

* * *

NEWSLETTER
U.S. Chapter
International Surgical Society
President, Dr. Ron Maier, Seattle, Washington
Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. John Clarke, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

* * *

We hope you are looking forward to the **2011 International Surgical Week in Yokohama, Japan** from August 28 to September 1. Be sure to attend the opening session on Monday morning, August 29, at 8 A.M. (the ISS/SIC Presidential Address), when our own Past-President, **Patricia Numann, will be awarded the ISS/SIC Prize**, the highest honor bestowed by the ISS.

We also hope you will attend two events at the **ACS Clinical Congress in San Francisco**:

We strongly encourage you to attend the College's annual **Distinguished Lecture of the International Surgical Society**, on **Wednesday at 8 A.M.** The international speaker will be **Eilis McGovern, President of the Royal College Surgeons in Ireland** and a newly minted Honorary Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. She will talk on "*Surgical Training and Surgical Practice: Are We Getting the Formula Right?*" Please support the International Surgical Society and the American College of Surgeons with your attendance. Look for it in the program under **NL07**.

The Annual Meeting of the U.S. Chapter of the International Surgical Society will be from **6:30 A.M. on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 to 7:30 A.M. at the St. Regis Hotel, No. 125 on 3rd Street, in San Francisco** during the ACS Clinical Congress. *Breakfast will be served.* Currently, the meeting is scheduled for the Impressionist Room on Level 4, but check on arriving. The hotel is 250 yards – a 3 minutes walk – from the Clinical Congress in the Moscone Convention Center. You will have plenty of time to make it from the annual meeting of the U.S. Chapter of the ISS to the Distinguished Lecture of the ISS at 8 A.M. Make Wednesday an ISS morning! Please plan to attend both events if you are in San Francisco. **To R.S.V.P. to reserve a seat for the breakfast buffet, please email Scott Rosenwood in Dr. Maier's office – rsnwood@u.washington.edu – or contact him using the contact information at the end of this newsletter.**

Would you like to be more involved in the U.S. Chapter? If so, please let the Executive Committee of the U.S. Chapter know of your interest by contacting the Secretary, John Clarke, at JClarkeMD@mac.com. There would be no better time than now. We are particularly interested in involving members with an interest in the stated objectives of the Chapter: to advance the science and art of surgery through research and education to achieve focused, sustainable excellence in surgical care throughout the developing and developed world.

And please plan ahead to join us at the **2013 International Surgical Week in Helsinki, Finland**, from August 24 to 29, 2013.

Do you know of surgeons who are interested in the international perspective of surgery? Please consider recruiting them for membership in the ISS. Details can be found on the ISS website at: <http://www.iss-sic.ch/membership.htm>.

Contributions to the ISS Foundation will no longer automatically be a part of US Chapter dues, because of many institutional policies. **US Chapter members are strongly encouraged to continue supporting the ISS Foundation with their individual donations, which are tax-deductible.** The US-based ISS Foundation supports attendance at the International Surgical Weeks by surgeons in developing countries, who would otherwise not be able to attend.

Have you paid your dues? All dues, for the ISS, the integrated societies, and the U.S. chapter, are now billed from the ISS headquarters in Switzerland and paid and paid through the ISS headquarters in euros. *The most convenient way to pay the dues in euros is by credit card.*

Until October of 2011, the administrative office of the U.S. Chapter will remain:

U.S Chapter – ISS
c/o the office of Ronald Maier, MD
Department of Surgery, Box 359796
Harborview Medical Center
325 9th Ave.
Seattle, WA 98104-2499