA members to prepare for the exam, the E-AHPBA has decided to set up a 2-year cycle of postgraduate theoretical courses covering the whole domain of HPB surgery. In this context, it was decided to hold the first E-AHPBA initiated course on the topic “Hepato-Biliary” in Maastricht, the Netherlands in 2016 and a subsequent PG Course on the topic “Pancreas” in 2017 during the Mainz E-AHPBA biennial congress. In this way the whole of HPB surgery would be covered in a 2-year cycle, with the opportunity for young HPB surgeons to prepare adequately for the UEMS exam. Practical courses for more senior HPB surgeons are another topic that the E-AHPBA is keen to support and invest energy in; these may for example focus on training in laparoscopic surgery.

Thus, on the 2-3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 the first Maastricht Postgraduate HPB Course was held (cf. photo below), followed by the UEMS HPB exam on the 4<sup>th</sup> June. This theoretical course was aimed at a maximum of 50 attendees to increase interaction between lecturers and attendees. The course principally aimed at young HPB surgeons and general surgical trainees and covered key aspects of the care of patients with HPB problems. The faculty was composed of recognized leaders in the field of HPB surgery as well as experts with a non-surgical background, to underline the multidisciplinary nature of treating HPB problems. Didactic lectures and question and answer sessions were part of the course. It was the first Post-Graduate HPB Course initiated by the E-AHPBA and will likely be repeated in 2018 in Maastricht (<http://www.mintonline.org/Maastricht-HPB-Course>)



#### **UEMS HPB Examination**

There will be an UEMS HPB examination in Lyon (France) on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016, during the Post-Graduate Course to be held 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November (<http://meeting2016.hbpsurg.eu/en>). For more information and subscription for the exam please visit: <https://www.uemssurg.org/section-and-board/ebqs-examination>

In 2017 there will be an HPB examination in Mainz (Germany) during the E-AHPBA Congress. Please have a look at the E-AHPBA or UEMS website for further details ([www.eahpba.org](http://www.eahpba.org) or [www.uems.eu](http://www.uems.eu))



#### **Honorary HPB diploma (FEBS)**

The opportunity to obtain an honorary UEMS HPB diploma has been extended for another 2 years. Those who want to apply should have worked as a consultant surgeon in HPB for a minimum of 10 years. Instructions for how to apply can be found on the website ([www.eahpba.org](http://www.eahpba.org)).

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## Membership News



Dear E-AHPBA members

The E-AHPBA membership has continued to grow and with the current initiatives underway we expect our membership to continue to strengthen. Some IHPBA members in our region have not yet joined E-AHPBA so we are working hard to incorporate these members. Currently 17% of the total IHPBA membership are combined E-AHPBA and IHPBA members with 30% of the total IHPBA membership based within the Europe / Africa / Middle East region. The harmonization programme and National Chapter development will allow the membership of E-AHPBA to continue to grow at a steady pace.

Please remind your colleagues that to be eligible for reduced registration fees for future meetings they need to be E-AHPBA or EAHPBA-IHPBA combined members as membership of IHPBA alone does not carry this benefit. If you have not yet renewed your dues for 2016 now is the chance to ensure your membership is up to date:

To continue as an E-AHPBA Standalone Member please click on the following link:

<http://www.cvent.com/d/lrqhkf/4W>

To become an E-AHPBA / IHPBA Combined member please click on the following link:

<http://www.cvent.com/d/yrqtcp/4W>

I would like to take this opportunity to wish E-AHPBA members a good summer break

Prof. Rowan Parks, Chair Membership Committee

Mrs. Carol Nicol, ACS Global, carol@eahpba.org

## Next HPB Examination

**Lyon, France**

**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Details on the E-AHPBA ([www.eahpba.org](http://www.eahpba.org)) or UEMS websites ([www.uems.eu](http://www.uems.eu))**



*The E-AHPBA is interested in your educational and training activities in HPB Surgery!*

*EAHPBA will advertise them on its website.*

*Register them by filling the document on the EAHPBA website.*



### *The successful applicants and the examiners in Maastricht*



Six candidates sat the Exam and all passed:

Marc Schiesser, Erik Schadde, Soumil J Vyas Soumil, Roberto Valente, Rebeca Sanabria Mateos, Nicolaos Benetatos

Examiners: prof. Parks, prof. Olde Damink, prof. Conlon, prof. Rogiers, prof. Dejong, prof. Smith, prof. Neumann Ulf, prof. Verhoef, dr. Bemelmans, dr. van Dam, dr. Hoti, prof. Kilicurgay, prof. Polak.



## **Congratulations!**



### **News from the Scientific and Research Committee**

The Scientific and Research Committee consists of Mickael Lesurtel (France) (Chair), Marc Besselink (The Netherlands), Jorg Kleeff (Germany), Raj Prasad (UK), Christian Stuesson (Sweden) and Roberto Salvia (Italy).

The aim of the Committee is to promote collaboration between research groups within the E-AHPBA. Its main activities are:

1. To provide on the E-AHPBA website a list of contacts for collaborative research within Europe,
2. To advertise multicenter studies to offer partnership,
3. To run multicenter collaborative retrospective studies about rare diseases or rare surgical treatments. The 2 chosen topics are:
  - Distal pancreatectomy with celiac axis resection for pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (APPLEBY)
  - Bile duct injury after cholecystectomy: early vs. late hepaticojejunostomy
4. To organize a Symposium on Management of European HPB Research at the E-AHPBA congress in Mainz in May 2017
5. To select the candidates for the 2 E-AHPBA travel grants to participate to the bi-annual E-AHPBA congress.

For more details please follow the link to the E-AHPBA Website corner of the Scientific & Research Committee at: [http://eahpba.org/?q=Scientific Committee and Projects](http://eahpba.org/?q=Scientific_Committee_and_Projects).