Dear E-AHPBA members,

It has been an interesting six months of growth within the association. We have had many meetings throughout the region, new chapters have been formed, and we have launched some of the initiatives agreed upon during the strategy meetings held in Mainz.

Firstly I am delighted to announce the launch of the new E-AHPBA website, www.eahpba.org, and would like to invite you all to take some time to review the site, we would welcome any feedback you may have. I would like to thank the Communications Committee for steering this project and producing a website that the association can be proud of, the website truly represents the path E-AHPBA is taking as an association. This website will continue to grow over time as many new projects are driven forward.

Another exciting development is the launch of the first E-AHPBA Gold Seal Post-Graduate Course on Liver Malignancies which will be held in Innsbruck on the 28th and 29th May 2018. This is the first post graduate course to be organised by E-AHPBA in partnership with Professors Stättner and Fusai, Co-Course Directors. In addition, I am pleased to advise that this course has been fully endorsed by ESSO, The European Society of Surgical Oncology. I would like to encourage you all to promote this course within your networks and encourage the attendance for all interested in sitting the UEMS HPB Examination. For more information regarding this course including the full programme and registration fees please visit the website http://eahpba.org/education-and-training/educational-activities/ or contact carol@eahpba.org.

Myself and Professor Conlon were honoured to represent the E-AHPBA at the inaugural meeting of the West-East Balkan Chapter of the E-AHPBA, which was held in Ljubljana, Slovenia on the 16th and 17th of March during the 1st HPB Ljubljana Symposium. This regional Chapter will include colleagues from Serbia, Slovenia, Croatia, Republic Srpska, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Macedonia. We look forward to growing our relationship with the chapter and working together to strengthen learning and understanding within our specialties.

Finally, we look forward to the 13th IHPBA World Congress which will take place in Geneva from the 4th to the 7th September 2018. For more information please visit the website, www.ihpba2018.com, in addition Professor Parks, Programme Chair has provided an update report detailed further on within the newsletter. I look forward to seeing you all in Geneva and would like to remind you that to take advantage of the excellent member discounts available on registration fees you must have a current membership. If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2018 please do so now by visiting http://www.cvent.com/d/6vq1v3/4W.

I look forward to working with you all over the coming months to continue the growth and development within our region.

Christos Dervenis, E-AHPBA President
Dear E-AHPBA members,

Plans are progressing extremely well for the 13th IHPBA world congress to be held in Geneva, Switzerland from the 4th – 7th September 2018. The congress venue, PALEXPO is conveniently located next to Geneva airport. The charming old town and picturesque Lake Geneva are only a few minutes away by tram. The scientific committee and local organising committee have been working hard to put together an exciting scientific and social programme. This will include the participation of 13 international sister societies that will enable exchange of expertise within the setting of specially dedicated symposia. It is anticipated that the world congress will provide a phenomenal opportunity to learn from the global experts in HPB and Transplantation surgery and an occasion to renew old friendships and make many more new friendships. The main congress will be preceded by a postgraduate course on Tuesday 4th September 2018 that will provide updates on liver, biliary and pancreatic pathology given by leading international speakers. There will also be an ALPPS expert conference on the same day that aims to provide information on the newest developments and most recent updates of this novel surgical technique. The sessions will cover key topics such as tumour indications, surgical techniques, liver volume and function and oncological outcome.

The main scientific programme will run from 5th – 7th September 2018 and will include 3 living legend lectures from Sir Roy Calne, Professor John Cameron and Professor ST Fan. There will also be state of the art keynote lectures, symposia, update lectures, debates and meet the professor sessions. Almost all speakers have been finalised and the full scientific programme will be available very shortly on the dedicated website (www.IHPBA2018.com).

We have had a record number of 2252 abstracts submitted. The process of abstracts scoring has been completed and at present these are being ranked and will be allocated to oral, mini-oral, e-poster and talking poster sessions. There will also be sessions for the best video submissions, a session on “tricks of the trade” and a breaking research and trials session. Notification to abstract submitters will be sent out on the week commencing 13th April 2018. The date by which all presenting authors require to be registered by is 2nd May 2018. I would encourage delegates to register as soon as possible to make use of the early registration rates noting that the early registration deadline is 2nd May 2018. We look forward to welcoming you to this stunning venue for what is anticipated to be an exceptional international congress.

Rowan Parks
Chair, IHPBA Programme Committee

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Next UEMS Exam – Friday 7th September 2018

Friday 7th September 2018, Geneva, Switzerland
Details on the E-AHPBA (www.eahpba.org) or UEMS (www.uems.eu)
Dear HPB-colleagues,

It is with great pleasure to invite you for the 13th European – African Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association in Amsterdam in 2019. The meeting will be held right in the city centre of Amsterdam in the Netherlands from Sunday 2nd June till Wednesday 5th June 2019.

The Netherlands is known for its evidence-based research and have provided multiple randomized controlled trial in HPB surgery over the last decades. Besides this high-quality research Amsterdam is known for its free way of thinking and open-minded way of living. This combination gives all possibilities for an exciting E-AHPBA meeting in summer 2019.

The congress venue is the Beurs van Berlage which was built as stock exchange at the end of the 19th century and hosted the marriage of the king and queen of the Netherlands. It is located in the city centre and therefore has a great accessibility via Schiphol airport and Amsterdam central train station from all major cities in Europe.

We will provide you with a scientific programme containing state-of-the art lectures and symposia focusing on the evidence-based medicine and will give the floor to researchers of all ages to present their work via oral, poster and video presentations as organized by the E-AHPBA programme committee. Deadline for abstract submission is 15th January 2019.

Social events will be available within walking distance of all major hotels and congress venue and suitable for attendees of all ages.

Looking forward to seeing you in Amsterdam.

Olivier Busch  
E-AHPBA 2019 Congress Chairman  
www.e-ahpba2019.com

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**E-AHPBA Gold Seal Postgraduate Course**

**E-AHPBA Post Graduate Course – Liver Malignancies**

Location: Austria Trend Hotel Congress Innsbruck  
Dates: Monday 28th – Tuesday 29th May 2018  
Registration: [http://www.eahpba.org/educational](http://www.eahpba.org/educational)

**Organised by:**

Professor Stefan Stättner, Innsbruck Medical University  
Professor Giuseppe Fusai, Royal Free Hospital, London

**Registration fees in Euros (€)**

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* A valid E-AHPBA combined membership is required to benefit from this discounted rate.

To secure your place on the Post Graduate Course [click here](http://www.eahpba.org/educational) to register.

For more information including the full programme, registration and accommodation please visit the website, [http://eahpba.org/education-and-training/educational-activities/](http://eahpba.org/education-and-training/educational-activities/)
Dear E-AHPBA Members,

The founding meeting of the West-East Balkan Chapter of E-AHPBA, was held in Ljubljana, Slovenia on the 16th and 17th of March during the 1st HPB Ljubljana Symposium. This regional chapter gathered together specialists from Serbia, Slovenia, Croatia, Republic Srpska, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Macedonia.

According to several previous conference calls, focused meetings and live discussions during the E-AHPBA 2017 Congress in Mainz, colleagues from the above-mentioned countries agreed that for all the foundation of a regional chapter will be the most useful type of organisation. Different types of specialists involved in the treatment of patients with HPB disease will have better chances to promote understanding of the causes, investigation, and treatment of disorders of the liver, pancreas and biliary tree. Hopefully the group will be able to improve evidence-based care and optimise the outcomes of patients with HPB disorders within the region.

Prof. Christos Dervenis, President of E-AHPBA and Prof. Kevin Conlon, President Elect of E-AHPBA attended the foundation Meeting, as representatives and support of our European African HPB Association.

Dejan Radenkovic
Professor of Surgery, University of Belgrade
Recent Meetings

Following the successful Masterclass on Pancreatic Cancer, which was held on 10th – 11th November 2017, at the Hilton Athens Hotel, in Greece, kindly find here the videos of the lectures.

To view the videos please follow the process below:

- **Register** (by pressing the orange Register button on the top of the screen).
- Choose the “Congress on Demand” tab from the menu and select the Congress they are interested in watching.

Participants and crew after 2nd, final day Advanced Laparoscopic #Pancreas #Surgery course @EAHPBA & @EAES_eu e-mips.org

**ADVANCED LAPAROSCOPIC PANCREAS SURGERY: A HANDS-ON WORKSHOP**

Date: 3-4 November 2017
Location: AMC, Meibergdreef 9, Amsterdam
More information and registration: [www.e-mips.org/workshop](http://www.e-mips.org/workshop)

Video clip: [https://mobile.twitter.com/MarcBesselink/status/926492460272013313?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Etweet](https://mobile.twitter.com/MarcBesselink/status/926492460272013313?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Etweet)

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For more information on recent educational activities within the E-AHPBA region please visit:

March 2018

E-AHPBA New Website Launched

We are delighted to announce that the new look E-AHPBA Website is now live - www.eahpba.org

For more information regarding the new website and member engagement please take a few moments to listen to the "Interview of the Month" by Professor John Devar, Communications Committee Chair.

We appreciate your feedback on the new website including any areas where you would like to see more information on and suggestions for news items for inclusion in the coming months. Please direct all feedback and questions to carol@eahpba.org.

News from the Membership Committee

Dear E-AHPBA Members,

I am delighted to advise the E-AHPBA membership continues to build from strength to strength. With the endorsement for combined membership for all, the recent formation of the West-East Balkan Chapter and with several other chapter developments underway, 2018 looks set to be an exciting period for the association.

If you have not yet renewed your dues for 2018 please can we encourage you to do so. Please remember that to be eligible for the reduced registration fee at the E-AHPBA Post Graduate Course in Innsbruck and the 13th IHPBA World Congress in Geneva you must have a current membership. Membership renewals for 2018 are now available, to renew your existing membership or become a new member please click on the following link: http://www.cvent.com/d/r5qy6n/4W.

Please spread the word throughout your colleagues who are not already members that if they become a new member they get a discounted registration fee for the E-AHPBA Post Graduate Course – Liver Malignancies, IHPBA 2018 and E-AHPBA 2019. For more information on congress and courses within the region please visit www.eahpba.org.

Prof Rowan Parks
Chair Membership Committee
The successful applicants in Antalya, Turkey

Seven candidates sat the Exam and six were successful:

**Ralph Staerkle, Francesco Giovinazzo, Alper Uguz, Vedat Unalp Omer, Andrea Schlegel, Jozef Urdzik**

Congratulations!

Coming soon...

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**SAVE THE DATE**
3 - 7 September 2018

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