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New SIU Board of Directors New BOD Elected at SIU 2016 Buenos Aires, Argentina

The SIU is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of 23 urologists. The 2016 SIU General Assembly took place on Saturday, October 22 and saw some changes to our slate of Board Members. As we strive towards supporting urologists in delivering the highest standards of urological care to their patients, we could not accomplish these objectives without the tireless effort of our Board Members. These individuals dedicate their time, resources, and knowledge to advancing our mandate, for which we are grateful.

With over 5,200 individual members representing 126 countries, it is imperative that our Board of Directors reflects the diversity of our international membership. The Board represents a group of urologists from across the globe, each bringing with them their unique experience, knowledge, and background in the field. Board Members represent an opportunity for the SIU to foster cooperation between urologists

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SIU 2016 Year-in-Review

With another successful year behind us, we are proud to report on our unprecedented growth in membership throughout 2016. In order to deliver on our mission to enable urologists in all nations to apply the highest standards of urological care to their patients, we continued to collaborate with our international partners in delivering the best in education and research to our members and the medical sector at large.

SIU's collaborative approach allowed us to strengthen connections and cooperation throughout the urologic community and resulted in sustained engagement and growth in SIU Membership in 2016. We saw a 10% growth in new members from the previous year, with the Trainee category marking the largest increase.

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Message from the Publications Chair



Shin Egawa, MD

Japan is an island country, as everybody knows. Japanese culture is heavily influenced by the religions and customs that have been transmitted over the centuries from Europe, the Middle East, and India via China. In this light, Japan has always been in a position to obtain great benefits from overseas. We can see influences from various cultures in many customs of Japanese society. For example, one day, when I walked down a street in Japan with a visitor from France, we found a lot of displays and signs written in French. This surprised both of us!

The Internet has facilitated interactions and exchanges of all sorts. Nowadays, it is not unusual to see Japanese culture gaining presence in foreign countries. This phenomenon can be perceived around the world as well.

Fostering young urologists is one of the SIU's goals. Other international societies should have the same goal and work hard to obtain it. Dr. Jean de la Rosette, our new Secretary General, says "Go alone if you want to arrive early. Go with fellows if you want to go as far as possible." In this era when ways of interacting are continuously evolving, we would like to forge ahead together, hand in hand. ●



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Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

We would like to take a moment to thank our colleagues, partners, and most especially our members for making 2016 a fruitful year for the SIU! With many projects already in development, 2017 is shaping up to be a busy year at the SIU.

Planning for the 37th Congress, taking place in Lisbon, Portugal on October 19–22, 2017 is well underway. We hope you will take some time to visit the Congress website at www.siu-urology.org/congress-2017 and explore the exciting program we are planning for you.

Take note of what's happening at the SIU:

- Discover the official SIU Academy Mobile Learning App
- Watch the webcasts of the eGrand Rounds in Endourology – 2016 Series
- Watch the webcasts of the 2016 Congress in Buenos Aires, now available on SIU Academy
- The deadline to apply for an SIU Scholarship is March 31, 2017
- Apply for the 2018 UCSF-SIU Research Fellowship by February 28th, 2017

We hope you will enjoy this issue of the SIU Newsletter. We'd also like to encourage you to help us "bring urologists together" by sharing your ideas, articles, and events with SIU Members. All contributions and questions/comments regarding the current issue can be directed to editor@siu-urology.org. We'd love to hear what you have to say!

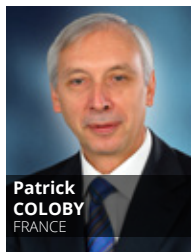
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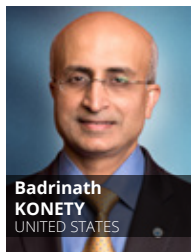
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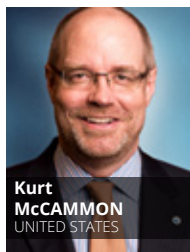
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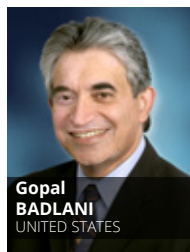
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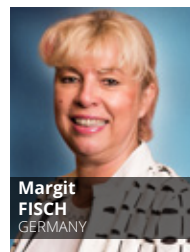
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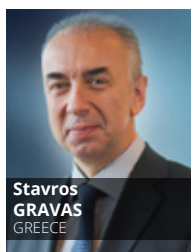
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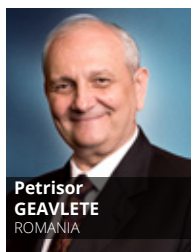
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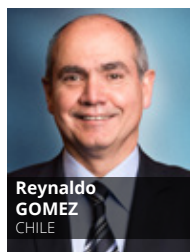
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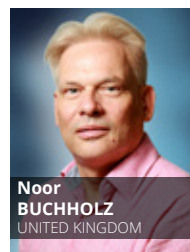
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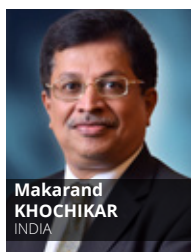
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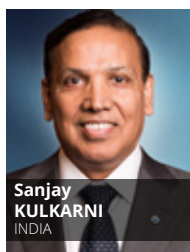
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from all parts of the world despite differences in prevailing conditions.

The SIU also said goodbye to three Board Members this year. We extend our deepest gratitude to those whose terms have recently expired:

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Saeed R. Samnakay, Kenya
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United Kingdom
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Update on Partnership with WJU

Dr. Jean de la Rosette, General Secretary

The SIU is an international organization serving close to 6,000 members from 120 countries. The Office of Education is responsible for all educational activities of the Society including, but not limited to, SIU Academy, International Consultations, Training Institutes, scholarships, newsletters and the World Journal of Urology (WJU).

Following the Annual SIU meeting in Glasgow, the Publication Committee elected the WJU to be the official journal of the Society, under the leadership of Shin Egawa. It was felt that the WJU is best suited to connect with SIU members worldwide. This collaboration has resulted in a fruitful partnership thanks to close cooperation with the Editors of the WJU.

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss the current status of our partnership with WJU. Firstly, two SIU Associate Editors have been elected responsible for SIU related issues: Peter Black from Canada and Pilar Laguna from the Netherlands. They will oversee specific topics and activities related to SIU. Secondly, the editorial board has been revisited and now includes a significant number of SIU representatives elected by the Office of Education.

The SIU Office of Education has committed to publishing high quality manuscripts of its members, including the ICUD manuscripts prepared based on the annual ICUD consultations. At present, the ICUD consensus manuscripts on UTUC, Urinary Stones, Image Guided Ablative treatments and Spinal Cord Injury abnormalities are published or in preparation. The SIU is invited to coordinate the content for 3 issues per year and this may be increased to 6 issues in the near future.

The SIU appreciates this collaboration very much and has launched different activities related to the partnership. These include: showing the Articles of the Month on the SIU Academy, publishing the SIU annual meeting abstracts in the WJU, organizing paper writing and reviewing sessions at the SIU annual meeting, and presenting a best paper award.

The SIU Board of Directors is excited about this collaboration which enables SIU members to provide the best possible care to their patients based on shared knowledge published in the WJU. ●

SIU 2016 Best Abstracts

The SIU wishes to congratulate the 6 recipients of the "Best Abstracts" Award, who presented their work during the morning Plenaries at the SIU 2016 Congress in Buenos Aires. To view all the ePosters presented at SIU 2016, please visit the SIU Academy at academy.siu-urology.org.



Ahmad Haider, Germany
Prostate Cancer Incidence and Severity in 375 Hypogonadal Men Treated with Testosterone Undecanoate Injections (TU) for up to 10 Years and 296 Untreated Hypogonadal Controls



Andrea Russo, Italy
Perioperative Complications, Cancer Control and Survival of Surgically Treated Urological Cancers (Prostate, Bladder and Kidney) at European Minimally Invasive Surgery Referral Center



Daniel Christidis, Australia
National Trends in Diagnosis of Renal Tumours: Are We Listening?



Timothy Byler, United States
Are We Underestimating the Rates of Incontinence After Prostate Cancer Treatment? Results from NHANES



Henry Woo, Australia
Evaluating the Effectiveness of an Online Journal Club: Experience from the International Urology Journal Club



Gustavo Ayala, United States
Validation of Stromogenic Carcinoma in an Intermediate Risk Cohort

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In total, SIU gained new members from 43 countries including the majority of its new members from the following countries:

1. Australia, 2. India, 3. Japan, 4. New Zealand, 5. Nigeria, 6. Philippines, 7. United States.

The SIU continues to make great strides in delivering value to its Membership and to the urologic community at large. We will continue position

ourselves as a source of sustainable urological education and collaborative philanthropic activities aimed at improving urological care. We thank both new and long-standing SIU Members for your commitment to this organization. ●



Something for Everyone at the 37th SIU Congress

Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, is the oldest city in Western Europe and played a central role in the European Age of Discovery. What better location to host the 37th Congress of the SIU, with global leaders in Urology convening from October 19–22 to discuss exciting innovations in the field. Together, we will shape the future of urology in the same city from which Vasco da Gama famously set sail and forged a new era. In honour of the famous seven hills of Lisbon, we'd like to present you with **seven reasons to attend** the 2017 Congress.

Strength in numbers

Over 3,000 attendees are expected to join us at SIU 2017, making it a must-attend for urologists, trainees, and nurses around the world. The Congress offers you an unparalleled opportunity to present your work, network with peers, meet mentors, and create links with Industry. This is *your* community!

An innovative scientific programme

From national/regional symposia and subspecialties on day one, to six important joint-society sessions throughout the duration of the Congress, every day offers new and innovative programme formats designed to provide practical solutions that can be applied directly to your practice. SIU is a simple equation: inspiring speakers, hot topics, dynamic learning.

A trusted value

SIU has joined forces with some of the most important subspecialty societies around the world, including the Endo Society, GURS, ICS, ISSM, the SUO/ESUO, WUOF, and SURS. The Congress will also feature the SIU/ICUD Joint Consultation on Bladder Cancer, the 3rd SIU Nurses' Educational Symposium, and the SIU Live Surgery GU-RECON Workshop. We've made it easy to make SIU *your* global meeting of 2017!

Exceptional plenary sessions

Our plenary sessions consistently deliver the scientific excellence you've come to expect. Whether the 2017 SIU Congress is your first or you're a seasoned participant, you'll be keen to hear lectures by the respected experts and worldwide urological association leaders we have lined up.

Hands-on courses

By popular request, hands-on training courses will be offered throughout the Congress. The courses are designed to address the most in-demand skills required from today's urologists, packed with advice on how to hone your expertise.

Early-bird rates

Enjoy special rates by registering before June 2nd. SIU members save even more! You can register and book your accommodations now.

Portugal is calling

Lisbon is ready for you. In 2016, Portugal was named Destination of the Year by *Travel + Leisure* magazine. With renewed cultural dynamism and growth, there's no time like the present to explore the area. Discover Lisbon's many treasures, including world-class museums, tiny, winding streets in fascinating neighbourhoods, the famous trams, and millennia of history. It is a city of great beauty generous in offering something for everyone. *Vejo você lá!* ●

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION
DEADLINE:

April 3, 2017

Submit exclusively
online at

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Grand Rounds



On Thursday, December 8, the 6th and final eGrand Round of the year took place in the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam (AMC), the Netherlands. The entire event was broadcast live via the SIU Academy. This series of 6 eGrand Rounds in Endourology, which was made possible by the exclusive sponsor Karl Storz, covered various topics such as stone management, BPH management, and upper and lower tract urothelial carcinoma from an endourologic perspective.

In this final eGrand Round of the year, an extraordinary delegation of experts in stone management performed 4 live surgeries, providing comments, tips and tricks, and the opportunity for participants to interact with the operating surgeon. This was accompanied by 5 state-of-the-art lectures on stone disease management by Thomas Herrmann from Germany, Vitor Cavadas from Portugal, Olivier Traxer from France, and Joyce Baard and Guido Kamphuis from the Netherlands.

The day kicked off with a warm welcome by Professor de la Rosette. This was followed by an informative lecture on indications and limitations of flexible URS by Joyce Baard. She also provided a nice overview of the outcomes and complications of URS for stone treatment. Afterwards, Jan Erik Freund introduced the first case: a 54-year old female with multiple stones in the left kidney. Vitor Cavadas demonstrated how to treat a lower pole stone with flexible URS. The second lecture was given by Thomas Herrmann, who elaborated about the "Sense and Nonsense" of the mini-PNL. He explained, among other things, the vacuum cleaner effect as well as the supine vs. prone positioning of the patient.

This was followed by a demonstration from Olivier Traxer and Guido Kamphuis that showed how to effectively treat a staghorn stone in a limited amount of time using a combined approach of PCNL and flexible URS, and the collaboration of two operating surgeons. Professor Traxer then gave a comprehensive lecture with practical tips and tricks when performing flexible URS. Differences in endoscopes were reviewed, along with when and how to use ureteral access sheaths, and stone treatment with the Holmium-YAG laser by dusting and the popcorn technique.

The third case, introduced by Esmée Liem, was a 62-year old male with a stone in the lower pole. Dr. Herrmann performed a mini-PNL and described the advantages of this procedure. Vitor Cavadas' educational lecture encompassed access and JJ stents for flexible URS. He clarified the use of a safety wire, the pros and cons of ureteral access sheaths, and the application of JJ stents.

Joyce Baard, assisted by Jaap Legemate, performed the last live surgery, and treated a patient with a stone in the lower pole with flexible URS. She demonstrated that, after fragmentation, the stone was small enough to be extracted. The final lecture on antibiotic prophylaxis for stone management was given by Guido Kamphuis, and he concluded with practical take home messages.

If you missed one or more eGrand Rounds or want to revisit the educative lectures, all webcasts are available via the SIU Academy eLearning portal and can also be accessible on the SIU Academy mobile application at <https://goo.gl/SloDBo>. ●

What's New at SIU Academy

Earn 1 European CME Credit with our Newly Accredited Clinical Case Study Today!

Case Study in Renal Trauma: Staging, Management, and Complications

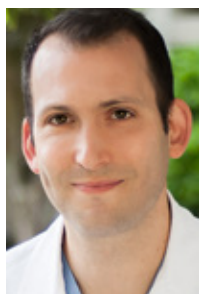
This interactive educational program will take you through the assessment and management of a young boy who sustains renal injuries when he crashes his bicycle into a car.

Learning Objectives

- Determine staging classification, indications, and imaging modality for blunt and penetrating trauma in children and adults.
- Determine the management of low grade renal trauma and high grade renal trauma.
- Understand the management of complications that arise after renal trauma.

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This case study is accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) for **1 European CME credit (ECMEC)**.

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eSERIES

An Exclusive Two-Part eSeries Presentation By Dr. Li-Ping Xie



Li-Ping Xie, MD
China

Watch Prof. Ping Xie's eSeries lecture and video on two new endoscopic enucleation techniques:

- Transurethral vapor enucleation and;
- Resection of the prostate & transurethral vapor enucleation of the prostate.

Learning Objectives

- The concept of LUTS and the indications for surgery in LUTS patients.
- The current recommended surgical procedures for the different subsets of LUTS patients.
- The new endoscopic enucleation surgery, transurethral vapor enucleation and resection of the prostate (TVERP)/ transurethral vapor enucleation of the prostate (TVEP), for BPH or BPO patients.

Get the most out of this educational program

Don't forget to answer the pre-and post-test questions found on the program's main page to test your knowledge of these new techniques.

This educational activity was made possible by SIU's Corporate Sponsor, Olympus.



An Exciting New Development in eLearning!

You can now access all the educational activities available on SIU Academy from your iPhone/iPad and Android devices **wherever you are!**



SIU 2016 Congress Scholarship Reports

In 2016, 10 scholarship recipients were given support to attend the 36th Congress of the Société Internationale d'Urologie (SIU) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from October 20 to October 23. Scholarships covered the cost of 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
- Must be presenting an abstract or a video at SIU 2016

Here's what some successful applicants had to say about their experience at SIU 2016.



Paul Nimrod Firaza, Philippines

The SIU Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina made me realize that there are a lot of things we still need to learn. This opportunity encouraged me to apply the knowledge I gained as well as further my research. Forward-thinking innovations and ideas, like those presented at the Congress, need to be shared with young urologists the world over so

that we may avoid repeating mistakes of the past. The generosity exhibited to residents in training on behalf of the SIU Scholarship Program should be continued, especially in developing countries like ours. I would like to thank the SIU for this grant and MABUHAY KAYO (More Power)!



Pavlo Samchuk, Ukraine

After an intensive period of four days attending the Congress, today is the day to add my finishing touch to the trip: writing this note of thanks. It has been a period of intense learning for me, not only in the scientific arena, but also on a personal level. I would like to sincerely thank all the people who have supported and helped me so much throughout this period, as

well as the SIU for allowing me to participate in the Congress alongside prominent urologists of the world.



Josef Ibarra, Philippines

It's been a privilege and an honor to attend the 36th Congress as one of the resident scholars. My experience in attending the Congress cannot be summarized by just 100 words, or even a million words! The experience helped me discover which subspecialty I would take residency, thanks to the Sage Advice from the Wise: Rapid Fire Exchange for

Urologic Trainees. Just being there and talking with the best urologists in the world, as well as and having their email addresses for future training and networking, is something I will treasure for the rest of my life. I end by saying 'mission accomplished'!



Abhishek Singh, India

I had a great learning experience. It was a wonderful opportunity to interact with seniors in leadership positions and peers. The scientific content of the whole program was extremely absorbing and thought-provoking.

Specifically, it gave me an opportunity to discuss some of my research ideas with a senior urologist who had done similar kind of work. The session on scientific paper writing was inspiring and encouraged me to publish more. I interacted with faculty discussing some of my work which I had trouble getting published, and their insights helped me re-write my article with a different, more logical point of view.

I am extremely thankful to the SIU for giving me this opportunity and I look forward to many more which would help me become a better urologist.



Mohammed Mizanur Rahman, Bangladesh

I am highly delighted and grateful to have attended the SIU 2016 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. It was the largest academic gathering I have ever attended. Master Classes are advanced sessions led by world experts, and they gave attendees a large amount of practical information in a condensed timeframe. Troubleshooting in PCNL, Prevention

and Management of Complications in Laparoscopic/Robotic Surgery, management of complicated Prostate and Bladder cancer represented more opportunities to learn. The diversified and dynamic scientific agenda tackled important topics in fresh and exciting formats. The opportunity to network with some of the biggest names in urology was really great.

I am also of the opinion that the knowledge that I acquired would be immediately applicable in my professional practice.



Priyank Yadav, India

The 36th congress of the SIU was held in the beautiful city of Buenos Aires. It was a great learning opportunity for me. Special sections focusing on the residents, such as the quiz and resident forum, kept all of us very much a part of the academic programme. It provided an excellent platform for the young urologists to meet experienced professionals and

gain from their knowledge. The SIU has brought the whole world together in this four day urology extravaganza, and events like this are vital to the growth of this field.



Applying for the SIU 2017 Resident Travel Scholarship

The scholarship covers registration and housing for the duration of the Congress (4 nights at SIU-appointed hotel).

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION:

- Must be a Resident or Fellow at the time of application.
- Must reside in a World Bank–designated “B” or “C” country. To see a list of the World Bank classifications, please visit our website (<https://goo.gl/aNKtma>)
- Must have submitted at least one abstract for the SIU 2017 Congress. Submit your abstract online via <https://goo.gl/ED4e06>

Abstract submission deadline is April 3, 2017 at 11:59 PM EDT.

ONLINE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1. Application form available on <https://goo.gl/w0gTbh>
2. Proof of Resident or Fellowship Status
3. Brief statement relating how attendance at SIU 2017 would benefit applicant’s education.

Applications for the scholarship are due May 8, 2017.

Please contact us at scientific.programme@siu-urology.org if you have any questions. For more information on SIU 2017, go to: <https://goo.gl/ED4e06>

SIU Friendship

Henry Woo, Professor of Surgery, University of Sydney

Through my own fault, I had missed the last bus departing from the conference headquarters hotel, the Hilton Buenos Aires to the big social event of the conference, “SIU Night”. There was no way that I was going to miss this function.

Having no Argentine pesos on me, a taxi was not going to be an option. Fortunately, Uber is operating in BA. I logged onto the Uber App using the hotel lobby wifi and shortly there was a car on its way. Just at that very moment, I observed another urologist trying to negotiate without success to find a taxi that might accept US cash and take him to the venue. Since we are fellow urologists, I naturally suggested that he share my Uber ride and this was gratefully accepted. As the Uber vehicle pulled in to the hotel driveway, there was yet another urologist who appeared to be in a similar predicament in finding a way to SIU Night. Of course, he was also invited to join us.

Introductions all around and we had Dr. John Malcolm, a urologist from East Virginia, USA and Dr. Rodrigo Ledezma, a urologist from Santiago, Chile and myself from Sydney, Australia. With a common binding force in urology, we immediately became friends and there was no shortage of conversation amongst what were previously three total strangers. We were dropped off a distance from the correct entrance and we were initially totally lost. Having a Spanish speaker in Rodrigo made all the difference and through teamwork we found our way into the venue. A selfie seemed appropriate given our little adventure in reaching SIU Night.

After the selfie, we walked into the venue. Almost immediately upon arrival, Dr. Amanda Chung, who is a recently qualified urologist from Sydney greeted us. Amanda is currently doing a reconstructive surgery fellowship in East Virginia and has been working with John in addition to Kurt McCammon, our well-known SIU heavy weight contributor. Almost simultaneously Dr. Oscar Storme, a urologist, came out of the crowd to welcome Rodrigo as they are fellow urologists in Santiago. I had already met Oscar the day prior through mutual friends and it quickly became apparent that he also knew John because he had previously worked as a reconstructive fellow in East Virginia. Within minutes of these greetings, Kurt McCammon and his wife Carol appeared and it was greetings all around as they were known to all.



From left to right, Henry Woo (Australia), Rodrigo Ledezma (Chile) and John Malcolm (USA)

This sequence of events really defines what urology and SIU is all about. It is international collaboration and friendship. What were initially three total strangers with 6 degrees of separation have become bonded by our common love of urology. As urologists, we are indeed joined across the waters. ●



SIU Friends – from left to right; Amanda Chung (Australia/USA), Oscar Storme (Chile), John Malcolm (USA), Henry Woo (Australia), Rodrigo Ledezma (Chile), Carol and Kurt McCammon (USA)

A VISIT TO THE GEZIRA HOSPITAL for Renal Diseases and Surgery

by FSIU President and Treasure

OUR VISIT TO WAD MEDANI, SUDAN IN PHOTOS

A county desperate for resources and healthcare professionals – only 65 urologists in a population of 36 million.

Inaugurated in 2005, The Gezira Hospital for Renal Diseases and Surgery hospital is located in Wad Medani, a city in southeast-central Sudan. Wad Medani lies on the west bank of the Blue Nile, southeast of Khartoum, in Al Gezira governorate. The Gezira hospital serves a population of 5 million, and is the only specialized Urology hospital outside of Khartoum, the capital of Sudan. In contrast to most hospitals in Khartoum, which work privately and do not provide treatment for free, this hospital was established with the aim of treating the underprivileged who can't afford care.

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The Young Urology Researchers Organisation (YURO) and International Societies: The future landscape of urological research



Todd G Manning
President YURO

Our mantra “Collaboration Through Communication” encapsulates the ideology of urological research in the new age.

With the popularity of social media and the ease of global communication, national and worldwide research partnerships have never been easier to forge. International Societies such as Société Internationale d’Urologie (SIU) are increasingly facilitating professional global connections, and it may be that the days of single centre trials are numbered.

Utilising a model based on the fundamental principles of collaboration and open communication, a small group of researchers from Austin Health in Melbourne, Australia sought to share ideas and research efforts with representatives from different clinical sites. The formal result was the development of YURO - Young Urology Researchers Organisation.

This model of digital communication, which facilitates interaction regarding research projects in progress or under development, affords the researcher greater statistical power and accuracy of results which are bolstered by multi-institutional data sets and diversity across study populations.

The model has worked exceptionally well. Within a year YURO has achieved many things. Presently, we have over 25 actively contributing members spread across 5 Australian states with additional representatives in New Zealand. Our group has multiple academic papers in high calibre journals including The Journal of Urology, European Urology and British Journal of Urology International. We have also begun cross collaboration with BURST (British Urology Researchers in Surgical Training) on one of the largest multicentre research projects to be lead solely by residents and trainees.

The recent 36th SIU Congress warmly embraced YURO, and provided significant international exposure of our organisation. This facilitation via social media platforms and professional networking allowed junior members to interact with the world class urological elite and form future partnerships, fostering large scale collaborative initiatives that have since been put in motion. SIU’s support endures beyond the conclusion of the Congress by providing a gateway to international contacts for our members.

Despite its early successes, YURO’s core aims remain unchanged and we continue to welcome new members globally, offering mentorship, education, opportunity and a portal for expansion of investigative ideas. If you would like to join us, collaborate with us, or would like more information about us, we can be found at ausyuro.wixsite.com/yuro, on twitter [@AusYURO](https://twitter.com/AusYURO) or via email at ausyuro@gmail.com.

SIU and YURO are together facilitating the research and publication future of the next generation in Urology.

Young Urology Researchers Organisation (YURO): “Collaboration through Communication” ●



YURO team members (left to right) Mr. Jonothan O’Brien, A/Prof Nathan Lawrentschuk, Dr. Daniel Christidis, Dr. Todd Manning and Dr. Shannon McGrath

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Competition on Best Affordable New Technologies in Urology (BANTU)



Professor Daniel Yachia, Israel

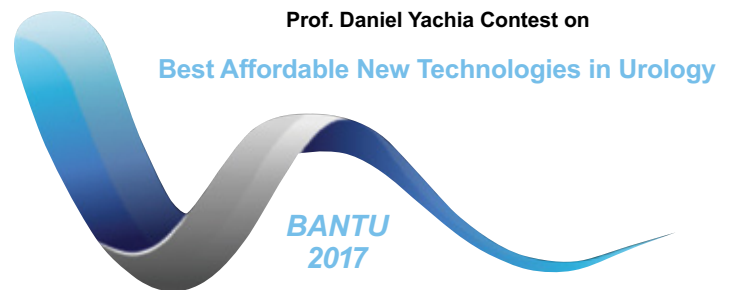
Urologists operating in low-income countries rarely have access to certain equipment to perform some basic medical procedures that are routinely performed in the developed world. Developing countries, with their limited resources, are under tremendous pressure for providing such effective medical services to their increasing populations.

Necessity is the mother of innovation. When Dr. Durga D. Gaur from India developed the extraperitoneal working space by inserting into the retroperitoneum a finger of a #8 surgical glove attached to a 14F Nelaton catheter and inflating it with 800-1000 ml saline, he was starting the revolution of extraperitoneal lap surgery. The cost of his invention was less than \$1 USD.

Can similar things be done today? Quite difficult if not impossible. The regulatory environment of developed countries became so arduous and costly that new devices are becoming unaffordable to the billions of people around the world who have to live on less than \$4 USD a day. Should a urologist working in such areas of the world dream of using a robot when large percentages of their population cannot receive adequate treatment because their health facilities do not have enough simple consumables like catheters, double-Js, or medications? No! Simple, inexpensive medical device technologies engineered for use in the developing world have the potential to save thousands of lives. We just have to think differently.

It is my hope that physicians, nurses, and all other health personnel will be taking an active role in the progress of healthcare innovation in their developing countries. This induced me to add to SANTU (Symposium on Affordable New Technologies in Urology) a yearly competition for developing "Best Affordable New Technologies in Urology - BANTU". The competition will be open to everybody with an innovative idea for low-cost devices and technologies. The best entry will receive a \$ 2,500 USD prize. Prizes of \$ 1,500 and \$ 1,000 USD will be given to second and third place entries, respectively. If less than three prizes will be given in one particular year, the remaining money will be added to the sum of the prizes of the following year.

For more information on the competition, please visit <http://bit.ly/SIUbantU>. ●



Featured New SIU Member



Waleed Ghoneima
Egypt

Name: Waleed Ghoneima
Location: Cairo, Egypt.
Position: Lecturer of Urology, Urology Department, and Cairo University.

I am a lecturer of urology at Kasr Al Ainy hospital, Cairo University. I am passionate about endourology, oncology and renal transplantation. In 2004, I gained my master's degree. Five years later, I obtained my MD degree in Urology and Infertility, all the while serving as assistant lecturer in the same hospital. My MD thesis was TRUS guided aspiration and opacification of seminal vesicle in management of patient with obstructive azoospermia, which I presented recently as a moderated poster in the 36th SIU congress that ran from October 20-23, 2016 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In 2009, I became lecturer of urology at Cairo University. It was at that point that I began to join international urological associations such as EAU in 2010 and AUA in 2012. I am also a member of the Egyptian Urological Association (EUA).

I started my relationship with SIU in 2010 when I attended the SIU World Meeting on Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction, held in Marrakech, Morocco from October 13-16, 2010. I was so pleased by this impressive gathering of colleagues and professors of urology from all over the world that I chose to attend the 32nd SIU Congress in beautiful Fukuoka, Japan in 2012. I soon realized that SIU is much more than a urological association. It's also social society, with the benefit of not being limited by borders. Furthermore, the SIU Academy provides continuing education by allowing urologists from all over the world to improve their knowledge and skills. I especially appreciate that it provides me with updates in the urology field through comprehensive listings of urological meetings and continuing medical education activities worldwide, a literature review for professionals and their patients, and improved user-friendly training fellowship applications. The SIU really is different from other urological societies, which is why I recently became a member. ●