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Message from The Founder President

Dear Colleagues,

The recent World Congress on Hernia at Berlin (9–12 September 2009) was a significant milestone in the evolution of hernia repair. It was for the first time that the three major hernia societies in the World today, viz American Hernia Society (AHS), European Hernia Society (EHS) and Asia Pacific Hernia Society (APHS) pooled resources to conduct this mega event. Professor V. Schumpelick, Dr Joachim Conze and the entire organizing committee deserves kudos for an excellent show. I think the Berlin Congress was a big step forward for eventual unification of the three major hernia societies.

I have lately interacted with leading herniologists and everybody seems to be happy and upbeat about the formation and activities of APHS. I take this opportunity to personally congratulate the Executive Committee and office bearers of Asia Pacific Hernia Society for able and effective leadership during the difficult nascent stage of APHS.

The APHS family has grown manifold and we have ten National Chapters in place today. The National

Chapters, in conjunction with the parent body, shall serve to advance the aims and visions of APHS, which is to improve the art and craft of hernia repair.

I wish the Asia Pacific region should raise resources to create a pool and registry for a hernia database. Also, I would request our Medical industry to collaborate and involve the APHS much more in research protocols and product development.

I am confident that we are all going to have an excellent Congress in Bali in October where old friendships and camaraderie shall be renewed with greater vigour.

With warm regards

Dr Pradeep Chowbey

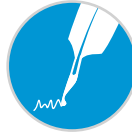
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Message



Dear Colleagues,

The Asia Pacific Hernia Society is now a vibrant organization that has spread its roots far and wide. We now have ten national Hernia chapters in place. It is these chapters that provide the resources, expertise and strength to the society. They serve to further the aims and vision of the APHS in the region. The UAE-GCC Hernia Surgery Interest Group organized the mid-term conference of the APHS in Dubai between 27 and 30 April 2010. This was a meticulously organized conference on a single theme (Hernia) that served to provide an exclusive focus on the state-of-the-art knowledge on Hernia.

The forthcoming annual Congress of APHS is due to be held in Seoul, Korea between 14 and 16 October 2010. The website of this Congress is in place already and the scientific programme is due to be finalized shortly. We believe the weather is going to be perfect in Seoul during October and we can all look forward to an exciting Congress.

We shall be in touch with the Presidents of all the national chapters of the APHS in a bid to accredit more Centres of excellence in Hernia repair in the region.

Two issues of the APHS newsletter are produced every year. The first issue is in the form of an e-newsletter and the second issue is the main print issue. The website is being updated at regular intervals.

We have an APHS Hernia fellowship available to surgeons who may be interested. Further details on this fellowship can be obtained from the APHS website.

See you in Seoul.

With regards,

Dr Davide Lomanto
President, APHS

Dr Anil Sharma
Secretary General, APHS



Past Congress



The Fifth APHS Congress, Bali, Indonesia, 2009

Theme: Advancing Hernia Management for the Betterment of Patients



Present Congress — 2010



President, Organizing Committee: Dr Youn Baik Choi

Website: www.APHS2010.com / www.aphernia.com



National Chapters



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The APHS website was initially conceptualized and created by Dr Davide Lomanto (Secretary General, APHS) at Singapore. In 2005, this task was entrusted to Dr Anil Sharma (Executive Committee Member, APHS). Since then the website is being designed and maintained from New Delhi, India. The website features comprehensive lists of general members, executive members and office bearers of the APHS. Information on the *Hernia Journal* and links with related organizations are provided. The Video gallery features crisp edited short videos on groin and ventral/incisional hernia repair (both conventional and laparoscopic/endoscopic) performed by international experts. The photo gallery features still pictures of past

APHS conferences. A corporate corner is in place where it is envisaged that hernia related products would be displayed by various medical corporates.





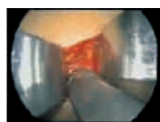
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Operating surgeon: Dr Pradeep Chowbey, India
Description: Second Asia Pacific Hernia Congress and Live Workshop, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi (India)



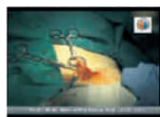
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Operating surgeon: Dr Jan F. Kukleta, Switzerland
Description: Second Asia Pacific Hernia Congress and Live Workshop, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi (India)



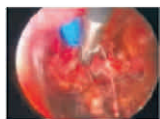
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Operating surgeon: Dr F. Kockerling, Germany
Description: Second Asia Pacific Hernia Congress and Live Workshop, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi (India)



Title: TEP Bilateral Hernia Repair
Operating surgeon: Dr Davide Lomanto, MD, PhD
Description: Dept. of General Surgery "P. Stefanini" University of "La Sapienza" Rome (Italy)



Title: Prolene Hernia System (PHS)
Operating surgeon: Dr Davide Lomanto, MD, PhD
Description: NUH MISC Hernia Workshop



Title: TEP Hernia Repair using Anatomic Mesh
Operating surgeon: Dr Davide Lomanto, MD, PhD
Description: Director MISC, National University Hospital, Singapore



Title: Lichtenstein Hernia Repair
Operating surgeon: Dr Cheah Wei-Keit
Description: Deputy Director of the MISC, Head of the Division of General Surgery, National University Hospital, Singapore



Title: The Ugahary Grid-Iron Technique with VYPRO II* Visor Mesh
Operating surgeon: Dr F. Ugahary
Description: Consultant Surgeon, The Netherlands



Title: Laparoscopic Repair of Suprapubic Hernia
Operating surgeon: Dr Anil Sharma, India
Description: Minimal Access, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Centre



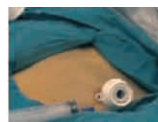
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Operating surgeon: Dr Pradeep Chowbey, India
Description: Minimal Access, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Centre



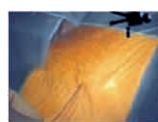
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Operating surgeon: Dr Davide Lomanto, Singapore
Description: Second Asia Pacific Hernia Congress and Live Workshop, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi (India)



Title: Laparoscopic Incisional Hernia Repair (LVHR)
Operating surgeon: Dr Anil Sharma, India
Description: Second Asia Pacific Hernia Congress and Live Workshop, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi (India)



Title: Endoscopic Totally Extraperitoneal Repair (TEP)
Operating surgeon: Dr Andrew Bowker, New Zealand
Description: Second Asia Pacific Hernia Congress and Live Workshop, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi (India)



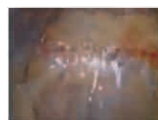
Title: Lichtenstein Groin Hernia Repair with Glue
Operating surgeon: Professor Giampiero Campanelli
Description: Associate Professor of Surgery - General Surgery - University of Milan, Italy



Title: Laparoscopic Repair of Large Recurrent Ventral Hernia
Operating surgeon:
Description: Minimally Invasive Surgical Centre, National University Hospital, Singapore



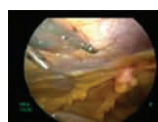
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Operating surgeon: Dr Davide Lomanto, MD, PhD
Description: Director MISC, National University Hospital, Singapore



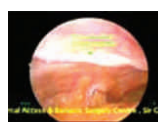
Title: TEP Hernia Repair using Anatomic Mesh
Operating surgeon: Dr Davide Lomanto, MD, PhD
Description: Director MISC, National University Hospital, Singapore



Title: Laparoscopic Umbilical Hernia Repair
Operating surgeon: Dr Davide Lomanto, MD, PhD
Description: Director MISC, National University Hospital, Singapore



Title: Transabdominal Extraperitoneal Approach for Epigastric Hernia
Operating surgeon: Dr Anil Sharma, India
Description: Minimal Access, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Centre



Title: Transabdominal Preperitoneal Repair of Recurrent Hernia (Post TEP)
Operating surgeon: Dr Rajesh Khullar, India
Description: Minimal Access, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Centre

log on to <http://www.aphernia.com/media/videogallery.htm> to access these videos



Asia Pacific Hernia Society

Accreditation of Centre of excellence in hernia and Course endorsement rules

PREREQUISITES

In order to be considered for endorsement of an APHS Centre of excellence and for an educational course, the centre must meet the following criteria:

1. The Course must be directed or coordinated by a member of the APHS.
2. The Centre must offer a variety of hernia repair of both open and laparoscopic techniques with clinical outcome audited or published in peer-reviewed journals.
3. Three or more courses must be held per year at the Centre/Hospital in the surgical fields and at least two hernia courses per year.
4. The Centre must be equipped with adequate facilities for lectures and hands-on training on dry and wet facilities. Virtual surgical simulators are optional. If live tissue training is involved, this must follow the worldwide accepted rules for a good record of animal care (see IACUC guidelines at www.iacuc.org).
5. The course director and faculty members must have appropriate clinical and/or laboratory expertise to educate the participants. If live surgery procedures are performed, instructors must have adequate clinical experience in those procedures.
6. The Curriculum of the Centre/Course must teach and include: Patient selection; Instrumentation; Clinical outcome; Surgical procedures and technique; Follow-up; Pre- and postoperative care, Complications, etc.
7. The Institution organizing the course must offer CME credits.

Note:

1. The APHS endorsement is only for the Course related to Hernia and Abdominal Wall Surgery and is valid for one year only, and can be renewed after review.
2. All brochures and lists of faculty members must be submitted to the APHS office for annual review. Feedback from the participants of each Course must be collected and reported to the APHS for evaluation.
3. The endorsement of the Training Centre will be suspended if the review shows that a particular course is below the prescribed standards and if deficiencies are not corrected following notification by the APHS.
4. An Application fee is required.

BENEFITS

1. The endorsed Centre will be listed on the APHS website.
2. The Courses will be promoted and listed on the APHS website.
3. The Course Director may include the APHS Endorsement Statement on promotional brochures and course materials.
4. The Centres and Courses will be promoted during the APHS Annual Meetings.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Provide all the required information.
2. A letter from the institution's animal care committee or similar body to certify the approval of live tissue procedures.
3. Printed materials (syllabus, reprints, CD-Rom, videos, etc.) distributed during the course.
4. Brochures of two previous courses organized at the institution/Centre applying for course endorsement.
5. Evaluation results for at least two courses previously organized at the institution/Centre applying for course endorsement.
6. An Application Fee of US\$ 300 (valid for one year only). The application fee is not reimbursed if the endorsement is not approved.

Please submit your application (three copies) with all the required information and the application fee to:

APHS Secretariat, c/o MISC, National University Hospital, Kent Ridge Wing Level 2, 5 Lower Kent Ridge Road, 119074 Singapore. Tel: +65 6772 2967; Fax: +65 6774 6077; e-mail: info@aphernia.com



Accredited Training Centres

1. Max Intitute of Minimal Access, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Centre, Max Super Speciality Hospital, Saket, New Delhi, India

The Centre, the first of its kind in the subcontinent, was founded in 1996 and is today globally recognized as a centre of excellence in endosurgery. Our foremost priorities include the introduction and training of surgeons in the art and practice of minimal access, metabolic and bariatric surgery using state-of-the-art equipment and decades of experience.

In an effort to provide high quality practical training, our Centre established a three-day intensive course focusing on the latest technology and development in Endohernia surgery. This includes advanced minimally invasive techniques including laparoscopic totally extraperitoneal hernioplasty (TEP), laparoscopic repair of ventral/incisional hernias and controversies in hernia surgery. (For more information log on to www.aphernia.com)

Information required for accreditation of centre of excellence in hernia

NAME

Location:

Director:

Activities:

Faculty (including CV):

Type of hernia repair performed:

Recurrence for different types of hernia and major clinical outcome (post-op pain, wound infection rate; seroma; mesh infection; etc.)

Please provide a brief description (including pictures) of the classroom facilities, including number of rooms available for lectures, approximate number of seats in each room, audiovisual capabilities, teleconference facilities, etc.

Type of Educational Activities (repeat for every course)

Title of the Course:

Faculty (including CV):

Lectures:

Live Surgery

Hands-on experience on Dry Tissue

Hands-on experience on Wet Tissue

Surgical Simulators

2. The Minimally Invasive Surgical Centre (MISC), National University Hospital, Singapore

The Centre was established at the National University Hospital in 1993 to promote and develop training, clinical and research activities in the field of endoscopic surgery. The MISC is recognized worldwide for its excellence in training and proctoring for laparoscopic surgery including abdominal wall surgery.

The MISC Training Centre is equipped with all facilities such as hands-on setting, animal laboratory facilities, interactive video-library, 3-D graphics models, etc. A Simulation Training Laboratory (STL) with VR Surgical Simulators and broadcasting facilities provides all participants with high-technological training activities. The simulators include training programme for ventral hernia repair. (For more information log on to www.misc-asia.com)

APHS Hernia Fellowship programme

The APHS Hernia Fellowship programme shall be for a duration of 6 months in accredited APHS Centres. The Fellow shall submit a research programme to be completed during the Fellowship and presented at the annual APHS Congress.

This fellowship will be financially supported by an APHS grant of 5000 Sing Dollar or equivalent. A Scientific Committee shall select candidates for the fellowship programme. For further information, please contact with a detailed CV at the APHS Secretariat in Singapore.



Criteria for Membership of APHS

Our membership consists primarily of surgeons from the Asia Pacific region who have a special interest in hernia surgery and use either an open and/or a laparoscopic technique.

We encourage you to enroll in the APHS. The benefits for Members include: To be part of a vibrant and dynamic group of surgeons with a wealth of experience which they are eager to share with you and discuss about new advancements in hernia surgery; continuous medical education programmes organized around the year where you can participate at discounted rates. Moreover, a dynamic website will provide an active forum for all members. A special discounted subscription to *Hernia* (a worldwide renowned journal) will be available for all Members. Members can also avail discounted rates at the congresses organized by the three major hernia societies.

Membership of the Society shall be in three categories:

- Honorary Member
- Life Member
- Corporate Member

Honorary Member

- The Honorary Member would have made outstanding contribution to the progress of hernia surgery in the Asia Pacific region or be a person of distinction.
- The Executive Committee may confer an Honorary Membership to any person who, in the opinion of the Committee, has rendered valuable services to the Society.
- Prior to granting Honorary Membership, the Executive Committee shall first propose the name of the person at the General Meeting, and upon the said Meeting accepting the proposal, the said Honorary Membership may be bestowed.

- Honorary Members shall not be required to pay any Entrance Fee or Subscription Fee.
- Honorary Members shall have no voting rights and shall not be eligible to hold office in the Executive Committee or to participate in the management of the Society.

Life Member

- Life Members may be elected by application from qualified specialists (certified by a National Board) who are involved in hernia surgery.
- Each applicant shall be proposed by one Life Member and seconded by another Life Member. The application should be sent to the Secretary General.
- The Executive Committee will decide on the application for Life Membership by a simple majority vote.
- Life Members are eligible to vote at General Meetings and hold office in the Executive Committee.
- The Life Membership fee shall be US\$ 100.

Corporate Member

- Corporate Members may be elected by application from companies with an interest in Hernia.
- The Executive Committee will decide on the application for Corporate Membership by a simple majority vote.
- Each Corporate Member shall be represented by one nominee from the said Company.
- Corporate Members are eligible to vote at General Meetings. All Corporate Members can be represented in the Executive Committee by two representatives, chosen among all the representatives by the Executive Committee Members.
- Each Corporate Member must propose one representative for the Executive Committee.
- The Annual Subscription for Corporate Members shall be US\$ 200.
- The Entrance Fee for Corporate Members shall be US\$ 3000.



APHS Membership Application

Please complete the following, enclose your CV and send to the Secretary General at the APHS Secretariat:

Asia Pacific Hernia Society (APHS)

c/o MISC – Department of Surgery, National University Hospital, 5 Lower Kent Ridge Road, Singapore 119074

Tel: +65 6772 2967, Fax: +65 6774 6077, e-mail: info@aphernia.com

This is an application for: Life Member US\$ 100 Corporate Member
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Annual Subscription US\$ 200)

Applicant / Member's name:

Title: Prof/ Dr/ Mr/ Ms

First Name: Middle Name: Last Name:

Please tick preferred mailing address

Office Address:

Name of Institution/Hospital/Corporate: Position held:

Address:

City: Country: Postal Code

Tel: Fax: Mobile:

e-mail:

Residential Address

Address:

City: Country: Postal Code

Tel: Fax: Mobile:

e-mail:

Proposer 1. Name: Membership No.

Proposer 2. Name: Membership No.

Payment method:

by cheque / bank draft number (Please make payment in favour of the Asia Pacific Hernia Society)

by Telegraphic Transfer

Beneficiary Bank's Name: **DBS Bank Ltd, Singapore**

SWIFT Address: DBSSSGSG

CHIPS UID Number: 034675

Or Telex Number: RS 24455

Beneficiary Bank's Address: 6 Shenton Way, DBS Building, Singapore 068809

Beneficiary Bank's Account: 063-900616-0

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The APHS Newsletter would be published half yearly (two issues per year).

Advertisement material along with purchase order and payment should reach us at least four weeks before the scheduled print date.

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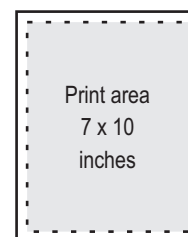
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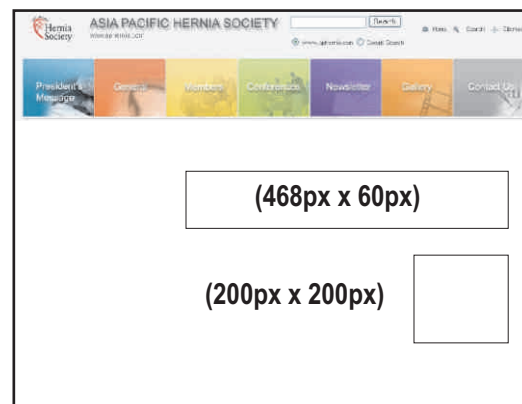
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