

October 2017



Newsletter

European-African Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association



Dear E-AHPBA members,

Firstly, I would like to express how delighted I am to be appointed as President of the E-AHPBA. I very much look forward to the next two years working with the Leadership and you, our members, to continue the good work that has started and to introduce some exciting new developments within the Association.

The 12th Congress of the E-AHPBA held 23-26th May in Mainz was a huge success, I would like to thank Professor Lang and his team once again for the organisation and delivery of a fantastic event. I hope you all had the opportunity to join and benefit not only from the informative well-constructed programme, but also from the networking opportunities throughout the week. It was great to meet up with so many old friends and colleagues, and to also forge new relationships.

The week in Mainz was a successful week for the leadership of the Association. There was a very productive meeting schedule which included the E-AHPBA Strategy and Council meetings, joint E-AHPBA and IHPBA Executive meetings along with E-AHPBA Committee meetings. The Association is entering an exciting stage of growth and development and over time many initiatives formalised in Mainz will be rolled out, more information to follow.

The Post-Graduate Course held in Mainz was another success, this was well attended with great feedback. Future courses to look forward to:

- "Focus on the Biliary Tract" Post-Graduate course, November 1st, 2017, Belek Antalya, Turkey
- "Masterclass on Pancreatic Cancer" Post-Graduate course, November 10-11th 2017, Athens, Greece

The successful introduction of the E-AHPBA Training Programme Accreditation was validated in Mainz with two centres being successfully accredited:

- Division of HPB Surgery and Transplantation St Vincent's University Hospital Dublin, 5 years awarded.
- Division of Transplantation and Hepatobiliary Surgery Erasmus MC Rotterdam, 3 years awarded.

This programme will continue to grow from strength to strength with several visits planned in the coming year. More information regarding this accreditation programme will be available on the E-AHPBA website shortly.

We appreciate your ongoing input and welcome suggestions from our members. I look forward to working with you all.

Best wishes,

Christos Dervenis, E-AHPBA President

General Secretary

Our 14th E-AHPBA Biennial Congress will be in Amsterdam, The Netherlands in June 2019. Keep an eye on the website for important dates: www.eahpba2019.com



Membership

Membership renewals for 2018 are now available, to renew your membership [click here](#).

All new members welcome, please encourage your colleagues to join our Association: to join [click here](#).

Notes from the Secretary General

Dear E-AHPBA members,

It is with pleasure that I reflect a bit at the end of the summer holidays on what we went through in the past months. Those who have been to the E-AHPBA Congress in Mainz have witnessed a fantastic meeting in Germany at the river Rhein. Hauke Lang and his team organised an enormously successful Congress in the Rheingoldhalle with typical German flavour, most explicitly exposed in the Rudolf Pichlmayr session in honour of Hauke Lang's mentor and the 10th Anniversary of ALPPS meeting. Apart from the intellectual content, there were also many opportunities to meet friends and colleagues in HPB surgery, particularly during the social events such as the Faculty Dinner in the middle of a vineyard and the Congress Party at the Mainz Castle. Here, the multinational presence was expressed quite explicitly when our past-president Professor Claudio Bassi and Professor Daniel Cherqui took over the podium and got the E-AHPBA community dancing by playing live music.

Obviously, there was also business as usual and the E-AHPBA and IHPBA Council's spent quite a bit of time discussing current issues. Regarding forthcoming meetings, an update was delivered to the E-AHPBA Council on the IHPBA 2018 Congress in Geneva and the E-AHPBA 2019 Congress in Amsterdam. Council also had to make a very difficult decision on who was to be given the privilege of hosting the 2021 Congress – the final decision was to award to Bilbao, Spain. It was reassuring to see how the E-AHPBA drive to stimulate National Chapter development inspired, amongst others, the French and Spanish to submit bids supported by their National Chapters. This has also led to an increase in membership in these and other countries.

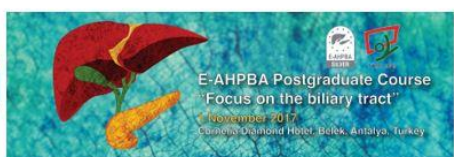
Further progress was also made in an inspiring Allied Health Professional session and as we move forward to Amsterdam in 2019 it is re-assuring to know that there will be a similar session in the Netherlands in 2 years. The Post-Graduate Course was attended by an unexpectedly high number of young HPB surgeons and some of these then sat the UEMS Exam. Almost all of them passed the exam, so the E-AHPBA community now has a considerable additional number of UEMS accredited HPB FEBS members.

The E-AHPBA Council has also spent some considerable time and effort in exploring the options of strategic partnerships with companies to allow us to develop the E-AHPBA and its strategic aims. It is hoped that we will be able to update members on this aspect in the next newsletter.

I hope everyone had a happy and exciting summer holiday!

Best wishes

Kees Dejong, E-AHPBA Secretary General



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Update from the Congress Chair of E-AHPBA 2017

Dear Members of the E-AHPBA,

It was a pleasure to organise and host the 12th Biennial Congress of the E-AHPBA in Mainz this year, and we have the impression that this meeting was a great success! The organisation of this meeting was demanding, and we thank the E-AHPBA for giving us the trust and support for this Congress!

The Congress was opened by the **"10th anniversary of ALPPS" symposium** and the **postgraduate course on "Surgery for pancreatic diseases"**. Both were well subscribed with 320 and 120 participants, respectively. The ALPPS symposium triggered intensive discussions about the status and potential developments of this novel technique. The main Congress, had over 1200 registered participants, the scientific program included 279 free oral, 73 videos and 423 poster presentations.

The major emphasis of this Congress was the social program, and the opportunities to make and meet friends outside the conference rooms. We had the impression that both aims have been achieved. Luckily, the spring showed his best during the Congress, so that the **"come together" party** on the Pre-Congress day took place in front of the Congress venue. Participants of the ALPPS symposium, the postgraduate course, and the fellows of the Boehringer Ingelheim Foundation grant to young researchers met here in a leisurely atmosphere and were welcomed by Professor. Martin Smith and Professor. Oscar Inventarza. Also, the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception were well visited and gave the opportunity to meet and talk whilst listening to some jazz music.



A particular highlight of the event was the **Congress Party** at the Mainz Castle: after dinner, the Jammin` Cool band created an extraordinary atmosphere which motivated Professor Claudio. Bassi and Professor Daniel Cherqui to enter the stage and excite the audience with a special guitar experience. The party continued until long after midnight.



Once again, we thank the faculty and all participants for their support. In addition to the main scientific program the **Special and Keynote Lectures** were especially memorable. Furthermore, we were lucky to attract industry to support the meeting (for details please see www.eahpba2017.com), since such scientific meetings cannot be successful without the support of the industry.

We hope that the participants also enjoyed this Congress and hope to see you in Geneva in 2018 and Amsterdam in 2019, to make these Congresses equally as successful!

Hauke Lang, Congress Chair, E-AHPBA 2017

To view all photographs from E-AHPBA 2017 please visit the website:
www.eahpba2017.com

Update from the E-AHPBA 2017 Programme Committee

On behalf of the Programme Committee,

The 12th Congress of the E-AHPBA took place in Mainz, Germany from the 23rd to the 26th May 2017 under the auspices of the E-AHPBA President Professor Martin Smith, and Local Congress Chairman Professor Hauke Lang.

The Congress followed a well-established format of commencing with an E-AHPBA Postgraduate course on Tuesday 22nd May 2017. On this occasion, there was a parallel opening seminar to mark 10 years of the ALPPS procedure. Both the postgraduate course and the ALPPS seminar were well attended.

The main programme commenced on Wednesday 23rd May 2017 with lectures, state-of-the-art talks and free paper sessions. The airy Congress venue on the banks of the beautiful Rhine was a superb host for the Congress. Blessed with settled, calm and warm weather, many participants took the opportunity to have lunch outdoors.

As ever, the trade exhibition was well attended and featured interesting next-generation robotic technology.

The Presidential invitation dinner and Congress Party were a great success with over 1,000 delegates attending this meeting – a new high-water mark for the E-AHPBA.

The meeting closed with a further diet of the UEMS exam on the final day, and delegates left the meeting already looking forward to IHPBA in Geneva next autumn.

Ajith Siriwardena MD FRCS, Programme Committee Chair E-AHPBA 2017



Update from the Scientific & Research Committee

Dear Members,

For the last 2 years, the new team of the Committee has tried to promote collaboration between research groups within the E-AHPBA.

We are proud to report about 3 ongoing retrospective collaborative studies, which were proposed to all E-AHPBA members to participate to:

1. *Outcomes and risk score of distal pancreatectomy with celiac axis resection (DP-CAR) for pancreatic cancer: a pan-European retrospective cohort study*, led by M. Besselink, The Netherlands, J. Kleeff, Germany and R. Salvia, Italy. It collected data of 68 patients from 20 hospitals in 12 countries. It was selected for presentation at the 2017 ESA meeting in Bucharest but rejected for publication in Annals of Surgery. The process of submission in another journal is ongoing.
2. *Bile duct injury after cholecystectomy: early vs. late hepaticojejunostomy* led by C. Stureson, Sweden, R. Prasad, UK, and M. Lesurtel, France. This study is currently recruiting patients until end of July 2017. Already 483 patients have been included from 70 different institutions.
3. *Outcomes after minimally-invasive or open pancreatoduodenectomy in high-volume centres: A Pan-European retrospective propensity-score matched cohort study* led by M. Besselink, The Netherlands for the European Consortium on Minimally Invasive Pancreatic Surgery. The study is currently recruiting patients.

At the EAHPBA 2017 Congress in Mainz, the Committee held its first symposium about management of clinical research in Europe. The session was well attended and it provided the opportunity to report on the progress of the above-mentioned studies, and to discuss how to organise surgical trials across borders.

The Committee was also asked by the Council to select the two candidates to receive the [E-AHPBA travel grants](#) to participate in the biennial E-AHPBA Congress. These two fellows were Michael Linecker from Zurich, Switzerland, and Zafar Khan from Johannesburg, South Africa.

We remind you that you can find more details about activities of the Committee by following the link to the Scientific and Research Corner of the **E-AHPBA Website** at: [http://eahpba.org/?q=Scientific Committee and Projects](http://eahpba.org/?q=Scientific+Committee+and+Projects). Please Do not hesitate to contact us for any suggestions or ideas about collaborative studies.

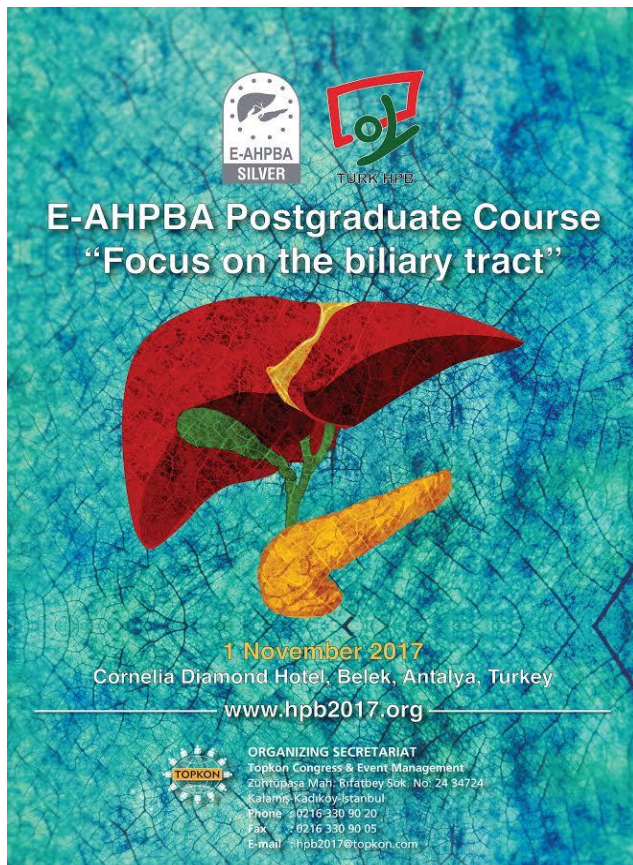
Finally, we are happy to announce that the Council of the E-AHPBA decided to increase the number of members of the Committee to thirteen people in order to foster more collaborative projects within the E-AHPBA community.

Mickaël Lesurtel, Chair scientific & Research Committee

Here is the table of the Scientific & Research Committee members and their location:

Professor Mickaël Lesurtel	France
Professor Marc Besselink	The Netherlands
Professor Mert Erkan	Turkey
Professor Tom Gallagher	Ireland
Professor Jörg Kleeff	Germany
Professor Steven Olde Damink	The Netherlands
Professor Raj Prasad	United Kingdom
Professor Jose Manual Ramia-Angel	Spain
Professor Roberto Salvia	Italy
Professor Alejandro Serrablo	Spain
Professor Oliver Strobel	Germany
Professor Christian Stureson	Sweden
Professor Attila Szijarto	Hungary

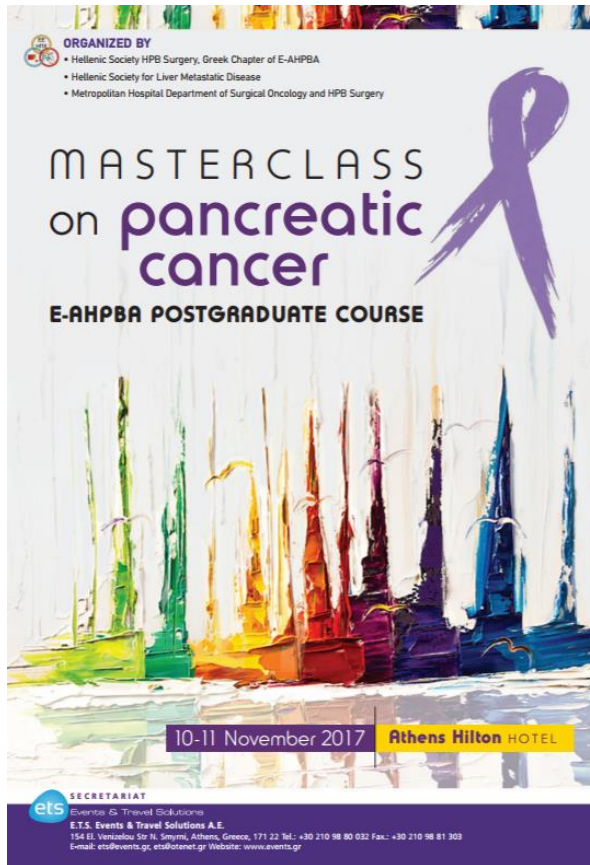
Upcoming Postgraduate Courses:



E-AHPBA Postgraduate Course
"Focus on the biliary tract"

1 November 2017
Cornelia Diamond Hotel, Belek, Antalya, Turkey
www.hpb2017.org

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Next HPB Examination

Thursday 2nd November 2017

Antalya, Turkey

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or UEMS websites (www.uems.eu)



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The successful applicants and the examiners in Mainz



Nine candidates sat the Exam and both passed:

Carlijn Buis, Mehmet Fatih Can, Nelio Ferreira, Joris Erdmann, Francisco Javier Garcia Borobia, Emmanuel Melloul, Irene Scalera, Gabriele Spoletini, Tim Rouwen Glowka

Examiners: Mr S. Aroori, Prof G Belli, Prof K Conlon, Prof J Eduard, Prof J Figueras, Prof T Gruenberger, Prof E Hoti, Prof H Mischinger, Prof K Oldhafer, Prof X Rogiers, Prof K Zieniewicz



Congratulations!



News from the Membership Committee

Dear E-AHPBA Members,

I am delighted to advise the E-AHPBA membership has reached an all-time high at just over 600 members, with the endorsement for combined membership for all and continued national chapter development this growth looks set to continue.

The success of the E-AHPBA 2017 Congress has helped engage members within the region and with IHPBA World Congress in Geneva next year, followed by the E-AHPBA Biennial Congress in Amsterdam in 2019, this is a great opportunity to encourage lapsed members to reengage and new members to join. Please spread the word throughout your colleagues who are not already members that if they become a new member not only will they get a discounted registration fee for IHPBA 2018 and E-AHPBA 2019 but also for the Post-Graduate Courses in Turkey and Athens later this year. For more information on congress and courses within the region please visit www.eahpba.org.

Please remember to be eligible for the reduced registration fee you must have a current membership. Membership renewals for 2018 are now available, to renew your membership or become a new member please click on the following link: <http://www.cvent.com/d/r5qy6n/4W>.

Prof Rowan Parks, Chair Membership Committee

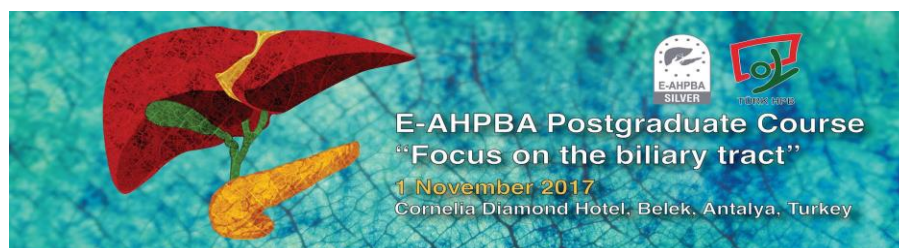
Mrs. Carol Nicol, ACS Global, carol@eahpba.org

Now history – a great success!



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Coming soon



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