Talking Points (ICS Value)

The following can be used when speaking to colleagues about ICS and its value to Fellows.

- Fellowship, Collegiality and Camaraderie be a member of a global network of surgeons who are truly interested in what their colleagues have to say.
- The organization has a strong ethnic and multi-cultural flavor.
- Opportunity to attend global scientific meetings and the national annual meeting at a discounted rate.
- Opportunity to present at scientific meetings immediately upon acceptance
- Opportunity to compete for research scholarships or provide your Residents with the opportunity
- Opportunity for your institution to become a designated ICS research center
- Participate in Surgical Teams and Medical Missions to other countries through our own projects and those of affiliated organizations such as the World Surgical Foundation
- Opportunity to publish scientific articles in Journal of International Surgery no matter what your academic standing and to receive Journal at very favorable member prices
- Opportunity to participate in various programs of International Museum of Surgical Science and develop exhibits
- Have access to ICS and ICSUS websites $\underline{www.icsglobal.org}$, $\underline{www.ficsonline.org}$ and to receive member only programs and information
- Receive International Passport and all associated privileges
- Links with other medical societies and humanitarian organizations via introduction from ICS (World Surgical Foundation, Operation Hope, MIMA, etc.)
- Spouse/significant other program participation (Alliance)
- ICS has an official relationship with the World Health Organization and members may participate in WHO programs via the ICS
- Membership provides automatic membership in Medical Air Services Association to receive emergency medical evacuation coverage (a \$200 per year value by itself).
- Quick and easy access to leadership positions. Very active members can become President in a very short time, sometimes in as little as 10 years.
- Opportunity to participate in and develop special projects such as monographs, mentor program or the liability assistance link.