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Director General's Message

Fifty years ago, the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons was founded by Harry E. Bacon, Stuart E. Ross, and Fidel Ruiz-Moreno in Mexico City. These three visionaries helped establish our society as a leader in colon and rectal surgery. Today, we continue to contribute to the process of Colon and Anorectal Surgery and to hold congresses and meetings throughout the world in order to exchange scientific knowledge.

Our next Biennial Congress will be held during our 50th anniversary in Bologna, Italy, June 24-26, 2012. As a tribute to this important date, the Society is preparing a special history that will commemorate our efforts. This book will be the memorial collection of a long line of Past Presidents who wrote about how the Society was founded and how we have advanced through the years. We transcribed interviews from Society leaders, both past and present, and photos from past meetings and events will be highlighted. Special thanks to Editor, Helio Moreira, who has championed this book. The Society aims to have full coverage of our history and that could not have been accomplished without input from our membership. Thank you to all who contributed.

Please be sure to join us in Bologna for the 50th anniversary celebration during the XXV Biennial Congress of the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons. We welcome your participation and look forward to your presence.

—Indru T. Khubchandani, MD, *Director General*



President's Message

Over the last two years, I have witnessed the Society's continued growth, thanks in large part to the efforts of our members and their participation in our activities. The Society of International University Colon and Rectal Surgeons' importance lies in our commitment to promoting and spreading knowledge.

To that end, I urge each of you to attend the upcoming ISUCRS XXV Biennial Congress in Bologna, Italy, June 24-26, 2012. Nowhere else but at this, our 50th Anniversary meeting, will we have such diverse opportunities to define the future of our Society and impact global trends in colon and rectal surgery.

Dr. Bruno Cola and his team are hard at work to make the next meeting a memorable one, scientifically and socially. Please consider this as a personal note to each one of the members to set the date aside. We look forward to embarking on an exciting meeting together.

—Professor Park

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ABOUT THE ISUCRS!

The Society was founded in Mexico City, Mexico on November 24, 1962. Founding members were Harry E. Bacon, MD, Stuart E. Ross, MD and Fidel Ruiz-Moreno, MD.

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Society is to contribute to the progress of Colon and Anorectal Surgery, and to hold congresses and meetings throughout the world in order to interchange scientific knowledge.

Why Join ISUCRS?

- Networking with world-renowned colon and rectal colleagues.
- Free access to the World Journal of Colon and Rectal Surgery, ISUCRS' official on-line, open access journal. The unique format allows rapid publication of articles of any length, with color pictures and even video clips. The journal will enable members to keep abreast of all pertinent topics with a just a click of a button.
- Reduced registration fees for ISUCRS' biennial congress.
- Quarterly newsletter with updates about the society and colon and rectal surgery activities.

Encourage your colleagues to visit www.isucrs.org to apply today!

Membership Promotion

As we enter our 50th year of existence, the Society recognizes the important role its members play in the advancement of colon and anorectal surgery. Without dedicated participants, our ability to hold congresses like the XXV Biennial Congress in Bologna, Italy, June 24-26, 2012 would not occur. The field depends on our efforts to exchange scientific knowledge and plan the future of colorectal surgery. That's why it is crucial for each member of the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons to attend this meeting and promote the expansion of our member network.

Our leadership has made decisions and taken steps toward strengthening ISUCRS and its mission, but we need the continued support of our members to propel us into the future. By offering more interactive services and outlets for networking, such as the *World Journal for Colorectal Surgery* and the Biennial Congress in Bologna, we hope to change the face of the Society and walk proudly into the future at the forefront of our field.

If you have not yet done so, please register for the Biennial Congress and encourage your colleagues to visit www.isucrs.org to apply for membership today!



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CSSANZ and Section of Colon and Rectal Surgery, RACS Annual Spring Meeting

The Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand and Section of Colon and Rectal Surgery, RACS has announced it will hold their annual Spring Meeting at Hilton on the Park in East Melbourne, Australia on October 18-20, 2012.

This is the first time in a number of years that the meeting will convene in a large city. Meeting planners hope that the proximity of the event to a major urban area will encourage high turn out for surgeons and their colleagues.

Professor Alexander Heriot, Executive Director of Cancer Surgery at the Peter MacCallum Center Centre, says, "many of these people will have met at the very successful Tripartite meeting in Cairns [in 2011] and we trust this 2012 meeting will provide many of our industry colleagues an excellent opportunity to renew acquaintances and meet with the national surgical leaders in the field."

For more information on the meeting, please visit www.cssanz2012.org.

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WJCS *Now Accepting Submissions*

The World Journal of Colorectal Surgery is currently accepting articles for submission. WJCS publishes articles and communications by, and of interest to, the members of the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons about colorectal and anal diseases from all specialties in academic and community settings.

Many of our members live in countries where the current costs of journals are prohibitive. The Journal was created with the intention of developing a more cost effective way for physicians and scientists to communicate their thoughts and findings.

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