IPEG’s 24th Annual Congress for Endosurgery in Children

Held in Conjunction with the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES)

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GAYLORD OPRYLAND HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, USA

Early Registration & Housing Deadline:
March 20, 2015

ADVANCE PROGRAM 2015
Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 24th Congress of the International Pediatric Endosurgery Group! This year’s meeting is jointly held with SAGES in historic Nashville, Tennessee. We are looking forward to an exciting program highlighting innovations, research, and education in pediatric minimally invasive surgery.

For those of you new to IPEG, welcome to the family! IPEG is a fantastic organization that fosters new ideas, innovation, and education in pediatric minimally invasive surgery. There is something for everyone from the novice to the expert. IPEG and its leaders are committed to the concept that every pediatric surgery patient, wherever in the world they live, deserves the best minimally invasive techniques available in their environment. Another aspect of IPEG that is not apparent in the program are the opportunities to network and interact with colleagues and experts from around the world. There are also plenty of opportunities for you to participate in IPEG by submitting your work or serving on a committee. IPEG welcomes all of its members to participate in the organization and the annual congress.

This year’s program and education committees have planned a fantastic program featuring innovative hands-on simulation courses, expert panel discussions, debates with our SAGES colleagues, videos, and exciting scientific sessions. I would like to give a special thanks to Kathy Barsness, Pablo Laje, Georges Azzie, Go Miyano, and Matt Clifton who, along with many others, have worked tirelessly on your program. I would also like to thank Jacqueline Narváez, IPEG Executive Director, and the team at BSC Management Inc., without whom, this would not be possible.

I look forward to seeing you in Nashville!

Sincerely yours,

Mark L. Wulkan, MD
2015 IPEG President

Welcome Message

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Please note: The official language of the meeting is English.
General Information

Why IPEG?
Now is an excellent time to become an IPEG member. Join IPEG now and receive a substantial discount on the meeting registration by being an IPEG member! Your dues also include a subscription to the Journal of Laparoendoscopic & Advance Surgical Techniques (a $900 value is yours for FREE with your paid IPEG membership.)

Who Should Attend?
The 24th Annual Congress of the International Pediatric Endosurgery Group (IPEG) as elements that have been specifically designed to meet the needs of practicing pediatric surgeons, urologists, and other related specialties, physicians-in-training, GI assistants, and nurses who are interested in minimally invasive surgery in children and adolescents. The IPEG Program Committee recommends that participants design their own attendance schedule based on their own personal educational objectives.

2015 Meeting Objectives
The objectives of the activity are to educate pediatric surgeons and urologists about developing techniques, to discuss the evidence supporting adopting these techniques, to provide a forum for discussions at a scientific level about the management principles regarding minimally invasive surgical techniques and to reveal scientific developments that will affect their patient population.

Specific Objectives include:
1. Presentation of new and developing minimally invasive surgical techniques in a scientific environment.
2. Interaction with experts in the fields of minimally invasive pediatric surgery and urology via panel discussions and informal networking.
3. Debates about controversial issues regarding indications, techniques and outcomes of minimally invasive surgery in infants and children.
4. Encourage and establish international networking in the management and minimally invasive surgical interventions for infants and children.

At the conclusion of the activity, pediatric surgeons and urologists will be able to safely incorporate minimally invasive surgical techniques into their practice by applying the evidence-based medical knowledge and skills learned, recognizing pitfalls and monitoring patient outcomes.

Best Science Award
The Best Science Award will be a cash prize of US $1,000 to be presented on Saturday during the Awards Presentation Session. The Program Committee will select the Award recipient. The IPEG Executive Committee is committed to education and feels that this is a very concrete way to express that commitment.

IRCAD Award
As a result of a generous grant provided by Karl Storz Endoscopy, the best resident abstract presenters will be selected by the IPEG Publications Committee to receive the 2014 IRCAD Award. The Award recipients will travel to Strasbourg France to participate in a course in pediatric minimally invasive surgery at the world famous European Institute of Telesurgery. This center at the University of Strasbourg is a state-of-the-art institute for instruction in all aspects of endoscopic surgery that is now providing a series of courses in pediatric surgery.

IPEG Member Benefits
IPEG exists to support excellence in Pediatric Minimal Access Surgery and Endoscopy through education and research; to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas in Pediatric Minimal Access Surgery and Endoscopy; and to encourage and support development of standards of training and practice in Pediatric Minimal Access Surgery and Endoscopy. Benefits of membership include:

- Subscription to the Journal of Laparoendoscopic & Advance Surgical Techniques (a $900 value is yours for FREE with your paid IPEG membership.)
- Significant discounts on registration fees for the Annual Congress for Endosurgery in Children. (Note: registering for the IPEG Scientific Session, as a member, will save you the equivalent of one year’s dues)
- Affordable dues for surgeons and surgeons-in-training in any country.
- Opportunities to meet and discuss pediatric minimally invasive surgery with leaders and innovators in the field.

For more information and applications, please go to: www.ipeg.org/member/memberapplication.

Event Dress Code
Please note that the dress code for the entire conference is business casual.

Meeting Hours

Registration Hours
Tuesday, April 14, 2015 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, April 15, 2015 6:30 am – 6:00 pm
Thursday, April 16, 2015 6:30 am – 6:30 pm
Friday, April 17, 2015 6:30 am – 5:30 pm
Saturday, April 18, 2015 7:00 am – 12:00 pm

Exhibit Dates & Times
Wednesday, April 15, 2015 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
IPEG/SAGES Welcome Reception
Thursday, April 16, 2015 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Poster Presentation 1-20 [NON CME]
Friday, April 17, 2015 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Poster Presentation 21–40 [NON CME]

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Accreditation

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) and IPEG. SAGES is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) designates this live activity for a maximum of 21.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Date Total Credits
Tuesday, April 14, 2015  4
Thursday, April 16, 2015  7
Friday, April 17, 2015  7.75
Saturday, April 18, 2015  2.5

2015 Program Chairs

PROGRAM CHAIR: Katherine A. Barsness, MD
CO-CHAIR: Pablo Laje, MD
CO-CHAIR: Go Miyano, MD

Katherine A. Barsness, MD
Program Chair
Ann & Robert H Lurie Children’s Hospital, Chicago, Illinois

Dr. Katherine A. Barsness received her cum laude B.S. degree in Biochemistry and her honors M.D. degree from the University of Tennessee. Dr. Barsness then went on to complete her internship and residency in general surgery, and a two-year basic science and trauma research program, at the University of Colorado. In 2007, Dr. Barsness completed her pediatric surgery fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh, and then joined the faculty at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, where she currently holds a joint appointment as an Assistant Professor in the Departments of Surgery and Medical Education. Dr. Barsness has received numerous teaching awards throughout her career, and is well recognized for her work in pediatric surgical education, both in the US and abroad. Dr. Barsness is the Director of Surgical Simulation for Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago. Dr. Barsness was also recently appointed as the Director of Surgical Clinical Outcomes Research and an Associate Director of Surgical Translational Research for the Children’s Research Center at Lurie Children’s Hospital. She sits on the curriculum committee for simulation–based education, and serves as the Director of External Relations, for the Center for Education in Medicine in Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Barsness’ research focuses on the development and validation of educational tools and simulation models for use in pediatric surgical training. Dr. Barsness is a strong advocate for the advancement of surgical skills across the continuum of medical education, and remains committed to the growth and development of IPEG into a world-class organization, advancing the science of advanced minimally invasive surgical techniques for infants and children.

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IPEG 2014 MEETING SUPPORTERS

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Stryker Endoscopy

Gold Level
Karl Storz Endoscopy
Pablo Laje, MD
Program Co-Chair
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dr. Pablo Laje is currently Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania and Attending Surgeon at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), USA. He attended Medical School at the University of Buenos Aires and graduated in 1999. He trained in pediatric surgery at the JP Garrahan Pediatric Hospital in Buenos Aires, Argentina and obtained his Board Certification in 2005. Pursuing further training he went to CHOP in 2005 for a clinical/research fellowship in pediatric and fetal surgery. In 2011 he was appointed CHOP faculty.

Dr. Laje has a particular interest in pediatric minimally invasive surgery and has conducted numerous basic science research projects to study the physiological implications of minimally invasive surgery on healthy and diseased organs. In 2008 he won the Best Basic Science Abstract Award at IPEG and obtained IPEG’s Research Grant for his work on biliary atresia.

He has more than 30 publications on PubMed and has written multiple book chapters in the pediatric surgery literature.

Go Miyano, MD
Program Co-Chair
Juntendo University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan

Go Miyano is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatric General and Urogenital Surgery at Juntendo University School of Medicine, and Chief Medical Officer in the Department of Pediatric Surgery at Shizuoka Children’s Hospital. He attended Juntendo University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan from 1995-2001 and completed his residency and fellowship in the Department of Pediatric General and Urogenital Surgery at Juntendo University Hospital under the supervision of Atsuyuki Yamataka from 2001-2006. He was a visiting research fellow in the Department of Pediatric Surgery at Blank Children’s Hospital under the supervision of Professor Thom E. Lobe from 2006-2007 and in the Department of Pediatric General and Thoracic Surgery at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital under the supervision by Professor Thomas H. Inge from 2007-2008. He has held his current position since 2009. He has a keen interest in the education of medical students and residents, and was voted the best tutor by his peers during his first year on faculty at Juntendo University School of Medicine and awarded. He has since been actively involved as a member of the Board of Directors for Medical Student Education at Juntendo University. He has a strong focus on minimally invasive pediatric surgery, and has published over 60 manuscripts in authoritative peer-reviewed journals, over 30 as first author. He has also given over 30 presentations at various international conferences.

All abstract presenters are required to register for the meeting by the early registration deadline of Friday, March 20, 2015.
2015 CME Chairs

Celeste Hollands, MD  
Pediatric Surgeon  
Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, PA, USA

Dr. Hollands is currently a Pediatric Surgeon at St. John’s Children’s Hospital in Springfield, Illinois and is Adjunct Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama. Dr. Hollands completed medical school at the University of South Alabama and completed her surgical residency at The Graduate Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She completed a Pediatric Trauma fellowship at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and a Pediatric Surgery Fellowship at Miami Children’s Hospital. She served on the surgical faculty as Assistant Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, Louisiana where her research focused on developing pediatric robotic surgical procedures. She served on the faculty of the University at Buffalo, Women’s and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo as Associate Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics where she was Director of the Miniature Access Surgery Center and Director of Trauma. Dr. Hollands was Associate Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics at the University of South Alabama where she served as Chief of Pediatric Surgery and Director of Surgical Simulation. Dr. Hollands has published on topics that include: minimally invasive and robotic surgery, pediatric trauma, simulation, and faculty development. She serves on the Executive Committee of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Medical Student Education, on the American College of Surgeons and Association for Surgical Education Medical Student Core Curriculum Steering Committee, is Secretary of the Association of Women Surgeons, and is active in committee service in the International Pediatric Endosurgery Group, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, and Association for Surgical Education. She serves on the editorial board of The American Journal of Surgery and The Journal of Laparoendoscopic and Advanced Surgical Techniques and is an ad hoc reviewer for several other journals. Her interests include advanced minimally invasive surgery and robotics, technical skills acquisition, surgical simulation and education.

Holger Till, MD, PhD  
Medical University of Graz, Graz, Austria

Professor Holger Till is currently Chair Professor and Director of the Department of Pediatric and Adolescent surgery at the Medical University of Graz. He attended Medical School at the University of Goettingen and the University of California in San Diego (UCSD). He also participated in a student exchange program with the Harvard Medical School and got fascinated by pediatric surgery while working with Professor Patricia Donahoe at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. After graduation in 1989 he completed his residency in General Surgery and his fellowship in Pediatric Surgery at the Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich. His career as a Pediatric Surgeon started at the Dr. von Hauner Children’s Hospital of the University of Munich. In 2004 he became an Assistant Professor of Pediatric Surgery at the Chinese University of Hong Kong with Professor Yeung. In 2006 he returned to Germany and accepted the Professorship for Pediatric Surgery in Leipzig until becoming the successor of Professor Michael Höllwarth in Graz in 2012.

Professor Till has a special interest in pediatric minimal invasive surgery and was the director of the Single-Portal Laparoscopic Surgery (SPLS) training course at the IRDC (International Reference and Development Center for Surgical Technology) in Leipzig. He also chaired the training academy of the German Society of Pediatric Surgery. His present research introduces modern techniques like metabolomics and proteomics to malformations of the newborn as well as morbid obesity. He has published more than 130 scientific articles in national and international indexed journals and presented over 100 abstracts. Professor Till is a member of several professional societies and serves on the Editorial Board of many prestigious journals.

Suzanne M. Yoder, MD  
Pediatric Surgeon in Arizona and Kansas, USA

Dr. Yoder graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and completed her surgical residency at the University of California San Diego. After spending one year at the Fetal Treatment Center at the University of California San Francisco Dr. Yoder completed a surgical critical care fellowship at Children’s Mercy Hospital in Kansas City and then her pediatric surgery fellowship at Yale. Dr. Yoder then joined the pediatric surgery practice at the Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children in Denver Colorado. After four years in Denver, Dr. Yoder moved back to California to pursue her interest in international surgical initiatives. Currently, Dr. Yoder works as a locum tenens pediatric surgeon in Arizona and Kansas while continue her involvement in various international surgery projects. She is an active member in the SAGES Global Affairs Committee having traveled to Mongolia four times to teach laparoscopic surgery in that country. Besides Mongolia, Dr. Yoder has participated in surgical outreach in Bolivia, Vietnam, Belize, Tanzania, and Haiti.

Dr. Yoder remains active in the education committee and the CME committee of IPEG. Outside of surgery, Dr. Yoder enjoys surfing, skiing, hanging out with her dog and training for triathlons.
Award Winners

IPEG COOLEST TRICKS WINNER

Carolina Millan, MD

Born in Luján, Buenos Aires, Argentina and graduated from the Faculty of Medicine (UBA) in 2002. She completed his residency in pediatric surgery at Children’s Hospital Ricardo Gutiérrez in 2007. She joined the Fundación Hospitalaria Children’s Hospital in 2008 as a Fellow and specialized in minimally invasive surgery. In 2009 she started a research in magnetic devices becoming the first woman surgeon specialized in child surgeries transumbilical tracks with magnets. Since 2013 she’s been a member of the medical Staff of the Fundación Hospitalaria Children’s Hospital, a coordinator of operating room and academic committee.

IPEG IRCAD AWARD WINNER

Katherine A. Barsness, MD
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IPEG BEST BASIC SCIENCE WINNER

Lisanne Stolwijk, MD

Dr. Lisanne Stolwijk is a PhD student at the Wilhelmina Children’s Hospital/University Medical Center in Utrecht, The Netherlands. She recently received the 2014 IPEG Best Basic Science Award for her experimental animal study on the effects of thoracic CO2-insufflation on the cerebral oxygenation in newborn piglets.

Dr. Stolwijk’s research project in Utrecht focuses on the effects of neonatal surgery for non-cardiac congenital anomalies on the neonate and the neonatal brain in particular. Her interest in pediatric medicine was born during medical school, when she participated in a research project with a neonatologist and a pediatric surgeon, designing a predictive model for neonates with necrotizing enterocolitis and subsequently during a clinical elective at the Anesthesiology in the Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, UK. The impact of the primary anomaly on the neonate and the hemodynamic changes during anesthetics and surgery are very intriguing to her. Dr. Stolwijk and her team’s aim is to identify risk factors for cerebral damage by monitoring the brain intensively with non-invasive techniques (aEEG, NIRS, MRI, cerebral ultrasound) and to help improve neurodevelopmental outcome in these patients. This research project is a strong collaboration between the Department of Pediatric Surgery, the Department of Neonatology and the Department of Anesthesiology, and it has been her privilege to work with and learn from these different specialists. The Department of Pediatric Surgery is a center of excellence for thoracoscopic neonatal surgery, specifically focusing on patients with esophageal atresia. The Department of Neonatology has extensive experience in the field of neonatal brain imaging and neuromonitoring, focusing on cerebral oxygenation and hemodynamics.
2015 Meeting Leaders

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IPEG Schedule—at-a-Glance  TENTATIVE

PRE-MEETING COURSE

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

• POSTGRADUATE LECTURE: MIS in Infants and Neonates

IPEG’S 24th ANNUAL CONGRESS

Wednesday, April 15, 2015  NON CME  Hands On Labs

• Critical and Technical Skills for Neonatal and Infant MIS Surgery  NON CME
• Advance Neonatal High Fidelity Course for the Advanced Learner  NON CME
• Innovations in Simulation Based Education for Pediatric Surgeons  NON CME
• Joint IPEG/SAGES Opening Ceremony/Welcome Reception  NON CME

Thursday, April 16, 2015

• MORNING SCIENTIFIC VIDEO SESSION I: Coolest Tricks, Extraordinary Procedures
• Welcome Address  NON CME
• SCIENTIFIC SESSION: Gastrointestinal
• PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS & LECTURE: The Next Generation
• EXPERT PANEL: Bridging the Education Gap with New Innovations
• Poster Presentation of Top 1-20 Posters of Distinction  NON CME
• SCIENTIFIC SESSION: Single Site Surgery
• SCIENTIFIC SESSION: Basic Science and Innovations
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SAGES 2015
Surgical Spring Week

Promoting a Universal Culture of Innovation, Safety & Improved Outcomes in GI Surgery

Wednesday, April 15, 2015
SAGES Scientific Sessions
PG Course: Current Common Dilemmas in Colorectal Surgery
Half-Day PG Course: Advances in Foregut Surgery
Half-Day PG Course: The Recurrent Hernia - Strategies for Success
Half-Day PG Course: Endolumenal Management of Complications
Career Development Seminar
Panel: Lessons Learned from Around the World (joint with EAES)
Panel: Perioperative Care – Evidence Based Practice in 2015
SAGES Foundation Awards Luncheon 2:00pm-1:30pm
Exhibits/Posters open 12:00pm-3:30pm
Half-Day PG Course: Bariatric Revisions from Historical Operations
Half-Day HO Course: Endoscopic Management of Complications
Half-Day HO Course: Career Breakouts
Debate: Inguinal Hernia Debates
Panel: Colorectal Strategies to Minimize the Impact of Surgery
Panel: Technology Innovation from Overseas (Program of the Americas)
Panel: Endocrine Surgery - Balancing Innovation and Quality
Panel: GI Cancer Management (joint with KSELS)
Panel: Innovation in the US - The Future of Surgical Innovation
Opening Session - History Movie
Exhibits Opening Welcome Reception 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Thursday, April 16, 2015
SAGES Scientific Session
Exhibits/Posters/Learning Center open 9:30am-4:00pm
Full-Day Military Surgical Symposium
PG Course: Updates in Abdominal Wall Management
PG Course: FUSE™ - Preparation/Refresher Course
Symposium: Minimal Access - Lessons from NOTES and Single Site Surgery
Panel: Complex and Unusual Esophageal Disorders (joint with SSAT)
Humanitarian Lecture – Horacio Asbun, MD
Karl Storz Lecture – Ed Viesturs (non-CME)
Educator’s Luncheon “Milestones, Metrics, and Mastery”
Free Lunch in the Exhibit Hall for All Attendees
PG: HPB / Robotics - Current State of MIS
HPB Surgery
Half-Day HO Course: All Things Hernia
Half-Day HO Course: Minimal Access Tricks and Techniques
Panel: Management of Unusual and Complex Cases (joint with JSES)
Panel: SAGES Talks with Experiential Delivery
Panel: The Science Behind Diabetes Therapy
Refreshment Break/ Happy ½ Hour in Exhibit Hall
Panel: Avoiding Bile Duct Injury and Other Untoward Outcomes
Panel: Open to MIS - What is Taking Us So Long?
Panel: Adolescent Bariatric Surgery (joint with IPEG)
Industry Educational Events

Friday, April 17, 2015
SAGES Scientific Sessions
Exhibits/Posters/Learning Center open 9:30am-4:00pm
Mock Trial: See you in Court - Legal Consequences of Bile Duct Injury during Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy
Panel: MIS Jeopardy
Debate: Adolescent Achalasia - The Great Debate (joint with IPEG)
Presidential Address – L. Michael Brunt, MD
Gerald Marks Lecture – Frank R. Lewis, MD
Debate: Presidential Debates
Military Surgical Symposium
Fellowship Council Luncheon “The Future of Fellowships in a 4 + 2 General Surgery Residency Model”
Free Lunch in the Exhibit Hall for All Meeting Attendees
Panel: Acute Care Session - Maximizing Patient Care in Emergency General Surgery (joint with AAST)
Symposium: SAGES SMART™ Program
Refreshment Break/ Happy ½ Hour in Exhibit Hall
Session: Emerging Technology (non-CME)
Panel: Complex Paraesophageal Hernias
Panel: Lessons Learned from Military Surgery
Main Event & International Sing-Off

Saturday, April 18, 2015
Exhibits, Posters, Learning Center CLOSED
SAGES Scientific Sessions
Panel: Simulation and Telerobotics - Partnering with the Military
Session: Video Shorts (Top Videos)
Advocacy Luncheon “Advocacy Boot Camp”
Session: Top 21 Video - Expecting the Unexpected
Panel: Building and Optimizing A Surgical Practice
Panel: Quality Practices in Surgical Education and Training

SAGES MEETING 2015
APRIL 15-18, 2015 • NASHVILLE, TN

Program Chair: Aurora D. Pryor, MD
Program Co-Chair: Michael D. Holzman, MD
Early Housing & Registration
DEADLINE: MARCH 6, 2015
PRE-MEETING COURSE

Tuesday, April 14, 2015
4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

POSTGRADUATE LECTURE: MIS in Infants and Neonates

CHAIR: Pablo Laje, MD
CO-CHAIR: Go Miyano, MD

DESCRIPTION: MIS was first developed in adults in the late 1980s. Its use was slower to evolve in children and even slower to be utilized in neonates and infants. This session will review the current use of MIS in neonates and infants and discuss how to utilize this approach safely and effectively for a variety of surgical conditions. This session should be attended by pediatric surgeons who wish to improve their skills by interacting with the experts in the field of neonatal/infant MIS.

OBJECTIVES
• Recognize the particular challenges of doing MIS surgery in neonates versus older patients.
• Identify methods to make MIS in neonates a safe approach.
• Evaluate the direct experience of experts in the field to develop a plan of individual training.

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IPEG’S 24th ANNUAL CONGRESS

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

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CHAIR: Matthew S. Clifton, MD
CO-CHAIR: Karen A. Diefenbach, MD & Mathijs W. N. Oomen, MD

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm HANDS ON LAB: Innovations in Simulation Based Education for Pediatric Surgeons
CHAIR: Karen A. Diefenbach, MD
CO-CHAIRS: Jose M. Prince, MD & Charles M. Leys, MD

STATIONS/FACULTY
• TEF Models – Katherine A. Barsness, MD & Maria Marcela Bailez, MD
• Duodenal Models – Katherine A. Barsness, MD & Maria Marcela Bailez, MD
• Pyloromyotomy – Joseph A. Iocono, MD
• Lap Inguinal Hernia – Todd A. Ponsky, MD & Simon Clarke, MD
• Hepaticojejunostomy – Maria Marcela Bailez, MD
• PLS Skills – Georges Azzie, MD & Justin T Gerstle, MD
• Diaphragmatic Hernia – Karen A. Diefenbach, MD, Katherine A. Barsness, MD & Satochi Ieiri, MD
• Gastrostomy Tube Placement – Katherine A. Barsness, MD
• Single Site Surgery – Applied Medical, Ethicon, Storz
• Intestinal Anastomosis – Karen A. Diefenbach, MD
• Suturing Skills – Karen A. Diefenbach, MD
• Magnet Single Site – Marcelo Martinez Ferro, MD
• Gastroscisis – Munther J. Haddad, MD

5:00 pm – 7:30 pm Joint IPEG/SAGES Opening Ceremony/Welcome Reception

All abstract presenters are required to register for the meeting by the early registration deadline of Friday, March 20, 2015.
Thursday, April 16, 2015

7:30 am – 8:30 am  MORNING SCIENTIFIC VIDEO SESSION I: Coolest Tricks, Extraordinary Procedures
CHAIR: Nam Xuan Nguyen, MD
CO-CHAIR: Kenneth K. Wong, MD

8:30 am – 8:35 am  Welcome Address
Mark L. Wulkan, MD, 2015 President

8:35 am – 9:30 am  SCIENTIFIC SESSION: Gastrointestinal
CHAIR: Saleem Islam, MD
CO-CHAIR: Miguel Guelfand, MD

9:30 am – 10:00 am  PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS & LECTURE: The Next Generation
SPEAKER: Mark L. Wulkan, MD, 2015 President
DESCRIPTION: This is the Presidential Address of IPEG. All the members of IPEG should attend. The lecture is about mentorship.
OBJECTIVES
At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:
• Mentor their colleagues and trainees.
• Be mentored by colleagues.
• Understand the power of good mentorship.

10:00 am – 10:30 am  Break

10:30 am – 12:00 pm  EXPERT PANEL: Bridging the Education Gap with New Innovations
CHAIR: Katherine A. Barsness, MD
CO-CHAIR: Philipp O. Szavay, MD
DESCRIPTION: We will review what an educational gap is, followed by existing educational gaps for pediatric surgical education. Panel guests will then present three different applications of technology to meet these existing gaps. Participants interested in innovative solutions to surgical education are invited to attend the session.
OBJECTIVES
At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:
• Describe an education gap.
• Predict which emerging educational tools may best meet existing educational gaps.
• Articulate advantages and disadvantages for each of the emerging educational tools discussed in the panel.

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12:00 pm – 12:30 pm  Lunch

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  Poster Presentation of Top 1–20 Posters of Distinction
CHAIR: Satochi Ieiri, MD
CO-CHAIR: Celeste Hollands, MD
Dr. Keith Georgeson is a native Californian who spent his childhood years on the family farm in the San Joaquin Valley. He received his medical degree at Loma Linda University in Southern California. His fellowship in pediatric surgery was completed at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. After nine years on the faculty at Loma Linda University, he moved with his family to Birmingham, Alabama, where he was Chief of Pediatric Surgery at the University of Alabama, School of Medicine for 26 years, and Chief of Surgery at the Children’s Hospital of Alabama. He was appointed Vice Chairman of the University’s Department of Surgery in 2006. In 2012, he and his wife Evelyn moved to Spokane where he has continued his practice in pediatric surgery, and serves as the Division Chief of Children’s Services at Sacred Heart Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Georgeson’s primary academic interest has been in the evolution of minimally invasive pediatric surgery. He has developed several minimally invasive surgical techniques for children, including laparoscopic fundoplication, laparoscopic gastrostomy, laparoscopic pull-through for Hirschsprung disease and laparoscopic pull-through for high anorectal malformations. He has edited three books on the subject of pediatric minimally invasive surgery, of which two were also translated into Spanish.

Dr. Georgeson was a Director of the American Board of Surgery from 2000 to 2006 and Chairman of the Pediatric Surgery Board of the American Board of Surgery from 2003 to 2006. He is a past President of the American Pediatric Surgical Association (APSA) and a founding member and past President of the International Pediatric Endosurgery Group (IPEG). In October 2011, he was awarded the Ladd Medal from the American Academy of Pediatrics for his contributions to the field of Pediatric Surgery.
**JOINT SESSION IPEG/SAGES: Adolescent Achalasia: The Great Debate**

**CHAIRS:** Todd A. Ponsky, MD (IPEG) & Gretchen Purcell Jackson, MD (SAGES)

**DESCRIPTION:** This session will address current areas of debate relating to achalasia in the adolescent. Topics will include the use of high resolution manometry, Per Oral Endoscopic Myotomy, and robotic surgery.

**OBJECTIVES**

- Understand the current literature as it relates to the benefit of high resolution manometry in the workup of achalasia.
- Understand the current literature as it relates to the safety and efficacy of POEM in the treatment of achalasia.
- Understand the benefits of robotic heller myotomy compared to traditional laparoscopy.

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Pablo Omelanczuk, MD (SAGES) |
| 7:50 am | POEM: “Ready for Prime Time” vs. “Not Ready” | Timothy D. Kane, MD  
Eric Hungness, MD (SAGES)  
Santiago Horgan, MD (SAGES) |
| 8:10 am | Robot vs. No-robot | |

**SCIENTIFIC VIDEO SESSION II**

**CHAIR:** Marc A. Levitt, MD  
**CO-CHAIR:** Patricio Varela, MD

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**SCIENTIFIC SESSION: Urogenital**

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**CO-CHAIR:** CK Yeung, MD

**SCIENTIFIC SESSION: Gastrointestinal, Colorectal & Hepatobiliary II**

**CHAIR:** Manuel Lopez, MD  
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Pablo Laje, MD |
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm  **Keynote Lecture**
Barbara Boyen, PhD

Dr. Barbara Boyen is Professor and the William H. and Alice T. Goodwin Chair in Biomedical Engineering and Dean, School of Engineering at the Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. In addition, she is professor emerita in the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech and Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Boyan directs the Virginia branch of the FDA-sponsored Atlantic Pediatric Device Consortium. She is a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and in the American Institute of Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering (AIMBE) and in 2012 she was elected to the National Academy of Engineering and was inducted into the Fellows of the World Congress of Biomaterials. She was appointed to the National Materials Advisory Board of the National Research Council of the National Academies and chaired their Roundtable on Biomedical Engineering Materials and Applications from 2008 to 2011. She has founded a number of biomedical technology companies and currently serves on the Boards of both public and private companies. The author of more than 430 peer-reviewed papers, reviews, and book chapters, Dr. Boyan holds 16 U.S. patents.

2:00 pm – 3:20 pm  **EXPERT PANEL: The Art, Science, and Ethics of Innovation**
CHAIR: Holger Till, MD
CO-CHAIR: Keith E. Georgeson, MD

DESCRIPTION: This expert panel will be attractive to everybody considering the introduction of innovative surgical tools. The speakers will cover a broad spectrum of topics ranging from “the art” how to engineer innovative surgical tools to scientific evidence, patient consent and ethics for and against innovations.

OBJECTIVES
• Articulate and predict the latest innovations and developments of the surgical industry for MIS in children.
• Compare different innovations and evaluate their importance to the field.
• Recommend certain innovations and appraise the ethics for employing new techniques.

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3:20 pm – 3:30 pm  **Break**
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm  **EXPERT PANEL: What’s New in Pediatric MIS?**
CHAIR: Shawn St. Peter, MD
CO-CHAIR: Atsuyuki Yamataka, MD
DESCRIPTION: This session will provide insight to practicing pediatric surgeons about emerging techniques and technologies. In addition, the session will review current applications for MIS in children with technical pearls.

OBJECTIVES
• Become familiar with procedures amenable to flexible endoscopy in infants and children including the use of the equipment
• Understand the use of magnets for organ retraction and mobilization as an adjuvant for minimally invasive surgery
• Develop an understanding for the potential use and current implications of Esophx

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CO-CHAIR: Atul J. Sabharwal, MD

7:30 pm – 11:30 pm  **Friday Night Sing Off/Main Event – Joint SAGES/IPEG Event**
Wildhorse Saloon, Nashville, TN

**Saturday, April 18, 2015**

8:00 am – 9:00 am  **MISCELLANEOUS: Short Oral Papers**
CHAIR: Martin L. Metzelder, MD
CO-CHAIR: Hiro Uchida, MD

9:00 am – 9:30 am  **GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Presentation of the IPEG 2016 President**

9:30 am – 9:45 am  **AWARDS: Coolest Tricks, Basic Science/Innovation, and IRCAD**

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Single/double occupancy (Traditional): US$229+taxes
Single/double occupancy(Atrium view): US$259+taxes

** taxes (currently 9.25% sales tax, 6% occupancy tax, and $2.50 city tax per room per night)

A daily resort fee, currently $10 plus tax, will be added to the guest room rate. This fee will cover several in-room amenities which at the time of check-in will include:
- Wired and wireless high-speed internet access in guest rooms and atriums
- Fitness Center access
- Designated complimentary in-room beverages
- Scheduled complex shuttle service
- Online Access to the Wall street Journal
- Local and toll free 800 telephone calls (20 minutes per call)

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- The special IPEG rates are on first-come-first served basis and we highly recommend you to make your reservation by Friday, March 20, 2015 or earlier. (www.ipeg.org/accommodations)
- You may be able to secure reservations through the hotel directly, based on availability and prevailing rate.
- The hotel reserves the right to cancel or modify reservations where it appears that a customer has engaged in fraudulent or inappropriate activity or under other circumstances where it appears that the reservations contain or resulted from a mistake or error. Please read carefully the individual hotel’s policy publish on its website.

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SOCIAL PROGRAMS

SAGES/IPEG Main Event
Friday, April 17, 2014, 7:30 pm – 11:30 pm
Wildhorse Saloon
Registration Form

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Held in Conjunction with the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons

April 14–18, 2015 ■ Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Convention Center ■ Nashville, Tennessee

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REGISTRATION

All those registered to either the IPEG or SAGES meeting will have access to the Wednesday SAGES Sessions, Thursday–Friday Scientific Sessions, Saturday IPEG sessions, Exhibits and Wednesday Welcome Reception; Joint Congress breaks and lunches, Poster sessions, and Main Event. IPEG Postgraduate lectures and Hands–On Courses will be charged additionally.

**STEP 1 (required): Register under the appropriate category**

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**STEP 2: Register for Postgraduate Lectures and Hands–On Courses Fees – SPACE IS LIMITED!**

- **A. POSTGRADUATE LECTURE: “MIS in Infants and Neonates” (Lecture ONLY)**
  - Tuesday, April 14, 2015 ■ 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
  - US$195

- **B. POSTGRADUATE LECTURE: “MIS in Infants and Neonates” ★★
  - Tuesday, April 14, 2015 ■ 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm**
  - Critical Technical Skills for Neonatal and Infant MIS
  - Wednesday, April 15, 2015 ■ 8:00 am – 11:30 am
  - US$495

- **C. POSTGRADUATE LECTURE: “MIS in Infants and Neonates” ★★★
  - Tuesday, April 14, 2015 ■ 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm**
  - Critical Technical Skills for Neonatal and Infant MIS
  - Wednesday, April 15, 2015 ■ 8:00 am – 11:30 am
  - Innovations in Simulation
  - Wednesday, April 15, 2015 ■ 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm
  - US$595

- **D. POSTGRADUATE LECTURE: “MIS in Infants and Neonates” ★★★★
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  - Innovations in Simulation
  - Wednesday, April 15, 2015 ■ 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm
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  - Tuesday, April 14, 2015 ■ 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm**
  - Advanced Neonatal High Fidelity Course for Advanced Learners
  - Wednesday, April 15, 2015 ■ 8:00 am – 11:30 am
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  - Wednesday, April 15, 2015 ■ 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm
  - US$695

- **F. POSTGRADUATE LECTURE: “MIS in Infants and Neonates” ★★★★★★
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1. **STEP 3: Register Guests (US$150 per ticket; US$25 for children under 12)**
   - [ ] Guest 1 (Full Name): ____________________________
   - [ ] Guest 2 (Full Name): ____________________________
   - *Guest ticket includes opening reception and main event entrance

2. **STEP 4: RSVP For Social Events (No extra charge)**
   - [ ] Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall
     - Wednesday, April 15, 2015 ■ 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
   - [ ] Main Event
     - Friday, April 17, 2015 ■ 8:00 pm – 11:30 pm

3. **STEP 5: IPEG Contribution**
   - [ ] Yes, I would like to make a contribution to the IPEG’s Long Term Research Fund (LTRF). I understand that my contribution will be acknowledged in the final program. I authorize IPEG to charge this amount to my credit card listed below.

4. **STEP 6: SAGES Registration Fee**
   - [ ] Access to SAGES Scientific Session
     - Thursday, Friday & Saturday, April 16, 17 & 18, 2015

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

I authorize IPEG to charge the following card number for a total amount of US$ ________________

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Payment in full must accompany registration form. Meeting registration available in advance of the meeting through **Friday, March 20, 2015**. After **March 20, 2015**, attendees must register on-site with an additional charge of US$100. Cancellations must be submitted in writing before **March 20, 2015** to receive a refund minus a US$75 administrative fee. No refunds will be granted after **March 20, 2015**; no-shows at the conference; Post-graduate Course; Hands-on Courses; and unused portion of the meeting.

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Old Hickory Steakhouse - D
Library Lounge at Old Hickory Steakhouse
Stax Burgers - LD
Paisano’s Pizzaria & Vino - LD
Christie Cookie - Snack
Haagen-Dazs Ice Cream - Snack

MUSIC VALLEY
1. Cock of the Walk - L (Sunday only) D
2. A Tribute to the King: Through the Years 1953-1977
3. Claim Jumper Restaurant - LD
4. The Aquarium - LD
5. Rainforest Cafe - LD
6. General Jackson Showboat - LD
7. Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theatre - D
8. Grand Old Golf & GoKarts
9. Cooter’s Place Nashville
10. Dave & Buster’s - LD
11. John A’s Restaurant - L (Sunday only) D
12. Scoreboard Bar & Grill - LD
13. Opry Backstage Grill - BLD
   (Inside The Inn at Opryland)
14. Miss Jeanne’s Dinner Theatre - D
15. Grand Ole Opry

Meal offerings are subject to change.

VISITOR INFO LEGEND: LIVE MUSIC VENUE
WELCOME TO MUSIC CITY
COME EARLY AND STAY LATE!

We invite you to experience for yourself what makes Nashville special during the spring months. It’s a city that resonates with life and vibrates to the beat of every kind of song. It’s a town that flourishes with American music, Southern hospitality, unbelievable cuisine, and a boundless spectrum of nightlife. Come join us and together we will keep the music playing!

TOP 10 THINGS YOU CAN ONLY DO IN NASHVILLE

1. Hit The Hall — Kick off your Nashville experience with a day at the newly-expanded Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. The world’s largest popular music museum offers ever-changing exhibits featuring the legends of country music past and today’s hottest stars. Grab a bite to eat at the museum’s Two Twenty Two Grill or take some time to explore the museum’s four new retail stores offering locally-made gifts, clothing, and a comprehensive selection of books and music.

2. Ride The Row — Take a tour of Music Row and visit historic RCA Studio B, the famous recording studio where Elvis recorded more than 200 songs. Roy Orbison, Dolly Parton, Chet Atkins, Eddy Arnold, and many more recorded classic hits here. Not surprisingly, the heartbeat of Music City is driven by music — from country to classical. Tours of RCA Studio B depart daily from the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum.

3. Visit The Home Of The Greek Gods — In Nashville’s Centennial Park, you’ll find the world’s only full-scale reproduction of the ancient Parthenon in Athens, Greece. The Parthenon houses an art gallery and museum as well as Alan LeQuire’s Athena Parthenos. Standing at almost 42 feet in height, Athena is the tallest indoor sculpture in the Western world.

4. Take In A Songwriters-In-The-Round Show — One of the most unique ways to hear music in Nashville is at a songwriters show. Typically called a “writers night,” songwriters are put somewhere they are not used to being — in the spotlight. Several singer/songwriters will play ‘in-the-round’ as they sit on stage accompanied only by a microphone, a guitar, and their immense talent. These shows can be found in small, intimate clubs all over town, including the famous Bluebird Cafe and downtown’s The Listening Room Cafe.

5. Get Artsy — Nashville’s art scene is booming with art galleries, festivals, art crawls, and more. Be sure to head over to the Frist Center for the Visual Arts, the Downtown 5th Avenue art galleries, OZ Arts Nashville, Cheekwood Botanical Garden & Museum of Art, the First Saturday Art Crawl, Tennessee Craft festival, and more.

6. Take A Timeless Journey — The Ryman Auditorium, also called the “Mother Church of Country Music,” has had artists as diverse as Jon Bon Jovi and Patsy Cline perform on its legendary stage since 1892. You can take a backstage tour and record your own song in the Ryman studio. The stars of the Grand Ole Opry take the famous six-foot circle of wood and perform every Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday night at the Ryman Auditorium November-June; at the Grand Ole Opry House February-October) with guest appearances by the biggest names in music. With 90 years of history, the Opry is the world’s longest-running broadcast and shows no signs of slowing down.

7. Nashville’s Newest Hall of Fame and Museum is housed in the Nashville Municipal Auditorium. From Hank Williams, Sr. to the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Motown to Southern Rock – there is truly something of interest to everyone. Pay homage to the Man in Black at The Johnny Cash Museum located on Third Avenue. Featuring the most comprehensive collection of Johnny Cash artifacts and memorabilia in the world, this is THE Cash venue to visit for all ages.

8. Salute — Three U.S. Presidents called Tennessee home: Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, and Andrew Johnson. You can re-visit the past at The Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson. Polk is buried on the grounds of the historic State Capitol building in downtown Nashville.

9. Visit Honky Tonk Highway — Tootsie’s Orchid Lounge, Legends Corner, The Second Fiddle, The Stage, Layla’s Bluegrass Inn, and Robert’s Western World are all experts at serving up cool longnecks and hot country music. You never know who you’ll see in these Lower Broadway clubs in the shadow of the Ryman. Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, Gretchen Wilson, Dierks Bentley, and other stars began their careers in these Lower Broadway clubs.

10. Special Events — If it’s spring, then it’s an awesome season for fun in Music City. Kick off the festivities with the Tin Pan South Songwriters’ Festival, Nashville Fashion Week, Nashville Film Festival, and the Country Music Marathon & ½ Marathon. Be sure to also check out the Nashville Sounds baseball games, Triple-A affiliates of the Oakland As.

Late Breaking Innovation Session Abstract Call

New for 2015, IPEG has added a late-breaking session for Innovation Abstracts*. Novel techniques, new operative approaches, exciting videos, and outstanding clinical data will all be considered, but innovation is a must to submit! Ideally, abstract conclusions would include a description of how the innovative is expected to change the delivery of pediatric surgical care.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: February 2, 2015 at 5:00 pm CST
Notification of acceptance will be on February 23, 2015
Accepted innovation videos will be included in consideration for Coolest Trick award

Abstracts that were submitted for the regular abstract call CANNOT be resubmitted. Duplicate abstracts will be exempt from consideration for the Innovations Session

Submissions instructions:
To submit your abstract, please send an email of your intent to submit to the 2015 Program Chair, Dr. Katherine Barsness, at kbarsness@luriechildrens.org. The title of the email should be “INNOVATIONS ABSTRACT: INTENT TO SUBMIT”. The intent to submit email should be received no later than January 20th, 2015. Dr. Barsness will then respond with specific abstract submission instructions.

• Maximum words (body of abstract) = 350
• Maximum of 1 table or 2 images (Images = 0 words, Table = 100 words toward 350 maximum)
• Video time limit is 3 minutes, must have accompanying text abstract, English voiceover.
• Member, or sponsored by a member, of IPEG

*The Innovations Session will not be eligible for CME credit during the annual meeting.