



Newsletter

New Board of Chairmen

Election of SIU Governing Body

During the 30th Congress of the SIU held in Shanghai, China, from 1-5 November 2009, several changes were made to the membership of the Board of Chairmen (BOC), the governing body of the SIU. In addition to the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee for approval at the General Assembly, members of the BOC are also elected directly by the National Delegates and from the floor of the General Assembly.



Prof. Joachim Thüroff, Mainz, Germany, SIU President

to the BOC were Drs. Yinghao Sun and Peter Hammerer. Dr. Sun was the Local Organizing Chairman of the Shanghai Congress and was elected for a second term. Dr. Hammerer from Braunschweig, Germany, was elected to the BOC for the first time.

The two members of the BOC proposed and elected from the floor of the General Assembly were Dr. Jae Seung Paick from Seoul, South Korea and Dr.

Serigne Gueye from Dakar, Senegal, the latter for his second term as a representative of the General Assembly.

At the Meeting of the National Delegates, held on the opening day of the Congress, the two National Delegates elected

In addition to the members of the BOC elected in the past, the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee and adopted by the General Assembly contained four new positions, whose creation resulted from the progression to yearly Congresses that had been approved earlier in the meeting as part of Bylaw modifications. These new positions are that of Vice-President and three Adjunct Chairs; Executive Affairs (General Secretary), Congress Organizing, and Scientific Programme.

For the 2009-2011 term, Prof. Joachim Thüroff, from Mainz, Germany, was elected President to succeed Dr. Mostafa Elhilali from Montreal, Canada, who became Past-President, Dr. Mahesh Desai from Nadiad, India, became President-Elect, and Dr. Chris Heyns, from Tygerberg, South Africa, was chosen for the new post of Vice-President to succeed automatically to President-Elect at the next Congress.

New Committee Chairman were Drs. Richard Santucci, Detroit, USA (Con-



Dr. Mahesh Desai, Nadiad, India, President-Elect



Prof. Chris Heyns, Tygerberg, South Africa, Vice-President



Dr. Richard Santucci, Detroit, USA, Consensus and Education Committee



Dr. Antonio Carlos Pompeo, São Paulo, Brazil, Publications Committee

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tions), Catherine deVries, Salt Lake City, USA (International Relations), Christopher Cheng, Singapore (Long-Term Strategic Planning), and Nasser Simfo-

roosh, Teheran, Iran (Sub-Specialties). Drs. Luc Valiquette, Patrick Coloby and William Lynch retained their respective positions of General Secretary, Treasurer and Chair of the Congress Organizing Committee. Chairmen retaining their previous portfolios were Drs. Yoshihiko Hirao, Nara, Japan (Fundraising), Richard D. Williams, Iowa City, USA (Scientific Programme), Hassan Abol-Enein, Mansoura, Egypt (Institutes and Scholarships) and Reynaldo Gómez, Santiago, Chile (Internet and Telecommunications).



Dr. Catherine deVries, Salt Lake City, USA, International Relations



Dr. Jae Seung Paick, Seoul, South Korea, elected by General Assembly



Prof. Mostafa Elhilali, Montreal, Canada, Past-President



Dr. Yinghao Sun, Shanghai, China, elected by National Delegates



Dr. Christopher Cheng, Singapore, Long Term Strategic Planning



Dr. Simon Tanguay, Montreal, Canada, Adjunct General Secretary



Prof. Serigne Gueye, Dakar, Senegal, elected by General Assembly



Dr. Bill Lynch, Sydney, Australia, Congress Organizing Committee



Dr. Nasser Simforoosh, Teheran, Iran, Sub-Specialties



Dr. Ziya Kirkali, Izmir, Turkey, Adjunct Chair, Congress Organizing



Prof. Hassan Abol-Enein, Mansoura, Egypt, Institutes and Scholarships



Dr. Patrick Coloby, Pontoise, France, Treasurer



Dr. Peter Hammerer, Braunschweig, Germany, elected by National Delegates



Dr. Gerald Jordan, Norfolk, USA, Adjunct Chair, Scientific Programme



Dr. Reynaldo Gómez, Santiago, Chile, Internet and Telecommunications



Dr. Richard D. Williams, Iowa City, USA, Scientific Programme

Assisting with the additional workload resulting from the change from biennial to annual congresses were Drs. Simon Tanguay, Montreal, Canada, as Adjunct General Secretary, Ziya Kirkali, Izmir, Turkey, as Adjunct Chair for Congress Organizing, and Gerald Jordan, Norfolk, USA, as Adjunct Chair for the Scientific Programme.

The SIU is fortunate to have such wide representation from the various regions of the world directing the progress of the Society, and it is worth noting that this slate continues the trend of the last 15 years towards an increased involvement of younger urologists on the SIU Board of Chairmen. ■



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On the Road to Annual Congresses

SIU Bylaw Changes Approved by the General Assembly in Shanghai

At the General Assembly of the SIU in Shanghai, 4 November 2009, several changes to the Society's Bylaws were presented and adopted. The proposed changes had previously been approved by the Board of Chairmen and presented for discussion at the National Delegates' Meeting during the Congress.

The principal structural change arises from the previous decision to move in 2011 to annual instead of biennial meetings. Currently, the President holds office in the interval between two successive congresses, but shortening this to one year would give the incumbent only one year as President-Elect to become acquainted with the major administrative affairs of



*Prof. Luc Valiquette,
General Secretary*

the Society. To resolve this, the position of Vice-President, progressing automatically to President-Elect, has been created. This will then give each President four years total service: two years of "training" as Vice-President and President-Elect, one year in the position, and one year as Past-President and Chair of the Nominating Committee. The holders of these posts for the 2009-2011 transition period are presented on pages 1 and 2 of this Newsletter.

An annual Congress also increases the workload of some Committee Chairs very significantly, in particular Congress Organizing, Scientific Programme, and Executive Affairs (General

Secretary). Positions of Adjunct Chairs have now been created to better balance the workload in these three areas. The Adjunct Chairs will work alongside the Chairs and learn the functioning of their particular aspect of the Society's affairs. The Adjunct Chairs would be the logical choice to take over when the Chair's term ends.

Another modification adopted was the change in the terms of National Delegates and Committee Chairs to three years, renewable once. This will provide more flexibility than the previous limits.

Changes in international accounting standards have resulted in a modification of the term *Audit* to include more rigorous investigations which are suited to corporations in the private sector, but

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MARRAKECH 2010



SIU World Meeting Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction



featuring the
ICUD Consultation on Urethral Strictures
Marrakech, Morocco
Mansour Eddahbi Palais des Congrès
October 13-16, 2010

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Future Congresses and Meetings

2010 Marrakech

2011 Berlin

2012 Fukuoka

2013 Vancouver

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are neither feasible nor required in the case of an international not-for-profit corporation like the SIU. As a result, the SIU Bylaws call for either an *Audit* or a *Review Engagement*, this latter being the new term for what was previously called *Audit*. Only the term has changed; the work done and the reports generated by the Accountants will remain the same.

The last change approved by the General Assembly of the SIU was a clarifi-

cation of the status of the Society's logo and its legitimate uses. This logo is an essential part of the Society's image and should therefore only be used in a manner which coincides with the mission, ideals, policies, and programmes of the SIU. The wording in the Bylaws is now much more precise in that it restricts the use of the logo in any country to specific functions of the National Section as carried out by the National Delegate. Such uses could include the letterhead of the National Delegate for affairs di-

rectly related to his role of recruiting new members or convening meetings of his National Section. Any other use will require approval of the SIU General Secretary and any misuse of the logo will be considered a misdemeanour that can result in suspension of SIU membership.

The complete Bylaws are available at www.siu-urology.org in the Bylaws section. ■

Prof. Luc Valiquette, SIU General Secretary

The SIU and the Web

www.siu-urology.org: New, Member-Oriented Features

There is no question that nowadays the internet is the main communication channel around the globe. Its possibilities are so vast and convenient that it has changed forever the relationships between persons and corporations.

The SIU has remained aware of this worldwide trend and, like most other scientific societies, has developed and maintained its own website for many years. On our website (www.siu-urology.org) urologists around the globe can find plenty of information about our institution, its history, its mission, its organization, governance, awards and bylaws.

They can also obtain information about the many advantages of being an SIU member and download application forms to become one. Very importantly, young urologists in training can get full information about the very active SIU Scholarship Programme, which over the years has helped hundreds of urologists to improve their training. Application forms for this programme are also available online.

Last-Minute news

SIU members can stay up to date with relevant last-minute news and information about the Society, and can also download the SIU Newsletter. The SIU is now present in more than 100 countries where there is an SIU Section, and information about the National Delegates

of each of these sections is also easily available on the website.

Organization of annual congresses and meetings is a prime activity of our Society and the complete management of these activities is conducted online through our related congress website (www.siu-congress.org). All the pertinent information about each meeting is presented in



Dr. Reynaldo Gómez *Dr. Richard Bolton*

detail, in a functional and attractive format. Full information about the venue and host country, registration, housing, scientific and social programmes, tours, etc can be found here.

The abstract submission process is conducted online, as is the work of the scientific committee in charge of rating and selecting the material to be presented at each meeting. Late-breaking abstract submission is also available for important and urgent research findings that were not available at the time of the main submission deadline.

Another popular and convenient feature is the past congress webcasts, which

remain online for a full year after the meeting, allowing every-one to review the most relevant lectures of each meeting.

4,000 hits per month

Our website receives around 4,000 hits a month and actively plays its role as the main communication platform between the SIU Central Office staff in Montreal and SIU members around the globe. As an example, the Publications Committee recently conducted an online survey to collect information about the Society's Journal, looking for ways to better meet the needs of our members.

Following a comprehensive strategic planning exercise conducted in 2008 by the Board of Chairmen, several courses of action were identified to project the SIU into the second century of its existence. One of them is to empower the website. For this reason, our website has entered an active process of review and incorporation of new, convenient and member-oriented features. The first, and most significant, has been the implementation of a "members-only" area, which is now operational.

Members only

You can enter this area by clicking the "Members-Only" tab in the website's left-

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hand main menu, but first you need to register, using your family name and SIU membership number. Once your membership has been validated you receive your username and password by e-mail. Please note that if you do not have a valid e-mail address in your Central Office data file, the registration will not work.

Once inside this area, you will be able to update your personal contact and profile information, and change your password if you wish. Until now, two important features have been activated for the member's convenience. The first is online credit card payment of SIU membership fees, and the second is direct access to *Urology*, our official journal.

To access *Urology* online, you must have a valid Elsevier subscription (Active Members in good standing and Candidate and Senior Members who have chosen to pay dues in order to receive our journal).

These new and exciting features are the result of dedicated efforts by our Central Office staff in Montreal. It is pertinent to note that – unlike other corporations – the SIU is able to host all its informatics on its own servers and most of the programming is done by our own staff, under the guidance of Dr. Richard Bolton, Executive Secretary, and Francesco Capaldo, IT consultant. This provides an important degree of independence and flexibility, and opens the door for more new features to come soon. We are extremely thankful to our Central Office staff for its permanent deployment of effort and talent and there is no doubt that the people in Montreal are one of our Society's most valuable assets.

Closer online interaction

Our mission in the Internet and Telecommunications Committee is to update and improve our website and to promote telecommunication contact among SIU members worldwide. To this end, we invite all SIU members to visit our website frequently and submit their ideas on how to improve the website and promote closer online interaction among members. ■

Dr. Reynaldo G. Gómez, Santiago, Chile
Chairman, Internet & Telecommunications Committee

An Uphill Battle

Albert Schweitzer Award: Acceptance Speech of Dr. Groeneveld

Mr. President, to have my name linked to that of Albert Schweitzer in this way is truly a great honour. I would like to thank you and the Board of Chairmen of the SIU for selecting me to receive this honour.

Urology in the developing world is actually quite similar to urology in the developed world. However, there are a few specific differences, some of which I would like to share with you this morning. In the urological sense a developing country can be defined as a country without a specialized urology service; a country where no urology instruments can be found, particularly no endoscopic equipment; a country where urology gets very little attention in the general surgical curricu-

lum (if there is one) and where the general surgeons share the opinion that urologists are not needed because, as it is often put: "We've always done the hydroceles and the prostates ourselves, so what does this new doctor think he can do that we can't?" So, do expect a bit of an uphill battle.

Urodensity

Of the specific differences I mentioned, let us first discuss urodensity, by which I mean the number of urologists per number of population. Some 15 years ago, the 10 countries of eastern Africa had

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Research Fellowship

The California Urological Foundation, in association with the Société Internationale d'Urologie (SIU), announces the availability of a Research Fellowship for a fully-trained Urologist from Africa to do research for one year in a medical laboratory of the University of California in San Francisco (UCSF).

This award is intended to prepare the candidate for an academic career in his or her home country; a firm commitment to return will be a material consideration in the evaluation of candidates. This fellowship carries a stipend of US \$50,000 of which \$14,000 is used to cover medical insurance and administrative fees.

Applications for this fellowship will be evaluated by a joint SIU/UCSF Committee and should include a proposed area of study, a detailed CV, and professional references.

The deadline for the 2010 Fellowship will be March 14, 2010. Application forms are available on the SIU website www.siu-urology.org under the Training Scholarships tab.

Applications can be submitted by mail, fax or e-mail to:

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a combined population of roughly 250 million (I am talking about Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Botswana, and Madagascar). As far as could be established at the time no more than 4 or 5 trained urologists were working in that whole area. These numbers in themselves mean that silent suffering on a large scale was taking place due to diseases, benign and malignant, that could be treated or cured if only properly trained urologists were available.



Dr. Adam Evert Groeneveld

Silent suffering

I could give you lots of examples of silent suffering. Let me give you just one. The typical patient with vesico-vaginal fistula was a young woman, or even girl, who, after her first and uneventful pregnancy, developed obstructed labour at home in the village in the bush. The husband did not allow her to go to hospital until, after 3 or 4 days, the baby was obviously dead and the mother was almost dead. At the hospital the dead baby had to be removed by open surgery and because the operation was so bloody, the uterus was taken out as well. When she had recovered and was sent home she noticed she could not hold her urine properly. Six weeks after her return the husband chased her out of the house because she was always wet and she began to stink. He took another wife. She, now childless for life and always wet and smelly, spends her days in complete social isolation, more or less cared for by some charity organization. Her only company is a number of other VVF patients, who have similar stories to tell.

The Institute of Urology in Moshi, Tanzania, was founded in the early nineties. Its mission is dual: firstly to provide urology training to qualified general surgeons from all the countries I just mentioned up to a standard comparable to standards in the developed world; and secondly, to make sure the recently-gained expertise is made available to the poor in those countries.

40 urologists in 12 years

Over the past 12 years or so, the Institute has turned out almost two urologists per year. Some doctors have taken urology training elsewhere. So, over the past 12 years, about 40 urologists have come onto the eastern African scene. This means the urodensity has increased from roughly 1 in 50 million to roughly 1 in 6 million. Significant? Sure, but men are still dying from uraemia on the basis of benign prostatic obstruction. One consequence of the low level of education in many rural areas of Africa is widespread ignorance regarding the significance of early symptoms of disease. Combine this with various beliefs and practices and with traditional gender relationships and one can begin to understand why it is that patients so often present with advanced disease: BPH presents as acute retention, prostate cancer presents as a fixed malignant rock, bladder cancer presents as T4, urethral stricture presents as watering can perineum.

The top 5 adult urological conditions at the Institute of Urology, which, by the way, covers a population of 14 million, are:

1. urine outflow obstruction due to BPE,
2. prostate cancer,
3. urethral stricture,
4. scrotal swelling and
5. bladder cancer.

You see: the diseases are the same, only the numbers are different. A real difference with the developed world is the much higher prevalence of parasitic diseases such as filariasis and schistosomiasis, which often have disastrous urological consequences. Long distances and poverty make regular follow up difficult or impossible. Medication is too expensive and patient compliance is not always very good. Sophisticated equipment like ESWL and laser are not available. These are some of the reasons why, next to intensive training in endoscopic surgery, the programme places a lot of emphasis on one-stop open surgery.

Unorthodox solutions

Improvisation and unorthodox solutions to problems are part of everyday's

work: When contrast medium is again out of stock and when plain abdominal X-ray is the only available imaging study, ultrasound becomes even more important as a diagnostic tool than it already was. Some of our trainees have gone home as urological ultrasound whiz-kids. 'Eye-ball urodynamics', as introduced by Philip van Kerrebroeck, makes it easy and cheap to measure the bladder pressure, and in the absence of a flow-meter, a measuring can, a stopwatch, a calculator and an ultrasound machine go a long way in answering your questions. Postoperative, monthly chemotherapy in Wilms tumour patients often failed because of distance and poverty. A small fund, generated in Holland, took care of the travelling costs for those patients and their mothers. Many of them could keep coming every month for at least a year.

Tribute to Dr. Lester Eshleman

I would like to mention one man here this morning. A man who deeply inspired me to always give whatever I have, a man who founded the Institute of Urology in Moshi, Tanzania, and who was of great significance for the development of urology in East Africa as a whole. A man who also showed me how to create a close-knit urological family out of a long string of individual trainees from many different African countries. That man is the late Dr. Lester Eshleman. I remember Lester with affection and gratitude.

Ladies and gentlemen, by giving moral as well as material support to so many trainees, the SIU is playing an absolutely essential role in the advancement of urology in Africa, a role of which many urologists in the developed world are not sufficiently aware. On behalf of a vast number of people who otherwise would not have had access to urology at all, neither as practitioners nor as patients, I gratefully acknowledge the SIU's vision and practical efforts on the ground in establishing, nurturing, and advancing our specialty in the developing world.

Mr. President, you have made me a proud man today. I thank you again for this wonderful award. ■

Dr. Adam E. Groeneveld

2009 Award Winners

Société Internationale d'Urologie

In 2009 the SIU awarded prizes to the following urologists from all over the world:

2009 SIU Astellas Award: Prof. Peter Alken, Germany



Prof. Peter Alken

Prof. Peter Alken was born in Berlin in August 1942, and in 1962 commenced studies in medicine and chemistry at the Free University of Berlin and the University of Vienna. He received his MD in 1970, was licensed as a surgeon in 1976, and following training at the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, qualified as a urologist in 1979. His habilitation for teaching urology was granted in 1982, and he became Professor of Urology at Heidelberg University in 1987.

Prof. Alken was a member of the Board of Directors of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Urologie (DGU) from 1997 until the 2002-2003 year when he served as President. He was also active on many specialty task forces of the DGU. He holds memberships in several European and international urological societies and has served on the editorial boards of major European and international scientific journals. He was a member of the Scientific Committee of the EAU from 1992 to 2003, and was called on as an expert member of many international boards and committees, particularly in the field of urolithiasis. His contributions to urological research are witnessed by over three hundred indexed publications, numerous book contributions and visiting lectureships.

Previous prizes and honours have been awarded by the DGU, including the prestigious Ritter von Frisch Prize, by the American Urological Association (1982 and 1987), and by several other international urological societies.

2009 SIU-Félix Guyon Medal: Prof. Osamu Yoshida, Japan



Prof. Osamu Yoshida

Prof. Osamu Yoshida attended the Kyoto University School of Medicine, received his MD in 1960, and then interned at the Kyoto University Hospital. He subsequently obtained a PhD in 1967 for research on bladder cancer. From 1968 to 1970 he was a Clinical Research Associate at the University of Wisconsin, USA, and in 1973 he became Professor and Chairman of Urology at the Kyoto University School of Medicine. In 1993 Prof. Yoshida was appointed Director of the Kyoto University Hospital, and in 1999, President of the Japanese Red Cross Society Wakayama Medical Center.

Prof. Yoshida has authored over 1600 scientific papers in Japanese and English, covering bladder cancer, renal cell carcinoma, prostate cancer, and other urological diseases. He recently co-authored a book on *Questions in Daily Urological Practice*.

Society activities have included President and Chairman of the Japanese Urological Association and the Japan Society of Endourology, Chairman of the Japan Society for Clinical Oncology, Secretary General of the Urological Association of Asia, and member of the SIU Board of Chairmen.

Previous awards include the Prize for Cancer Research from the Princess Takamatsu Cancer Research Fund in 1985, the Purple Ribbon Medal from the Japanese Government in 1997, and the Karl Storz Prize in 2003.

2009 Distinguished Career Award: Prof. Keong Tatt Foo, Singapore

Prof. Keong Tatt Foo graduated in medicine in 1965 and obtained a Fellow-

ship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 1971. A year later he joined the University Department of Surgery at the Singapore General Hospital as a lecturer. In 1976-1977 he was awarded a Smith and Nephew Fellowship which allowed him to return to the UK to study at the Institute of Urology in London and at Cambridge University. Following his return to Singapore he worked to establish urology as a specialty and helped establish structured postgraduate training as Chairman of the Specialty Board in Urology. He was promoted to Associate Professor of Surgery in 1979 and was



Prof. Keong Tatt Foo

Head of the Department of Urology at the Singapore General Hospital until 2001 when he was appointed Associate Dean of the National University of Singapore. Prof. Foo's main research interests were in the fields of urinary stones, urinary cancer and BPH and its pathological classification. He was the Founding President of the Singapore Urological Association in 1986 and in 1998 he became Secretary General of the Urological Association of Asia to help promote urology in the area.

Previous awards include the Wu Jieping Medal of the Chinese Urological Association for his work on BPH, and the Public Administration Medal (Silver) was conferred to Prof. Foo in 2001 by the President of Singapore. He has also been named an Honorary Member of the Malaysian Urological Association for his contribution to urology in the region.

2009 Distinguished Career Award: Prof. José Maria Gil-Vernet Vila, Spain

Prof. José Gil-Vernet was born in Barcelona in 1922, and after university

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studies and surgical training, he held many visiting professorships from 1961 to 1991 in the US, South Africa, Brazil, Hungary, Berlin, USSR, UK, Belgium, Japan, and France. He was named Professor of Urology at the University of Barcelona in 1972.



Prof. José Maria Gil-Vernet

He performed the first renal transplant in Spain in 1965 and the first pancreatic transplant there in 1983. He was the director and author of 90 scientific films, and was Co-Chairman with Willy Grégoire of ten International Urology Courses

and two International Courses on Renal Transplantation. During his career, he performed over 300 surgical interventions in foreign university hospitals.

Prof. Gil-Vernet is an Honorary Member of the French Society of Transplantation and the Academy of Medicine of the former Soviet Union, and was a Vice-President of the SIU.

Previous awards include the National Award of Surgery in 1967, the Gold Medal at the First International Competition of Urological Films in Brussels in 1958, and the Golden Eagle Award of the Council of International Non-Theatrical Events in New York in 1980.

2009 Distinguished Career Award: Prof. Alain Le Duc, France



Prof. Alain Le Duc

Prof. Alain Le Duc was born in 1936 and after medical and specialist training, qualified as a urologist in 1970. From 1970 to 1980 he worked at the Hôpital Foch near Paris with Maurice Camey, concentrating on radical cystectomy and bladder substitution.

In 1980 he became Department Head at the Hôpital Saint Louis in Paris and

oversaw the opening of a Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation Unit in 1982 and an Endourological and Percutaneous unit in 1984.

Prof. Le Duc was appointed Professor of Urology in 1980 and served as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the Université de Paris from 1996 until 2006. Previous awards include the EAU Scientific Prize for Medical Research on Laser Therapy for BPH in 1978, the Willy Grégoire Medal in 2004, and the Karl Storz Endourology Award in 2005. He has been a member of the SIU and the EAU for over 30 years and President of the EAU Academy since 1999. He is currently serving as a consultant for the UNFPA on fistula repair in Mali and teaches urology in Chad.

2009 Distinguished Career Award Prof. Nelson Rodrigues Netto Jr.



Prof. Nelson Rodrigues Netto Jr.

Prof. Nelson Rodrigues Netto Jr. received his MD from the University of São Paulo School of Medicine in 1961. He qualified as Doctor in Surgery-Urology in 1970, and from 1973 to 1976 did fellowships at the University of Buenos Aires, the University of Washington, and Stanford University, and in 1976 earned a PhD in Transureteroureteral Anastomosis. At that time he became Associate Professor of Urology at the University of São Paulo. In 1984 he was appointed Professor and Chairman of the Division of Urology at the University of Campinas in São Paulo and Chief of the Division of Renal Transplantation. The following year he also became Head of Urology at the Hospital Beneficência Portuguesa.

Prof. Netto has published 20 books, contributed to over 100 book chapters and produced over 500 scientific publications. He has also served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Jornal Brasileiro de Urologia*, and five other urological journals in Brazil.

He has also served on the editorial boards of many other urological jour-

nals in South and North America and Europe.

Prof. Netto was President of the Brazilian Society of Urology from 1991 to 1993 and General Secretary of the International Prostate Health Council from 1992 to the present. He currently is a member of 15 international medical societies.

2009 SIU Albert Schweitzer International Teaching Award Dr. Adam Evert Groeneveld, Swaziland



Dr. Adam Evert Groeneveld

Following Medical School, Dr. Groeneveld spent 1971 to 1975 with the Zambia Flying Doctor Service. He returned to the Netherlands and received his Board Certification in Urology from the University of Amsterdam in 1981. His next post was in

Singapore where he built up extensive experience with ESWL, particularly for large stone burdens. In 1989 he became Senior Lecturer in Urology at the University of Natal in Durban where he stayed until 1992, when he returned to practice in the Netherlands.

In 2000 he accepted the position of head of the Institute of Urology at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre in Moshi, Tanzania, where he taught many surgeons from many African countries up-to-date urological methods and procedures during a 2-year course, and gave them the skills to adapt and improvise under imperfect conditions.

In 2005, Dr. Groeneveld accepted an offer from the Government of Swaziland to set up the first urology department in that country in Mbabane. There, as the only practicing urologist in the country, he is deeply involved in Swaziland's programme of mass circumcision for HIV prevention.

He was a founding member of both the Singapore Urological Association and PAUSA, the Pan African Urological Surgeons' Association. ■

SIU 2009 Web-Gallery Now Available

Photos from the Shanghai Congress are available at: www.siucongress.org/siu2009/photo/. The photographs can be downloaded digitally. To get a low-resolution picture, click on the thumbnail of the picture you want, then right click on the image and select on "Save Picture As", then download it on your own computer. For high resolution, click on "Enlarge" on the screen, wait until the full picture is downloaded and displayed on your screen, then right click on the picture and select "Save Picture As" to download it in high resolution on your computer. A small selection of pictures is shown on page 12 of this Newsletter. ■

SIU Journal Survey Prize Winners

In the May 2009 SIU Newsletter, members were invited to complete a journal survey. As an incentive, complimentary registration at the Shanghai Congress was offered to two SIU members selected at random from the survey participants. The



Dr. Zaki
Mahdi



Dr. Iradj
Khosropanah

lucky winners were Dr. Iradj Khosropanah from the Guilan Urology Research Center in Razi Hospital, Rasht, Iran, and Dr. Zaki Mahdi, Head of Urology at Al Gamhooria Teaching Hospital in Aden, Yemen. ■

SIU Publications Survey

Analysis of Results

In the May 2009 Newsletter, members were invited to complete a journal survey. In total, 333 SIU members responded to the questionnaire. The responses were analyzed and presented for discussion at the Board of Chairmen meeting in Shanghai.

Region

The majority of respondents were from the Asia-Pacific region (36%), Europe (27%) and North America (18%) with only 8% from Africa, 6% from the Middle East and 5% from South and Central America.

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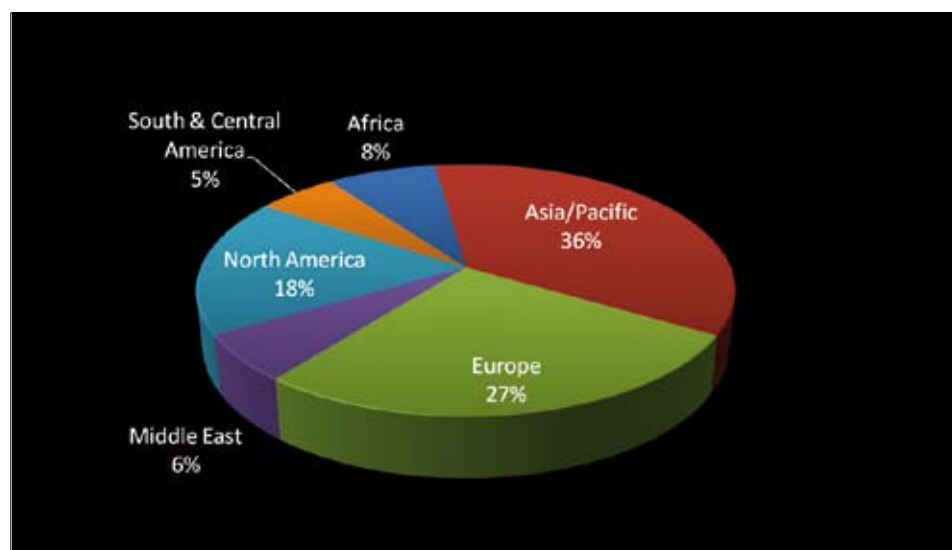
The majority of respondents (55%) were in academic positions, with 24%

Society membership

Almost all respondents were SIU members (94%); 55% were AUA members and 44% were EAU members, while a small minority were members of PAUSA or the UAA (7% each) or CAU (5%) (N.B. the percentages add up to more than 100%, because some respondents were members of more than one association).

Journal subscriptions

The majority of respondents (89%) received *Urology (the Gold Journal)* while 64% subscribed to *The Journal of Urology*, 49% to *European Urology* and 42% to *BJU Int*. Smaller proportions subscribed to *International Journal of Urology* (21%), *Current Opinion in Urology* (12%), *Nature*



Regional representation of respondents to the publications survey

working in private practice and 17% employed in the public sector.

Clinical Practice Urology (6%) and *World Journal of Urology* (5%).

Age group

The largest proportion (39%) of respondents were in the 51-60 years age group, 30% were in the 41-50 years age bracket, and 22% were over 60 years old, while only 9% were under 40 years of age.

Journal ratings

When asked to rate the journals, only a small percentage replied "do not know" with regard to *Urology* (4%), *The Journal of Urology* (8%), *BJU Int* (11%) and

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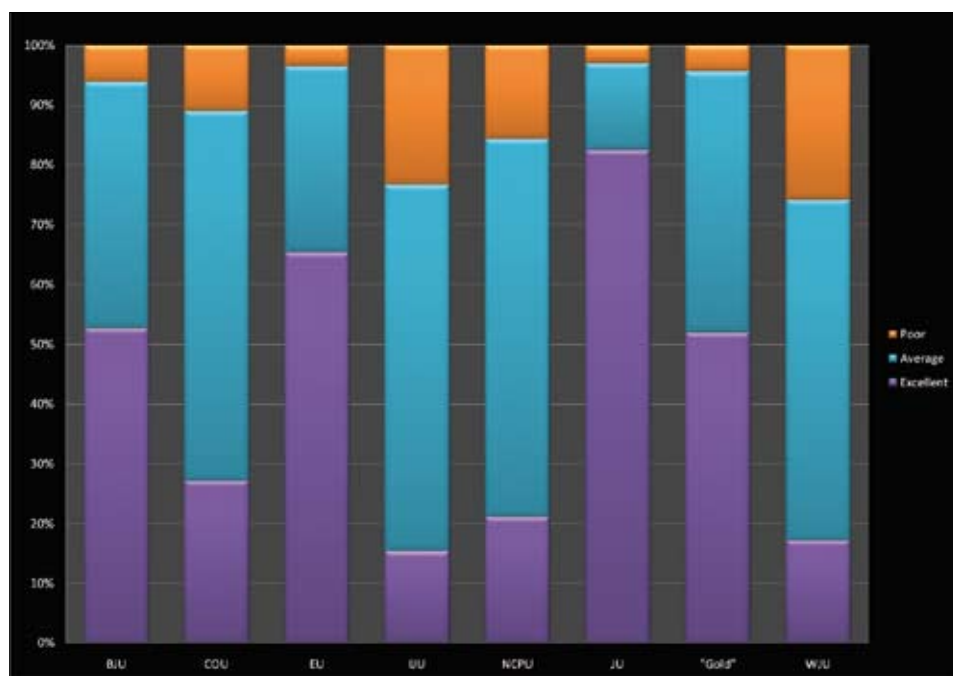
European Urology (21%). However, a large proportion of respondents did not know *Current Opinion in Urology* (42%), *International Journal of Urology* (50%), *World Journal of Urology* (54%) and *Nature Clinical Practice Urology* (66%).

When discounting those respondents who were not familiar with a particular journal, combined ratings of excellent and good were very similar for 4 publications: *The Journal of Urology* (97%),

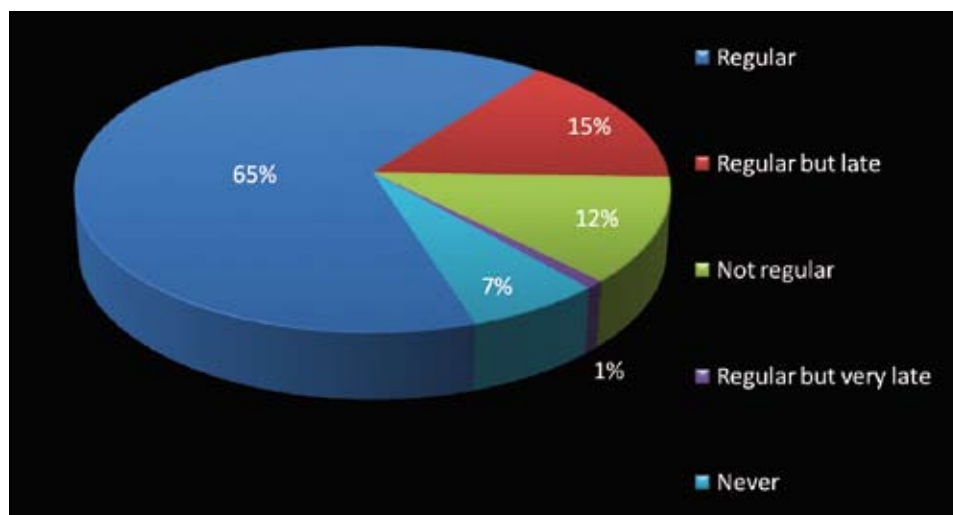
European Urology (96%), *Urology* (96%) and *BJU Int* (94%). Journals with lower excellent/good ratings were *Current Opinion in Urology* (89%), *Nature Clinical Practice Urology* (84%), *International Journal of Urology* (77%) and *World Journal of Urology* (74%).

Journal value to members

In response to the question whether subscription to *Urology* was considered a valuable benefit of SIU membership,



Journal ratings: Excellent (violet), Good (blue) and Poor (orange) for *BJU Int*, *Current Opinion in Urology* (COU), *European Urology* (EU), *International Journal of Urology* (IJU), *Nature Clinical Practice Urology* (NCPU), *The Journal of Urology* (JU), *Urology* ("Gold") and *World Journal of Urology* (WJU).



Journal Delivery

88% replied "Yes", 8% were uncertain and only 4% said "No".

Journal delivery

Most members reported delivery of the *Urology* as regular (65%), or regular but late (15%), while 12% said not regular and 7% said never. Analysis of delivery of *Urology* by region showed that delive-



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ry is by far the best in North America, where none of the respondents indicated "late" or "never". Delivery was on time in the majority in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe and the Middle East, but not in South America, where the majority of respondents indicated late delivery, with irregular delivery being almost as common as delivery on time. Late delivery was most common in South America and Africa, compared to the other regions.

Improving the content of *Urology*

With regard to the content of *Urology*, the respondents replied "more needed" to the following: debates (58%), review articles (57%), clinical practice papers (37%), high technology (33%) and clinical research (30%). Items noted as "less needed" were basic research (29%), case reports (26%) and *Urology* in developing countries (20%).

Aspects regarded as "very urgent" or "important" (1+2) were internet access (70%), journal delivery (63%), global editorial representation (51%) and more colour (49%). High-quality paper was the item noted by the greatest proportion of respondents (19%) as not urgent or important.

Dr. Chris Heyns, Chairman Publications Committee
Dr. Richard Bolton, Executive Secretary

Reflections of Shanghai

SIU's 30th Congress Deemed a Success on All Counts

In early November 2009, the SIU convened in Shanghai for its 30th Congress. The SIU's second visit to Asia was considered a great success by participants, many of whom have gone out of their way to mention their satisfaction with the scientific content, the multiplicity of international perspectives, the social programme and its networking opportunities, as well as the magnificent venue that was Shanghai.

Over 3,300 participants

With over 3,300 participating urologists, attendance at the Shanghai meeting exceeded expectations given the difficult economic situation that affected all nations, large and small, in 2009. In fact, more than 104 countries were represented, and close to 1,000 abstracts presented.

To be sure, our Congresses are first and foremost about presenting science and promoting urological education. But whenever we see our participants taking a little time before or after the long meeting to become acquainted with and enjoy the myriad wonders of our host country, we are heartened both in our choice of venue, and in the knowledge that we have perhaps contributed just a little to a better understanding amongst urologists of all nations.

Once again this year, we were fortunate to welcome the World Federation of Urological Oncology, whose 1.5-day meeting, organized by Dr. Laurence Klotz, was very well attended and offered many opportunities for data sharing, questions, and comments from all. We also were favoured by the presence of several subspecialty societies: the Society of Genitourinary Reconstructive Surgeons, the International Society of Sexual Medicine, and the the Endourological Society all held symposia on the Sunday. Perhaps one of our most exciting moments was of course the Live Surgery Day, masterfully orchestrated and executed by our Local Organizing Chair, Professor Yinghao Sun. It was a much-appreciated feature

that drew a large and very interested audience. Professor Sun also presented an SIU first with his Military Urology Session, in which speakers from the world over, and especially China, afforded us a fascinating look at this extremely demanding discipline, notably during China's earthquake in 2008. Finally, we were also very fortunate to host the ICUD Consultation on Testis Cancer, under the able stewardship of Dr. Jerome Richie, and the participation of his subcommittee members. We are grateful as well to Professor Paul Abrams, for his diligent and enthusiastic organization of the Instructional Courses.

Topics of particular interest

The scientific programme was an undisputed success, as a great number of participants have mentioned. Under the dedicated leadership of Dr. Richard D. Williams, his scientific committee rose to the challenge of designing a programme of this scope that would provide coverage of urological topics of particular interest to our host region's urological community. Dr. Williams and his group took great care to include an Asian perspective when choosing topics and organizing sessions, but also paid special attention to include developing world perspectives whenever possible. The stellar faculty that was brought together was composed of members recognized worldwide for their achievements in urology: as scientists, teachers, and mentors. Without their dedication, this Congress would not have been the success that it was.

Along with our faculty, we also thank all the SIU members who gave their time as session chairs, as well as the authors who submitted abstracts and gave presentations in a variety of sessions. We are grateful for their continued interest in and support of the Society, and hope that future meetings will spark an even larger contingent of scientists and clinicians to present the results of their various research initiatives.

We extend our gratitude to our long-time partner and collaborator, Astellas Pharma, whose continued support has allowed the SIU to pursue its growth and its involvement in sustainable educational and training initiatives around the world. We also wish to underscore the participation of several other sponsors in Shanghai: GlaxoSmithKline, AstraZeneca Urology, Boston Scientific, Dendreon, GTx, Olympus and Sanofi Aventis.

The torch passed on

The SIU General Assembly took place on the Wednesday afternoon, and we have now welcomed to the Board of Chairmen several dear friends and colleagues, as you will doubtless have read on pages 1 and 2 of this newsletter. Of great significance, former SIU President Professor Mostafa Elhilali, whose tireless work and dedication on behalf of this organization effectively made it what it is today, passed the torch to Professor Joachim Thüroff, a longtime SIU Board member, most notably as Chair of the very successful and dynamic Institutes and Scholarships Committee. The Central Office is always at their – and your – disposal for any queries, concerns or suggestions.

We were truly dazzled by the ultra-modernity and the lightning pace of Shanghai. The round-the-clock construction in view of this year's Universal Exposition also added to the sense of irrepressible vitality that exudes from this city that is truly emblematic of success and determination.

It was a magnificent get-together, and we thank all our members and supporters for taking part in this event. We now look towards Marrakech for the last of our SIU thematic meetings, after which we will move to one large annual Congress. This in itself presents myriad challenges of many kinds, but the Central Office, with the guidance of the Board of Chairmen, is confident that we will all succeed with flying colours.

A very happy, healthy and prosperous new year to all. ■

Magnificent and Significant

Impressions of the 30th Congress of the Société Internationale d'Urologie in Shanghai

