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From the President



W. Randolph Chitwood, Jr., MD

I am honored to serve as the president of the International Society for Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery (ISMICS). We have matured from our modest beginnings in 1997 and have become a principal resource for the cardio-thoracic community in new and less invasive cardiac surgery techniques. Established with the mission to promote and support both research and education in minimally invasive cardiac surgery, and to provide a forum for interpersonal interactions, ISMICS remains the principal liaison among researchers, inventors, manufacturers, and surgeons devoted to the development and introduction of new technologies in support of minimally invasive cardiac surgery.

As an organization, we continue to lead in developing cutting-edge cardiac surgical techniques and our annual meeting is a reflection of how far we have progressed. Our 6th Annual Meeting is entitled, "Where the Future of Cardiac Surgery Begins..." and will focus on "pushing the science, pioneering the practice of minimally invasive cardiac surgery." The meeting will be held June 18-21, 2003 at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, California.

Drs. Randy Wolf and Vassilios Gulielmos, co-chairs of the Program Committee have been working diligently to develop an exciting scientific program. Inside this issue of the newsletter you will find an interview with Drs. Wolf and Gulielmos outlining many of the exciting educational offerings at this year's meeting. Topics will include ventricular aneurysm, remodeling, robotics, anastomotic devices, surgical treatment of atrial fibrillation, and off-pump bypass methods.

San Francisco will be the perfect host city for this meeting and we hope the location will attract many of our international colleagues. The Fairmont Hotel presents an awe-inspiring picture of historic San Francisco. The grandeur of the fully-restored hotel coupled with its reputation for impeccable service promises a truly memorable experience. Central to the Financial District, Union Square and Fisherman's Wharf, the Fairmont Hotel is located at the only spot in San Francisco where each of the City's cable car lines meet.

We are excited by the upcoming meeting and hope that you will make your plans and reservations early to attend. The meeting promises to project the future of cardiac surgery.

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Best regards,
 W. Randolph Chitwood, Jr., MD

From the Board in 2002.....

Highlights from the Board of Directors Meetings and the Annual Business Meeting

The Society currently has **616 Active Members** and two Honorary Members for a total of 618 members. All new members are urged to become active participants in ISMICS as the organization continues to grow.

The Society remains in **stable fiscal health**.

ISMICS strengthened its relationship with the Society's official journal, *The Heart Surgery Forum*, by securing subscriptions for members of ISMICS and expanded contributions from ISMICS to the HSF. Members were encouraged to submit manuscripts to *The Heart Surgery Forum*. *Heart Surgery Forum* continues to see an increase in the number of manuscript submissions. A total of 64 manuscripts from the 4th Annual Scientific Meeting were provided to HSF, and the number of articles currently being reviewed for 2002 continues to grow. The number of ISMICS' subscribing members has grown from 238 to 610. The number of website hits for the Journal has grown from 3,437,000 in 1999 to 5,425,000 in 2001.

ISMICS continued its unique partnership with industry, including expansion of the **Corporate Advisory Dinner**, which was held for the first time last year in Munich. This year's dinner was held on Thursday, June 20th from 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the ABC "Good Morning America" Studio. The Board of Directors acknowledged the strong support from industry for the 2002 annual meeting.

The Society has amended its By-Laws to **increase participation by members in the governance of the Society**, and to provide for different categories of membership such as Senior Members and Candidate Members.

ISMICS will continue to position itself as the **forerunner in innovative cardiothoracic surgery**, and will also continue to move toward greater cooperation and collaboration with the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, and the European Association for Cardiothoracic Surgery, and continue to expand its visibility on CTSNet.

The ISMICS' **5th Annual Meeting in New York was a success** and attendees seemed particularly pleased with the innovative Thursday afternoon session which included live broadcast surgeries from Lenox Hill Hospital, as well as the social events at ABC Studios and Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum. Total registration for the 2002 meeting was 545, with 186 abstracts submitted for consideration. Dr. Reichenspurner acknowledged the tremendous efforts of Drs. Subramanian and Fonger on local arrangements and

development for the New York meeting. The development efforts required to raise the industry sponsorships necessary to support a meeting of this nature called for dedicated individuals who were willing to put aside other obligations in order to assist ISMICS' cause.

ISMICS will be hosting an **Industry Reception** in San Diego on Thursday, January 20, 2003 and Board members are asked to attend.

ISMICS has agreed to conduct the first **2002 ISMICS Mid-Year Scientific Workshop** meeting in New Delhi, India from December 12-15, 2002.

The **2004 Annual Meeting will be held in London at the Hilton Metropole June 23-26, 2004** and Dr. Rex Stanbridge will serve as Local Arrangements Chair.

Dr. Chitwood expressed his belief that ISMICS had begun as a small family of physicians, and that through this small core group the value of innovative new therapies has carried ISMICS forward. The Society has reached the point where it can expand and consider including nurses and perfusionists. It was acknowledged that new workgroups were necessary to look at growing products, and that the cardiothoracic community needed to work together to encourage medical students to enter the cardiothoracic field. There was general consensus that the technology related to the minimally invasive field had allowed for the growth of a special relationship between ISMICS and industry. ISMICS' leadership is evolving, and there will be a triumvirate of the past, present and future Presidents working in concert with the Program Chairs and staff to help forge ISMICS into an even stronger organization and become even more of a cohesive force with industry.

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Tommaso Fiore, M.D. and
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Where the Future of Cardiac Surgery Begins

ISMICS Announces the Sixth Annual Scientific Meeting, June 18-21, 2003



Randall K. Wolf, M.D.

“Pushing the Science, Pioneering the Practice of Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery,” is the theme of the ISMICS Sixth Annual Scientific Meeting to be held in San Francisco, California, June 18-21, 2003 at the Fairmont Hotel, one of San Francisco’s most premier hotels. New and less invasive techniques covering the whole spectrum of cardiac surgery will be explored in cutting edge programming by pioneers in new techniques and technology from around the world.



Vassilios Guliemos, M.D.

Program Co-Chairs, Randall K. Wolf, MD and Vassilios Guliemos, MD recently answered a few questions about the 2003 meeting:

Q. What can physicians expect in terms of new and exciting offerings at the 2003 ISMICS Scientific Meeting in San Francisco?

- A.** The 2003 ISMICS Sixth Annual Scientific Meeting promises to offer something exciting and beneficial for all in attendance. Some of the highlights include:
- ♦ Cardiovascular Anesthesia Symposium
 - ♦ Hybrid Procedure Symposium sponsored by Medtronic
 - ♦ Biosurgery Session
 - ♦ Invited lecture on clinical device trials in the U.S. and Europe
 - ♦ Anastomotic devices
 - ♦ 3-D endoscopic visualization
 - ♦ Atrial fibrillation
 - ♦ Surgical therapy of ischemic atrial ventricular valve regurgitation
 - ♦ Ventricular aneurysm surgery

Q. What sets the ISMICS Scientific Meeting apart from other similar meetings?

- A.** ISMICS is unique in being able to present the newest and latest innovations, techniques, devices and technologies in the field of heart surgery in a peer reviewed setting. The ISMICS meeting is also more related to routine problems and needs of every cardiac surgeon, anesthesiologist, cardiologist, technician and nurse, so attendees should come away with information that is not only very current but also very relevant.

Q. How can abstracts be submitted?

- A.** Abstracts can be submitted conveniently online at the ISMICS website at <http://www.ismics.org>. **The abstract deadline is December 16th.**

Q. Will there be any special events planned for attendees and guests?

- A.** In addition to the very progressive scientific program, which is at the heart of the meeting, there will be a much-anticipated gala magic show on Saturday for all to attend. There will also be free time available for exploring San Francisco, which offers not only extraordinary culinary and cultural opportunities but also history, architecture, and the world famous cable cars. The Fairmont Hotel is perfectly situated for walking tours and also shopping, dining, and sightseeing. Registration materials will be mailed in the coming months and all are encouraged to mark the dates on their 2003 calendars.

The International Society for Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery

Where the Future of Cardiac Surgery Begins

*Pushing the Science, Pioneering the Practice
of Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery*

Sixth Annual Scientific Meeting

June 18 - 21, 2003

The Fairmont Hotel
San Francisco, California USA

- Featuring a Hands-on Workshop and Live Operative Broadcasts
- Discounted registration when signing up for both ISMICS and Atrial Fibrillation
- Gala Magic Show Saturday evening
- All first time membership applicants registering for the annual meeting will receive a one time only 50% discount on membership dues

**Abstract Submission Deadline:
December 16, 2002**

New and less invasive techniques covering the whole spectrum of cardiac surgery:

- > Off pump Bypass Devices in Cardiac Surgery
- > Surgical Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation
 - > Robotics
 - > M.I. Valve Procedures
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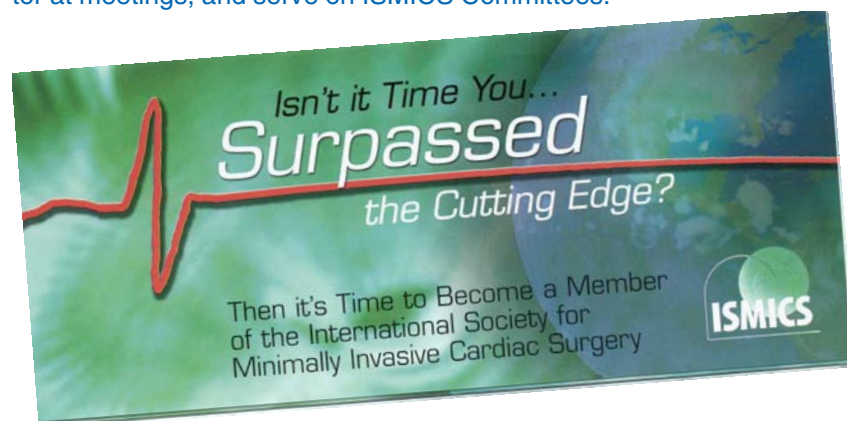
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