



Minutes of the ISGE General Assembly Split Croatia Saturday August 28/2021 at 13:00

Preamble

As we all do realise the worldwide pandemic Sars 2 - CoV 19 – Corona has changed many of the plans, ISGE had to alter most of the foreseen events as ISGE did have to postpone, cancel or go digital for all of its planned events in 2020 and the first half of 2021.

The Medical Director reports on the different events that have taken place, on the financial situation, on the new bylaws and the necessary changes ISGE will have to undergo in the future.

1. Events Live:

2019 – 1

1. **May 17 – 28 /2019 ISGE China Trip**
2. **June 21/2019 Ornella Sizzi Women’s Surgeons Day Rome**
3. **August 5 – 10/ 2019 Diplôme Universitaire Sheikh Anta Diop University Dakar Senegal**
4. **August 26 – 31/2019 ISGE Intensive Week in Djakarta Indonesia**

Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
Intensive week program	Surgical performance and judgment evaluation	Evaluation during live surgery performance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychomotor skill practice, 3 hours/day 2 days of Live interactive surgery, 3 days of nearly unedited video program Lectures sessions 45 min each covering different topics Written test with 100 MCQ, 60% passing score Eye hand coordination test on pelvic trainer by suturing method 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each candidate will submit 50 laparoscopic and Hysteroscopic cases within two years Candidates will upload all their unedited videos at designated storage area in https://www.isge-storage.org to be reviewed by examiners. Candidates will be invited by ISGE for interview and review of cases at designated date to the following address: ISGE office at Viale Regina Margherita, 157 Rome 00198 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates will prepare a thesis on subject of his or her choice Candidates will prepare a list of 100 advanced laparoscopic or Hysteroscopic procedures (unedited videos) he or she has performed to be selectively reviewed by ISGE examiners interviewed concerning selected uploaded cases before live surgery performance
ISGE Qualified Gynecologist for MIGS	ISGE Certified MIG surgeon degree	ISGE EXPERT degree in MIGS



Report on the ISGE Intensive Week Jakarta

The third ISGE Intensive Week has been organised in August 26 through 30. The venue was the RSCM Kintani Day hospital. The organization was taken care of by our live member Ichnandy Arief Rachman and the president of the accreditation of the Indonesian Gynecologic Endoscopic Society (IGES) Herbert Situmorang under the leadership of Professor Wachyu Hadisaputra president of APAGE. As tutors ISGE did rely on Adel Shervin, president of the ISGE Accreditation Council, Alfonso Rossetti, Omar Alhalayqa. The logistical help was provided by Mrs Paula Simons



As you see from the picture Friday in Indonesia is Batik Day!



Forty very attentive participants did finish the week. On Monday and Tuesday Adel, Alfonso and myself did perform live surgery.



5. September 26 – 30 ISGE trip to China Beihai and Nanning (Regional Meeting ISGE)
6. November 10 – 13/2019 AAGL Vancouver

2020 – 2

1. February 24 - March 06/2020 University Degree in MIGS Yaoundé Cameroon
2. *April first Lock Down in Belgium and stringent health measures throughout the world necessitating the postponement of ISGE 's Annual and Regional meeting.*
3. *Open Access Online Journal TheTrocar*

Our president-elect, Günter Noé, together with the original editor of TheTrocar Alfonso Rossetti, have realized the ISGE dream to create an **Open Access, Online Journal** under the name **TheTrocar**. The articles are DOI referenced and we did obtain an ISSN number 2736 – 5530 https://www.isge.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/TheTrocar-Issue1_December2020.pdf and you can download the PDF with all articles. The first citation has been recorded. The dream of our late Medical Director Ornella Sizzi has finally become a reality. We do ask contributions from our members. **Be aware that TheTrocar does also accept video articles with a brief abstract**

Our member **Xiaoming Gong** is busy translating the articles in Chinese to distribute through his WeChat channel in China (7000 registered viewers).

Since Volume 2 Issue 3 of 2021 the editorial board does use **Manuscript Manager** to collect the articles and streamline the reviews before handling the manuscripts to the editor in chief.

2021 - 3

1. **The concept of a 24 hours virtual conference** starting in the African – European time zone to move to the American to end in the Eastern time zone on endometriosis brainchild of our Honorary Secretary Viju Thomas has been realized thanks also to our **Virtual Conference Broadcast Partner – Onference (Onference Training Technologies LLP) of Mumbai, India**. **VirtualEndo 24 simultaneous in three channels has been a huge success** ISGE did have over 1900 participants and over 2200 log ins. The participants did appreciate very much the different discussions on the topic where most of the questions asked on the chats could find the time to be answered. Sponsoring was brought in mainly by our president Paya Pasic, our vice – president Günter Noé and the Medical Director.



Our partner and main sponsor the “Endometriosis Foundation of America” did take care of the patient channel in two time zones. This realization is to the credit of our former Board member Tamer Seckin, founder of www.isge.org and the newly appointed Medical Director of the Foundation Dan Martin. Greatly helped by Margaret Caspler Cianci, EndoFound Executive Director.

2. Creation of ISGE Accreditation in Belgium

Beginning of 2021 The ***ISGE Accreditation has been created, a non-for-profit incorporation in Belgium***, through its website www.isge-accreditation.org

3. Courses ISGE – SAMERE: Course Writing Scientific Articles in English

4. Japan Effort

Our Director of the ISGE Japan Effort Mimi Fujitaka is busy setting up a Japanese website

5. Chinese effort

Our Director of the ISGE China Effort Dr Jianming Song has set up webinars on endoscopy and oncology with Peking University Professor Jianliu Wang. He is preparing yet another ISGE trip to China to explore ISGE scholarships, membership and financial support in China.

6. Virtual Conference on Hysterectomy September 19 and ISGE Intensive Week on Hysterectomy September 20 – 26

Had to be postponed due to the increase of the SARS 2 – CoV 19 – Corona pandemic as Jamaica does go in lock-down

7. Webinars The list of webinars is available at the secretariat.

8. NewsFlash

The NewsFlash has been created to update the membership and the sponsors on the activities of ISGE. It is sent out every month.

2022 – 4

In 2022 ISGE will have its Annual Meeting in Agadir Morocco May 18-21 and its Regional meeting in Yaoundé Cameroon September 26- 30.

2023 – 5

After consulting with IGES the answer was positive and they did agree that from May 24 – 27 in Bali they will host ISGE’s Annual Meeting

2024 - 6

Prof Jian -Liu Wang from Peking University has offered to organize the ISGE meeting in Beijing 2024.



Financial Report

The reports on both the ISGE General account in Chicago and the ISGE – Accreditation Account in Antwerp are presented by the Medical Director and Mrs. Paula Simons.

The new ISGE Bylaws.

The motion on the table is “*The new Bylaws after rigorous examination by EXCO – Board in meeting on Thursday August 26 are approved on condition that minor adjustments are made concerning the position of the Intercontinental Secretary by the ISGE EXCO and Board to be presented for validation to the ISGE General Assembly of Saturday August 28 13:00 – 14:00 CEST Split Croatia. The adjustments will be sanctioned by the EXCO during its next teleconference*”

The motion is seconded by Hisham Arab, Lilo Mettler and approved unanimously by the General Assembly

The future of ISGE and the changes needed

1. Due to the pandemic and the problems our ISGE logistic unit has had difficulties getting sponsoring for the different meetings. It is my honest opinion that ISGE should organize only one live meeting on a yearly basis. The reasons are:

- The logistical entity is at this moment in time not sufficiently equipped – personnel Secretary Patrizia Zaratti, Mrs. Paula Simons, webmaster Henrik Mondelaers, IT Person Dirk Schurmans and Bruno J van Herendaël – to tackle more than one live event.
- ISGE is not getting any benefit from its meetings hence two meetings rather do lose money.
- It goes without saying that if a specific countries MIGS or Obstet-Gyn society would like to organize a meeting in collaboration with ISGE but is taken care of the whole organization with an MOU ISGE- LOC this can be considered at any time provided the dates do not clash with the ISGE Annual Meeting;

The motion on the table carried by the EXCO – Board is: “*Starting in 2023 ISGE will organize one Annual Meeting. The Regional Meeting will be replaced by ad hoc meetings on request of the Ob/Gyn or MIGS society of any given country wanting to organize a meeting on a specific MIGS topic be it Hysteroscopy, Laparoscopy, vNotes or Vaginal Surgery and related diagnostic techniques.*”

The motion is seconded by Günter Noé, Mohamed Achour and approved by the General Assembly.

2. The site where the financial efforts are concentrated.

- In 2021 the Honorary Treasurer Charles – Chuck – Miller had to change personnel at its accountancy.
- ISGE does greatly appreciate the fact that Chuck did handle the accounts of ISGE for free over the last years.
- ISGE is growing exponentially over the last few years and this created some problems at the Chicago accounts. These have been foreclosed two times in 2020-2021. This did cause considerable problems for the Honorary Treasurer who did even offer his resignation. After discussion Chuck did reconsider on condition that he would remain supervisor but that his accountant would be in charge of the accounts. This due to his workload.

Considering the above facts, the Medical Director suggests the General Assembly to consider the following: ISGE Chicago accounts will remain with the Honorary Treasurer, Charles Miller, to ensure the difficult issues the US sponsors have regarding the forms W-9. However, the income generated by the members and the European sponsors will be deposited into the European account of ISGE – Accreditation VZW (nonprofit incorporation within the Kingdom of Belgium).

The motion on the table accepted by EXCO - Board therefore is: *“The Honorary Treasurer remains Charles Miller controlling the Chicago accounts for deposits of the US sponsors and the necessary documents needed by these sponsors. The membership income, the income of the Accreditation and the deposits of the European sponsors will be in the ISGE Accreditation VZW accounts in Belgium. A monthly statement of both the Chicago and the Antwerp accounts will be available for the Honorary Treasurer and the Medical Director.”*

The motion is seconded by Günter Noé, Michael Anapolski and approved by the General Assembly

Discharge of the officers for the years 2019 – 2020

The motion on the table is “The General Assembly discharges the managing officers and the Medical Director concerning their responsibilities towards the International Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy for the years 2019 and 2020.”

The motion is seconded by Lilo Mettler, Michael Anapolski and approved by the General Assembly

Publications

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Review article

International Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy (ISGE) guidelines and recommendations on gynecological endoscopy during the evolutionary phases of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic



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Evidence-based practical guidelines of the International Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy (ISGE) for vaginal hysterectomy



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Review article

Structured report for dynamic ultrasonography in patients with suspected or known endometriosis: Recommendations of the International Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy (ISGE)



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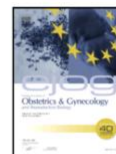




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Full length article

Formal institutional guidelines promotes the vaginal approach to hysterectomy in patients with benign disease and non-prolapsed uterus

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As there are no further matters to be discussed the president Günter Noé ends the General Assembly at 13:45