President’s Message

I am writing my last communication as President of the ISACCD from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, in London, England where for the last few days an international panel of experts (with a strong representation from our Society) studied the new challenge of pregnancy and heart disease. This is a new lifecycle and a cause of celebration for our specialty. The majority of our patients with congenital heart disease - who survived early surgery and lived to become adults - are now meeting their desire to have their own children. Provided that they are advised in a timely fashion and are supported by a multidisciplinary team, pregnancy for most of them is a relatively low risk endeavour. The multidisciplinary nature of our service was emphasized by every single speaker from all disciplines involved in the meeting. Indeed, a multidisciplinary approach remains the essence of what our patients need and the key to success for what we are striving to provide.

There are many worthy initiatives all over the world promoting the causes and advancing the knowledge of adult congenital heart disease. Equally important, this knowledge is extended to a broader professional audience, which in turn is more willing to play a role in the management of our patients. A joint working group from the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association led by Drs Williams and Warnes are soon to report on the guidelines for the management of the adult with congenital heart disease. A similar report led by the Department of Health is ready for publication in the UK. Our partnership with the International Journal of Cardiology has been both fruitful and rewarding; we have been receiving and publishing more papers with a congenital heart focus, while at the same time promoting the causes of our Society to a larger Cardiology audience. I am delighted to welcome the introduction of a new Journal, called Congenital Heart Disease, led by Dr Moodie, supported by many of our members, which will make an additional and important contribution to our field. Last but not least our links with patient associations both in North America and the rest of the world are becoming stronger, with these associations taking important initiatives on lobbying and education, raising general awareness and fund raising.

For me, the last 6 years of my involvement with the ISACCD executive have been very rich in learning and making new friends from around the world. I send my heartfelt thanks to all of you, the Society members, my colleagues on the Executive Committee and Peter Kralka and his colleagues at the Society’s Headquarters.

Michael A Gatzoulis, MD PhD

Mission Statement

The purpose of the International Society for Adult Congenital Cardiac Disease is to promote, maintain and pursue excellence in the care of adults with congenital cardiac disease.

The Society is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge and training in medical disciplines pertinent to congenital heart disease in adults.

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Proposed agenda

Welcome and New Executive
Dr. Gatzoulis

Lecture A: “The Right Heart in Congenital Heart Disease
Dr. Thomas P. Graham, MD, Head Paediatric Cardiology,
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Lecture B: “The Atlanta ACHD Service”
Michael Ellis McConnell, MD, Adult Congenital Cardiac Program,
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Membership List
Dr. Colman

ISACCD Future Direction: “Where do we want to be 5-10 years from now?”
Dr. Colman
(Open discussion with contribution from ex Executive and current ISACCD members)

Treasurers Report – Finances
Dr. Oechslin

International Journal of Cardiology Associate Editor Report
Dr. Gatzoulis

ACHD Centres Database Report
Dr. Graham

Patients Association Report
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Report from European GUCH Working Group
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Next ISACCD meeting: AHA, Chicago, November 2006
Suggestions for dates and scientific program

Other Business