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Editor's Welcome

Richard Field



Dear ISHA Member.

Welcome to **ISHANEWS**. This is our second edition and I would like to express my thanks to all our contributors.

This year's President, John O'Donnell, outlines his aspirations for the Society and describes some of the initiatives that are being pursued by the Board and Society members. Giancarlo Polesello is preparing to host this year's ISHA meeting from 9-11 October, in Rio de Janeiro. Marc Safran is putting together another varied and exciting scientific program. Anyone wishing to submit an abstract should obtain instructions from the meeting website at <http://www.ishameetings.net>

The ISHA website has matured greatly over the past twelve months and Al Stubbs provides a summary of the key developments that are making <http://www.isha.net> the 'go to' place for up to date information on what is happening in the world of Hip Arthroscopy

Tony Andrade has taken on the Membership Secretary role with energy and purpose. His report on the ISHA membership provides a fascinating insight into who and where we are. Tony explains why he needs your feedback to remain in communication with ISHA members.

Our new Society secretary, Anna Lozinska-Brown explains her role. If you need Anna's help please email her at secretary@isha.net

Ajay Malviya provides a fascinating insight into the changes that are taking place in the world of medical publishing. He floats the suggestion that ISHA could establish an open access online journal providing immediate publication, with open peer review, performed by ISHA members. If this

is a project in which you would like to be involved, please email me richardefield@aol.com or Ajay amalviya@nhs.net

On the subject of Hip Arthroscopy publications, Richard Villar is in the process of launching the new Journal of Hip Preservation Surgery. See http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our_journals/jhps for further details.

Our physiotherapy colleagues, Emma-Jane Harding and Amir Takla update us on their group's work to develop the involvement of Physiotherapists in ISHA.

Hip Arthroscopy Fellowships provide the main focus of this **ISHANEWS** issue - Ben Domb proposes that hip preservation surgery should be viewed as a sub-specialty in its own right. He describes a Fellowship with multiple short visits to experts in hip preserving surgery. This theme is developed by Chuck Cakic who is developing the ISHA Hip Arthroscopy Fellowship program. Chuck is keen to receive feedback from the membership and can be contacted on jn.cakic@gmail.com. Marcus Bankes reiterates Ben's observation that hip arthroscopy and other hip preserving interventions are all undertaken to preserve the natural hip joint and that a broader knowledge enables us to offer patients the most appropriate treatment.

This edition of **ISHANews** carries our first commercial advertisement. If you know of other companies who would consider advertising in **ISHANews** please let me know.

Finally, don't miss the sections on Hip Arthroscopy Fellowships, Meetings and Members' News to ensure that you know How and Where Hip Arthroscopy is evolving.

President's Report

John O'Donnell



Happy 2014 to all of our ISHA Members.

I hope that this is a healthy, happy, and peaceful year for you all.

It certainly promises to be a busy year for ISHA. Of particular importance is the work being done by Rodrigo Mardones and the Board to update the ISHA Constitution. A lot of work has been done on this already, and we hope to have the draft of the new proposed Constitution ready to be sent to all of you in time to vote on it in Rio de Janeiro, at our next Annual Scientific Meeting. This will then lead on to elections for the Board next year.

I am sure that you will have noticed major changes to our website. Development of the site is continuing, and will allow us to communicate much better, pay annual dues and Meeting fees, accept new members, and much, much more. We are particularly grateful to Al Stubbs and John Christoforetti for the great work that they have done, and continue to do, on this project.

We are very keen to make ISHA much more than the premier international society for hip arthroscopists. We want to include all those people involved in hip preservation treatment. This, of course, is our primary work as arthroscopic hip Surgeons, but we also hope to include open hip preservation Surgeons, and also Physiotherapists. This will allow very healthy interaction amongst all of those involved in treating these sometimes challenging patients. We will be aiming to

have more time for both these groups to be included in the ASM in Rio. As a start, Marcus Bankes is leading the open preservation surgery group and Amir Takla the Physiotherapists. Both can be contacted via the website.

As an International Society, we are working to attract members from as many countries as possible. I have been trying, with some success, to encourage members from throughout Asia. There is a growing group from Japan, China, India, Thailand, Hong Kong, and Singapore, and growing interest from this region, with its massive population.

We also want to make being an ISHA Member as rewarding as possible. As well as the current benefits (being part of the group that includes all of the major hip arthroscopy Surgeons in the world, access to all of these people at the ASM and via the website, subscription to Journal of Arthroscopy, and reduced ASM registration for a beginning) we are working to add more.

It is important that ISHA Members are readily recognized. As arthroscopic hip surgery becomes more common around the world, patients need a way to determine which Surgeons to consult. We believe that being an ISHA Member is an important consideration. So that patients will come to recognize ISHA members, we have the "Find an Arthroscopist" feature on the ISHA homepage.

President's Report (continued)

John O'Donnell

This year we plan to send an annual certificate to all members after payment of annual dues which will be available later this year. This will be suitable for display in your office. As well, Tony Andrade has designed an ISHA tie.

We are also looking at the possibility of "Special Offers" for ISHA members, such as the offer from Clinical Graphics contained in this newsletter, and we are looking to negotiate publication discounts for members.

One of our major functions is education. So far, this has been mainly addressed at the Annual Scientific Meeting. This meeting continues to grow both in size, and quality at an extraordinary rate. We owe a lot to those who have worked so hard as Meeting Program Chairmen, particularly Marc Safran, who will be doing this job for his fourth (and final) year in Rio, 2014. We are delighted that we will now also be able to offer ISHA Fellowships. We have 2 funded Fellowships to offer, and details of how to apply will be advertised later this year. We hope to be able to expand the number and scope of these fellowships over time.

Many of you have your own groups and meetings. We are keen to offer support to you, but we also have to be a little careful to protect the ISHA name. Chris Gebhart is leading a group to work out what

criteria we need to allow us to recognize these groups and meetings as "ISHA endorsed".

There are many other areas where we are working to develop ISHA, and many, many people are involved. I have only mentioned a few. Helping us to coordinate all of this, and to run the organization on a day to day basis is our Secretary, Anna Lozinska-Brown. Anna is incredibly efficient and helpful, and can be contacted also via the website. We always welcome anyone who would like to help and contribute. If there is any area where you feel you would like to help, please contact Anna, and she can forward on your offer to the appropriate Chairpersons!

Very best wishes, and I look forward to catching up with you in Rio in October.

[John O'Donnell](#)