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From the PRESIDENT'S DESK

Uretz J. Oliphant, MD, FICS

Dear ICS Colleague,

As my term as ICS-US Section President nears an end I would like to review some of the significant events of the past twelve months. I believe that the following highlights demonstrate that our US Section had a very successful year and made some important decisions about the future.

In January the Executive Committee met in Chicago where I laid out my plan for the year. My primary goal was identified as the determination of the future direction of the US Section. While many aspects of what the US Section has accomplished during recent years has been quite positive, I knew that things would need to change if we were to survive moving forward. With the uncertainties related to the practice of medicine and in particular surgery, a membership and CME focused organization such as ours needed to re-evaluate its purpose, mission and goals. My colleagues on the Executive Committee heartily endorsed this concept and after the appointment of a special ad hoc committee in June during the Annual Meeting we are making great progress to identify what the US Section of ICS will be in the future. A final plan will be presented to the Executive Committee in 2016 and under the direction of incoming President Mike Jacobs our plan will be finalized and disseminated to the membership in the coming months.

In June the United States Section held its 77th Annual Surgical Update in Annapolis, Maryland where we presented, "Controversies in Surgery." During the meeting we were privileged to have several very special guests who made extremely interesting, informative and sometimes very controversial presentations. One of the most important sessions was the "Global Surgery Summit," which included the participation of Professor Yik-Hong Ho, the ICS World President from Australia; Germa Tefera the new Director of Operation Giving Back from the American College of Surgeons; and Meena Cherian the Lead of the Emergency & Essential Surgical Care Program of the World Health Organization, just to name a few. This session was extremely important because it tied in directly to our investigation of what the US Section would look like in the future. Many other extremely important and well known colleagues from around the country also joined us and I encourage everyone to visit the website and review the scientific program for details. If you were not able to attend the meeting you missed out on three spectacular days of CME in a gorgeous location.

Of course there was also business conducted during the annual meeting. After considerable discussion it was decided that the US Section could no longer maintain the current dues level and a nominal increase of \$30 per year was approved. It is important to note that dues have not been increased since 2001 and then it was only \$5. Subsequently your overall payment to ICS actually decreased as the ICS journal International Surgery was converted to an all digital format and the mandatory subscription amount of \$49 was eliminated. As such the \$30 increase still leaves the ICS dues level lower now than it was 10 years ago. Dues notices were mailed in late

From the President's Desk (continued from front)

November and the support of each member remitting their annual dues on a timely basis will allow us to fulfill our vision to move the US Section forward and prosper well into the 21st century.

I am pleased to report that the US Section also began accepting certain non-physician health professionals as Allied Members earlier this year. After years of negotiation with the World Body licensed Physician Assistants (PA) and Nurse Practitioners (NP) are now invited to join the ICS through the US Section. PA's and NP's are an important part of the surgical team and their role in patient care is increasing daily. I encourage all Fellows of the ICS to invite your PA and NP colleagues to join as Allied Members today.

For years there has been discussion and debate about the property that ICS and the US Section owns in Chicago. For those who may not know, the US Section is an equal ownership partner with the ICS World Body in two four-story mansions on Lake Shore Drive on the Chicago Gold Coast. One building houses the Headquarters of both the US Section and the World Body and the other houses the International Museum of Surgical Science. We have been in these landmarked properties since the early 1950's. During the past several years the US Section and World Body leadership agreed that our almost 12,000 square foot headquarters building was an important asset, but that it was not being used effectively. With only 5 employees and a significant amount of wasted space that was unaffordable the decision was made earlier this year to list the Headquarters building for sale. The eventual sale of our Headquarters building will be an important part of the future of the US Section and the ICS overall. For years we have struggled with cash flow; the endowment that would be created by the proceeds from a sale could effectively support numerous new activities and programs.

One such program might be the increased involvement of the US Section in activities of the World Health Organization. While the ICS has had official relations with the W.H.O. for years on an international level, the US Section has only experienced limited participation. With the participation of the W.H.O. at our annual meeting and then the subsequent participation at the October meeting of the Executive Committee in Chicago I believe we will be poised to contribute more to global surgery and humanitarian activities as we move forward. Global surgery was also identified by the special ad hoc committee previously mentioned as a large part of the future of the Section.

There is of course more that could be addressed, but for now I wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve and extend my best wishes to our 2016 President, Dr. Michael Jacobs from Birmingham, Michigan. I would not have been able to successfully carry out my duties as your President without his cooperation and the assistance of everyone working behind the scenes. I would like to recognize the members of the Executive Committee, who have also provided immeasurable support. In addition, I wish to thank the members of the Planning Committee for their assistance in developing the Annapolis meeting. I know that many more should be included and extend my thanks to one and all. Last, but certainly not least, Nick Rebel and Maggie Kearney at Headquarters deserve not only my thanks, but the appreciation and support of every member for their commitment and hard work these past 12 months.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your leader this past year

Bring your iPad!

Every day our lives become more entrenched in the digital world. A physician's pager has for the most part been completely replaced by a smart phone. The smart phone has in many circumstances also replaced a desktop or laptop computer for many tasks that used to be accomplished by these devices.

The written word is no longer read from paper media by an ever increasing percentage of people. Electronic delivery of content is faster and more cost effective. You may have noticed that a significant amount of communications from both the US Section and the ICS World Body have been coming via email.

In 2016 this trend will increase; printed and mailed communication will decline even further. In an effort to utilize electronic methods of communication at our 2016 Annual Surgical Update in Troy we will be conducting an experiment and limit the printed pages that are produced and circulated to attendees. To make sure that everyone who plans to attend the meeting in June prepares appropriately please consider making a note in your calendar to bring your iPad or tablet. Many aspects of the typical printed program will only be available digitally via the cloud and we don't want you to miss out on important content like abstracts, which take up a considerable amount of space in the printed program.

Don't forget bring your iPad to the 78th Annual Surgical Update!

Announcing the 2016 United States Section Executive Council



President

Michael J. Jacobs, MD
Birmingham, MI

Dr. Michael Jacobs entered the field of Surgery in 1996 at Providence Hospital in Southfield, Michigan and he completed his General Surgery Residency as the Administrative Chief Resident in 2001. He completed a Complex Surgical Oncology Traveling Fellowship in 2002 from Providence Hospital that enabled him to further develop his passion and skills for complex hepatobiliary and pancreas surgery. The traveling fellowship included rotations at the Mayo Clinic and St James' in Leeds, England where he learned from the masters of complex hepatobiliary and pancreas surgery.

Dr. Jacobs entered private practice in 2002 as a member of the Surgical Teaching Faculty at St. John Providence Hospital and rose to the rank of Clinical Associate Professor of

Surgery with Wayne State University, Detroit and Clinical Professor of Surgery with American University of the Caribbean. He has developed and improved surgical techniques, particularly advanced laparoscopic procedures such as totally laparoscopic hepatectomy, laparoscopic pancreatectomy, and totally laparoscopic pancreaticoduodenectomy. He currently serves as the Associate Chair of Surgery, Director of the Hepatobiliary and Pancreas Program, and has created and currently directs the HPB Surgery Fellowship Program at St John Providence Hospital. He was the youngest President of the Academy of Surgery of Detroit and the Detroit Surgical Association.

His goals are to enhance the well-being of the complex surgical patient through communication and innovative surgical strategies that can be disseminated through worldwide organizations, such as the International College of Surgeons.

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78th Annual Surgical Update

Scientific Program Plans

Educational content for the 78th Annual Surgical Update in Troy is being finalized by the CME Chair and 2016 ICSUS President, Dr. Michael Jacobs, with several important lectures already booked. A first announcement with specific details is planned to be circulated in late January. Following are a few highlights:

Already confirmed are Dr. Michael Sarr, Emeritus Professor of Surgery from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN who will present the Crotti Lecture and Dr. Jonathan A. Epstein, Professor of Medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania who will present the Dr. Arno Roscher Endowed Lecture.

In addition, the US Section is partnering with the St. John Providence Health System (SJPHS) to develop an extensive Gastro Intestinal symposium utilizing a large number of local speakers. SJPHS has been involved in the regular presentation of a GI conference in the Troy area for several years and as such, considerable attendance by local physicians, surgeons and allied health professionals is expected.

The session for the annual research scholarship competition is currently planned to also include several presentations on surgical education. Topics planned include an Update on Surgical Simulation, Transition from Residency into Fellowship and The Future of Surgical Education.

Colleagues from the American Academy of Neurological and Orthopaedic Surgeons will once again join ICSUS for their Annual Scientific Meeting and are planning approximately 12 hours of specialty specific CME programming. In addition, the Annual Ethics Forum and other topics of general interest are planned to be presented during a time when members from both groups can once again meet in the same plenary session.

REMINDER –The annual meeting will be shorter in 2016. Business Meetings will be conducted on Thursday, June 16th beginning at 8am with the Opening Session presented in the late afternoon. The bulk of the CME program will be conducted on Friday and Saturday, June 17-18.

Watch your email and check the website often for updates and more information.

What to Do in and around Troy, MI

Eastern Market, Downtown Detroit

The largest outdoor farmers market in the nation, encompassing more than 43 acres and founded in 1841, moving to its present site in 1891. It is a large hub for the Michigan food industry with farmers, retailers, wholesalers and vendors.

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

On the shores of Lake St. Clair, this English Cotswald-style mansion was designed by Albert Kahn and fitted with paneling and fireplaces brought from English manor homes. Constructed in 1926 and the home of Henry Ford's son and his wife, the home is open today for visitors to wander its 87 acres of sumptuous gardens or tour its inner workings.

Meadow Brook Hall

Recently designated a National Historic Landmark, Meadow Brook Hall was the home of philanthropist Matilda Dodge Wilson and her second husband, built with money left to her after her first husband (co-founder of Dodge Brothers Motor Car Company) died in 1920. Visitors can tour the 110-room, 88,000 square foot Tudor-revival home and relive the splendor of a bygone era.

Henry Ford Museum

The Henry Ford brings an American historical experience to life. See JFK's limo, Rosa Parks' bus and thousands of uniquely American innovations at the museum. Greenfield Village features 90 historic buildings, period presenters and artisans. IMAX Theatre open daily. Experience the Ford Rouge Factory Tour and watch the F-150 truck being assembled in the "green" friendly plant. Free parking with membership to The Henry Ford. "Mathematica" will be on permanent display inside Henry Ford Museum in 2016.

The Penobscot Building

Named in honor of the Penobscot, a Native American tribe from Maine, this art deco masterpiece was built in 1928 in the heart of the Financial District and features Native American motifs. Don't miss its four-story arched entrance on Griswold Street.

Guardian Building

Art deco architecture at its finest, the Guardian Building was once promoted as "the Cathedral of Finance." Blending Native American, Aztec and Arts and Crafts styles, 40 artisans created the building's many painted murals and ceilings, mosaics, marble fixtures, tiles and other artistic details.

Fisher Building

This landmark skyscraper in the New Center area is constructed of limestone, granite and marble and was designed by Albert Kahn Associates. Finished in 1928, it's considered Detroit's largest art object and is home to the iconic Fisher Theatre.

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Where We're Staying

Somerset Inn

2601 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI

Enjoy one of the Somerset Inn's 250 comfortable, boutique-style guestrooms or suites, dining in Crumpets Restaurant, or take in the whimsical décor in the Bar and Grille.

Relax at the Somerset Inn while enjoying exemplary customer service. You will find everything you need is within reach including world class shopping, a wide range of dining choices, a par 30 golf course, an executive fitness room, a functional business center, and proximity to many of Metropolitan Detroit's businesses.

The Somerset Collection is adjacent to the hotel and features Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom, Macy's, and

Tiffany along with many other distinctive stores and magnificent restaurants.

Exclusive to Somerset Inn is a gorgeous outdoor Garden Patio with beautiful flower beds, luscious arbors, decorative brick pavers and a stunning portico. A splendid spot to relax and soak in the beauty of the surroundings.

Single/Double Rate

Tower Room	\$129	Executive Wing	\$154
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As the "Motor City" taxis are not very prevalent in the Detroit/Troy area. You want to consider renting a car for your stay in Troy. Or, take advantage of our hotel's agreement with **Metrocars** to provide Airport transportation from Detroit Airport: www.metrocars.com, call 1-800-456-1701.

The rate from the airport is \$80.00 + \$2.00 fuel surcharge + \$15.00 gratuity or \$97.00 one way. Be sure to mention the **Somerset Inn Rate** when booking the reservation.

Parking at the Somerset Inn:

There is ample free parking at the hotel. Valet Parking rates are \$3 per hour maxing at \$10 for 24 hours (then the clock starts again), valet is \$10 for daily and \$23 for overnight.

Mark Your Calendar

78th Annual Surgical Update

United States Section
June 16-18, 2016
Somerset Inn
Troy, Michigan, USA

40th ICS World Congress

October 23 - 26, 2016
Kyoto International Conference Center
Takaragaike, Sakyo-ku
Kyoto, Japan

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