

EDITORIAL TO THE ENGLISH EDITION OF THE BRAZILIAN SHOULDER SOCIETY

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The **1st ICSS** (International Congress of Shoulder Surgery) took place in London in 1980 lead by **Captain Alexander Lipmann-Kessel**, a Britain hero of World War II and professor of orthopaedics of the University of London and aided by **Ian Bailey**. Former SBCOC President **Geraldo Motta** attended the Meeting. This was really a landmark in defining shoulder surgery as a separate clinical entity.

With very few shoulder surgeons at that time – all of them self-trained - the idea of the International Meeting was to stimulate others to get involved with shoulder care. So, rotating the meeting around continents every three years seemed reasonable. Because of the success of the conference it was decided that there would be a second one held in Toronto, Canada in 1983 organized by **James Bateman and Peter Welch**. From that time conferences have been held in Fukuoka, Japan (1986), New York City, USA (1989), Paris, France (1992), Helsinki, Finland (1995), Sydney, Australia (1998), Cape Town, South Africa (2001), and Washington, USA (2004), where was held the **1st ICSET** (International Congress of Shoulder and Elbow Therapists, under the leadership of **John Basti**).

At the 5th International Congress in Paris 1992, **Dr Charles Neer** convened a group to oversee the organization of the international meetings. These conferences were getting larger and certainly a great deal of expertise had been gained, and this knowledge needed to be propagated. It was proposed that this group of people would help facilitate the organization of these conferences every three years. The group, the **International Board of Shoulder & Elbow Surgery (IBSES)**, was elected by delegates at the 4th conference from a list of 24 candidates, all of whom had had experience in organizing one of the tri-annual meetings. Those elected for the initial group, designated the International Board of Shoulder Surgery (IBSES) ,included **Robert Cofield** from the USA, **Stephen Copeland** from Great Britain, **Hiro Fukuda** from Japan, **Michel Mansat** from France, **Marti Vastamaki** from Finland, **Peter Welsh** from Canada. **Charles Neer** was unanimously voted chairman, **Hiro Fukuda** treasurer and **Peter Welsh** the secretary. The IBSES is not a society, as some may think, but a representative group of 09 (nine) members responsible for the organization of the ICSES. Members stay for nine years (three Meetings). The second chairman was **Bob Cofield** (USA), the third **Steve Copeland** (England), the fourth **Louis Bigliani** (USA), and I am having the privilege to serve as your fifth Board chairman.

The 10th ICSS – also called ICSES for the first time - was held in Sauipe, Bahia, Brazil, led by **Sergio Checchia, Adalberto Visco and myself** in 2007. That was the first meeting with more than 1.000 participants. It ran in two rooms (in honor to **Hiro Fukuda and Donato**

D'Ângelo) against the will of **Dr. Copeland** , then chairman of the IBSES, who had argued until the last minute that “a good meeting is held in one room only, where everyone can participate in all debates”. This meeting is also know by the first reports of long-term results of the newest, revolutionary, reverse shoulder arthroplasty. **Louis Bigliani** delivered the Codman Lecture “The Sub-Acromial Space” and the “White Party” was a charming, dancing, magical moment of the meeting. The surplus of this meeting is yet to be reached.

Edinburgh, Scotland (2010), Nagoya, Japan (2013) and Jeju, South Korea (2016) were the next meetings.

We are now reaching the **14th ICSES and the 6th ICSET**, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Co-Presidents **Daniel Moya and Gaston Maignon** are leading a great team - Local Organizing Committee, Global Scientific Committee , several supporting companies – and have done an extraordinary work to make this ICSES/ICSET unique.

Four events will open the ICSES this year: Our **6th Closed Meeting of the Brazilian Society**, **2nd Ibero-Latin American Perspective**, **2nd Asian Perspective**, **3rd German-Argentinean Shoulder and Elbow Meeting**. Then, there will be 03 days of great lectures by key speakers, Symposia, Instructional Lectures, Working Lunch, lots of free papers, and e-posters. All of this happens surrounded by a great social program.

No question, this is truly the biggest event of its kind in the world. Please Join us.

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5th Chairman of the IBSES