Dear ELSA Members and Colleagues,

2014 will be an exciting year for MIS and ELSA, in fact we are strongly involved in many education and scientific activity in Asia and Worldwide. From the 14th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery in Paris in June to our Annual Scientific Congress in Bali in October, to the several Workshops under the ELSA Outreach Programme or endorsed by ELSA in many Countries. Follow us on the ELSA Website, register on our Social Network MD Pie, update your email to be in touch with all ELSA News.

A new leadership has been elected for the 2013-2015 term, at the last 11th Asia-Pacific ELSA Congress:

President: Jin-Tung Liang, Taiwan
Vice-President: Errawan W. Indonesia
Secretary-General: D. Lomanto, Singapore
Treasurer: Rolf Hartung, UAE

Lets’ thank the previous Executive Committee for the support and dedication in the last two years: A. Aldohayan.Vice-President, Kevin Tau, General Secretary and William Chen as Treasurer.

A total of 8 new Governors have been appointed in the Board (please visit the ELSA Website for the updated list) and we would like to thank all the past Governors for their fruitful work and contribution.

The Administrative Secretariat will be moved from Hong Kong to Singapore from April 1, 2014 and the new contact person will be: Mrs Emma Sarimah. We would like to take this opportunity to thank deeply and sincerely Mrs Desiree Chan for the great support and assistance in managing such a complex account like ELSA in the past years. Thanks to her, ELSA administrative secretariat was running smoothly and up to date.

Two new MIS Training Centres have been endorsed: CEMAST in Mumbai, India under the leadership of Prof. Tehemton Udwadia and MILES in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia under the leadership of Prof. Chin Kin Fah. The two new facilities will widen the opportunity for surgeon’s fellows who wants to learn MIS or improve their skills.

During the last ELSA Congress, the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors confers the ELSA Honorary Membership to two of the greatest pioneer of laparoscopic surgery in the world that contribute actively in educational programme in Asia: Sir Alfred Cuschieri and Prof. Abe Fingerhut (see photos). During the same ceremony the ELSA awards for the best presentations were also conferred.

Lastly, it has been a great honor and privilege to serve you as 2011-2013 President of the Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Surgeons of Asia (ELSA). A great opportunity and a learning experience for myself for which, I need to thank personally all the Governors, the members of the Executive and ELSA Committees for the support and assistance without which my role would be impossible. I wish that I fulfilled your expectation and I will continue to serve ELSA in any way I can.

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WORLD CONGRESS OF ENDSCOPE SURGERY 2014

The 14th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery and the 22nd International Congress of the European Association for Endoscopic Surgery (EAES) will be held in Paris, France on the 25 – 28 June 2014.

ELSA will be actively involved as the partner of the IFSES and this time we will co-organize a Pre-Congress Workshop. The Workshop will be held on June 25 and will focus on “Managing Complications in MIS”. A Series of “black videos on complications” and lectures will provide an interactive platform for discussion and sharing experience. Several ELSA KOL will be involved in all scientific sessions as invited speakers and/or Chairman/Moderators.

Congress Date/Place:
25 - 28 June 2014 / Paris, France

Important Dates:
- Scientific Program, 26 - 28 June 2014
- Pre Congress Program, 25 June 2014
- Technology Symposium, 25 June 2014
- Hands On Course, 25 June 2014

Early Bird Hotel Booking:
Delegates can take advantage of these special WCES2014 negotiated rates by contacting C/accommodation directly.
(http://www.accommodationbooking.eu/quickressaaspip/pip.php?page=home_246&id_article=2&edit_id=246&lan_id=2)

Congress Website:
http://congress.eaes.eu/Home.aspx

ELSA BALI 2014

The International Congress of Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Surgeons of Asia (ELSA) 2014 will be held at Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center (BNDCC), Bali, Indonesia on the 9 - 12 October 2014.

The theme of this year International Congress of ELSA is “Minimally Invasive Surgery: Now And Future”.

Several topics such as Esophageal & Gastric Surgery, Hepatobiliary, Pancreatic Surgery, Colorectal Surgery, Robotic Surgery, Endoscopic Surgery, Hernia, Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery, Endocrine Surgery, Emergency Surgery, Latest Technologies and Research, Minimal Invasive in Orthopedic Surgery, Urology, Neurosurgery, Gynecology, Pediatric, ENT, Plastic Surgery and Thoracic Surgery will be discussed.

Congress Date/Place:
9 - 12 October 2014 / Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia

Early Registration:
Delegates are encouraged to register online at http://elsa2014.com/index.php/registration-and-accommodation/online-registration

Abstract Deadline:
9 August 2014

Congress Website:
http://elsa2014.com

President: Errawan W.
Secretary: Barlian S.
ELSA OUTREACH PROGRAMME 2014
During our Annual ELSA Congress 2014, the Outreach Programme was featured in two scientific sessions. This is to give attention to the development and spread of MIS in our region. The sessions "Voice for Asia", highlighted the development of MIS in Asian developing countries and the strategic role of ELSA Outreach Programme in helping to promote MIS in the needed countries.

The Outreach Programme organized a total of 16 Workshops since 2012, reaching 6 Asian countries and a few more will be added this year. Sri Lanka, Cambodia and together with the remote fast growing area of Irian Jaya in Indonesia too will be the next host. A total of more than 15 enthusiastic ELSA members were actively involved and they provided support for the programme (see below).

We want to extend our thanks to Olympus, Japan for the educational grant to support this initiative. We also recognize the contribution from Covidien, B.Braun and PFM Timesh for the assistance in providing educational materials to support this initiative.

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Asim Shabbir, Singapore
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Emma Sarimah Binte Suleiman (Administrative Support)

If anybody is interested to join one of our future activities listed below, please do not hesitate to email us.

CALENDAR OF OUTREACH PROGRAMS 2014
> 9th Workshop ESS-ELSA on "Basic Laparoscopic & Advanced Surgery Course",
New Yangon General Hospital, Yangon, Myanmar / 31 January 2014
> 3rd ELSA Workshop on, "Basic Laparoscopic and Advanced Suturing Course with LIVE Surgery",
College of Medical Sciences (COMS), Bharatpur, Nepal / 27th - 28th March 2014
> 1st ELSA Workshop on "Advanced Digestive Surgery",
Jinnah Hospital & Allama Iqbal Medical College, Lahore, Pakistan / 21 - 22 April 2014
> 1st ELSA Workshop on "Basic Laparoscopic & Advanced Surgery Course",
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka / 16 - 17 May 2014

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ELSA TAIWAN 2013 REPORT
The 11th Asia-Pacific Congress of ELSA was hosted in Taipei from November 21 - 24, 2013 under the Presidency of Prof Jin Tung Liang.

An outstanding Scientific Programme with a total of 241 invited speakers from 26 countries worldwide was coordinated by the Scientific Chairman Dr Wei Jie Lee and attracted more than 1461 participants. They represented 44 Countries. The young surgical communities was also well represented with a total of 268 abstracts accepted as 89 for oral presentations, 173 as posters and 6 as video presentations.

During our Asia-Pacific Congress, we honoured two outstanding Pioneers of Endolaparoscopic Surgery that contribute not only to the development of the technique but also to widespread it in the Asian communities. Sir Alfred Cuschieri and Prof Abe Fingerhut were bestowed the ELSA Honorary Membership during the Opening Ceremony.