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Invitation to Russian Surgeons to join ISS/SIC and its 48th World Congress of Surgery 2019 in Poland

Dear members of the Russian Surgical Society,

The International Society of Surgery (ISS) / Soci t  Internationale de Chirurgie (SIC) is the oldest and most prestigious international surgical society in the world. We are a global not-for-profit membership organization, founded in 1902, and based in Zurich, Switzerland.

“Advancing the Science and Art of Surgery Worldwide” is our mission statement, and to achieve this, the society holds the World Congress of Surgery, a biennial event where progress in surgery and problems of interest to all surgeons are presented. The Congress also offers simultaneous meetings of various surgical specialties through joint presentations, panels and workshops.

ISS/SIC further promotes and facilitates postgraduate surgical education worldwide through the activities of the Academy of the Society, which is responsible for promoting, coordinating and facilitating the teaching activities of the Society, including regional scientific meetings and courses to be held under the auspices of the Society. And ISS/SIC disseminates knowledge of the science and art of surgery through the regular publication of the World Journal of Surgery (the “Journal”), the official organ of the Society, as well as through the publication of books, manuals and newsletters.

Over the next few years it is our intention to expand our activities, especially in Upper, and Lower Middle Income Countries (LMIC) through the bringing of young surgeons from to our World Congress. This is our ‘Travellers’ programme. Furthermore ISS/SIC is partnering with surgical societies/organisations in these countries to help them in educational efforts for surgeons within their own countries. This will be done at their request (through our national delegates - based in each country) either through specific courses or through contributing to their annual conferences by providing speakers, judges and discussants for research, moderators for sessions, examiners for surgical trainees and other areas that the specific country sees as helpful and needed.

More than 3,000 medical professionals from across the globe have discovered the value of ISS/SIC membership as an essential investment in their future. With ISS/SIC membership comes a subscription to the World Journal of Surgery (WJS) – the official journal of ISS/SIC - meeting discounts, targeted educational programs, networking opportunities and more!

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An exciting series of named lectures will again be delivered by world-renowned experts in their respective fields. Postgraduate courses and workshops will focus on acquisition of knowledge and skills. More than 60 main sessions on relevant topics will be offered. The scientific program will include surgical research presentations, videos, and posters.

The WCS is our biannual meeting and provides a platform for education for surgeons, surgical trainees, medical students, and members of surgical teams from across the globe. The hallmarks of the World Congress of Surgery are a broad range of outstanding hands-on learning opportunities and discussion on the most recent developments in surgical practice and research, along with unparalleled access to peers, mentors, and expertise from all parts of the world.

With this it is our great pleasure to invite you to attend the 48th World Congress of Surgery (WCS), to be held August 11-15, 2019, in Krakow, Poland. Note that there are special rates for surgeons from upper-middle, lower-middle, and low income countries, and a further 50% discount for surgeons in training. View our Congress website on:

www.wcs2019.org

On behalf of the International Society of Surgery (ISS/SIC), we look forward to seeing you in Krakow.

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