



# ENDOSCOPIC AND LAPAROSCOPIC SURGEONS OF ASIA

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Dear Friends Governors and ELSA Members

It has been a great year for our Society with several activities all around our Continent and ELSA taking a leading role internationally.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Congress in Taipei is on the way and the President of the Congress, Prof JT Liang, the Vice-President William Chen, the Secretary General and Chairman of the Scientific Committee Prof. WJ Lee, and all the Local Organizing Committee are working intensely to make this 20 anniversary of ELSA an unforgettable experience.

Our Society continues to have a steady membership growth in Asia. Initiative like engagement with National Endo-Laparoscopic Societies, endorsement of regional activities, the Outreach Programme, ELSA Go International and more had contributed to a stronger awareness and integration of ELSA in ASIA and Worldwide.

1. 11<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific ELSA Congress
2. Report from Administrative Meetings
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## 1. 11<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Congress of ELSA

November 21-24 , 2013

“New technology, New Direction”

*Taipei International Convention Centre (TICC), Taiwan*

On behalf of the President of the 11<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Congress of ELSA and the LOC, we strongly invite all of you to join us in Taipei next months. No stone have been left unturned to make this year Congress an outstanding Scientific and Social gathering from the Asian Surgical Community. 60 Sessions and Symposia with more than 70 outstanding Speakers, 9 Plenary Lectures has been organized. Two Sessions “ Voice for Asia “ will serve as platform to discuss the needs and requirements of developing Countries to adopt and promote MIS. A Combined Session with Experts from the main International Societies will discuss about the Implementation of MIS and Technology in our daily clinical practice

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More than 80 Oral presentations and 200 Poster Presentations have been selected by the Scientific Committee and every day Live surgery will be broadcast in the Congress with experts showing challenging situations. Lastly but not least, Three Pre Congress Workshops on Digestive, Metabolic Surgery and Hepato-biliary Surgery will be organized.

Overall as you can see, a tremendous effort from the Local Committee to make this a "Premier Event" in the International Surgical Panorama.

**Visit the website: <http://www.elsa2013taiwan.com>**

## **2. ELSA Administrative Meetings**

- As in my previous email and Newsletter the Constitution has been updated and can be downloaded from the ELSA Website or requested to our Secretariat.  
*The newly approved Constitution is on the website*
- The liaison with the SAGES and EAES is going further ahead with a great success. During the last EAES Congress in Vienna, Austria we have been invited to co-host a Scientific Session and in the upcoming World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery in Paris, June 2014, ELSA will have the privilege to co-organize 2 Pre-Congress Workshops (Managing Complications in MIS; Complex Situation in Hernia Surgery) and 2 Scientific Sessions (topic to be finalized). Please feel free to give any suggestion.
- Our social network "MD Pie" has been launched and many Members started to use MD Pie allow a fast sharing communication between us, but also gives us the opportunity to interact, to share interesting share clinical cases, blog, open forum and more. You can visit the ELSA website and get the link for Login

## **3. ELSA Outreach Programme**

The "Outreach ELSA Programme" is going on successfully and with great enthusiasm. Since the inception more than 15 Workshops have been organized in countries like: Myanmar (9), Nepal (2), Bangladesh (1), Philippines (3) and in addition many more Workshops in Countries like Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Laos and Indonesia are listed for 2014.

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The monitoring of the Endolaparoscopic procedures is truly encouraging with the numbers of procedures going up very fast.

The Support from ELSA Members has been encouraging and we hope that our Experts Members can support our Outreach programme and if any countries would like to get ELSA support for their Educational MIS Programme please do not hesitate to contact us.

**More information are available on the ELSA website**

<http://www.elsa-soc.com/programme.aspx>

Lastly, my two-years term are almost at the end and I hope to have fulfilled your expectations or at least, believe me, I did my best to try to do so.

I really hope that, the new elected President and Executive Committee will have the time, the passion and commitment to serve ELSA. They certainly should continue to contribute to promote MIS in Asia, to bring ELSA further both locally, regionally and Internationally as it was the aim of the “founding fathers” of our Society.

All the Executive Committee with the help of the Governors and all the Members of the different Committee, have dedicated time and passion to our beloved Society and we hope that the future will be brighter and brighter.

We will continue to support the next leadership with our best.

*Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.*

*Henry Ford*

Looking forward to meet all of you in Taipei, I remain

Sincerely

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