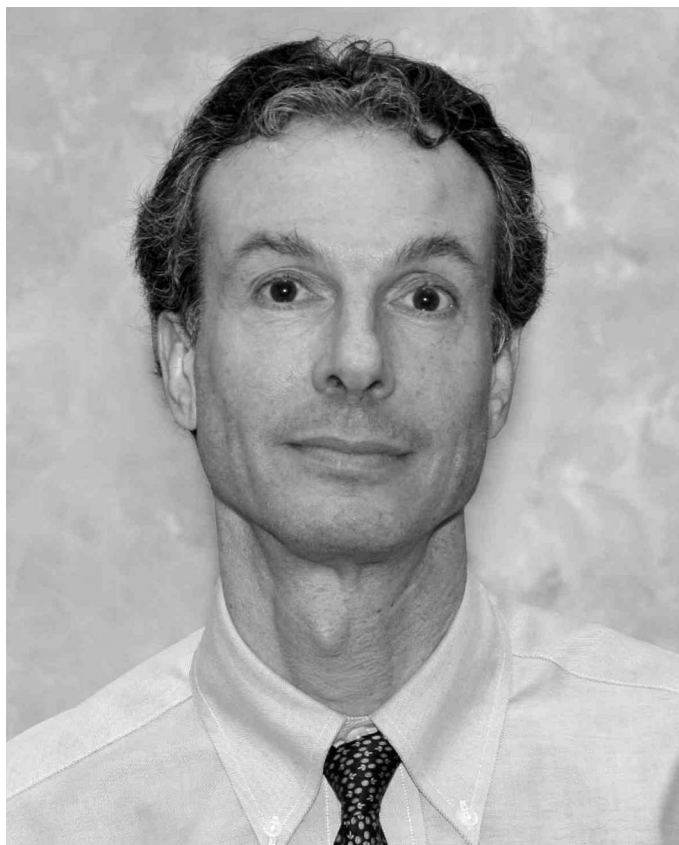

President's Message



As we prepare for the first Executive Committee meeting since the Adelaide Congress, we are finalizing the roster for the program committee for the eleventh World Congress to be held from 10–13 September 2008 in Budapest, Hungary. The Program Committee will have broad representation from gastroenterology and surgery as well as substantial geographic diversity and should be instrumental in developing a program of great scientific interest to both specialties.

Another key agenda item for the Executive Committee will be to continue to recruit members from the gastroenterology and surgery fields. Substantial progress has been made in this domain with the integration of the European Society of Esophagology (ESE) as the European branch of the ISDE. The current president of the ESE, Lars Lundell will, in fact, serve as co-chair of the Budapest Program Committee. However, more effort is necessary. All members are encouraged to spread the word about the ISDE to friends and colleagues to further enhance our Society.

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Next World Congress in Hungary

- 1 It was decided that early and later registration of the ISDE members would be €500 and €550, for nonmembers it would be €600 and €650, for trainees €160 and €200, and for accompanying persons it would be €80 regardless of the time of registration.
- 2 Hungarian organizers agreed that an independent and separated website would be very useful, and that this would be linked to the original website at www.isde.net
- 3 It was also decided that the formal structure of the Montreal congress would be followed.
- 4 The organizing scientific committee would be constructed by Kahrilas, in combination with Tulassay and Ferguson.

Blackwell Publishing Report

There was a report that the number of manuscripts to the Journal has doubled in 2005. In 2006 and 2007, 6 issues will be published. As for 2008, it may be raised to 8 issues and perhaps 10 issues in 2010. The contract between ISDE and Blackwell Publishing will end in 2006. Both sides wish to continue.

Financial Report, ISDE Elections and Approval of new ISDE Members

Approved.

Changes to ISDE Constitution

Ferguson and Prado, as committee chairs, will make further proposals by the next meeting.

Future Meetings 2006

Ando proposed that the 12th world congress in 2010 should be held in Japan. This was agreed upon. DeMeester suggested that a detailed plan should be presented at the next meeting at the DDW in Los Angeles, May 2006.