



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AMBULATORY SURGERY (IAAS)

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(United Kingdom)
- Ambulatory Surgery Center Association
(United States)
- Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia
(United States)

IAAS activities 2012

- **10th International Congress on Ambulatory Surgery**
The countdown to the 10th International Congress on Ambulatory Surgery, Budapest, Hungary, 5-8 May 2013, has begun. Organizers have worked very hard this year in order to make this congress the best ever. Check out the website www.iaas2013congress.com.
- **11th International Congress on Ambulatory Surgery**
The Spanish Association for Major Ambulatory Surgery (ASECMA) submitted a proposal to host the 11th IAAS International Congress in Barcelona in 2015 and the GA officially assigned to ASECMA the organization of the 2015 meeting.
- **Day Surgery Data Project**
The final meeting of our first European project "Day Surgery Data Project" was held in Padova, Italy on August 31, 2012, the official ending date of the project. Our Project Officer from Luxembourg, Guy Dargent, attended the conference and he expressed his great satisfaction for the results achieved and for the strong link to the well-established IAAS network. For a final summary, see the November 2012 edition of the IAAS newsletter. More information can be found on the project website www.dsdp.eu.
- **"Financing Day Surgery"**
Paulo Lemos (Portugal) conducted a survey on insurance systems, percentages and reimbursement of Day Surgery, and some parameters of level of wealth and costs of some daily attributes in various countries. Results of the project have been published in the on-line journal "Ambulatory Surgery" Volume 18.2 October 2012. The study aimed to evaluate the reimbursement of day surgery procedures in comparison with the inpatient setting in several countries around the world and to compare financing of day surgery internationally. Eighteen out of 29 member countries of IAAS answered the questionnaire. Data was obtained on the countries' relative wealth by GDP and their healthcare model, and correlated that with healthcare costs for personnel and drugs, national costs of labour, and the payments for a list of surgical procedures comparing the inpatient and ambulatory settings. Two conclusions of this project are:

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- Countries that achieve a high DS percentage have a strong financial incentive through an initial reimbursement system that is equal to that of the inpatient setting
- Significant potential savings can be obtained when NHSs maximize day surgery practice (e.g. UK)

Surgical Statistics

Jost Brökelmann (Germany) submitted the proposal *Surgical Statistics* to continue the highly appreciated bi-annual International Survey of Day Surgery Procedures, started by Claus Toftgaard (Denmark). This project will draw data from Eurostat; a large source of statistical data from many fields. Also, this activity falls within the 2013 work plan supported by the EU EAHC Operating Grant.

- **TtT**

The first IAAS Train the Trainer Teaching Course for Central-East European Participants was held in Budapest, Hungary on 28 – 29 October, 2012. The Course was opened by: Carlo Castoro, IAAS President, Gál János: Rector of the Semmelweis University of Medical Sciences, Gamal Eldin Mohamed, Course Coordinator and President of the Hungarian Association For Ambulatory Surgery, and Kárpáti Edit: the Representative of the Hungarian National Institute for Quality & Organizational Development in Healthcare & Medicines.

Thirty-one health care professionals (surgeons, anesthesiologists and managers), from Hungary, Romania, Serbia and Poland participated in this pilot training workshop and IAAS ExCo members gave lectures and conducted round table sessions.

The entire Course was recorded. It will be edited for publication on the website, together with the results of the pre-course and post-course questionnaire. We are pleased to report that participants' satisfaction was very high.

New members

This year the IAAS has welcomed as individual members Jelena Petrovic from Serbia, Boguslaw Kompf from Poland, Pierre Rossett from Switzerland. These countries have no active national day surgery association and individual member benefit from the help and encouragement of the IAAS in constituting a multi-professional association aimed at developing ambulatory throughout the individual countries.

The AAAHC the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care has joined the IAAS as a friend of the IAAS.

The Romanian Society for Ambulatory Surgery has applied for Associate Membership and the JSSSA (Japanese Short Stay Surgery Association) for Full membership. Their applications must now be approved by the General Assembly

Moreover, an application for individual membership from a colleague from Belarus and an inquiry from Austria have recently been received.