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Hello from Headquarters

We want to formally welcome all NYSIHS members to this introductory issue of International Humanitarian Surgery. For those of you who have not filled out an application, we encourage you to apply. (Application information is available on our website at www.nysihs.org.)

We also want to thank everyone who stopped by our poster at the International Society of Surgery meeting in Montreal. We are very excited at the interest and look forward to working with all of you to address the issue of improving surgical needs of resource poor environments.

After this first issue of International Humanitarian Surgeon, we plan on publishing quarterly issues. We will have mission reports from members, highlight facilities in need, and present cases of interest to International Humanitarian Surgeons.

We will also be posting the names of new members in each edition, as well as updating the list of facilities which express an interest in assistance. Let us know what else would be beneficial in this newsletter.

We are still in the process of collecting questionnaires to finish our database listing opportunities for surgeons throughout the world. If you have not filled out a questionnaire yet, please do so, and pass one on to a colleague if they know of any opportunities.

On another administrative note we have received our not-for-profit status commonly known as a 501(c) 3. We are therefore, now happy to accept donations.

Feel free to contact us anytime with information or questions you might have. Our goal is to continually improve this organi-



zation to maximize its utility to its membership.

The NYSIHS Board:
Alex Guerrero
Peter Kingham
Adam Kushner

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New NYSIHS Members

Adeyinka Charles Adisa - Nigeria
Sandro Conti - Italy
Michael Corneille - USA
Simon Fan - Taiwan
Glenn Geelhoed - USA
Richard Gosselin - USA
Haideh Hirmand -USA
Laura James - USA

Pankaj Jani - Kenya
Veronique Laloe - France
Ari Leppaniemi - Finland
Steve Mannion - UK
Jerome Peter Mkidamweni - Tanzania
Evan Nadler - USA
Piero Picone - Italy

Aluvaala Eliud Seme - Kenya
Jackie Treacy - USA
Steve Utracht - USA
Leo Vigna - Malawi
David Zonies - USA

For information on becoming a member or recommending a facility please refer to our website :

www.nysihs.org

Or email:

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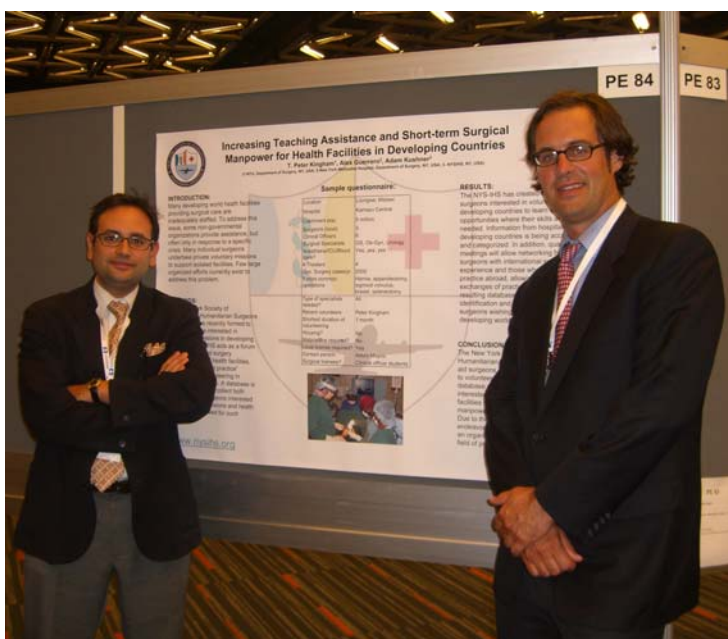
Facilities

Facilities interested in surgical assistance include:

- China: Laparoscopic Surgeon
- Italy: Neurosurgeon
- Kenya: VVF Surgeon, Pediatric Surgeon, GU, Ortho
- Malawi: General Surgeon
- Malawi: General Surgeon, GU, GYN, Ortho, Neurosurgeon
- Malawi: General Surgeon, GU, GYN, Burn Surgeon
- Nigeria: Endoscopic, Laparoscopic Surgeon, GU
- Tanzania: General Surgeon, Ortho
- Tanzania: General Surgeon



International Society of Surgery Meeting



In August the NYSIHS was represented at the International Society of Surgery (ISS) meeting in Montreal by Alex Guerrero and Peter Kingham. They presented the poster *Increasing Surgical Manpower in Resource Limited Countries*. This paper outlined the way in which the NYSIHS connects members to health care facilities that would benefit from a visiting surgeon. They also presented posters on *Homemade Firearms*, and on *Predictors of Outcome in Trauma Re-look Laparotomies*, with data from Johannesburg.

The ISS this year had an important focus on the reallocation of surgical manpower to

developing countries. This commitment was best exemplified by several lectures at the IATSIC sessions. Chris Giannou from the ICRC spoke on mobile surgical teams in Monrovia, Donald Trunkey gave a Keynote Speech on the Burden of Trauma in Developing Countries, while Tarek Razek from CNIS gave several lectures on how to set up missions overseas. It was inspiring to see issues that we feel strongly about taking the place they deserve in the worldwide surgical forum.

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The New York Society of International Humanitarian Surgeons (NYSIHS) improves surgical care in resource poor environments by linking surgeons to hospitals in developing countries; investigating the burden of surgical disease; and supporting local surgical staffing and training programs..

Download-able Surgery Texts:

- Primary Surgery: Volume One - Non-Trauma
(www.meb.uni-bonn.de/dtc/primsurg/index.html)
- Primary Surgery: Volume Two - Trauma
(www.primary-surgery.org/ps/vol2/html/index.html)
- WHO: Surgical Care at the District Hospital
(www.who.int/surgery/publications/scdh_manual/en/index.html)
- Manual of Surgery
(www.gutenberg.org/files/17921/17921-h/17921-h.htm)
- ICRC: Surgery for Victims of War
(www.icrc.org/web/eng/siteeng0.nsf/html/p0446)

Report from Dar Es Salaam: The 2nd meeting of the Global Initiative on Emergency and Essential Surgical Care

For two days nearly 70 delegates representing thirty five countries met in the Tanzanian capital of Dar Es Salaam. General, orthopedic, plastic, cardiothoracic, and pediatric surgeons, anesthesiologists, and public health specialists met at the Kunduchi Beach Front Hotel to discuss the progress and way forward for the Global Initiative on Emergency and Essential Surgical Care (GIEESC).

To date the World Health Organization's essential surgical skills program has been implemented in 23 countries, many of whose representatives attended the meeting. Adam L. Kushner attended the meeting and represented the NYSIHS.

Although no formal goals were defined during the meeting, it provided an excellent chance for networking and hopefully will lead to many new members and facilities for our ever-growing database. Additionally, progress was made on addressing the need for understanding the magnitude of surgical diseases globally and a road map is to be developed in order to establish future projects.

Dr. Kushner also attended the 2nd meeting of the International Federation of Rural Surgeons held at St. Francis Hospital in Ifakara, Tanzania. Many interesting papers were presented and additional plans were discussed for establishing research projects on the global burden of surgical disease.

Further information on the GIEESC conference will be available shortly on the WHO website: www.who.int/surgery

