



## News from the President

Like those who came before me, I am honoured to be the President of the IAAS. I realise I am following in the footsteps of many great colleagues and therefore helped by those who came before me. I will do my best to steer the IAAS through what I hope will prove to be a period of expansion and with this in mind, I am pleased to report that at our recent General Assembly both China and Japan joined us as full members.

I believe that the present economical problems are affecting us all – whatever the model of our health service. This makes our message on the provision of safe and effective day surgery one that should be heard by politicians across the world. Working together as an organisation we can provide expertise and now training courses - thanks to the work started by our immediate Past President Carlo Castoro.

During my time as President I would like to build up a database of day surgery facilities that would be willing to host 'observers' from other countries. Would your hospital or day surgery facility be interested? Then please let me know via [President@iaas-med.com](mailto:President@iaas-med.com).

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Hungarian colleagues for organising an excellent Congress for us in Budapest. It was a great success with over 700 delegates attending and enjoying a stimulating meeting as well as the renowned Hungarian hospitality. If you could not attend then you have the opportunity to see some of the talks you missed on our website – please follow this link <http://tinyurl.com/nr4dkst>



Ian Jackson, President

## News from the Executive Committee



These past 2 years as President of the IAAS seem to have passed by quickly. Now, as I reflect on what has been done, I realize that we have accomplished quite a lot. I feel I put my greatest effort into extending the IAAS network of contacts with international health care bodies and research institutes so that the IAAS can have a greater influence on policy making for the organization of surgical services. The greatest achievement in this period was the support of the EU in the form of co-financing for our 2013 Operations. This grant has allowed us to invest in the development of Day Surgery in Eastern Europe; the very first IAAS training program is underway. I wish to thank the past Executive Committee and General Assembly for their hard work and support.

## What has been achieved 2011-2013

### Expansion of the IAAS

#### Full Members

- JSSSA - Japanese Short Stay Surgery Association
- CASA - China Ambulatory Surgery Alliance

#### Associate Member

- Romanian Society of Ambulatory Surgery

#### Individual Members

- Poland, Belgrade, Switzerland, Belarus, Greece and Palestine.

#### Friends of the Association

- Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC)

### Scientific Projects and Initiatives

- Day Surgery Data Project (<http://www.dsdp.eu>) concluded on August 31, 2012
- Day Safe (<http://www.daysafe.eu/>) will conclude at the end of September this year
- "Financing Day Surgery" Paulo Lemos initiated this research and data collection among IAAS member countries

- "Surgical Statistics" Jost Brökelmann continued our biennial survey.
- Day Surgery Making it Happen IAAS Train the Trainer course was held in Budapest, Hungary last October.

### Financing

Corporate sponsors

- Aesculap
- Vanguard

Co-financing for 2013 Operations from the EU Executive Agency for Health and Consumers.

During the General Assembly meeting in Budapest the new Executive Committee was elected for the 2013-2015 term. The new members are:

**Ian Jackson** (Anaesthetist –United Kingdom), President

**Mohamed Gamal** (Surgeon –Hungary), President-Elect

**Jan Eshuis** (Anaesthetist – The Netherlands), Secretary

**Luc Van Outryve** (Surgeon –Belgium), Treasurer

**Paulo Lemos** (Anaesthetist –Portugal), Past-President

**Carlo Castoro** (Surgeon –Italy), Immediate Past-President

**Raafat Hannallah** (Anaesthetist –SAMBA –United States of America)

**Wendy Adams** (Nurse –Australia)

**Jan Jakobsson** (Anaesthetist –Sweden)

**Fernando Docobo** (Surgeon –Spain)

**Jost Brökelmann** (Gynaecological Surgeon –Germany)

**Doug McWhinnie** (Surgeon –United Kingdom)

**Arnaldo Valedon** (Anaesthetist – United States of America)

**Beverly Philip** (Anaesthetist – United States of America), ex-officio as Editor-in-Chief of the Ambulatory Surgery Journal.

The Executive Committee of our Association is directly responsible for the running of the IAAS. However, I would like to encourage all delegates of our General Assembly, our individual members and anyone interested in Ambulatory Surgery to actively participate in our scientific projects and initiatives. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts – if we work together as one, we will be able to have a greater impact.

**Carlo Castoro**  
**Immediate Past President**

## International News

### 10th IAAS International Congress, Budapest, Hungary



The Hungarian Association For Ambulatory surgery hosted the 10th IAAS Congress on ambulatory surgery on 4 – 8 May 2013 in the beautiful capital Budapest. The President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the Patron of the Congress, gave the opening speech and on the second day, the Hungarian Minister of Healthcare visited the Congress and gave some positive words about the importance of day surgery as a catalyzer of healthcare reform process in Hungary. A total number of 710

participants from 27 countries attended this important event, where an array of more than 100 invited speakers gave lectures and actively participated in round tables. More than 200 excellent papers (free papers and posters) were presented. In spite of the severe world economic crisis, 14 national and international companies sponsored or took part in the exhibition area, among them was Vanguard, the famous distributor of the Mobile Day Surgery Units. The social programme was very rich, including all the features of Hungarian folklore, such as dancing, horse show and the famous Hungarian gastronomy. Photos of the events can be seen on the website of the Hungarian Association of Ambulatory Surgery: <http://www.mest.hu>.



**Gamal Mohamed, MD**  
**President of the Hungarian Association for Ambulatory Surgery**

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## New IAAS members

### Japanese Short Stay Surgery Association JSSSA

I present a letter from JSSSA. I thank you all for the warm welcome in Budapest in May 2013. Day surgery began in Japan in 1995. The first day surgery private clinic of surgeons was opened in 1998. It is a great honor to be recognized as a member of IAAS.

The JSSSA congress was held on June 8, 2013. It was in the 2005 meeting that I become a representative in Japan. Doctors, anesthesiologists and nurses, who perform Day surgery from all over Japan gathered in a hall at the Moji-ko Hotel; in a peaceful atmosphere, this important meeting was held in Kita-kyusyu. It was very shocking to me to learn that it was thought that Day surgery was not carried out in Japan as it is for other member countries of the IAAS. The plenary session becomes the tenth of the ninth, the memory of next year in this year, too.



As a member of IAAS, I will be active with all of you as a driving force for Day surgery in Japan. Finally, I pray for the happiness of all of you.



**Best regards**  
**Tomoshige Shigyo**

### Chinese Ambulatory Surgery Association (CASA)

Health System Reform and the Progress of Ambulatory Surgery in China.

On April 6th 2009, the Chinese central government launched a new health reform plan aimed at rebuilding China's existing healthcare system. This reform has significantly increased Chinese citizens' outpatient visits and inpatient admission rates, as well as the need for ambulatory surgery. China is now ushering in an era of rapid development of ambulatory surgery following the trend of expanding from big city hospitals to local grass-root hospitals. Accompanied by the establishment of medical security system, the provider payment system reform of public hospitals has further accelerated the progress of ambulatory surgery in China.

The earliest ambulatory surgery in China took place in Wuhan Children's Hospital in 2001, with the setup of sickrooms especially for ambulatory surgery. The hospital currently covers four diseases including hernia, hydrocele, phimosis and cyst of urethral orifice. From 2009 to 2011, the hospital completed 18,495 cases in total, achieving good social and economic benefits.

At present a great number of A-level tertiary hospitals in Beijing, Shanghai, Hubei, Sichuan and Guangdong have been broadly performing ambulatory surgery since 2006, which accounts for 20.6% of the total elective surgeries. The results achieved are quite good: the average length of stay (ALOS) declined, while efficiency apparently improved.

In March 2012 CNHDRC founded the "China Ambulatory Surgery Alliance" which is devoted to encouraging technology innovation and research, and advancing the technical capability of ambulatory surgery. It also explores and establishes national technical and managerial regulations on ambulatory surgery (including scope, quality assurance standards, clinical pathways, and management principles for ambulatory surgery). Furthermore, it is dedicated to take part in the study on ambulatory surgery's provider payment system, establishing the platform for international collaborations, broadly developing international academic exchanges and collaborations, making China promptly absorb international state-of-the-art experiences and assisting more international organizations and hospitals to build long-running partnerships with China's health system. The good news is on May 13th 2013 China became a member of the International Association for Ambulatory Surgery. China will accelerate the pace of the development of ambulatory surgery through extensive international talks and international friends' powerful assistance.

**Prof. Zhang Zhenzhong**

**President, China Ambulatory Surgery Alliance**

**Honorary Director-General, China National Health Development Research Center, Ministry of Health, China**

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Day Surgery: Making it Happen

### Training Workshops and Training Needs Assessment

The IAAS is organizing 3 training workshops in Eastern Europe open to surgeons, anesthetists, nurses and managers on organizational models and best practices of day surgery. Course content

will draw on the experience of leading Day Surgery and Day Services throughout Europe and North America with the aim to provide evidence-based solutions adaptable to the different local situations.

Workshop dates and venues

September 15-16, 2013

Timisoara, Romania

October (date and venue to be determined)

Poland

November (date and venue to be determined)

Slovakia

For more information: <http://tinyurl.com/nhj5ndc>

**Help the IAAS identify the training needs in Ambulatory Surgery. Please take a few minutes to complete the short survey found on our website. The IAAS invites everyone interested in Day Surgery to take our survey. It will assist us in providing an exciting and useful program for future workshops.**

**To take our survey: <http://tinyurl.com/nt6ku9r>**

These workshops arise from the IAAS 2013 WORK PLAN EASTERN EUROPEAN YEAR, which has received funding, in the form of an operating grant, from the European Union, in the framework of the Health Programme.



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The journal, AMBULATORY SURGERY is an important educational arm of IAAS. This is especially so as the society had its recent 10<sup>th</sup> International Congress in Budapest. The meeting consisted of two and a half days and 30 sessions of invited lectures by international experts. These physicians, nurses, and administrators covered the full breadth of topics related to ambulatory surgical care and management. Abstracts of their lectures were published in 2013 Edition 19.2 of AMBULATORY SURGERY, so that the knowledge is available for all. Available online and free, AMBULATORY SURGERY can be found at [www.ambulatorysurgery.org](http://www.ambulatorysurgery.org).

Also at the meeting, all those who practice ambulatory surgical care had the opportunity to share their experiences and their research. These free paper presentations, in seven sessions, were given in both oral and poster formats. AMBULATORY SURGERY will publish summaries of the free papers in an upcoming special edition.

We invite you to read the journal to learn what's happening in the international world of ambulatory surgery. Even more importantly, we invite you to participate in this education – please share your experiences and your expertise, your problems and your solutions. Please see the AMBULATORY SURGERY website for more details on how to submit.

**Beverly K. Philip, MD**  
**Editor-in-Chief**

## Newsletter and Journal survey

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