Trustee

Carlos D'Ancona



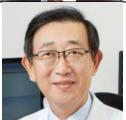
Why vote for Carlos D'Ancona? Talking about your self can be very challenging. To simply state what I have accomplished at ICS is very important, but members deserve to know what my main ideas are and how I intend to implement them. We are living in a turning point: less investment from the pharmaceutical-industry and therefore we should strive to be managed even more efficiently. On the scientific side, two major topics are key: functional urology and pelvic floor dysfunction. We have a tremendous amount of work to accomplish and I am very motivated to participate in this challenge, strengthening ICS.

David Castro-Diaz



According to the ICS Strategic Plan, key aims include: Develop scholarly activities to the highest standards, to restore reputation of the ICS with key stakeholders and to ensure financial health for the foreseeable future. My primary aim as a Trustee would be to cooperate with the Board in order to contribute to achieve these aims. I am convinced that the ICS as an outstanding organization that had a brilliant past, is clearly eligible to have an even more brilliant future. All depends on how we do it, together with the support and involvement of the Membership

Myung-Soo Choo



Asian research and education facilities are lacking. Many people with these problems may not be able to be treated as they want, compared to those in developed countries. I might be a representative of Asian caregivers and give them more chance to improve their knowledge and skills. This will result in achieving my goals of helping people to overcome their symptoms and living their lives comfortably. My aim is not confined to helping Asia, but also to communicate between Asian and western people. With ICS I can accomplish my goal to educate and establish academic and clinical bases in pelvic floor disorders.

Chris Constantinou



My application for this position is based on the wish to bridge the interests of the component parts of the ICS. Specifically my mission is to translate the concepts expressed by the various interests into a cohesive and actionable direction. As a basic scientist who has been involved in the ICS for about 40 years I had the privilege to observe the evolution of the group's activities. In summary my vision is to assist in bridging the interests of the various committees and provide actionable and cohesive support to the group in determining its scientific as well as it fiscal direction.

Tamara Dickinson



I have been a member of the ICS for many years, have been a member of the Urodynamics and Continence Promotion Committees and was elected Chair of the Continence Promotion Committee in 2013. In addition, I have a proven record of leadership within the Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates. I truly believe in the direction that the ICS strategic plan will take the Society and look forward to being part of it. As an organizational leader, I believe one is held to a higher standard than the general membership and must put aside personal agendas. Communication and respect are absolutely imperative.

Elise De



If I were elected to serve on the Board my goals would include:

- Improving communication among members of the ICS and its committees.
- Ensuring common goals and initiatives for education worldwide.
- Maintaining a vision of what renders the ICS unique- its multidisciplinary nature, a shared interest in expert and varied physical and cultural settings for care. Discussion among members allows for the most robust understanding possible of the pathophysiology and medical interventions for continence and pelvic floor disorders.
- Addressing educational needs of meeting attendees in proportion to attendance at meetings and those who cannot attend meetings online and alternative media.

Steinar Hunskaar



I ask you to let me continue to serve as ICS Trustee. Through long experience with cross-disciplinary work with doctors, nurses and physiotherapists in research and organizational tasks, I have a broad network within clinical and non-clinical groups. I want to contribute to sound development of ICS based on the new strategic plan approved by the membership. I will base this on my strong academic career from basic, clinical and epidemiological research. I was founder of the Cochrane Collaboration Review group on UI, Committee chairman for the first three International Consultations on Incontinence, and previous member of ICS scientific committee.

Chris Payne



I ask for your vote for ICS Trustee. My previous experiences, inside and outside of the organization, provide me with the insights and tools with which to lead ICS to the next level—a mature organization providing outstanding service and influential leadership. My priorities:

- Improve financial stability
- Maximize income from high quality on-line educational programs
- Focus on long-term, mutually productive relationships with industry
- Strengthen relationships with other medical societies and NGOs
- Increase international advocacy to improve the lives of patients who suffer with all types of bladder and pelvic floor disorders

Ajay Singla



My aim is to continue to strengthen the society in both financial growth and scientific mission. We have come long way in achieving both these goals. Financial health has continued to improve as we make special efforts and make compromises to improve our finances. Employ all the available resources and cost cutting strategies at the same time not compromising the scientific quality of the annual meetings.

Manfred Stohrer

ICS has been my scientific home for over 40 years. Its input has had a decisive influence on my neuro-urological career. Through my long-standing activity in different positions I am familiar with its structures. I would very much like to contribute my experience to the further development of the ICS, in order to give some of that back that the society has given to me. In particular I would like to use the special structure of the ICS together with the combined work of nurses, physiotherapists and doctors from different fields in order to implement our scientific knowledge more quickly to clinical applications.

Trustee – Gynaecology Representative

Mauro Cervigni



Professor of Urogynecology at Catholic University, Rome Italy, Director Referral Center for Interstitial Cystitis/Chronic Pelvic Pain, Catholic University, Rome Italy. He is a urogynecologist, mentor and a key opinion leader in the field of Urogynaecology with an established track record of international service and with outstanding academic, clinical and administrative skills to undertake this position. Main Field of interest: Bladder Pain Syndrome/Interstitial Cystitis, Chronic Pelvic Pain, Pelvic Floor Dysfunction, Urinary and Fecal Incontinence, Pelvic Floor Reconstructive Surgery, Robotic Surgery, Sacral and Pudendal Neuromodulation. Promoter with other KOLs of International Criteria for Sacrocolpopexy.

Vani Dandolu



I am committed to deliver the ICS vision and promote the society to be the leader in the healthcare landscape. As trustee I will help manage the business affairs of the organization in a fiscally responsible manner and will contribute to the strategic leadership of the organization. I will bring an interdisciplinary perspective through my public health background and business background and help develop mutually beneficial relationships with related stakeholders.

Sohier Elniel



The ICS has been at the heart of my life's work in continence management and truly fulfills the vision of 'continence care for all.' My aims would be to strengthen the relationship amongst the different professional groups in ICS; to promote ICS standards across the globe particularly in emergent nations; and to work closely with different experts/committee groups within ICS to address their needs and realize their vision both locally and globally, whilst promoting the ICS strategy. To achieve these goals, one must work closely and harmoniously with other members of the Board in providing a stable and guiding force for the organization.

Peter Petros



I was asked to stand to hopefully inject some new blood into the ICS. I feel the time has now come for the ICS to turn a fresh page and look beyond its existing paradigms to fulfil the noble mission of the ICS, cure of urinary and fecal incontinence. Static paradigms only lead to introspection and incestuous blood letting, as we have witnessed these past years. I hope to be one small catalyst in this change.

Edward Stanford



I have been an active member of the ICS for many years and have held several positions including Chairman of the Ethics Committee. I have had the good fortune of serving as a Committee Chair, Executive Committee member, or Board member for several medical societies, hospitals, and health care organizations therefore I feel well suited to bring my knowledge and leadership abilities to the ICS Board. My basic goal is to promote awareness of the efforts of ICS in education and research in clinical and basic science relating to incontinence and pelvic floor disorders.

Safwat Tosson



As a Trustee of the Society I promise that I would work diligently to achieve the Society's aims and objectives. I will work hard to restore the society's leading role in the incontinence field. I will help the society to revisit its appeal to clinicians and researchers in this field. I am keen that "ICS" brand would be recognized as the primary society in this field by offering the environment to succeed. I am committed that as a society we behave in a fair, ethical and transparent in all matters to maintain the society and its members' interests. I will work with the ICS staff, Treasurer, Trustees and accountants to maintain the highest standards of financial management.

Scientific Committee – Clinical Rep

Alex Digesu



I will use my expertise in the review activities and in the planning of the best possible program for the ICS Annual Scientific Meetings giving voice to nurses, physiotherapists, scientists, fellows, urologists, gynaecologists, neurologists. I am willing to bring dedication, passion in this multidisciplinary team with a collegial and collaborative approach. I would encourage younger people who have interest in this field to join ICS, to submit their research, to present and share their data at the annual scientific meetings. I would work to have programs with more practical, didactic, interactive and hands on lectures. With the extensive experience I have in this field, I feel I can add an extra dimension to the work of this committee

Steven Finney



Having actively participated in a number of past Annual Meetings, initially as a presenter and then as a sessional Chairman, I can appreciate the hard work and dedication that is required to organise and maintain the high standards, and breadth of scientific content that we currently enjoy. As a member of the scientific committee I would welcome the opportunity to participate with the aims of continuing to showcase quality research, encouraging young researchers into the field and, with a multidisciplinary approach, help translate basic science into the clinical setting.

Ajay Singla



I am interested in helping to promote the scientific and educational goal of the society. The scientific committee has a very important role in providing a robust and state of the art program for the annual meeting and of very high scientific quality.

Manfred Stohrer



I have been a member of this Committee from 2009-2013. In my opinion it seems to be an advantage for any effective work in this group to have experience and knowledge about it because it needs some time to become familiar with these particular structures. I enjoyed the team-spirit and the everybody's willingness to cooperate, even when decisions where problematic and sometimes difficult due to a diversity of opinion. I am therefore interested to work another period within this group.

Urodynamics Chair

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Peter Rosier



I have been director of the Urodynamics Unit at the world renowned Bristol Urological Institute for 3 years. This has given me experience in leading a team of urodynamicists. As part of my role, I also co-ordinate and teach on the ICS approved Bristol certificate in urodynamics course in the UK and internationally. I am on the International Consultation on Incontinence Urodynamics Committee and previously on the UK Continence Society Education Committee and the ICS Education and Publication committees. The above has given me the experience needed to lead the urodynamics committee and will give me the basis in improving and developing urodynamic services provided by the ICS through education and training, in line with the ICS mission.

ICS will again become preferred provider in the field of education in clinical urodynamic diagnosis and testing. After being invited to revitalize the original idea of the ICS-school of urodynamics I developed a mission and a strategy for the new 'Urodynamic Committee'. The mission and strategy have been accepted wholeheartedly and unanimously by the ICS Board and Trustees during the AGM in 2010, and I have formed a very enthusiastic committee to further elaborate on a structure and content of an ICS educational program. The core activity is the development of ICS-educational modules and this work is in full progress now.

Ethics Committee Chair

Nina Davis



Upon joining the ICS, I was impressed that it had an Ethics Committee. None of the other organizations to which I belonged had such an entity. I was eager to join, as I have formal training in Ethics and serve on my hospital's Ethics Consult Team. Once on the committee, my colleagues and I were involved in serious work related to disclosures, the Code of Conduct, and disciplinary issues. I would be honored to lead the committee, continuing our integral role in the workings of the ICS. Dr. Hal Simeroth nicely summarizes my philosophy: "Science brings society to the next level; ethics keeps us there."

Safwat Tosson



I am one of the longest serving members of the ICS Ethics Committee and I contributed fully. I have organised the Ethics Lecture at ICS Barcelona 2013. All organisations, including ICS, will face many challenges including ethical challenges. ICS will need knowledge, courage and wisdom to work out the appropriate decisions and plans to carry on as a scientific professional organisation. Over the years ICS faced challenges and changed to be able to function in a more diverse and complex world; managing the change is of great interest. The chairman has been helping the society with conflict resolution; I have experience in investigation and managing conflicts.