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20 years celebration

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Dear Friends Governors

This year our Society *celebrate 20 years since has been established*. It is an important milestone that once again reinforces the important role of our Society in promoting and developing MIS in Asia.

I will also take the chance to update and bring to your attention some issues and upcoming activities.

1. ELSA 2012 in Riyadh, KSA
2. WCES Mexico 2012.
3. ELSA Committee activities
4. AMESCON 2012

1. ELSA 2012 in KSA

As you know the Annual Congress is Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from December 12-14. We should support Dr Aldohayan and promote the Congress in your respective Countries because we all wish to have another successful ELSA Congress. If you have any inquiry or suggestion please don't hesitate to contact Dr Al-Dohayan or ELSA secretariat. Join us to celebrate our 20th ELSA anniversary !!!

2. WCES Mexico 2012.

At the end of this month the World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery will be held in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (<http://worldcongresspvallarta.mx/>). ELSA organized 2 Symposia on "New Technology in MIS" and "Challenge the MIS Experts". A special agreement to get reduced registration rate for Asian developing countries has been made. Please let me know, who is attending and we will take this opportunity to get together by arranging a meeting for sharing ideas on future of ELSA. An E-card will be sent for reminder.

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2. ELSA Committee

ELSA Committee have been finalized and gradually they are starting own activities.

The Revision of By-Law Committee is reviewing our Statutes to streamline and improve ELSA efficiency. The Education Committee is extremely active by endorsing more and more workshops and courses and promoting educational activities. With a fruitful and strong collaboration of our ELSA Governor, Prof. Win Mynt we are planning 4 Workshops in Myanmar for this year (May, July and October). Prof. Tan HL is moving ahead to establish a Paediatric Surgery section within ELSA and to organize dedicated scientific sessions during our Annual Congress. Similarly, we are in discussion with Thoracoscopic Surgery Colleagues from ASIA to have them within our Society. The Scientific Committee will work closely with ELSA 2012 Committee to line up a great scientific congress in Riyadh and the Session "Voice for Asia" is going to be finalized soon. The session will be a Forum to discuss MIS implementation and difficulties in Asian developing countries. We will requires all of your to provide some inputs on it. The Membership Committee has increased the membership by more than 60 members in the last 6 months and now is looking at nomination for ELSA honorary membership to be selected. Lastly, but not least the Technological Committee has successful organized an excellent teleconference between Philipines, and Vietnam under the leadership of Prof S. Hilvano.

4. AMESCON 2012

The endorsed Congress in Dubai was a successful one under the presidency of our Governor Rolf Hartung and with an outstanding Faculty with more than half of them being ELSA members. More than 500 participants attended the Congress and with the courtesy of the organizer ELSA booth was hosted to promote our Society and co-opt new Membership.

Once again I wish to all of you and the newly formed Committee and wonderful 2012 and a lucky year of the Dragon

Looking forward to hear from you soon

Sincerely

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