

Editorial

Our goal for World Journal of Laparoscopic Surgery must be to convey our reader knowledge of excellent operative care with evidence-based perioperative processes, to leverage what we do in the operation room to its maximal benefit. In so doing, we can generate the evidence that will move the needle from open to MIS and serve our patients best.

World Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons (WALS) has grown enormously with the laparoscopic revolution as a primary society for minimal access surgeons including gynecologists and urologists. This organization is remarkable for its energy and the capacity of its members to work hard to achieve our organizational goals. It is unlike any organization to which I belong in allowing and encouraging young surgeons to get involved and to develop their careers.

Membership is the fuel of any professional organization. We will make a strong push to increase our membership of WALS and World Journal of Laparoscopic Surgery this year. This effort will be built around conveying the values that drive WALS, the opportunities for career development, the interpersonal opportunities to network and expand the community of each of our members, and the excellent value that WALS membership provides. We will bring this effort to residents and fellows and will extend our reach internationally.

We take great pleasure in inviting you to Fourth World Congress of Laparoscopic Surgeons on February 8th and 9th 2014. This event is organized by World Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons and hosted by World Laparoscopy Hospital, Gurgaon, India. This year, WALS committees have worked hard to ensure a varied program for professional development and networking opportunities. I would encourage each of you to bring two new members to WALS this year. I know that they will thank you for years to come.

It is an incredible honor for me to be WALS Organizing Secretary. WALS is your organization. It is essential that the WALS leadership keep in touch with our members and respond to their needs. For more details regarding the conference, please visit website www.wals.in. If you have any questions about the conference, please e-mail md@laparoscopyhospital.com and please communicate your ideas to us and get involved!

Again, I request all of you to join hands and make the forthcoming Congress a grand success.



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