Dear E-AHPBA members,

As we approach the 12th Congress of the E-AHPBA on the 23-36th May in Mainz it is important to reflect on the progress made by our society. The E-AHPBA has become a much more proactive and responsive organization. Our main aim is to ensure that our members benefit from their association and that we continue to listen to our members and their national chapters. I am pleased to report that our partnership with ACS Global, our management company, has been a very successful endeavor as we are able to take many of our projects and ideas forward with the incredible administrative support we receive from them. In this regard, I want to highlight the fantastic work done by Carol Nicol. For those of you who have not met Carol please do so at the Mainz meeting and share your thoughts and ideas about the E-AHPBA with her.

The last year has seen the development of three new national chapters; Kenya, Spain, France and interest from at least 2 other countries. These have been achieved with our partners in the IHPBA and have shown that we need to fully endorse the combined membership at our General Assembly in Mainz. In response to these innovations our membership numbers have risen.

In the last year we have hosted a very successful post graduate course in Maastricht and a skills development course in Southampton. We have undertaken our first center accreditation visit and have made some progress in developing a curriculum for our postgraduate teaching course which can be delivered in a number of centers across our region.
Letter of the President - continued

I am very excited about the meeting in Mainz in a few weeks’ time. The program will be excellent and the venue and social events will offer us all a chance to relax and take time to meet new friends and connect with old friends.

I want to thank the communications committee for the assistance they have given Carol in preparing this newsletter in time for our 12th Biennial Congress.

Best Wishes to All

Martin Smith, E-AHPBA President

Notes from the Secretary General

Dear E-AHPBA members,

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Mainz at the Biennial Congress. It will no doubt be a fantastic meeting. The E-AHPBA is going through an exciting phase, where we see an increase in membership and an increase in interest from National Chapters. In Mainz, there will be a separate session for Allied Health Care Professionals, and it is really exciting to see that many allied health care professionals have expressed a strong interest in participating and organizing this session. This all fits into a development to a more and more multidisciplinary association, which also focuses more and more on teaching and training of young talents, both theoretically and in practice. In this context, it is appropriate to highlight that the Education Committee is developing a standardized and very structured teaching programme, so that whatever postgraduate teaching or training course our members attend, they will receive the same level of information or practical training. This should help young HPB surgeons in preparing for the UEMS exam, which will become increasingly important in the E-AHPBA region. The increasing interest in our association is also witnessed by the exciting amount of 7 bids for organizing the 2021 E-AHPBA meeting. It will be a difficult decision for the Council, but we are confident that the next congresses will help expand E-AHPBA further.

Best wishes

Kees Dejong, E-AHPBA Secretary General

We are delighted to announce the launch of the E-AHPBA twitter account.

E-AHPBA will be using #EAHPBA2017 in the run up to E-AHPBA 2017, please take time to follow us to get updates on all Association and Congress news in both the planning stages and onsite.

Are you new to social media? If so come visit us on Stand 26 in Mainz to have a quick introduction on how to get set up and start using twitter.
Update from the Mainz 2017 Programme Committee

On behalf of the Programme Committee,

We are delighted to welcome you to the 12th biennial international congress of the E-AHPBA. The meeting takes place in Germany in the historic city of Mainz from **Tuesday 23rd May to Friday 26th May 2017**.

The programme starts on Tuesday with an E-AHPBA postgraduate course which will take the “pancreas” theme. In parallel there will be a workshop marking the 10th anniversary of the ALPPS procedure with talks by exponents of this technique.

The main programme commences on **Wednesday 24th May 2017** and will feature “meet the professor” sessions in the morning, free papers and symposia covering key topics in HPB.

Special highlights include an update from the recent meeting on European guidelines in laparoscopic liver surgery held in Southampton UK, shared sessions with national and regional organisations such as those of the Turkish surgeons and surgeons from the Scandinavian region and much more. Professor Pierre-Alain Clavien will deliver the distinguished Bismuth lecture.

The congress hall is situated on the banks of the beautiful Rhine and in springtime the weather is typically mild.

We look forward to seeing you in Mainz for what promises to be an excellent congress.

Hauke Lang
Congress President
E-AHPBA 2017

Ajith Siriwardena
Programme Committee Chair
E-AHPBA

Martin Smith
President
E-AHPBA

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**To read the latest newsletter from the E-AHPBA 2017 Local Organising Committee please click [here](#)**

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E-AHPBA / IHPBA @ Mainz – Stand 26

Please stop by stand 26 and meet with the E-AHPBA and IHPBA Management Teams. E-AHPBA have recently launched on Twitter @eahpba2017, please follow the discussions using #eahpba2017. We will be giving advice on how to make the most of social media, come and meet with us and learn how to maximise this valuable tool.

IHPBA will be launching a new addition to its online education platform, myHPB, during the E-AHPBA Regional Congress. This exciting new educational resource features videos from expert HPB surgeons describing their slowing down moments in standard procedures, for more information please click [HERE](#).
One of the scopes of the EAHPBA is education and training in HPB surgery. Traditionally, the biennal EAHPBA meeting includes a postgraduate course during which experts in the respective field present deep insight into a specific topic of HPB diseases. Moreover, this course offers the unique potential for personal discussions with these experts.

Since the European Boards of Surgical Qualification (EBSQ) are organized by the association to award surgeons with exceptional experience in the field of HPB surgery, the association has decided to provide a two-year curriculum based on postgraduate courses which expose participants to the most actual data on the respective topics of HPB surgery.

The 2017 Postgraduate Course will be held on May 23 on the Topic

>> Surgery for Pancreatic Diseases

International experts in the field of pancreas surgery will present standards and specials in pancreas surgery. A particular emphasis will be set on management of surgical complications.

To download the final Programme of the Postgraduate Course please visit the website here. Registration is required (EUR 200) and can be made via the congress website here.

The Postgraduate course: Surgery for pancreatic disease was granted 6 European CME credits (ECMEC) by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) as well as 8 credits by the Landesärztekammer Rheinland-Pfalz.

European Board of Surgery Qualification (HPB Surgery) >> Also the EBSQ exam can be taken by appropriate candidates during the 12th EAHPBA Meeting.

Next HPB Examination

Friday 26th May, 2017
Mainz, Germany
Details on the E-AHPBA (www.eahpba.org)
or UEMS websites (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 Lyon**

Two candidates sat the Exam and both passed:

Edward Castro Santa and Madanur Mansoor Adhmed

Examiners: Prof. M Adham, Prof. G Barauskas, Prof. K Conlon, Prof. C Dervenis, Prof. M Lesurte, Prof. K Takaori

**Congratulations!**

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**Membership News**

Dear E-AHPBA members,

I am delighted to advise the E-AHPBA membership has continued to grow with a 43% increase of members since the launch of the 2017 membership renewals. This increase is mainly due to the harmonisation programme with IHPBA and the introduction of new National Chapters to our region. With these initiatives ongoing we expect our membership to continue to strengthen as the programmes develop. As well as introducing new chapters we will be working to increase the membership within existing chapters to ensure we are reaching all potential members within our region who have not yet joined E-AHPBA. We will introduce several membership initiatives during Mainz, further information to follow.

Please spread the word throughout your colleagues who are not already members that if they become a new member and register for E-AHPBA 2017 not only will they be eligible for the reduced registration fee but will receive a further reduction for becoming a new E-AHPBA member, for more information visit [https://eahpba2017.com/registration/](https://eahpba2017.com/registration/)

Please remember to be eligible for the reduced registration fee you must have a current membership. If you have not yet renewed your dues for 2017 now is the chance to ensure your membership is up to date:

To renew your membership or become a new member please click on the following link: [http://www.cvent.com/d/6vq1v3/4W](http://www.cvent.com/d/6vq1v3/4W)

I will look forward to hopefully seeing you in Mainz.

Prof. Rowan Parks, Chair Membership Committee

Mrs. Carol Nicol, ACS Global, [carol@eahpba.org](mailto:carol@eahpba.org)
Now history – a great success!

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

Coming soon