SIU 2015 Report

Thank you for joining us Down Under!

SIU 2015 in Melbourne remained true to SIU’s spirit of collegiality and scientific excellence. Four days of exceptional scientific programming—including a day of national and subspecialty society symposia—showcased the most relevant and timely topics for urologists worldwide. Highlights included society lectures presented by our colleagues from the American Urological Association, the Confederación Americana de Urología, the European Association of Urology, the Pan-African Urological Surgeons’ Association, the Urological Association of Asia, and the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand, while the SIU-ICUD Consultation on Image-Guided Therapy for Urology presented a summary of findings in two standing-room-only parallel plenary sessions. The SIU extends its thanks to all the speakers, chairs and moderators who gave so generously of their time and expertise.

It must be mentioned: a congress is not a congress without delegates! Thanks to all who travelled from near and far to attend. Your enthusiasm and congeniality created a friendly and festive atmosphere, further cementing SIU’s reputation as the “friendliest urological society”. This atmosphere extended beyond the halls of the convention centre and continued right into the congress’ social programme. On Thursday evening, the meeting officially began with the presentation of the 2015 SIU Awards, a keynote lecture from The Movember Foundation’s Executive Director of Programs, Paul Villanti, a Welcome to Country from our gracious hosts and of course, some didgeridoo playing! The following evening saw a fun-filled SIU Night, complete with food, drink and fun activities such as roving reptiles, a surfing simulator and a footy-handball tutorial—to name just a few!

For all those who couldn’t join us this year, make sure to check out SIU’s online platform, SIU®U [www.siu-urology.org/siuatu], for over 27 hours of content! The 36th Congress of the SIU will be held in beautiful Buenos Aires, Argentina, from October 20—23, 2016.
The 35th SIU Congress took place in Melbourne, a very beautiful town in Australia. The session programmes were well-configured to reflect topics and opinions from around the world, such as the “Global Perspectives Program: Management of Renal Mass,” chaired by Dr. Michael Jewett.

Attendee compliments abounded on Twitter, as many appreciated SIU’s internationally diverse panel. In my opinion, this congress was a truly global, cross-sectoral one.

On the first day, many joint programs with other societies were conducted, and they were highly regarded by attendees of each country represented. The exhibition site was also appreciated for its ease of access and central location.

Professor Joachim Thüroff received this year’s Felix Guyon Award. In his acceptance speech, he gave an overview of SIU’s history, and reminded us that the cornerstone of SIU is to build up friendships and goodwill … words that deeply impressed me.

At the end of congress, Professor Seiji Naito of JUA assumed the position of president of SIU. It was a fruitful congress, showing great promise of further development of SIU for many years to come.

Our 35th Congress was a roaring success! We thank our host city, Melbourne, for their hospitality and the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre for housing the event. We also thank each and every one of you who attended, and for making our congresses memorable year after year. Enjoy our visual montage of Melbourne 2015 on pages 6 and 7 of this edition, and be sure to visit our Facebook page for a detailed look at SIU 15 in photos.

Don’t Miss!
- Details on how you can enjoy select portions of SIU 15 virtually
- Our new members feature
- Detailed profiles of this year’s SIU Awards recipients

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. On behalf of the SIU, have a wonderful holiday season and a magnificent new year. –Best Regards

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SIU Awards

At our SIU Congress in Melbourne, a number of long-standing society members were honoured during the Opening Ceremonies. The awards bestowed on these members are the highest honours granted by the Society, to recognize their careers, their contributions to urology, and their lifelong dedication to the advancement of the SIU.

• **SIU-ASTELLAS EUROPEAN FOUNDATION AWARD**—Given to a scientist of excellent scientific and ethical standing

• **SIU FÉLIX GUYON MEDAL**—Given to a member of SIU for outstanding service to the society

• **SIU-ALBERT SCHWEITZER INTERNATIONAL TEACHING AWARD**—For an SIU member who has made notable contributions to the teaching of urology in developing countries

• **SIU DISTINGUISHED CAREER AWARD**—For SIU members who have contributed significantly to the field of urology during their careers

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**SIU-Astellas European Foundation Award**

Dr. Arthur Smith left South Africa and joined the staff at the University of Minnesota in 1977. While he was there, he developed the concept of endourology. In 1982, he was recruited to Long Island Jewish Medical Center as chairman of the urology department.

He has published over 500 manuscripts and chapters. Currently he is working on the 4th edition of his *Textbook of Endourology*. He was the founding president of the Endourology Society and continued in that role for the first 25 years of the society.

Dr. Arthur Smith

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**SIU-Félix Guyon Award**

Dr. Joachim Thüroff was born in Frankfurt, Germany. He graduated in 1974 from Philipps-University Marburg Medical School and passed the American Medical Examination in 1975. After his internship, he completed his residency in pathology (1976–1977) and surgery (1977–1978).

He trained in urology from 1978 to 1982 in Mainz, Germany, St. Gallen, Switzerland, and at the University of California, San Francisco.

Dr. Joachim Thüroff

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Dr. Thüroff was president of the German Association of Urology (2003–2004); president of the Société Internationale d’Urologie (SIU; 2009–2011); and president of the Society of Pelvic Surgeons (SPS; 2013–2014).

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SIU-Albert Schweitzer Award

Dr. Catherine deVries is professor of surgery (urology) and associate professor of family medicine (public health) at the University of Utah School of Medicine. A graduate of Harvard University, she holds a master’s in pathology from Duke University and an MD from Stanford University. She trained in urology at Stanford University and pediatric urology at University of California, San Diego. She has been intensively active in the development of sustainable global surgery since 1992. In 1994, she founded International Volunteers in Urology (now IVUmed) and continues as its president. Currently, IVUmed supports on-site urological education in over 20 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Dr. deVries is the founding director of the University of Utah Center for Global Surgery. She teaches courses in surgery and public health and in bioengineering and anthropology at University of Utah and at Stanford University. As coauthor of the new “Global Surgery” chapter in Schwartz’s Principles of Surgery (2014), a new chapter in Disease Control Priorities (DCP3: 2014), and Global Surgery and Public Health: A New Paradigm, she continues to make impactful contributions to the educational literature on global health. She also serves on several professional boards.

Dr. deVries’ awards include the 2014 Castle Connolly National Physician of the Year, the 2012 ACS Surgical Humanitarian Award, the 2011 American Red Cross International Award, the 2009 American Urological Association’s Distinguished Contribution, and the 2006 American Medical Association Dr. Nathan Davis International Award in Medicine.

SIU Distinguished Career Awards

Dr. Alan B. Retik received a BA from Cornell University and an MD from Cornell University Medical College. Following an internship and 1 year of surgical residency at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester New York, he spent 2 years at the National Cancer Institute. He completed his surgical residency at New England Medical Center Hospital and trained in urology at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. Dr. Retik then completed a specialization in pediatric urology at the Hospital for Sick Children in London under the tutelage of Sir David Innes Williams.

Dr. Retik began his clinical career at the Boston Floating Hospital for Infants and Children. In 1977, he was appointed chief of pediatric urology at Boston Children’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School, a position he held for 35 years.

Dr. Retik was made professor of surgery (urology) in 1981. He has held numerous national leadership positions including chairman of the section on urology of the American Academy of Pediatrics, president of the Society for Pediatric Urology of the American Urological Association, and president of the New England Section of the American Urological Association. He is also a member of the American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons.

Dr. Retik has been a visiting professor at more than 100 institutions, nationally and internationally. His biography comprises over 400 contributions to the scientific literature, including editorship of several texts. He has been the pediatric editor of three editions of Campbell’s Urology.

Dr. Retik has been awarded the Pediatric Urology Medal from the American Academy of Pediatrics (1994) and the Ferdinand C. Valentine Medal from the New York Academy of Medicine (2002). Dr. Retik also received the Certificate of Achievement (2002), the Distinguished Contribution Award (2005), and the Ramon Guiteras Award (2006) from the American Urological Association.

In 2002, Dr. Retik was appointed surgeon-in-chief at Boston Children’s Hospital, a position he occupied through 2008. In April 2005, Harvard Medical School established the Alan B. Retik, MD, Professorship in pediatric urology. Dr. Retik was appointed executive chair/medical director of Boston Children’s Hospital’s International Health Services in 2010.

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Dr. Peter Gilling is a urologist with an international reputation in benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) research. He is head of the Bay of Plenty District Health Board Clinical School in Tauranga, New Zealand, is associate professor of surgery at the University of Auckland and heads the academic site for the University in Tauranga. He is also a member of the executive management team of the Bay of Plenty District Health Board.

Dr. Gilling is known for his pioneering work with holmium laser prostatectomy for which he was awarded a doctorate of medicine by the University of Otago in 2010, and for his research involving new technologies for BPH. He was awarded the 2015 Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Surgical Research Award in recognition of his international standing as a surgeon scientist. Dr. Gilling was elected to the American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons in 2010 as an international member.

His current urological research interests include endoscopic enucleation of the prostate with alternative energy sources, aquablation for BPH, disinfection/sterilization in urology and the use of novel urinary biomarkers for bladder cancer. Dr. Gilling has been a visiting surgeon at more than 50 institutions worldwide and is a regular part of the invited faculty at many major international meetings annually. His busy clinical practice includes robotic and laparoscopic surgery, endourology, and uro-oncology.

Prof. Laurent Boccon-Gibod received his MD degree at the Faculté de Médecine of the Université de Paris in 1968. He completed his residency in surgery/urology from 1964 to 1969 at the Hôpitaux de Paris.

Prof. Boccon-Gibod began his clinical career as an assistant professor of urology at the CHU Cochin, University Paris VI and was appointed professor of urology in 1983. He became chairman of the department of urology at the CHU Bichat, University Paris VII in 1988 and in 2007 became head of surgery, a position he kept until his retirement in 2010.

Prof. Yinglu Guo is the leader of the new generation in the field of urology and andrology in China. He has been editor-in-chief of 32 books, published more than 500 papers, and awarded for more than 20 scientific projects. In 1982, he was in charge of the investigation and production for the first generation of extracorporeal shock wave lithotripter in China, which was used clinically to treat renal stones in 1984. He was the first urologist in the world to use the prone position for extracorporeal ureter lithotripsy, and is the pioneer in the field of extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy.

In 1980, he became the first in China to do microvasive procedures, such as transurethral resection, ureteroscopy, percutaneous nephroscopy, and laparoscopy, and edited Renal Transplantation, the first professional book on the topic.

In 1991, he edited Endourology, the first book in this field and became the founder of Chinese endourology. In 1995, he founded the Chinese Andrology Society and Peking University Urologist Training College; in 2005, he set up the Chinese Urological Doctor Association. He also founded the Andrology Center of Peking University First Hospital, making it the best center in this field in China. For many years, Dr. Guo has made great contributions to quick development of Chinese urology by consistently opening up new fields and bringing forth new ideas.
Visit Us in Buenos Aires: the Birthplace of the Tango

Friends, mark your calendars for October 20 through 23, 2016. SIU 2016 is set to showcase the best, not only in science, but in Latin American culture. Come and enjoy the official SIU activities as well as Buenos Aires historical landmarks, outdoor markets, restaurants, and nightlife. Bring your family and make this a trip of a lifetime!

The SIU 2016 scientific programme has been planned by a cohort of leaders in urology, led by Dr. Margit Fisch and incoming Co-Chair, Dr. Gopal Badlani. The scientific programme committee has worked to ensure that the programme highlights what YOU need to know, no matter your geographical or practice setting. This year’s programme includes a variety of sessions designed to improve technical skills and medical knowledge. While the official language of SIU Congresses is English, selected plenary and parallel plenary sessions will be translated into Spanish.

Buenos Aires was ranked by Travel + Leisure as one of the world’s best cities. We urge you to come and visit the birthplace of the tango, featured at milongas (tango salons) throughout the nation’s capital. This city is also the cultural capital of Latin America: a place full of wonderful sights, sounds, experiences, and friendly people. We look forward to hosting the urological world in beautiful Buenos Aires.

¡Hasta pronto!

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SIU-Astellas European Foundation Award 2016

The Société Internationale d’Urologie and the Astellas European Foundation (AEF) are pleased to sponsor a $20,000 USD award granted to a scientist of notable professional and ethical standing.

In preparation for the 36th SIU Congress, to be held October 20–23, 2016, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the SIU and the AEF solicit nominations for this prestigious award. Nominations should include a detailed curriculum vitae (CV) and a letter with a full explanation of the candidate’s merit, and must be submitted to the Awards Committee, SIU-Astellas European Foundation Award 2016 c/o SIU Central Office at the coordinates below no later than March 1, 2016.

The Awards Committee, appointed by the SIU’s Board of Directors, will review all applications and announce the SIU-Astellas European Foundation Award 2016 laureate at the 2016 SIU Congress in Buenos Aires.

Previous laureates were Dr. Donald S. Coffey (1994), Dr. Nils Kock (1997), Dr. Emil Tanagho (2000), Dr. Alvaro Morales (2002), Dr. Michael Marberger (2004), Dr. Frans Debruyne (2006), Dr. Andrew Novick (2007), Dr. Peter Alken (2009), Dr. Fritz Schröder (2011), Dr. Peter Scardino (2012), Dr. Ralph Clayman (2013), Dr. Urs Studer (2014), and Dr. Arthur Smith (2015).

UCSF-SIU Research Fellowship

The California Urology Foundation, in association with the Société Internationale d’Urologie, announces the availability of a Research Fellowship for a fully trained urologist from Africa to do research for 1 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 $50,000 USD, 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 a minimum of two letters of professional references. An application missing any of the items listed above will be considered incomplete.

The deadline for the January–December 2017 Fellowship is February 29, 2016. Application forms are available on the SIU website: www.siu-urology.org/society/fellowships.

Applications can be submitted by mail, fax, or e-mail to UCSF-SIU Research Fellowship c/o SIU Central Office at the coordinates below.

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The SIU takes great pride in presenting to you six deserving recipients of the SIU Academy Awards. These awards were based on a survey that we conducted last year to find out which 2014 SIU Academy content was considered the most outstanding by our users. The winners were announced in January of this year and received their award during SIU 2015 in Melbourne.

**Outstanding ePoster**

*Urethroplasty for Long Segments and Panurethral Strictures: a Multi-Institutional Study* by Richard Santucci; award accepted by Reynaldo Gomez

**Outstanding eSeries**

*Management of Chronic Prostatitis/Chronic Pelvic Pain Syndrome: From Dogma to Evidence* by Curtis Nickel; award accepted by Naji Touma

**Outstanding Educational Videos**

*Nesbit Procedure* by Carlo Bettocchi

**Outstanding Video Webcasts**

*BPH and Erectile Dysfunction: the Role of PDE5-Is* by Stavros Gravas

**Outstanding Expert Review**

*Commentary on Dissolution Therapy Versus Shock Wave Lithotripsy for Radiolucent Renal Stones in Children: a Prospective Study* by Sero Andonian

**Outstanding Contributor**

Stavros Gravas

We would like to thank each of our awards recipients for providing content that is interesting and well deserving of such awards. We would also like to thank the SIU Academy Committees for their continued commitment, as well as everyone who contributed content for our portal and those who participated in the survey. We hope you’ll join us in 2016, for another year of awards honoring outstanding content, as voted by our SIU Academy users.

To watch the ceremony, simply register for SIU@U (for free!), log in, and visit the Highlights section at [www.siu-urology.org/siuatu](http://www.siu-urology.org/siuatu).
I am a medical doctor registered with General Medical Council, UK. I have completed a master’s degree in health services and public health research from the University of Aberdeen and a master’s in medical education from the University of Dundee. During my undergraduate studies, I had a very keen interest in the clinical aspects of my training and started to become aware of the importance of evidence-based medicine. I have been involved in a wide range of research projects that have adopted quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methodology. However, I have particularly enjoyed the reanalysis of secondary data and conducting systematic reviews. I am a firm believer that patient management should be evidence based. I strongly believe in the ethos of the Cochrane Collaboration: “healthcare decision making throughout the world should be informed by high quality, timely research evidence.” I have been working as the managing editor of the Cochrane Incontinence group since 2011.

I joined the Société Internationale d’Urologie as this is an international organization and the mission of this society is to enable urologists from all over the world to apply the highest standards of urological care to their patients. This is possible through international cooperation in education and research. Both research and education are very close to my heart. My professional goal is to excel academically and professionally by acquiring and disseminating evidence-based knowledge and to make a significant contribution in the global health care system. SIU provides a great platform to disseminate evidence-based information to urologists from all over the world. In my opinion, SIU is different from other urological societies as it represents urologists from different parts of the world. I plan to keep this association throughout my career.

As a resident urologist, I am eager for opportunities to expand the breadth of my training and the scope of my practice. My interest in global public health emerged from rewarding research experiences across continents, bridging immigrant communities in Britain with rural villages of Sub-Saharan Africa. Through this work and the bonds forged with my collaborators, I have learned firsthand that what we share in common strengthens the work we do and the impact we can have.

SIU is the leading international organisation that embraces these ideas not just in principle, but in practice. I believe that urology today is a truly global endeavour, and SIU’s commitment to transforming urological science and advancing surgical quality is evident throughout its core programmes and transcontinental outreach. I appreciate that SIU consistently strives to be engaged with and relevant to its diverse membership so that every congress, every SIU publication, and every training scholarship best serves members’ needs, regardless of where they practice. During my training, I have found the SIU Academy to be a particularly effective resource for elevating the standard of care across borders by uniting educational material in a convenient e-learning portal. And through its foundation (FSIU), SIU supports trainees and researchers like me by promoting international partnerships and diffusion of technology so that we and our patients can all benefit from advances in the field.

Most of all, I think that SIU fosters the kind of collaborative relationships on which the contemporary practice of our specialty not only depends, but indeed thrives. As my career takes shape, my membership in SIU underscores both a lifelong commitment to clinical excellence and a promise to give back to the urological community worldwide.
Melbourne 2015 marked the second year of SIU@U—bringing the annual congress to members from across the globe with 4 days of live congress coverage.

**SIU@U 2015 PROVED BIGGER AND BETTER**

- 27 hours of content
- 5 exclusive online sessions, including Q&A sessions, roundtable discussions, interviews with top speakers, and the new UT@LKS Series
- A virtual exhibit hall
- Photos and videos from the congress updated daily in the highlights section

The sessions, photos, videos, and the exhibit hall can be viewed until December 31, 2015. So don’t delay: register now! [www.siu-urology.org/siuatu](http://www.siu-urology.org/siuatu)

**ACCESS TO BASIC UROLOGICAL CARE CAN MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH**

In many countries, lack of adequate care means that many treatable conditions can lead to life-threatening complications or death.

The SIU Foundation puts 100% of all donations toward surgical training—no exceptions.

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SIU and IVUmed work with skilled medical personnel throughout the world to build access to quality surgical care. By supporting educational centers of excellence, our partnerships reach thousands of patients and their providers. We conduct surgical workshops focusing on various urological subspecialties and send visiting professors to provide follow-up training. To date in 2015, we have accomplished the following:

**Visiting professorship in Nairobi, Kenya** *(February 2015)*
- Held in conjunction with annual meeting of the Kenya Association of Urologic Surgeons (KAUS)
- Visiting Professors: Scott Eggener, MD, Brad Erickson, MD, and Rita Gobet, MD
- Focus on reconstructive, pediatric urology, and endourology
- 35 Kenyan urologists in attendance; 30 patients served

**Surgical Workshop in Kumasi, Ghana** *(March 2015)*
- Focus on pediatric urology
- Hosted by Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital
- Led by Carlos Angel, MD
- 50 physicians and nurses trained; 36 patients served

**Surgical Workshop in San Fernando, Trinidad** *(March 2015)*
- Focus on reconstructive urology
- Hosted by San Fernando General Hospital
- Led by Kurt McCammon, MD
- 19 medical personnel trained; 15 patients served

**Surgical Workshop in Pignon, Haiti** *(March 2015)*
- Focus on reconstructive urology
- Hosted by Hopital Bienfaisance de Pignon
- Led by Henri Lanctin, MD
- 13 medical personnel trained; 32 patients served

**Surgical workshop in Dakar, Senegal** *(April 2015)*
- Focus on pediatric urology
- Hosted by Hopital General de Grand Yoff
- Led by Francis Schneck, MD
- 33 medical personnel trained; 23 patients served

**Surgical Workshop in Lusaka, Zambia**
- Scheduled for September 25 to October 5, 2015
- Pediatric urology
- Led by Heidi Stephany, MD

**Visiting Professorship in Wad Medani, Sudan**
- Schedule changed from November 2015 to January 2016
- Reconstructive urology

**Visiting Professorship in Yaounde, Cameroon**
- Planned for December 2015 (to be confirmed)
- Reconstructive and pediatric urology professors

**Visiting Professorship to China**
- Date and location to be determined
- Reconstructive urology