



News from the President

IAAS was founded in 1995 in Brussels, Belgium, by several national organizations that wanted to promote the worldwide development of high quality ambulatory surgery. The IAAS is funded by fees from each member national organization and thus by the contributions of all their members. Each national organization sends two delegates to the [General Assembly of IAAS](#) which in turn elects the [Executive Committee \(EC\)](#). Thus each national organization can influence IAAS policies by their delegates in the GA.



So far IAAS has tried to live up to the expectations of national organizations by

- holding a [biannual international congress](#)
- publishing the quarterly journal [AMBULATORY SURGERY](#)
- publishing a book on practical and theoretical aspects of Ambulatory Surgery [DAY SURGERY – Development and Practice](#),
- publishing guidelines such as [POLICY BRIEF – Day Surgery: Make it Happen](#) which provides information for policy makers and politicians worldwide,
- supporting national organizations when negotiating with health officials
- supporting the establishment of national organizations in countries not currently represented in the IAAS.

As a new way to support national organizations and their members, IAAS wants to spread international news via electronic mail – news that we believe will interest their members. For this new project, we ask our member organizations and colleagues across the world to help ambulatory surgery by forwarding the Newsletter to their members, colleagues, and hospital and governmental leaders. The IAAS hopes that this Newsletter will help every participant in ambulatory surgery at local, national and international level gain knowledge and also provide support in their efforts to promote ambulatory surgery across the world.

Paulo Lemos

IAAS President

News from the Executive Committee

Dick de Jong Former IAAS President honoured

We are pleased to report that former IAAS President Dick de Jong has been bestowed the honour Officer in the Order of Orange Nassau by the Lord Mayor of Amsterdam on behalf of the Queen of the Netherlands. This was in recognition of both his international work and for his local community. See pictures at <http://www.iaas-med.com/joomla/index.php/about-us/latest-news>



Hugh Bartholomeusz



Not to be outdone by the Netherlands, an Australian has also received an award. The Queen of England awarded Hugh with the award, " Medal in the General Division of the Order of Australia for services to medicine in the field of reconstructive surgery and medical administration." This was a great honour, acknowledging the work that Hugh has undertaken for the Australian Day Surgery Council and IAAS amongst other organizations.

European projects of IAAS

This project aims at closing the gaps in data, information and knowledge concerning Day Surgery in Europe. Such knowledge will be invaluable for an evidence-based design of Day Surgery systems of care. The project will recommend a coherent set of strategic and operational options that will help the design of a streamlined and standardized Day Surgery information system in Europe.

To find out more follow this link <http://www.dsdp.eu>

Carlo Castoro, *President Elect of IAAS*



International News and Comments

Operative Mortality in Resource-Limited Settings.

The Experience of Médecins Sans Frontières in 13 Countries

(Arch Surg. 2010;145(8):721-725. doi:10.1001/archsurg.2010.137)

A retrospective cohort study of 17 surgical programs in 13 developing countries by the humanitarian organization Médecins Sans Frontières showed that surgical care can be provided safely in resource-limited settings with appropriate minimum standards and protocols. About 20000 procedures were recorded.

Abstract: <http://archsurg.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/145/8/721>

Comment:

It is eye-opening that many surgical procedures can be performed with fairly good quality under hygienic and technical conditions which many surgeons and anaesthetists in our big hospitals would judge "primitive". Therefore a study is needed to investigate the minimum standards for hygiene in ambulatory surgery. Perhaps health services can save considerable sums by reducing hygienic procedures to evidence-based standards. *Jost Brökelmann (Germany)*

News from national organizations

VI. National Congress on Ambulatory Surgery- APCA (Portugal)



The Portuguese Association of Ambulatory Surgery (APCA), member of the IAAS, organized its VI . National Congress from 10 till 12 May, 2010, in Beja, Portugal.

National Health Authorities and well-know international and national speakers made this scientific initiative a very successful meeting for the 450 participants. The Portuguese Health Minister had the opportunity to recognize the great development of day surgery programmes that has occurred in Portugal in the recent years. From 75,935 of day surgery procedures in 2005, Portugal increased to 175,612 in 2009, which

represented 22,0% and 44,4% of all non-emergent surgery in 2005 and 2009, respectively, and a two-fold increase in 4 years time. This increase was registered all over the country, after the implementation of the governmental proposals in 2008 in order to promote more and more day surgery in the country.

Portuguese Health Authorities aim to reach more than 50% of scheduled surgery on a day basis in Portugal, by 2010.

During the Congress, the new President of APCA, Dr Carlos Magalhães, presented a lot of initiatives to the APCA associates. Consensus conferences, national registration of day procedures, implementation of clinical indicators in several DSU, monthly newsletter, and the creation of different subcommittees are among his projects.

Jan Eshuis, the Secretary of the Dutch Association of Day Care & Short Stay (NVDK), member of the Executive Committee of the IAAS, was one of the speakers invited to the Portuguese Congress. The next national meeting will take place in Braga, on May 2012.

Paulo Lemos, MD, President of the VI. National Congress of APCA

Meetings



9th International Congress on Ambulatory Surgery

8 – 11 May 2011

Copenhagen Denmark

<http://www.iaascongress2011.org>

Why not join us in the beautiful city of Copenhagen for the next International Association for Ambulatory Surgery Congress. The Associations of Ambulatory Surgery in Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland have put together an outstanding programme. The Nicoll lecture promises a stimulating start as it will be given by Dr Paul White from the USA on the topic "Clinical research in ambulatory surgery: What have we obtained and what is still remaining?" The meeting then has a large number of parallel sessions that offers something for all interests. Attending the Congress will be both educational - earning CME

accreditation points - and entertaining. Obviously it gives you the chance to catch up on international developments in day surgery from surgical, nursing and anaesthetic perspectives. However it also offers you the opportunity to meet and network with international experts and colleagues and perhaps take home a trick or two you hadn't thought of. There is also the opportunity for you to submit an abstract and so present some of your own work and experience. Don't forget to enjoy Copenhagen while you're here. You can visit [Tivoli Gardens](#) which is a fairytale amusement park and of course [The Little Mermaid](#). Then at night you might consider visiting the [Ice Bar](#) to have a drink from a glass made of ice!

So put the date in your diary and come and join us. *Claus Toftgaard, Congress President*

IAAS Homepage - www.iaas-med.com

The IAAS Website has undergone a facelift and has been reorganized to include free access to our journal Ambulatory Surgery. There is a section where you can view the current international membership with links to their websites. www.iaas-med.com/joomla/index.php/about-us/current-members.

Access is provided to the various IAAS initiatives that are currently taking place many of which you can download. www.iaas-med.com/joomla/index.php/iaas-initiatives. There is also free access to IAAS Recommendations about issues such as discharge criteria, clinical indicators and extended stay facilities www.iaas-med.com/joomla/index.php/recommendations.

Please explore this free resource and if you have any suggestions for content then contact Ian Jackson via webmaster@iaas-med.com.



Ambulatory Surgery

The official clinical journal of the International Association for Ambulatory Surgery

Ambulatory Surgery provides a multidisciplinary international forum for all health care professionals involved in day care surgery. The editors welcome original articles, reviews, case reports, short communications and letters relating to the practice and management of ambulatory surgery. Topics covered include basic and clinical research, surgery, anaesthesia, nursing; administrative issues, facility development, management, policy issues, reimbursement; perioperative care, patient and procedure selection, discharge criteria, and home care.

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E Bryant

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K. Kok and S. Singh

Efficacy of a direct booking system: a prospective cohort study

R. Ali, E. Lang, O. Chukudubelu, M. Walsh

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Neal H. Badner & Aaron R. Mocon

Carbon dioxide pneumoperitoneum, physiologic changes and anesthetic concerns

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