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New SIU Board of Directors

New BOD Elected at SIU 2014 in Glasgow

During the SIU General Assembly on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, in Glasgow, Scotland, several new members were elected to the SIU Board of Directors. The SIU Board of Directors is vital to the growth and success of the Society, and all Board Members are volunteers who donate their time and efforts for the improvement of the SIU and the

advancement of its mission. The SIU is pleased to welcome the following new board members: Adrian Joyce (UK) – Corporate Development & Public Relations and Jean McDonald (UK) – General Assembly Representative.

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Superficial Urothelial Cancer

The Dawn of Multimodal Endoscopic Imaging

By: Stephan Kruck and Arnulf Stenzl

Superficial urothelial cancer, especially of the bladder, is one of the main urologic health problems. Diagnosis, management and long-term follow-up require noninvasive imaging and invasive endoscopic monitoring. Today, innovative optical detection systems and the refinement of optical contrast media enable better macroscopic

visualization, improved detection, resection and outcome. Despite a high rate of underdiagnoses of high-risk carcinoma in situ in up to 50% of patients, some centres only use conventional white light cystoscopy (WLC) for surgical guidance.^{1,2} Fortunately, an increasing number of centres utilise enhanced macroscopic imaging techniques, such as photodynamic diagnosis (PDD) and narrow band imaging

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Message From the Publications Chair



Shin Egawa, MD

Since its inception in 1907, the SIU has always focused on the importance of cooperation and collegiality among its members from around the world. Our roster, a veritable melting pot, and the wide range of experiences and perspectives that help us create an open and inclusive environment is a constant source of pride for the SIU. This diversity of thought provides the perfect conditions for innovation and collaboration in urological education and philanthropic activities.

One of the best ways to keep ideas fresh and propel the Society forward is the addition of new members. Thus, we would like to heartily welcome and congratulate all those

who have recently joined our society. With your help, we will continue to make important strides in providing sustainable urological education and collaborative humanitarian activities aimed at improving urological care worldwide.

We urge all new members to get involved! Contribute your ideas to the SIU Newsletter by writing to editor@siu-urology.org and attend our Congresses and virtual events so you can not only benefit from important scientific achievements in urology, but also so you can connect with your colleagues from around the world. Take full advantage of all membership benefits and feel free to contact us with your feedback and suggestions on how we can make the SIU work for you.

*Sincerely, Shin Egawa, MD
SIU Publications Chair*

Editor's Note

Welcome to this year's inaugural edition of the SIU Newsletter. In this issue, you will find information about the upcoming 35th Congress of the SIU, which will be held in Melbourne, Australia, from Thursday, October 15, 2015, through Sunday, October 18, 2015. Thanks to Scientific Programme Chair Dr. Inderbir Gill and Adjunct Chair Dr. Margit Fisch, we have a varied program of scientific sessions, panels, courses and posters, with something to interest all of our members from their respective disciplines. Social activities and excursions are also available, leaving plenty of time to enjoy ICUD colleagues and friends—courtesy of Damien Bolton, Mark Frydenberg and the members of the Local Organizing Committee.

This edition also features our yearly scholarship reports, which gives recipients of the Congress Scholarship the opportunity to share their experience at the SIU 2014 Congress and how this directly benefited their training.

Don't Miss!

- A warm welcome message from the Publications Chair
- Drs. Stenzl and Kruck's article on superficial urothelial cancer
- Details on the launch of our revamped and redesigned website

Please get in touch if you have an article or news you would like included in our upcoming edition, or if you wish to give feedback on anything you have read in this issue. —Best Regards

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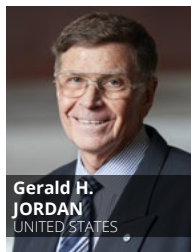
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In addition to these new (and returning faces), several existing Board Members will take on new roles within the Society. These include: Gerald H. Jordan (USA) – President;

Seiji Naito (Japan) – Vice President; and Luc Valiquette (Canada) – Past President.

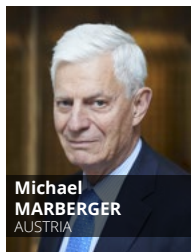
Finally, continuity on the Board helps ensure the further development of important projects and initiatives. Those Board Members who will continue their role in the Society are Michael Marberger (Austria) – President Elect; Simon Tanguay (Canada) – General Secretary; Badrinath Konety (US) – Adjunct General Secretary; Arnauld Villers (France) – Treasurer; Jean de la Rosette (The Netherlands) – Congress Organizing Committee Chair; Peter Hammerer (Germany) – Adjunct Congress Organizing Committee Chair; Inderbir S. Gill (USA) – Scientific Programme Chair; Margit Fisch (Germany) – Adjunct Scientific Programme Chair; Kurt McCammon (USA) – Consensus and Education Chair; Yinghao Sun (China) – Scholarships and Institutes Chair; Shin Egawa (Japan) – Publications Committee Chair; Sanjay Kulkarni (India) – Internet and Communications Chair; Reynaldo Gomez (Chile) – Long-Term Strategic Planning Committee Chair; Petrisor Geavlete (Romania) – International Relations Committee Chair; Mario Sung (South Korea) – Subspecialties Committee Chair; Shiv Bhanot (UK) – National Delegate Representative; Saeed Samnakay (Kenya) – National Delegate Representative; and Peter Black (Canada) – General Assembly Representative.

The SIU is extremely grateful for the contributions of all of its Board Members and encourages its members to get involved by sharing their suggestions and concerns with the Society: central.office@siu-urology.org. The SIU looks forward to another great year of accomplishments ahead! ●



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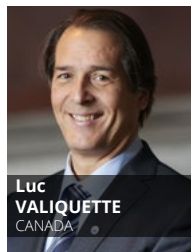
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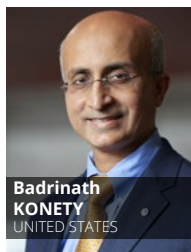
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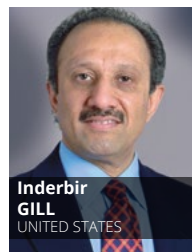
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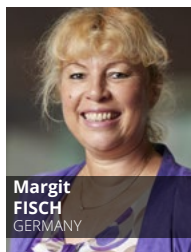
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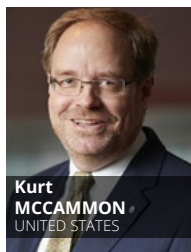
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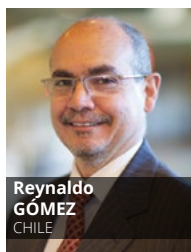
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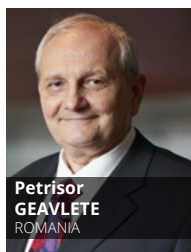
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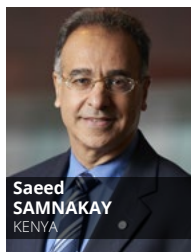
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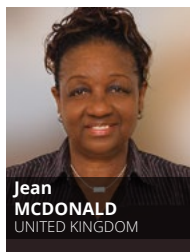
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SIU Launches Website Redesign

The SIU is thrilled to announce the launch of its newly revamped website! Remembering multiple URLs is now a thing of the past: the SIU is now housed under one roof. Still found at www.siu-urology.org, the improved site incorporates all different branches of the society, including Congress, Academy and the SIU Foundation. Each section of the site is identified by a distinct colour (Society, blue; Congress, red; Academy, orange; Foundation, green), so that visitors can easily navigate the site and find what they need in seconds.

The website offers the same great content; however, its streamlined design allows the site to be viewed easily from your desktop or mobile device.

Members will still enjoy special access to the Members' Only section and improved functionality will make logging in and paying dues a breeze.

We invite you to visit the site and let us know what you think. Send all comments and feedback to communications@siu-urology.org

The image shows the top section of the SIU website redesign. On the left is the SIU logo (Société Internationale d'Urologie). To its right is the tagline "Advancing Urology Worldwide". Below this is the mission statement: "THE SOCIETY'S MISSION IS TO ENABLE UROLOGISTS IN ALL NATIONS, THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, TO APPLY THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF UROLOGICAL CARE TO THEIR PATIENTS." On the right side of the header is a portrait of Jean-Casimir Félix Guyon (1831-1920), founder of the Society in 1907 in Paris. In the top right corner, there are navigation buttons for SOCIETY, CONGRESS, ACADEMY, and FOUNDATION, along with links for MEMBER LOGIN, JOIN, CONTACT US, and SEARCH. Below the header is a navigation bar with "INFORMATION" and "BECOME A MEMBER" options. The main content area is divided into four colored sections: Society (blue), Congress (red) for the 35th Congress of the Society in Melbourne, Academy (orange) for e-learning resources, and Foundation (green) for supporting education and research. At the bottom of this section are logos for sponsors: Astellas, Storz, Lilly, Olympus, and Sanofi Oncology.

This image shows the "History" page of the SIU website. The page features a blue header with the SIU logo and navigation links. The main content area is titled "History" and includes a sub-section "The Society's Mission". It describes the society's founding in 1907 by Dr. Jean-Casimir Félix Guyon and its commitment to advancing urology through international cooperation. A "Mission" section follows, stating the society's goal to enable urologists to apply the highest standards of care. The page also includes a "History" section with a photo of a large audience at a congress and a list of key dates and events.

This image shows the "Congress" page of the SIU website. The page features a red header with the SIU logo and navigation links. The main content area is titled "35th Congress of the Société Internationale d'Urologie Melbourne" and includes a "General Information" section. This section provides details about the official venue (Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre), the airport (Melbourne Airport), the climate (average temperature of 16.20 degrees Celsius), the currency (Australian Dollar), and the electricity (240V, 50Hz). The page also includes a "General Info" section with a photo of the convention center and a "Member Login" section.

This image shows the "Academy" page of the SIU website. The page features an orange header with the SIU Academy logo and navigation links. The main content area is titled "About the Academy" and includes a "Mission" section. It describes the academy's goal to provide a powerful resource for urologists through e-learning and more. The page also includes a "Mission" section with a photo of a person using a laptop and a list of key dates and events.

This image shows the "Foundation" page of the SIU website. The page features a green header with the SIU Foundation logo and navigation links. The main content area is titled "About FSIU" and includes a "Mission" section. It describes the foundation's goal to support education and research in urology. The page also includes a "Mission" section with a photo of a person using a laptop and a list of key dates and events.

Superficial Urothelial Cancer

The Dawn of Multimodal Endoscopic Imaging

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Stephan Kruck



Arnulf Stenzl

(NBI) to improve transurethral resection of bladder tumour performance.

Photodynamic diagnosis especially has demonstrated high-level evidence of improved cancer detection, decreased residual tumour rates and increased recurrence-free survival.^{3,4} Based on these results, PDD is the only recommended optical guidance system by the European Association of Urology.^{5,6}

Another visualisation technology without the application of an intravesical exogenous contrast agent is NBI. Narrow-band imaging is based on two specific light bandwidths (415 nm [blue] and 540 nm [green]) combined with special filters to visualise the contrast of hyper-vascularised suspicious bladder urothelium. In contrast to PDD, high-level evidence is missing for NBI. Recently, a prospective, randomised-controlled trial reported no significant improvement in NBI tumor detection rates versus conventional WLC. Results of the PDD/NBI arm are awaited with interest.

The use of PDD is limited to the lower urinary tract.⁷ However, NBI relies on the premise of an enhanced tumor angiogenesis compared with the surrounding urothelium. Recently, new endoscopes with more NBI-filtering modes were introduced for whole urinary tract imaging. This additionally enables simultaneous inspection with different filter systems to highlight capillaries or non-absorbing mucosa (see Figure 1).

Although PDD/NBI/SPIES improve macroscopic visualisation, new urological tools—such as optical coherence tomography, confocal laser end microscopy or Raman

spectroscopy—promise further microscopic evaluation and detailed tissue characterisation in real-time. These microscopic modalities not only aim at a correct determination of tumour grade, but also stage. Although resection of all visible lesions is mandatory in the treatment of urothelial cancer, estimation of tumor aggressive- and invasiveness in real-time will potentially improve complete eradication by enforced horizontal and vertical en-bloc resection. In the future, only the optimal combination of macroscopic and microscopic evaluation will enable accurate stratification for individualized decision-making. ●

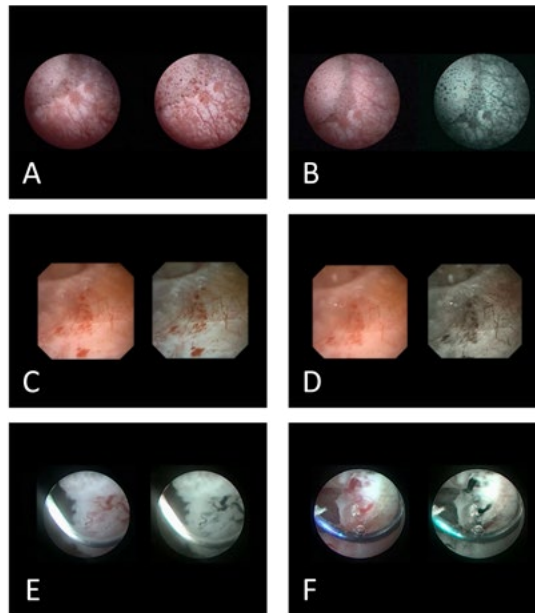


Figure 1: A/B: Endoscopic view of papillary bladder tumors with conventional white light (left) and SPIES™ (STORZ Professional Image Enhancement System). C/D: Retrograde flexible ureteroscopy of the upper urinary tract showing flat CIS lesion (conventional white light [left] and SPIES™). E/F: SPIES™-guided resection of pT0 G2 urothelial tumor in a solitary kidney.

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What's New at SIU Academy

SIU 2014 Congress Videos Now Available at SIU Academy

If you missed attending the SIU 2014 Congress or would like to take another look at sessions you found interesting or pertinent to your practice, here's your chance. The SIU is pleased to inform you that the webcasts of its 34th Congress held in Glasgow, Scotland (October 12–15, 2014) are now available at SIU Academy.

SIU Academy holds over 30 hours of SIU 2014 Congress' content featuring cutting-edge sessions on a variety of urological topics by key opinion leaders. Visit us online to review webcasts covering topics such as complex cases in endourology, BPH, prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment, stone disease, bladder cancer, renal cancer, infertility, male LUTS, imaging in GU oncology, vesico-vaginal fistulas, global perspectives in men's health and neuro-urology. Also available at SIU Academy: *Essential Social Media for Urologists*, a unique session offered for the first time at the Congress, and Surgical Tips sessions, which cover important urological topics such as advanced endoscopy and partial nephrectomy.

The Votes Are In: SIU Academy's Outstanding Content of 2014

Results from our survey of the best content of 2014 are now in! We would like to thank all participants who voted for their favourite content. **The winners are:**

Outstanding Content of 2014

Outstanding ePoster:	Urethroplasty for Long Segments and Panurethral Strictures: a Multi-Institutional Study	Prof. Richard Santucci (USA)
Outstanding Expert Review:	Commentary on Dissolution Therapy Versus Shock Wave Lithotripsy for Radiolucent Renal Stones in Children: a Prospective Study	Dr. Sero Andonian (Canada)
Outstanding eSeries:	Management of Chronic Prostatitis/Chronic Pelvic Pain Syndrome: From Dogma to Evidence	Dr. J. Curtis Nickel (Canada)
Outstanding Educational Video:	Nesbit Procedure	Dr. Carlo Bettocchi (Italy)
Outstanding Video Webcast:	BPH and Erectile Dysfunction: the Role of PDE5-Is	Dr. Stavros Gravas (Greece)

Stay Tuned for Webcasts of These SIU-Endorsed Events

In collaboration with other urological societies, the SIU hosts live streaming of meetings or workshops focusing on specific urological topics via SIU Academy. In addition, videos from specific SIU-endorsed events become available at SIU Academy following the event. Visit www.siu-urology.org and go to the SIU Academy section for regular updates regarding the webcast release of the following events:

30th Biennial South African Urological Association

Congress: September 18–21, 2014, Cape-Town, South Africa

XII International Course on Urethral Reconstruction:

October 24–25, 2014, Santiago, Chile

8th Masterclass of Genito-Urethral Reconstructive

Surgery: November 4–6, 2014, London, United Kingdom

2nd Experts in Stone Disease Conference (ESD):

December 10–13, 2014, Cape Town, South Africa

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Report on SIU 2014

18 Urology Trainees Selected to Attend Congress

In 2014, 18 scholarship recipients were given support to attend the 34th Congress of the Société Internationale d'Urologie (SIU) in Glasgow, Scotland, from October 12 to October 15, 2014; scholarships covered registration and housing for the duration of the Congress.

Applicants were required to meet the following criteria:

- A Resident or Fellow at the time of application
- A resident of a World Bank–designated 'B' or 'C' country
- Preference given to those presenting an abstract or a video at SIU 2014

Below are some selected reports from successful applicants on their experience at SIU 2014.



Dr. Ijeoma N. C. Chibuzo
Nigeria

My consultants suggested that I apply for the SIU 2014 resident scholarship. Our paper was to be presented at moderated and unmoderated e-poster sessions, and

the residents' forum. The cost of attendance would have been immense, but the SIU scholarship greatly alleviated the financial burden.

The conference reminded me of myocardial fibres: There were so many interwoven components and parallel sessions, yet things got accomplished in a cohesive and syncytial manner. I was initially sad that I had to choose between sessions; but like all others present, I adapted.

My main impetus to attend the conference was uro-oncology, bolstered by the high morbidity and mortality from urological cancers in my country, Nigeria. At the conference, I was brought up to speed on the latest pertinent technologies, theories, unanswered questions and therapies in the field. The molecular and genetic basis known for various urological cancers were enumerated. These further emphasized

to me that in addition to public enlightenment to deter late presentation, there is a need for locally based studies that may provide a basis for therapies based on unique patient demographics. The wide range of lectures I attended in urodynamics, endourology and urogynecology got me thinking of more avenues through which I may better serve my patients. I enjoyed how the sessions in urodynamics ensured we grasped the basic principles before progressing to less familiar territory.

I was proud that the poster presented titled "The UCH Bladder Manikin: a locally designed teaching aid for suprapubic catheterization in low resource countries" was awarded first place for the Best Affordable Technology at the 3rd Symposium on Affordable New Technologies in Urology.

I thank the Scientific Committee and organizers of SIU for this wonderful opportunity. I applaud the noble gesture to support and encourage the training of urological residents around the globe. I thank my consultants for encouraging my participation and I look forward to similar interactions.

I returned home, bursting with "les connaissances nouvellement acquises [sic]" and eager to get to work.



Dr. Iatsyna Aleksandr
Ukraine

It's a great opportunity for a practical doctor to have a chance to visit an Annual Urology Congress. I work as a surgeon in the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive

Urology at the Ukrainian National Cancer Institute and I specialise in reconstructive urology. Urethral and genitalia reconstructive surgery is a notable discipline that is not developed nearly enough in the Ukraine.

I attended the Seminar "Vaginal Fistula Repair: Techniques and Complications" by Sherif Mourad (Egypt), who discussed the surgery for lower and high vaginal fistulae and how to treat complications of fistula repair. During

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Access SIU Academy

- SIU members can use their existing SIU username and password to access the site. Forgot your password? Please click [here](#).
- If you are a new user and do not have a username and password, you must first register at the SIU Academy portal.

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the Congress, I studied videos on reconstruction of the penile and bulbar urethra by Pankaj Joshi (India); the posterior urethra by Sanjay Kulkarni (India) and the anterior urethra in patients requiring complete resurfacing of the genitalia by Rados Djinovic (Serbia).

I am very pleased that I had a personal meeting with Professor Christopher Chapple, a renowned urologist specializing in functional reconstruction of the lower urinary tract and the underlying pharmacological control mechanisms.

It's also noteworthy that a last, a technique exhibition of new equipment and instruments was presented during the Congress. There was something featured for every specialty, all under one roof.

I am really grateful to SIU for giving me the chance to attend SIU 2014 in Glasgow this past October. It's a real step for future development in medicine and in treatment of patients in Ukraine. Thank you so much to the head and organizing committee of SIU, for giving such an opportunity to young specialists like myself!



Dr. Mohan Kumar
India

I had the privilege of attending the SIU Congress in Glasgow from October 12 to 15th thanks to the resident scholarship. It was an excellent experience. I presented a video on robotic adrenal echoey and a poster on mini-perc in the conference. I met the best urologists from all over the world and gained a wealth of information from their lectures and interactive sessions. The hospitality of the organizers was unbelievable. The accommodation arrangements were excellent and the quality of the academic sessions was also top notch. It was indeed a life-changing experience for a resident like me. Thanks again for the wonderful experience.



Dr. Mazhar Ali Memon
Pakistan

For someone like me who is from a developing country, getting the opportunity to be part of a renowned conference like the SIU Congress while completing my residency program was a dream come true. I have always wondered how my predecessors managed to attend such esteemed conferences; and I got my chance, with the help of a grant from SIU and support from my training institute the Aga Khan University Hospital.

This was a lot more than just a conference to me. Attending SIU 2014 helped me explore what should be my area of growth in the field of urology. I am a very ambitious person, but my goals of pursuing a fellowship have differed from time to time. However, after meeting "urology gurus" in the conference, I have identified my strengths and have narrowed my focus.

Featured sessions at the SIU Congress were a great selection; all were wonderful and practical. Being an international participant and first-time attendee to this conference, I was impressed by the accommodations and hospitality of organizers. Scotland was a very beautiful place and getting a close look at the Scottish culture was itself an amazing experience.

Presenting at the congress was a memorable experience. The audience was very supportive and the presentation and e-poster submission process was hassle free and convenient. To me, SIU has changed my way of becoming an Urologist. After this conference, my confidence level with regard to patient treatment has been boosted. I am glad and proud to be part of the SIU family.



Dr. Vinodh Murali
India

As an SIU resident scholar, I wanted to thank the SIU and the organizing committee for helping me attend the SIU 2014 Congress in Glasgow. Coming from a developing country like India, I had a wonderful opportunity to meet and share my thoughts with many pioneers of urology. I presented an e-poster named "Robotic-assisted laparoscopic pyeloplasty in children less than 5 years: MPUH experience" and two videos: "Step-by-step approach to robotic intracorporeal orthotopic ileal neobladder" and "Robotic assisted ileal ureter: the points of technique." The way the various programmes were organized gave us real insights into the recent advancements in the advancing fields of urology. The sessions on surgical tips, demonstrations, and the master class was so beneficial in helping us fine-tune the techniques of the procedures. Emerging fields such as robotics and advanced endourology were covered in detail. The sponsored sessions, introducing us to the recent developments—especially in carcinoma prostate—were an eye opener. The booths were excellent in introducing us to the state-of-the-art equipment and the technical advancements.

As a whole, I classify this experience as an important turning point in my urological career and I am sure I can build upon the various things I learned during this conference. I am eagerly looking forward to subsequent SIU events.



Dr. Gul Nawaz
Pakistan

It was an exciting opportunity for me to attend the 34th SIU Congress at the beautiful and historical city of Scotland. The stay was very peaceful and at a walking distance from the exhibition center. The event provided an opportunity to about recent trends in urology and meet with the biggest experts in urology during the different sessions.

Overall the scientific sessions were very fruitful and educational. The congress provided me the opportunity to attend several interesting and educational parallel plenary sessions, master classes and demonstrations covering fields of urology such as prostate cancer, pediatric urology, female urology bladder outlet obstruction and stone disease.

I presented my e-poster at the pediatric urology session moderated by Catherine DeVries and Ben Challacombe. The unmoderated abstracts were displayed on an electronic screen and one could easily read them with single touch.

I am very grateful to SIU for providing such golden opportunity for residents like myself from developing countries and will request to expand the scholarship program.



Dr. Yasser Noureldin
Egypt

I was honoured to be chosen as one of the SIU Scholarship winners for 2014. The 2014 SIU Meeting in Glasgow was a great opportunity for me to present our research results, interact with other international scholars and explore Glasgow. I had three moderated poster presentations entitled "Incorporation of the GreenLight-SIMTM simulator at the annual Québec Urology Objective Structured Clinical Examinations," "External validation of S.T.O.N.E. Nephrolithometry Scoring System," and "Management of benign prostatic obstruction using bipolar plasma kinetic energy in coagulopathic patients: initial series."

In addition, I was fortunate enough to win the "Best Moderated Poster Presentation" for the GreenLight Simulator project under the supervision of Drs. Mostafa Elhilali and Sero Andonian.

In addition, the SIU conference was a chance for me to build collaborations with international colleagues such as Drs. Kojiro Ohba, Kensuke Mitsunari and Akihiro Asai from Japan. Without the conference, I would have never met them.

The scientific program was packed with excellent plenary sessions in addition to the session on the latest ICUD Guidelines on Stone Disease. I have certainly picked up new ideas for my future research. I would like to thank the organizing committee for giving me this great opportunity to learn and grow.



Dr. Fikri Rizaldi
Indonesia

Thank you for granting me an SIU scholarship to attend the SIU 2014 Congress in Glasgow, Scotland. I felt really fortunate to receive this scholarship and to meet great urologists from all around the world. This scholarship was a helpful financial support for my attendance of the congress.

I am interested in laparoscopy urology and endourology. Unfortunately, in my hospital we don't have robotic and laser equipment, which is standard in most urology centres in the world. The SIU master class programme offered me a great opportunity to learn directly from urology experts. They gave useful tips and tricks in laparoscopy, starting from prepping the patient to how to do laparoscopy without Da Vinci. This is important because we don't have Da Vinci and are still learning laparoscopy in urology. I also received information about how to deal with laser in stone disease, fragmentation or dusting method. I was also given the chance to contribute our research "Effect of allogeneic periurethral injection adipose-derived stem cells on urethral tissue regeneration and voiding frequency for the treatment of stress urinary incontinence in a rat model" in poster session.

This was a pleasant trip to Glasgow, Scotland. The SIU opening ceremony was beautiful. I was honored when my name was mentioned as one of the SIU Congress scholarship winners.

The SIU 2014 congress was an invaluable experience that would not have been possible without the SIU Congress scholarship. I hope this programme will be continued and offered to more trainees and residents. It was a great opportunity to study and discuss urology cases with the experts.



Dr. Nairuthya Shivathirthan
India

At the outset I would like to thank the SIU for providing me the Congress Scholarship to attend the SIU 2014 Congress. The weather in Glasgow was welcoming and a perfect setting for a wholesome educational extravaganza. I looked forward to the start of the congress with eagerness.

The congress had a perfect mix of dialectic sessions and technical skills video sessions. It provided me an opportunity to enhance my knowledge in the technical pearls needed for challenging surgeries. The current evidence in urology allowed me to return home with a sea of fresh knowledge and an enhanced skillset to address the ever-complex problems in urology. My interactions with other surgeons gave me insights into the processes and algorithms adapted in their unit. My deliberations with other surgeons also enlightened my knowledge.

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I would once again like to thank the organizers for a wonderful enlightening congress. This will help me go a long way in my surgical career.



Dr. Karun Singla
India

It was with a great pleasure to attend the SIU 2014 Congress at Glasgow. This was the first time that I attended an SIU Congress and it was truly a wonderful experience. I also greatly appreciated the SIU Residents' Scholarship. The SIU Congress 2014 was an enlightening experience. I had the opportunity to be among the pioneers of urology and to learn from them.

The scientific programme covered most aspects of urology practice. The master class sessions on various topics were especially helpful in clarifying concepts. I am sure the surgical demonstrations at SIU would be a great help in the future.

I presented posters titled "Gapometry urethrometry index: can it predict need for inferior pubectomy during progressive perineal urethroplasty?" and "Efficacy of tamsulosin and tadalafil as monotherapy and in combination in patients with symptomatic BPH: a prospective study" in the moderated e-poster session and the Residents' Forum, respectively. It was indeed an honour to present the research carried out at my institute at such a prestigious venue. I also feel proud that the delegates appreciated both posters.

I once again thank SIU for the opportunity and support in the form of the scholarship. I hope future residents will continue to benefit greatly from this scholarship.



Dr. Arjun Sivaraman
India

At the outset, I wish to thank SIU for giving me this wonderful opportunity to attend the SIU congress at Glasgow. As a urology resident from India with a keen interest in uro-oncology, this was the first international conference I ever attended. The topics of the plenary sessions were advanced and addressed the key issues on the most recent developments in urologic oncology. It was a very inspiring experience to listen to pioneers in the field describing their work. I had wonderful academic discussions with several expert uro-oncologists.

The experience was great motivator for me to design and perform top-level research in India to solve some key issues in uro-oncology. The ideas that I imbibed during the congress were vital to update my knowledge and will have a huge impact on my clinical practice.

I wish to add that the accommodation and the overall hospitality were wonderful and I once again thank SIU for providing this scholarship. I wish to be a part of SIU in the future activities.

SIU Hosts Joint Session at 12th ACU

In partnership with the Urological Association of Asia (UAA), the SIU presented on nephron sparing renal surgery at the 12th Asian Congress of Urology (ACU), from December 5–9, in Kish Island, Iran. SIU presenters included Jean de la Rosette, chair of the SIU Congress Organizing Committee, and SIU General Secretary Simon Tanguay—recipient of the Award of Merit for his contribution to the 12th ACU. The focal points of the SIU-UAA joint session were therapies, limitations, current status, and a case presentation.

The Asian Congress of Urology was first held in 1990 in Fukuoka, Japan. In recent years, it has been a biennial event, but from 2015 on, the ACU will occur on an annual basis. For a full report of the 12th ACU from UAA President Jalil Hosseini, please visit our Facebook page:

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SIU General Secretary Tanguay receives merit award at 12th ACU.