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From the President

We are in the midst of very exciting and challenging times. Our specialty continues to change and grow with advancing minimally invasive technologies and ISMICS remains at the forefront for innovation in cardiothoracic surgery.

Our Annual Scientific Meeting, scheduled for 23-26 June, 2004 in London England, promises to be the most exciting ever. Our scientific program is rapidly becoming the key forum for new techniques and technology for minimally invasive procedures in cardiothoracic surgery. Not only will we present and discuss the exciting new developments, but we will also provide the opportunity to develop and practice these skills through hands-on sessions in connectors, stabilizers, endoscopic conduit harvesting, and atrial fibrillation. Some of the topics scheduled to be discussed are: Off Pump and Minimal Access; Robotic Cardiac Surgery; and Cell Transplantation and Gene Therapy. For the first time we are introducing the topic of New Thoracic Surgical Techniques.

In addition to the wealth of scientific advancements being presented, our Program Chairs, Drs. James Fonger, John Puskas, and Rex Stanbridge, have arranged a superb social program to take advantage of this royal location. We are honored to host our Gala Reception at The Orangery at the magnificent Kensington Palace, once home to Diana, Princess of Wales.

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Valavanur A. Subramanian, MD

Discover the Future of Minimally Invasive Cardiothoracic Surgery

2004 ISMICS Annual Meeting 23-26 June 2004



**London, England
Hilton London Metropole Hotel
and Conference Centre**



**ABSTRACT DEADLINE: 19 DECEMBER 2003
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Annual Scientific Meeting

23-26 JUNE 2004, LONDON

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2004 Annual Meeting Highlights

HANDS-ON TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITS

OFF-PUMP AND MINIMAL ACCESS

FACILITATED ANASTOMOSES

AFIB. ABLATION

ROBOTIC CARDIAC SURGERY

NEW THORACIC SURGICAL TECHNIQUES

CELL TRANSPLANTATION AND GENE THERAPY

CORONARY IMAGING TECHNOLOGIES

PLUS A GALA RECEPTION IN THE ORANGERY AT KENSINGTON PALACE

Abstract Deadline: 19 December 2003

Video Submissions*

Podium-moderated poster sessions

Moderated poster sessions in display area

New for 2004!

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Video submissions may feature only one technique or tip, and no brand promotion of devices or products allowed.

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Disclosure must indicate any industry involvement in production or funding of video.

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The Reception in

THE ORANGERY AT KENSINGTON PALACE



Kensington Palace has been a Royal residence since 1689. Of great historical importance, Kensington Palace was once a favoured home of some of Britain's most famous kings and queens and the setting for many great events and dramas in royal history. Originally a private

country house, the building was acquired by William III and Mary II in 1689 and was adapted for royal residence by Sir Christopher Wren. For the next 70 years the palace was at the centre of the life and government of the kingdom and played host to the courts of William and Mary, Queen Anne, George I and George II. In the 19th century Kensington was the birthplace and childhood home of Princess Victoria (later Queen Victoria).

Kensington's best known resident in recent years was Diana, Princess of Wales (1961-97) who occupied apartments in the northwest part of the palace from 1981 to 1997.

The Orangery

Built for Queen Anne in 1704-5 to a design by Nicholas Hawksmoor, the Orangery was used in the summer months for court entertainments. Situated within its own private grounds in the heart of Kensington Gardens, the Orangery combines the privilege of access to a royal palace with a serene rural ambience in the centre of the capital. The graceful interior of the



building with its imposing yet elegant architecture lends itself to formal dinners and provides an enjoyable and memorable venue for summer dining.

President's Message

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We encourage our younger colleagues to attend the annual meeting and to become more involved in the ISMICS leadership. Membership in the Society and attendance at our scientific sessions offers an excellent opportunity for interested young leaders to be a part of an exciting international group on the cutting-edge of minimally invasive technologies. We welcome young surgeons to submit abstracts and videos for consideration and we value your participation in our discussions.

Our specialty is technologically dependent on the development and verification of instrumentation and techniques that requires a close cooperation with industry. ISMICS maintains a significant relationship with its industry partners and continues to encourage a cooperative effort as we explore the frontiers of our specialty. We welcome industry support and participation in our scientific meetings and initiatives and recognize the importance of their continued involvement.

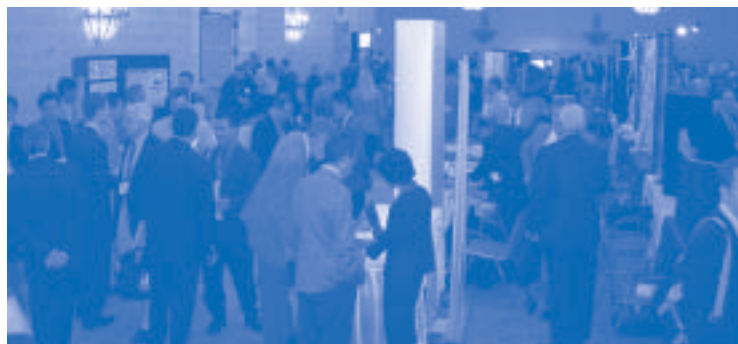
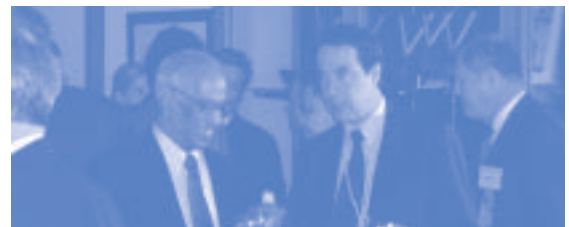
As we become more advanced in our technologies, the Society will continue to break new ground. In the future, ISMICS will widen its focus to address overall training issues of surgeons around the world and will become involved in disseminating information on new procedures and techniques. In addition, ISMICS will continue to explore the frontiers of progressive meetings using a variety of educational methods to meet the needs of our busy surgeons.

We hope to see you in London in June.

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**Valavanur Subramanian, MD
New York, New York**

*From the
2003
Annual
Meeting,
San
Francisco*



2003 Annual Awards

BEST MODERATED POSTER

Robotically Sutured LIMA Grafts – Intraoperative Quality Control Using Graft Angiography

Johannes Bonatti, M.D.
Innsbruck University Hospital Innsbruck, Austria

YOUNG INVESTIGATORS AWARDS

Clinical Study on the Efficacy of a Newly Developed Tool for Automated One-Step Proximal Anastomoses in CABG Surgery

Hendrik Treede, M.D.
University Hospital Hamburg-Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany

A Complete Cox-Maze Procedure Performed on the Beating Heart with Bipolar Radiofrequency Energy: Operative Techniques and Early Results

Sydney L. Gaynor, M.D.
Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri

Avoidance of Cardiopulmonary Bypass Improves Early Survival in Multi-Vessel Coronary Artery Bypass Patients with Poor Ventricular Function

Todd M. Dewey, M.D.
Cardiopulmonary Research Science and
Technology Institute, Dallas, Texas

Off-Pump Coronary Artery Bypass with Exclusive Use of Skeletonized In-Situ Arterial Grafts

Tohru Asai, M.D.
Shiga University of Medical Science, Otsu, Japan

BEST USE OF AUDIO VISUAL AIDS

Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting in the Awake Setting

Tanya Angoseva, M.D.
Center For Cardiosurgery Filip II,
Skopje, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

HONORABLE MENTION – BEST ORAL ABSTRACT IN BASIC SCIENCE

Fetal Robotic Cardiac Manipulation: The Potential to Heal Before Birth

Michael D. Black, M.D.
Stanford University, Stanford, California

HONORABLE MENTION – BEST ORAL ABSTRACT IN CLINICAL SCIENCE

Transmyocardial Revascularization versus Medical Therapy: Five-Year Follow-up of a Prospective Randomized Trial

Keith B. Allen, M.D.
St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana

BEST ORAL ABSTRACT

Bipolar Radiofrequency Clamp for Surgical Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation

Marc Gillinov, M.D.
The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio

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