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Dear Friends and Governors

A quick update on some of the ongoing activities at ELSA.

First of all, we had a successful **World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery in Paris**, June 25-28 in which we have about 400 participants from Asia out of the total of 2000. ELSA co-organized a Pre-Congress Workshop and we participated at the World Cup for the best video/paper. An outstanding Asian Invited Faculty represented the excellence of ELSA during the several scientific Sessions. The next World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery will be in Shanghai in 2016, hosted by Dr. Zheng Min-Hua.

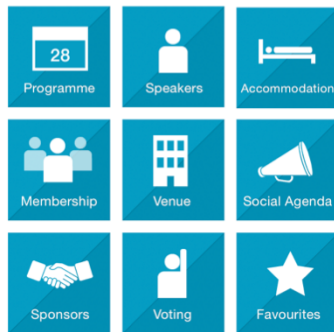
The **International Congress of ELSA 2014** is on the way and I wish to see all of you in **Bali from October 8 to 11**. The President, Dr Errawan and the Secretary General, Dr Barlian have lined up an unbelievable scientific and social programme. 8 Pre-Congress Workshops will be held on October 8-9, more than 50 Scientific Sessions and 6 Plenary Lectures are scheduled with more than 50 Invited Speakers from Asia, Europe and USA.

The *abstract deadline is coming soon on AUGUST 1*, please ask your colleagues, junior and co-workers to submit abstracts. We will have the best oral, video and poster awarded with the ELSA prizes. Visit [www.elsa2014.com](http://www.elsa2014.com)

This year during the Bali Congress, in agreement with ELSA Advisory Committee, we would like to honour our *Asian Pioneers in MIS with **the ELSA Honorary Membership***. 20 years ago MIS started in Asia and we are here thanks to the perseverance, commitment and guidance of these excellent surgeons that in very early stage started to explore this new technology and were among the co-founders of our Society:

- Tatsuo Yamakawa, Japan
- Serafino Hilvano, Philippines
- Tehemton Udwadia, India
- Sydney Chung, Hong Kong

Lastly, in Bali 2014 we will launch the **ELSA App** for both android, iOS and webapp users. The interface is very user friendly and allow the user to have the programme of the congress, the bio of the speakers, ELSA membership, and other options we are finalizing. Attached is an example (not finalized yet). The innovation is the Voting system, that allow all users to vote in a Session, in a Debate or if any Chairman would like to discuss a controversial topic. Results are posted on screen immediately. Each year, Congress programme, Bio and other tab will be updated. Every members that organize an endorsed ELSA Congress, may rented out the App for a single use for a fee.



I wish you all the best and looking forward to your suggestion and comment.

See you soon in Bali

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