

## Back to the Roots

### SIU Centennial Congress will be Held in Paris

PARIS - The year 2007 is very important for the SIU, because it is our centenary year. On this occasion the Congress will be held in Paris.

It is an honour for France to organise this Centennial Congress. It is an honour that the members of the SIU have shown me in nominating me President of our Society on this occasion. The return to its roots is justified because the Society was created in 1907 on a French initiative.

The decision taken recently by the Board of the SIU to organise an annual conference augurs well for an increase in the number of contacts between Urologists from different parts of the world, in particular large emerging countries where SIU conferences can be organised more and more frequently. The conference to be held in 2009 in Beijing should re-launch Asian participation in the Society. It can be hoped that the size of our conferences will continue to enable many towns throughout the world to host them, both in the northern and

southern hemispheres. This is where use of the word „International“ for our Society takes on meaning.

The SIU does not aim to compete with American, European or Asian Urological Societies. Its role is to harmonise the various ways of disseminating information on Urology.

The SIU has developed over the past 100 years. It has remained faithful to the spirit of its founders in 1907: openness to the world in a spirit of conviviality and friendship.

It is in this spirit that the Board of the Society works under the impetus of the very active General Secretary, Luc Valiquette, and it is in this manner that you will be welcomed in Paris next September where I am sure that the Organising Committee and its chairman, Richard Fourcade, will do all they can to ensure the Centennial Congress in 2007 remains engraved in the memory of all Urologists throughout the world. ■

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Paris hosts the SIU Centennial Congress

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CAPE TOWN - At the General Assembly in Cape Town, the following were elected to serve as members of the Board of Chairmen of the SIU until the next Congress in Paris.

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# SIU was Founded in 1907

## Ernest Desnos and Alfred Pousson Had the Idea

PARIS - In 1907 several associations or "national" Urology societies existed or were being set up: in France in 1896, in the USA in 1902, in Germany in 1907, in Italy in 1908, in Spain in 1911, and in Japan in 1912.

The idea for an international association came from Ernest Desnos and Alfred Pousson who were both members of the team of Prof. Félix Guyon in the Necker Hospital in Paris. They managed to convince Guyon to bring together Urologists from the whole world, even if that meant "competing" with the French conference which prided itself on attracting large numbers of foreign Urologists. The history of the SIU was to encapsulate the history of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The Amsterdam conference in 1973 was a turning-point for the International Urology Society. It was the first of such a size (over 1500 participants) that was attended widely by industry while maintaining an excellent scientific level. Amsterdam was the opportunity to reflect upon the direction that the SIU should take. It was necessary - while remaining faithful to the spirit of the founders of the Society to be convivial, friendly and of a high scientific level - to remove irrelevant rules, such as the five official languages that did not at all reflect the make-up of the members and the requirement for a French General Secretary and Treasurer. Insufficient financial resources and an absence of real participation by many members impeded the running of the Society.

The Montreal conference in 1997, chaired by Mostafa Elhilali, was decisive for the development of the Society, which set itself new objectives through new statutes that are now valid. The SIU created an executive Board of Chairmen (BOC) and a Central Office for large scale

operations initiated by the committees. The work of the committees in recent years has been very productive, especially in the field of education. Helping young Urologists from economically less prosperous countries to obtain training in high-performance training centres, located as near as possible to their family ties, so that they in turn can become educators is a goal to be pursued which will contribute to leveling out knowledge.

The SIU must also take part in evaluating the progress of the discipline and drawing up guidelines. It must ensure that these guidelines are adapted to the practices of the specialist field in various regions of the globe. The organisation of international consultations on precise subjects, thanks to the dynamism of

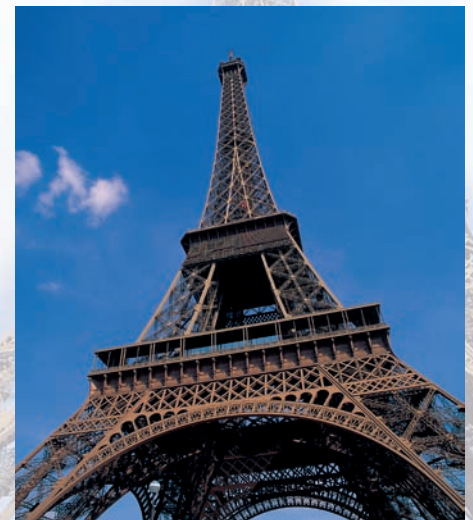
Saad Khoury, from 1990 onwards has been a wonderful means of pooling the knowledge of the international community. During the initial years, the subjects were too restricted to topics that would be of direct interest to the pharmaceutical industry, but the consultations were increased in close collaboration with the SIU to include subjects such as tumours of the bladder (in Honolulu) or Urological malformations (in Cape Town). ■



*Prof. Alain Jardin,  
President of the SIU*

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# Growing Strength and Focused Achievements

## The President's Perspective 2004-2006: The Transformation of the SIU

MONTREAL - It was a privilege for me to serve as president of SIU and to see the advancement of the Society during the past two years. Over the last ten years, there has been a transformation of the SIU to a Society of growing strength and focused achievements.

I have been fortunate to be part of this transformation and I owe credit to previous leaders who have contributed so much to the success of the organization. Michael Rochford, Rudy Hohenfellner, and Etienne Mazeman were instrumental individuals who devoted their time unselfishly to support the goals and ideals of the organization.

A strong central office is essential for the success of any major organization, and Mostafa Elhilali is to be credited with the development of the excellent Central Office in Montreal. It was Mostafa's foresight to establish this office in Montreal, and his development of a committed staff has made a huge difference

in our organizational success. Luc Valiquette joined Mostafa as the Congress Organizing Chairman and has worked with a committed staff to develop complete meeting and convention planning.

### Extremely Successful Meetings

Our meetings have been extremely successful in recent years with a strong scientific and educational program and a strong member services division at the Central Office. The Central Office individuals are to be complimented for their dedicated service. They have enabled day-to-day operations to flow extremely smoothly since it is so very difficult for international organizations to establish themselves, but certainly our Central Office has done that very well.

In addition, UROLOGY, the official journal of the SIU is being distributed now to all members and we can be proud of the quality of UROLOGY and its educational value to all members.

### Superb Board of Chairmen

The Board of Chairmen during the 2004-2006 time was a superb, dedicated, and responsive group. These individuals served the members extremely



*Alain Jardin (left), Mohamed Ghoneim, and Jack McAninch*

well with great ideas and were always available and communicated to see that the goals of the organization were appropriately met. I could not have had a stronger group of individuals to work with during my time as President.

One of the most successful programs has been our scholarship training program. Over 25 fully funded scholarships are given each year to worthy individuals who are selected for these educational opportunities. Each individual is assigned to a training center that has been approved and screened by the scholarship chairman, Prof. Joachim Thüroff. The training centers largely are in Africa and India, and the scholars spend three to six months of special training and then return to their native country and community to carry on an impro-

ved clinical care program. Dr. Thüroff has been a leader in this area and his dedicated efforts have led to a highly successful program. He can be most proud of the accomplishments in this particular area.

The scientific meetings that are currently being held by the SIU reflect world opinions in Urology and offer a perspective of international practice in patient care. Dr. Martin Resnick and the program committee did a superb job

and the Cape Town meeting is a reflection of the true international meeting, with 3600 attendees from around the world and over 3000 Urologists in attendance. Dr. Chris Heyns and the South African Urologists were wonderful hosts who aided in the well-organized development of the meeting.

The upcoming meeting in Paris in September 2007 will be held to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SIU. The organization originally began in Paris and it

is only appropriate to return there for this 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. There will then be a topic-focused meeting in 2008 in Santiago, Chile, followed by a major meeting in 2009 in Beijing, China.

### Future of the SIU is Bright

I consider the future of the SIU to be extremely bright as we continue to strive to improve our education and improve Urologic patient care worldwide. It has been a pleasure for me to serve as the President during these past two years, and I wish to express my sincere thanks to all of those who were so supportive of the organization during my time. ■

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# New Structure of the Society was Established

## The SIU 1999-2006 – Secretary General’s Report

CAPE TOWN - Having finished my term as Secretary General of the SIU, I would like to describe the road down which the Society, its National Delegates and its members have travelled in the past few years.

In 1997 at the Montréal Congress, a new structure for the Society was approved at the General Assembly, providing new role definitions for the Officers of the Society, the National Delegates and the Committee Chairs. New succession procedures for those functions were established, and some restrictions on them removed. The spring of 1999 saw the opening of the SIU Central Office in Montréal to handle membership and other operational functions of the Society. In that same year a strategic planning session was held to update the SIU’s mission and lay out milestones and objectives for the coming years. It is gratifying that almost all of the conclusions reached there were realistic and in fact have been attained. The Society now has a solid financial position, has developed the office membership data and accounting infrastructure required to operate efficiently, and now manages its own congresses and meetings.

There are approximately 100 national sections, the largest being the United States with 546 members, followed by Japan with 430 and India with 377. It is hoped that the fairly recent program of SIU sponsored symposia at selected national Urological meetings will lead to an increase in the total membership of approximately 4000, of which approximately 850 are Senior Members. Members from developing countries pay significantly reduced annual dues and Congress registration fees.

The improved financial status of the Society has enabled it to expand significantly the training and support activities that fulfil its mission “to enable through international co-operation in education and research, all nations to achieve the highest quality of Urological patient care”. In particular the

number of SIU Training Fellowships to young Urologists went from around 6 in 2000 to reach an all-time high of 26 in 2005. To ensure that these trainees receive education appropriate and useful for their return to their home country, 21 SIU Training Institutes have been accredited in the main regions from which the fellowship candidates are drawn.

Over the past three years, the SIU has funded and coordinated a project to



*Mostafa M. Elhilali while delivering the citation for the Felix Guyon Award.*

equip a Urological hospital in Wad Medani, Sudan, a region with a very large population almost completely lacking in equipment for proper Urological care. With the help of the SIU itself, major equipment suppliers and the OPEC Foundation, the hospital was equipped with a C-arm, endoscopes, and a modern ultrasound unit. Ongoing support for surgical disposables is currently being arranged in conjunction with International Volunteers in Urology.

Since 2005, the society’s journal has been „Urology – the Gold Journal“, with a new look being instituted for 2007. This prestigious journal is distributed

without cost to active members of the society, an important benefit of membership.

Holding successful congresses has been the main contributor to our present stability. Following the Centenary Congress in Paris this year, yearly meetings or congresses are planned for Santiago de Chile, Beijing, Germany and Vancouver.

The SIU has in recent years made great strides in recognizing the accomplishments of its members. In addition to the SIU-Astellas (formerly SIU-Yamanouchi) Award, first presented in 1994 at the Sydney Congress, the SIU-Félix Guyon Medal for outstanding service to the Society has been established. The first winner in 2004 was the late René Küss from France, long-time General Secretary and President of the Society. The second laureate in 2006 was Mohamed Ghoneim from Egypt, for his major contributions to training of Urologists, amongst his other important contributions to the field. In 2004, Distinguished Career Awards were presented to Sami Arap (Brazil), Yoshio Aso (Japan), John Donohue (USA), and Rudi Hohenfellner (Germany). The 2006 recipients of these awards were Rolf Ackermann (Germany) and Masaru Murai (Japan). At the

2006 Congress in Cape Town, the newly instituted Albert Schweitzer International Teaching Award was presented to Gordon Williams of the United Kingdom.

It has been a privilege and an honour for me to serve the Society as General Secretary for the last eight years. I am sure that the next incumbent will have many new ideas that will take the SIU to new heights, and I wish the best of luck to the new guard. ■



# Excellent Scientific Quality in a Spectacular Setting

## Dr. Luc Valiquette, SIU 2006 COC Chairman, Reports on 28<sup>th</sup> SIU Congress

CAPE TOWN - The 28th Congress of the Société Internationale d'Urologie that took place last November 12 to 16 turned out to be a memorable success by all accounts. Over 4000 participants gathered in Cape Town, South Africa, for a meeting of excellent scientific quality in a spectacular setting. In addition to its scientific and social programs, the meeting allowed our members and different committee participants to meet and plan the future of our Society.

Our Scientific Chair, Dr. Martin Resnick, and his committee offered a well-balanced and thought-out scientific program of high calibre. Over one thousand scientific papers were presented by attendees either as podium, poster or video presentations. Judiciously selected state-of-the-art lectures and surgical-tip sessions provided participants with clinically relevant exposure to contemporary Urology. Practical instructional courses on different aspects of Urology were attended in great numbers and much appreciated. Moreover, our partners from industry managed to present highly informative educational symposia and workshops.

Our meeting also hosted the SIU/ICUD report on Congenital Anomalies of the Genitalia, and several other organizations also successfully held scientific sessions during or around our meeting: the International Symposium on Urological Stents, the South African Urological Association, the World Federation of Urological Oncology, the Endourological Society, the International Continence Society and the Society of Genitourinary Reconstructive Surgeons.

The Local Organizing Committee led by Prof. Chris Heyns prepared a tremendous social program around the meeting. They used their intimate knowledge of the city to plan social activities that

revealed to us all what an outstanding venue Cape Town is! The President's Dinner in the Castle of Good Hope was an opportunity for leaders of different national and international associations to exchange ideas in an elegant environment. The Opening Ceremonies and Welcoming Reception at the Convention Center were ideal for welcoming our guests and officially starting the meeting while giving us a true appreciation of South African hospitality.

The SIU Night at Rantanga Junction allowed our participants to meet in a friendly and joyful atmosphere and to taste South African

gastronomy while listening to the typical and diversified South African music. To conclude our meeting, the Gala Dinner held at Groot Constantia proved to be a perfect opportunity to invite friends and colleagues to the next SIU meeting. Aside from the official program, optional activities selected by the local committee allowed participants to savour the unique Cape Town surroundings.

Apart from these scientific and social exchanges, numerous meetings were held during the Congress between SIU members from different parts of the world, namely the meetings of the National Delegates and the Board of Chairmen, and the SIU General Assembly. During these meetings, educational and consensus projects were discussed, and plans were made for the future of our Society.

As well, our friends from industry present either as sponsors or exhibitors were able to display their innovative

products. Urologists, who always like to have a hands-on approach and discuss new products, responded with a strong attendance and were grateful for the opportunity.

I must underline the superb collaboration between the South African Local Organizing Committee and our SIU Central Office team headed by Martine Coutu. They worked in symbiosis to organize smoothly a great meeting far away from our central secretariat, and this collaboration should be a model for future meetings.

After being involved with the organization of SIU Congresses since 1997, this was my last meeting as Chair of the Congress Organizing Committee, and I would like to thank all the members of the present and previous COC and LOC committees, and all the members of the

Board of Chairman who have worked hard over these years. Not only have they increased the scientific and social profile of our meetings, but they have also helped to define better the important role of our "Société" and select ways to fulfill its mission.

At the last SIU General Assembly, Bill Lynch from Australia was elected as the new COC Chair, and I am confident he will assist our Society in achieving its objectives by making sure our Congresses offer the right mixture of science and social activities in interesting venues around the world, and by allowing our members to meet and exchange ideas for the improvement of Urological care around the world.

Having had great enjoyment as Chair of COC for almost ten years, I feel great pride in the work accomplished so far by everyone and would like to offer my best wishes for the Society and its many congresses to come. ■



*Chris and Isabel Heyns*



*Luc and Micheline Valiquette*

# Millions of People Have no Access to Health Care

## Albert Schweitzer International Teaching Award Lecture at Cape Town

CAPE TOWN - Ethiopia is one of the world's poorest countries with a population of around 77 million with less than 2000 doctors, most of whom work in the cities. 40 per cent of the world's maternal deaths occur in Ethiopia due to an almost total absence of health care in the rural areas. Because of the lack of availability of Caesarean section, marriage at an early age and malnutrition leading to a small under-developed pelvis, prolonged obstructed labour is common.

The sequelae of this is not just the development of a vesicovaginal fistula as a result of ischaemic damage from the obstructed baby's head. The ischaemic damage affects many other pelvic organs and those women who survive may also develop a rectovaginal fistula,

of cases the husband will leave them – leading to further poverty and malnutrition and often suicide.

In 1959 Doctors Reg and Catherine Hamlin came to Ethiopia to set up a midwifery training programme. The enormity of the problems faced by women with untreated vesicovaginal fistulae soon became apparent and after obtaining worldwide charitable support they opened their Fistula Hospital in 1975. It is still dependent upon charitable donations and treatment is free. Currently around 1,200 women a year attend the hospital and over 25,000 have been treated

ureterostomy or a Boari flap. If the anal sphincter is intact, a Mainz pouch is very effective, but in others where the anal sphincter is incompetent then an ileal conduit is performed.

The hospital has built a village for those patients with a conduit to live in as it would be impossible for them to obtain urostomy bags in the rural areas; though this may change with the opening up of more hospitals. After closing the fistula, 26 per cent of the patients are still wet as a result of stress

urinary incontinence. This is most likely to occur in those with severe scarring, urethral loss or damage and a small capacity bladder. The patients can be helped either at the time of fistula closure or at a second operation carrying out a urethrolisis to produce a urethra longer than 3.5 cm, bladder enlargement and the creation of an ischiocavernosal muscle sling to support the urethra.

The only way to prevent maternal death or a vesicovaginal fistula is to ensure that all deliveries are supervised by a competent birth attendant with easy and prompt access to a health centre with facilities for Caesarean section. Such health centres should also provide facilities for treatment of other life-threatening surgical conditions, such as strangulated hernia, sigmoid volvulus or appendicitis.

In October 2007 I will be able to continue the work for which I have received the Albert Schweitzer Award when I take up the post of Dean of a new medical school in Addis Ababa and also taking on the role of co-ordinating the training of non-medical personnel to carry out emergency obstetric and life-threatening surgical conditions in the rural areas. For this I will be relying on the support of members of the SIU. ■



Award winning Prof. Gordon Williams

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SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM, LANZ VON HORSTEN

Cape Town was the host of the 28<sup>th</sup> SIU Congress 12.-16. November 2006

infertility and prolonged amenorrhoea, dermatological problems, and neurological problems. The social problems suffered by these women are considerable. Because of the smell they are not allowed in the family home and usually live and sleep outside – curled up in the foetal position, developing contractures of their ankles, knees and hips. They are not welcome on public transport or in hospitals because of the persistent incontinence and smell and in 50 per cent

by Catherine and her late husband together with the five gynaecologists employed by the hospital.

Many patients are incontinent for years before they are able to make it to the hospital. It is usually their first pregnancy and mean time in labour is just over three days. 50 per cent of the patients are in their teens. Three new hospitals have opened up in 2006 and there are plans for another two to ease the access for treatment. The hospital has an active physiotherapy department and provides basic health education to the patients.

They are able to close around 90 per cent of the fistulae, but in the remaining patients, the bladder has usually been totally destroyed or the ureters are outside the bladder embedded in scar tissue. For both of these problems Urologically-based reconstruction is required, such as an enterocystoplasty, transuretero-

## Career Awards to Ackermann and Murai

### Castle of Good Hope Was the Venue Chosen for President's Dinner at Cape Town

CAPE TOWN - It has been traditional for the President of the SIU to host a special dinner on the evening before the opening of the Congress. For SIU 2006 the venue chosen was the Castle of Good Hope (Fort de Goede Hoop) in Cape Town.

The castle dates back to the beginning of the first permanent European settlement in the Cape. The Dutch East-India Company gave instructions to the early pioneers, who arrived at the Cape in 1652 under the leadership of Jan van Riebeeck, to build a fortification for protection of the settlement. The first Fort made of wood was surrounded by earth walls and trenches. Construction of the present stone building commenced in 1666 and took 30 years to complete. The Castle is the oldest building in South Africa. From 1678 it was the center of civilian, administrative and military life of the Cape.

The Lady Anne Barnard Room within the Castle was the setting for the dinner. Lady Barnard was the wife of the British Colonial Secretary at the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century – she was a colourful figure in her time, and it is said that her ghost still haunts the Castle. The dinner is an opportunity for the President and the Executive to thank those many persons who have been responsible for local arrangements for the Congress. To this end Prof. Chris Heyns and members of his Local Organizing Committee were welcome guests.

Other distinguished guests were the recipients of major SIU Awards to be made during the Congress: Prof. Mohamed Ghoneim, who was awarded the Felix Guyon Medal of the Society, Prof. Frans Debruyne, the SIU-Astellas Award lecturer, and Prof. Gordon Williams, the recipient of the Albert Schweitzer Teaching Award for his work particularly in Ethiopia over many years.

President McAninch then proceeded to announce two Distinguished Career

Awards. These Distinguished Career Awards are made to Urologists from any country whose work and achievement have significantly contributed to the advancement of Urology as a science and a discipline. On this occasion the recipients were Prof. Rolf Ackermann from

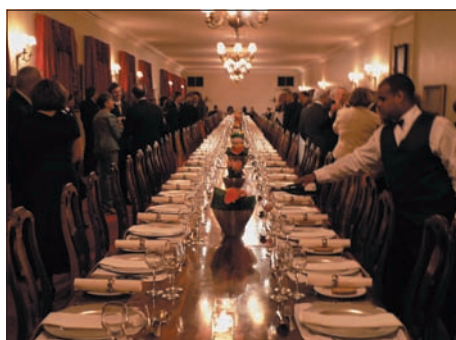
tions: Prof. Ackermann studied medicine at the University of Wurzburg and Vienna, graduating in Medicine in 1968. He became Assistant and then Associate Professor of Urology at the University of Würzburg, leaving there to become Professor and Chairman of the Department of Urology in 1983 at the University of Düsseldorf. His research interests include immunological aspects of prostate cancer and molecular biology of Urological tumours. For his distinguished research and teaching he has received many awards. He is a Past President of the German Urological Society, a past SIU National Delegate for Germany and is currently Vice-President of the SIU Foundation.

Prof. Murai graduated in Medicine from Keio University in Tokyo in 1967. His Urological training included a two-year fellowship at the Medical College of Virginia and two years as Associate Professor at the National Defense Medical College. He became Full Professor and Chairman of the Department of Urology in Keio University in 1996. His research career includes important pioneering work in pathophysiology of adrenal tumours. His more recent contributions have been to the progress of minimally invasive treatment. ■

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*Distinguished Career Awards: Prof. and Mrs. Masaru Murai (left), and Prof. and Mrs. Rolf Ackermann.*



*The Lady Anne Barnard Room*

Germany and Prof. Masaru Murai from Japan. The President presented each with an inscribed plaque after outlining the careers of these two recipients. This is a brief summary of Dr. McAninch's cita-

## The Future of Urology

CAPE TOWN - Astellas is the Elite Sponsor of the SIU. The SIU-Astellas Lecture at the SIU 2006 Congress in Cape Town was given by the Award Winner, Prof. Frans Debruyne, on the topic "The Future of Urology". Debruyne is the former General Secretary of the European Association of Urology (EAU). ■



*Dr. Toichi Takenaka (left), Astellas-Pharma, and Prof. Frans Debruyne*

# Opening the Avenues of Conservative Surgery

## René Küss Was a True Urological Innovator and an International Urologist

PARIS - Professor René Küss was born on 6 May 1913, and left us on 26 June 2006 at the age of 94. He was undoubtedly the most prominent French Urologist and probably the most eminent International Urologist of the second half of the 20th Century. His professional career spanned almost 40 years, from 1944 when he obtained his MD degree from the Paris University, until 1983 when he retired from his position as Professor and Chairman of the Urology Department at La Pitié Hospital.

He was a true Urological innovator, as he opened the avenues of conservative surgery in Urology, saving kidneys compromised by ureteral diseases, such as congenital hydronephrosis (he described the UPJ resection technique in 1949, parallel to Anderson-Hynes, whom he did not know) and the so commonly destructive lesions of the ureter secondary to tuberculosis. He described a technique to replace the pelvic ureter with a tubu-

larized bladder flap (the “Boari-Küss” procedure) or the lumbar ureter with ileoplasty, or even, in some cases, with appendicoplasty.

He also was a true pioneer in the field of renal transplantation, describing the



Prof. René Küss



*Painting of the arteriogram of a kidney transplant that a transplant patient gave to Prof. Küss and that hung in his La Pitié office*

retroperitoneal iliac placement of the transplant that is still the state-of-the-art technique. As early as the 1950's, he harvested kidneys wherever he could find them, using “free kidneys” in patients with intractable ureteric fistulas, and even retrieving kidneys from death penalty criminals. This, of course, was only made possible through his courage and surgical skills, being both a very fast and very precise surgeon.

He was a true academic leader, having mentored so many Urologists in their younger years, some of them going into an academic career, such as Jean-Marie Brisset, Maurice Camey, Christian Chatelet, Alain Le Duc, François Richard, Guy Vallancien, Pierre Teillac and the two humble servants signing this obituary, Alain Jardin and Richard Fourcade. He was also a true international leader, holding the position of Secretary General of the SIU from 1953 (at the age of 40) until 1979 when he presided over our 18<sup>th</sup> Congress in Paris, then becoming President of the SIU for three years, receiving the Presidential collar from John Lattimer and handing it over to Willy Grégoir.

Küss received the highest SIU award, the newly created Félix-Guyon SIU medal, from the hands of Michael Rochford, who flew specially from Australia to Paris. This was but the crowning of a career, as he was granted all the highest honors, being nominated Commandeur de la Légion d'Honneur, after having been nominated Chevalier for his heroic conduct during the Mers El Kebir battle on the French destroyer “Mogador” during World War II. He served as President of the Association Française d'Urologie, French Academy of Surgery and French Academy of Medicine, a very rare honor for a surgical specialist.

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# SIU Félix Guyon Medal 2006

## Prof. Mohamed A. Ghoneim Fostered Science and Surgical Technique

CAPE TOWN - At the SIU Cape Town Congress in 2006, the SIU Félix-Guyon Medal was awarded to Prof. Mohamed A. Ghoneim of Mansoura, Egypt, recently retired Head of the Mansoura Institute of Urology and Nephrology.

Prof. Ghoneim has made an enormous contribution to the science and

surgical techniques of radical cystectomy and urinary diversion for bladder cancer. He has also contributed significantly in the field of renal transplantation and many other areas of investigation and treatment of patients with Urological disease. At Mansoura, Prof. Ghoneim established a unique centre of

Urological excellence which has served as a training centre and inspiration for many young Urologists worldwide.



Prof. Mohamed A. Ghoneim, Egypt

# Quartey's Urethroplasty is a Legend

## In Memoriam: Emeritus Professor John Kwateboi Marmon Quartey (1922-2005)

ACCRA - Prof. John Quartey was born on Sunday 8 October 1922 in Accra, Ghana, to the late Peter David Quartey Sr, an educationist, and Elizabeth Abigail Quartey, a homemaker. He was the sixth of seven siblings.

In 1942 he was awarded a Gold Coast Government medical scholarship and proceeded to the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, in October 1943 to study medicine. He graduated MB ChB from the University of Edinburgh in June 1948. He specialised in Surgery in Britain and in 1953 he obtained Fellowships of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of Edinburgh and England, FRCS (Edin) and FRCS (Eng), respectively. In 1953 he returned to the Gold Coast and worked with the Ministry of Health. He was appointed a surgical specialist in 1958.

In 1961 he obtained a scholarship to Canada to gain experience in Urology and on his return from Canada in 1962 he set up the Urology Department at the

Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra. In 1963 with the help of Prof. Engmann he set up the Anatomy Department of the Ghana Medical School. He was appointed Associate Professor of Surgery in 1972 and Full Professor in 1992 and Emeritus Professor in 1999.

Based on his studies of the blood supply of the penile skin and prepuce, he described in 1962 a procedure known as Quartey's urethroplasty for the repair of urethral strictures. In 1993, at the age of 71, he was awarded the Master of Surgery degree at a ceremony in Edinburgh, Scotland, based on his thesis on the application of the blood supply to the penis and prepuce to reconstructive surgery.

In 1963 he joined the Association of Surgeons of West Africa which was replaced by the West African College of

Surgeons (WACS) in 1969. He served as President of WACS from 1977 to 1979. He became a member of the SIU in 1970 and in 1997 he delivered a state-of-the-art lecture on the management of vesicovaginal fistula at the 24<sup>th</sup> triennial SIU Congress in Canada. He formed the Operation Ghana Medical Mission in 1989 and organised the visit of operation SMILE, a US based plastic surgery group to Ghana from 1989 to 1990. He was elected a member of the New York Academy of Sciences in 1995 and in 1997 he was elected an Honorary Member of the British Association of Urological Surgeons. In 1998 he was made an Honorary Member of the American Urological Association. ■



Prof. John Kwateboi Marmon Quartey (1922-2005)

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# Immense Contribution to the Growth of Urology

## Prof. Sarinder Man Singh Made Pioneering Efforts in India

MONTREAL - Following the partition of India in 1947, Prof. Sarinder Man Singh got placement in Stanley Medical College, Madras, South India where he graduated as the best student. In October 1952 he proceeded to England, and in 1954 he completed the FRCS (England). In 1955 he returned to Irwin Hospital, first as Registrar and later as Junior Honorary Consultant. He was selected as Assistant Professor of Surgery at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, in 1958. A Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship in 1961 enabled him to train at the famous Johns Hopkins Institute in the USA, and later at Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. On his return in 1963, he was promoted to Associate Professor and became the Head of the newly created Department of Urology. In 1965 Prof. Sarinder Man Singh was invited as Inspector by Madras Univer-

sity to start the first MCh Urology course in India, which saw the start of the MCh Urology training programmes.

In 1966 the MCh course was also started at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. In August 1969 Prof. Sarinder Man Singh was appointed Professor and Head. Having made an impact as a clinical teacher and a progressive Urological surgeon, Prof. Sarinder Man Singh was elected as President of the Urological Society of India in 1976, the highest honour for a Urologist in our country.

During his long innings at AIIMS, Prof. Sarinder Man Singh made an immense contribution to the growth and practice of Urology in India. Apart from general Urology and TUR, he developed a special interest in carcinoma of the urinary bladder, for which he started a Bladder Tumour Registry. He

standardized the diagnosis and surgical management of pheochromocytoma and built up the largest series in India during his tenure.

He has published 70 papers and participated in all major Urological meetings, such as BAUS, AUA and SIU. He was one of the first members of the Société Internationale d'Urologie from India and attended almost all the SIU meetings. After his retirement on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1988, he was invited to join Batra Hospital as Director of Urology, a position he held for ten years. He left for his heavenly abode on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2006 after a brief illness. He left behind a legacy which is difficult to match and will always be remembered for his contribution to Urology in India as a pioneer. ■

Author: Prof. Mahesh Desai

# Improving Urological Practice Worldwide

## The Mission of SIU Institutes and Scholarships Program

MAINZ - The SIU Institutes and Scholarships Committee was founded by Prof. Mohamed Ghoneim from Mansoura, Egypt, and has been chaired since 2002 by Prof. Joachim Thüroff from Mainz, Germany.

The mission of the Committee is to improve practice in Urology worldwide by appropriate teaching and training efforts. Through this Committee the SIU mission is specifically addressed by granting clinical Fellowships of generally six months' duration, which preferably are completed at SIU Training Institutes. Within this concept, preference is given to applicants from developing countries, where the intention is to improve basic skills in surgical Urology.

However, requests for teaching in specialized fields, such as Pediatric Urology and laparoscopy, have been granted as well. In order to match the expectations of an applicant with the offers of a specific SIU Training Institute, detailed information about the applicants has to be

received through an application form, which is available from the SIU website (<http://www.siu-urology.org>).

SIU Training Institutes: The Committee has accredited 23 SIU Training Institutes worldwide, the majority in Africa

Year	Applied	Granted
2000		7
2001		10
2002	20	14
2003	29	10
2004	24	15
2005	28	26
2006	18	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>97</b>

### SIU Fellowship applications and grants

and Asia, with another eight accreditations pending. Specific information about each Training Institute regarding the spectrum of training opportunities as well as local information (visa requirements, housing, food, climate,

costs etc.) is available from the SIU.

SIU Fellows: Over the years, the SIU has so far received a total of 119 applications, of which 97 SIU Fellowships were granted. Most of the Fellowships were successful and much appreciated by the Fellows, as judged from the mandatory final report from each SIU Fellowship holder. Other activities of the SIU Institutes and Scholarships Committee concern practical issues such as organizing and financing operating room and x-ray equipment for Urological facilities in Wad Medani, Sudan.



Prof. Joachim W. Thüroff, Germany

Author: Prof. Joachim W. Thüroff, Chairman SIU Institutes and Scholarships Committee, Mainz

## Accredited SIU Training Institutes

Country	City	Professor	Languages	Institute
<b>Africa</b>				
Egypt	Assiut	Magdy El Akkad	Arabic, English	Assiut University
Egypt	Cairo	Ismail Khalaf	Arabic, English	Al Azhar University
Egypt	Mansoura	Mohamed A. Ghoneim	Arabic, English	Mansoura University
Egypt	Cairo	Abdel-Wahab El-Kassaby	Arabic, English	Ain Shams University
Tunisia	Sousse	Ali Mosbah	French	Hôpital Sahloul de Sousse
South Africa	Cape Town	Alan Pontin	English	University of Cape Town
South Africa	Durban	Zoltan Bereczky	English	University of Natal
South Africa	Pretoria	Simon Reif	English, Afrikaans	University of Pretoria
South Africa	Tygerberg	Chris Heyns	English, Afrikaans	University of Stellenbosch
Tanzania	Moshi		English	Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre
<b>South America</b>				
Argentina	Buenos Aires	Osvaldo Mazza	Spanish, Portuguese	University of Buenos Aires
Brazil	Campinas	Nelson Rodrigues Netto Jr.	Portuguese, Spanish, English	University of Campinas
Brazil	São Paulo	Sami Arap	Portuguese, Spanish, English	University of São Paulo
<b>Asia</b>				
India	Nadiad, Gujarat	Mahesh Desai	English, Hindi	Muljibhai Patel Urological Hospital
India	Lucknow	Anant Kumar	English, Hindi	Sanjay Gandhi Inst. Med. Sci.
India	New Delhi	Narmada P. Gupta	English	All India Inst. of Med. Sci.
India	Mumbai	Vijai Kumar	English, Hindi	Jaslok Hospital & Res. Ctr.
Pakistan	Karachi	Abdul Hassan Rizvi	English, Urdu	Sindh Institute of Urology
Singapore		Chris Cheng	English	Singapore General Hospital
Japan	Tokyo	Eiji Higashihara	Japanese, English	Kyorin University
<b>Europe</b>				
Germany	Mainz	Joachim Thüroff	German, English	J. Gutenberg Univ. Med. School
United Kingdom	London	Tony Mundy	English	Inst. of Urol., Middlesex Hosp.
<b>North America</b>				
Canada	Montréal	Mostafa Elhilali	English	McGill University Health Centre

## "Experience was Fully Applicable"

### SIU Fellowship ASEA Institute of Urology in Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center

CAPE TOWN - ASEA Institute of Urology is the only institute in East Africa dealing solely with Urological patients and training of General Surgeons as Urologists. It is found in Tanzania under KCMC of Tuamaini University.

During the training I conducted diagnostic procedures like ultrasonography of the urogenital tract including TRUS on hundreds of patients, uroflowmetry, needle gun biopsies and urethroscopies.

The surgical experience included video-assisted endoscopic surgery such as TURP (104), TURBT (15), DVIU (42), TUIP (10), retrograde catheterization (6), fulguration of PUVs and open surgery in both adult and pediatric patients, such as RPP (13), urethroplasty (17), nephrectomy for RCC (4), Wilms' tumor (3), radical cystectomy (6), open surgery

for stone disease, bilateral subcapsular orchidectomy for advanced prostatic carcinoma (20), hydrocelectomy, shunt operation for priapism (4), cystostomy, pyeloplasty for PUJ obstruction (6), hypospadias repair (15), orchidopexy (4), PPV ligation and circumcision.

The gap of what was lacking at the Institute, like ureteroscopy, ESWL, PCNL, radical prostatectomy, renal transplantation and uroynaecologic experience, was obtained from the two month exchange programme with Tygerberg Hospital, University of Stellenbosch, in South Africa.

The variety of cases, the medical standards, patient presentation, draw-

backs in patient care and limited facilities in terms of equipment, facilities and supplies are almost similar to what I was facing in my own institution. As such, the experience gained during the training, both in practice and management, was pertinent and fully applicable in my own institution. Besides, my Department understood from my experience that we do not need sophisticated instruments and facilities; instead it was decided to start a mini Urology unit with the available facility and to develop it further in the future. ■



*Dr. Abraham Deneke Bezuneh*

*Author: Dr. Abraham Deneke Bezuneh, trainee from June 2005 to May 2006*

## Postgraduate Fellowship Training in Urology

### Dr. Waihenya Charles Githiaka has Obtained a Scholarship

CAPE TOWN/NAIROBI - I hold a Master's degree in General Surgery from the University of Nairobi, Kenya, and a Fellowship in Urology. I worked for one year from March 2004 to April 2005 as Supernumerary Registrar in the Department of Urology, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Stellenbosch, at Tygerberg Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa. I had obtained a Scholarship from the Société Internationale d'Urologie (SIU) to enable me to pursue postgraduate Fellowship training in Urology for six months, but I realised that a six months period was not enough and so I extended it to one year with funding from my own pocket.

The Department consisted of Prof. Chris Heyns, two full-time and two part-time Consultant Urologists, and seven full-time Registrars. It has 35 adult and 5 pediatric Urology beds in an 800-bed academic teaching Hospital. It sees

about 9,000 out-patients per year, treats 1,000 in-patients per year and performs about 3,000 theatre procedures per year.

#### Full Spectrum of Procedures

As a supernumerary Registrar, I obtained exposure to the full spectrum of Urological procedures performed in the Department ranging from all types of endoscopic procedures (TURP, TURBT, PCNL, ureteroscopic lithotripsy) and ESWL, to major open surgery such as radical prostatectomy, cystoprostatectomy, nephrectomy, hypospadias and fistula repairs etc., including donor nephrectomy and renal transplantation.

I returned back to Kenya on the 11th of March 2005, not because I had finished all the training but my time was up and it was time to go. I set up a Urology out-patient clinic, but shared the other

facilities with the general surgeons. I see about two hundred Urology patients per month. Among the major operations I carry out are open prostatectomy, TURP, TURBT, cystoscopy, optical urethroto-my, urethroplasty, hypospadias repair, nephrectomy, fistula repairs and other routine Urological procedures. Occasionally I join my senior colleagues, like Dr. Peter Mungai Ngugi, for radical cystoprostatectomy and renal transplantation.

I wish to thank the SIU for the scholarship and would wish to recommend an extension of the six months period to two years with the awarding of a Diploma after sitting for an examination. The Scholarship should be increased, perhaps to US \$20,000. ■

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# Future SIU Congresses

## Report from the Congress Organising Committee

MONTREAL - SIU Congresses will continue to bring together experts from all areas to provide state-of-the-art information, consensus, technical and operative tips as well as an insight of the potential clinical applications of research. The SIU now partners and provides a home for the "Consensus" meetings.

### Future Meetings

- 2007 - Paris: It returns the SIU Congress to its home in our Centenary year. The SIU started its life thanks to the forethought and insight of our French colleagues 100 years ago and it has continued to follow the original inspiration and taken it further. Under the Chairmanship of Richard Fourcade and his team, we will have a meeting

of sound and interesting science, surgical expertise as well as International Consultation on Stone Disease. The social functions cannot be rivalled and to finish with a banquet at Versailles.... Visit the web-site at [www.siu2007.com](http://www.siu2007.com)

- 2008 - Santiago: 2008 sees our Congress move to South America - Chile specifically. This meeting is topic-specific and will focus on Oncology in all its aspects as applied to Urology. Reynaldo Gomez and his team are already well on their way with organising a wonderful meeting. The venue will be

Casa Piedra in Santiago, and the meeting will take place in the period 8-13 October 2008, so start freeing your diaries.

- 2009 - Beijing: Conference facilities are excellent and visiting China after it has hosted the true international sporting event seems appropriate, as I guess we are a similar organization.

- 2010 - Germany: The city for our meeting in this year has not been finalised as yet.

- 2011 - Vancouver: Another beautiful city - what more is there to say? ■



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