See You in Montreal

I.S.D.E. VIIth World Congress
SEPTEMBER 1-4, 1998

Dear colleagues,

It is with pleasure that I invite you to attend the VIIth World Congress of ISDE, taking place from September 1st-4th, 1998 in Montreal at the Palais des Congrès, the Montreal Convention Centre.

We have created a scientific format of the highest quality for the meeting. Symposia and state-of-the-art lectures bring together the best gastroenterologists and surgeons from around the world. A plenary session offering a selection of the highest caliber work submitted. Finally, an interactive poster session and a video session complete the range of scientific activities.

This meeting could not have been organized without the efforts and support of a significant number of people. Our local organizing committee has worked relentlessly and the scientific committee has helped to select an outstanding program.

We gratefully acknowledge the tremendous contribution of our sponsors. A meeting of this quality could not have been organized without their encouragement and support.

Montreal, an international city at the crossroads between Europe and America, welcomes you in a warm environment that will allow you to enjoy our unique “joie de vivre”.

The enclosed preliminary program will give you a good idea of the scope of this meeting, which we hope will be identified as one of the best on esophageal diseases.

Yours truly,

Andre Duranceau, M.D.
SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM DAY AT A GLANCE
Wednesday September 2nd, 1998

PLENARY SESSION
8:00-13:15
Oral Presentations on Barrett’s and Reflux
State-of-the-Art Lecture: N. E. Diamant, Canada
Control Mechanisms of Esophageal Function
Oral Presentations on Esophageal Cancer
State-of-the-Art Lecture: F. G. Pearson, Canada
The Development of Esophageal Surgery in Canada
Oral Presentations on Motor Disorders

13:15-14:15
ASTRA LUNCHEON MEETING
Focus on Endoscopy Negative Reflux Disease
J. Dent, Australia

15:00-18:00
SYMPOSIA
Series               Symposia
1. Barrett’s Esophagus  Barrett’s Esophagus & Reflux Disease
2. Esophageal Cancer    Adenocarcinoma
3. Esophageal Motor Disorders Upper Esophageal Sphincter
4. Reflux Disease I  Rationale of Medical versus Surgical Treatment
5. Reflux Disease II Long Term Medical Management of Reflux
6. Quality of Life Esophageal Anatomy and Physiology: An Integrated Approach to Dysphagia

SOCIAL EVENT
19:00
President’s Gala Dinner at the Chalet de la Montagne.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
September 1st ’98
08:00 - 16:30  Business & Committee Meetings*
14:00 -  On-site registration of ISDE ’98 at the Palais des Congres
(Montreal Convention Centre)
18:00 -  Official opening of the Conference at the Palais des Congres and Meet & Greet Reception on site
September 2nd
President’s Gala Dinner
19:00 -  at the Chalet de la Montagne
(not included with registration)
September 3rd
Canadian Hospitality Evening
19:00 -  (included with registration)
September 4th
Closing Ceremony
18:00 -  at the Palais des Congres

* Business & Committee Meetings will be held at the Convention Centre.

Scientific Program Day at a Glance
8:00-13:15
Oral Presentations on Squamous Carcin
State-of-the-Art Lecture
The Lower Esophageal Sphincter
Oral Presentations on Neo Adjuvant II
State-of-the-Art Lecture
Rationale and Cost Effectiveness of Eso
Oral Presentations on Gastro Esophage:

BYK LUNCHEON MEETING
Acute upper GI bleeding: Prevention an using acid inhibition.

SYMPOSIA
15:00-18:00
Series               S
1. Barrett’s Esophagus  Ba
2. Esophageal Cancer    Sq
3. Esophageal Motor Disorders Sp
4. Reflux Disease I Pa
5. Reflux Disease II Cc
6. Quality of Life Pa

SOCIAL EVENT
19:00
Canadian Hospitality Evening at Windsor.
ACCOMMODATIONS

The following hotels, located only minutes away from the Conference Centre, have been selected to provide accommodations to conference participants. Rates quoted are in Canadian dollars and are on a per night basis, excluding taxes.

- Inter-Continental Montreal Hotel (single/double occupancy: $180)
  300, rue Sainte-Anne Ouest
  Montreal QC H2Y 2L5 (Metro Square-Notre-Dame)

- Westin Bonaventure Hotel (single/double occupancy: $179)
  1555, rue Bonaventure Ouest
  Montreal QC H3A 2B8 (Montreal)

- Holiday Inn Select (single occupancy: $145, double occupancy: $155)
  96, rue Vevey
  Montreal QC H3E 1E8 (Metro Place-D'Arcy)

- Radisson Hotel Montreal Centre (single/double occupancy: $230)
  777, rue University
  Montreal QC H1C 3E7 (Metro Square-Victoria)

- Hotel Tourville Montreal Centre (single/double/triple occupancy: $60)
  56, boulevard Saint-Laurent Ouest
  Montreal QC H3E 1E2 (Metro Place-D'Arcy)

Please note that all requests for information concerning accommodations should be addressed to the Conference Secretary.

$ Canadian dollars
RECENT ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The 17th Executive Committee Meeting was held on April 5th, 1998 at the New York Hospital, USA. The following reports were given.

REPORT

1. Membership Committee:
As of December 1997, there were 692 members. + 47, - 29, with a net increase of 18 as compared with 1996.

2. Scholarship Committee:
There were 7 candidates for the 1998 ISDE Scholarship (5 Research and 2 Visiting).

Based on the results of the mail judgement of Scholarship Committee, 2 candidates were decided to be inappropriate, and Dr. Sunpaveeravong (Thailand), Z. Jankovic (Yugoslavia), Long-Qi-Chen (P.R.C.), L. Jun-Feng (P.R.C.) and L. Koishis (Hungary) were selected to receive a total of $37,900.

3. Newsletter Committee:
The latest issue No. 23 (Feb, issue, 1998) had appeared.

4. Video-Library Committee:
A hundred copies of 2 videos; Gastric pathology on gastroesophageal reflux disease (DeMeester), and Consensus Conference, Esophageal Cancer, Guidelines 1995, are ready to deliver to the members who request them. In the Montreal Congress, the 10 best videos can be produced and delivered for a certain charge. Fund-raising to promote the Video-Library activities should be encouraged.

5. Report on the 7th World Congress of the ISDE (Montreal) was made by Prof. Durancon.

6. Report on the 8th World Congress of the ISDE (Brazil, 2001) was made by Dr. Cecconello (proxy of Professor Pinotti).

DISCUSSION

* Candidates for the 9th World Congress (2004)
There are three candidates for the 9th Congress, Professor Holscher (Cologne, Germany), Professor Kiss (Budapest, Hungary) and Professor Moreno-Gonzalez (Madrid, Spain). It was agreed that a decision on these 3 candidates hereupon will be finally made in the next Business Meeting in Montreal.

* Journal affairs:
It was decided that Blackwell Science would be the new publisher from 1999.

* International officers:
It was decided to be discussed in the Montreal Meeting.

* Honorary members and Senior members:
Professor Kin-ichi Nabeya (the 4th World Congress Chairman, Treasurer) and Professor Kiyoshi Ikoku (the 2nd President of the ISDE, Secretary General) were recommended as Honorary members. The following members were recommended as Senior members: Dr. T. Iizuka, Professors S. Mori, M. Fujimaki, M. Kobayashi, S. Abo, T. Nakamura, T. Mitomi and K. Orita.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

*Progress Report of the Research Committee on Molecular Epidemiology of Esophageal Cancer*

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Foreword:
The present ISDE Research Committee was formed in 1995 at the 6th World Congress in Milan for the purpose of pursuing the epidemiological characteristics of the disease in terms of molecular biology. As parameters p53 and Ki67 were selected, and the committee members were asked to send fixed slide specimens of squamous cell carcinoma to Tohoku University Laboratory, together with epidemiological information on the patient. Regrettably the collected specimens were only 3 from Italy (which were not valid because of unsuitable fixation). Repeated requests for specimens revealed the somewhat troublesome situation of each institution, such as the specimens are generally controlled by the pathology division, or problems to pass the customs office. Also in a considerable number of countries, squamous cell carcinoma was relatively few with more adenocarcinomas. Such an unforeseeable situation obliged me to perform the study with 137 Japanese patients.

Report:
It was found that p53 as well as Ki67 showed no relationship to the degree of smoking or alcohol intake,
ISDE SCHOLARSHIP
SCHOLARSHIP REPORT I

Prof. Skinner & Dr. Shimada

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1) En bloc resection of esophageal cancer
2) Cox-2 expression of esophageal cancer cell lines From June 3 to August 22, 1997, I had the opportunity to observe surgery and basic research at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC). It was a great pleasure for me to visit these world famous institutions. I thank Professor David B. Skinner, Dr. Nassar K Altorki and Professor John Daly of general surgery. Professor Skinner kindly arranged for me to have the opportunity to observe operations at the MSKCC under the direction of Professor Murray F. Brennan and Professor Robert J. Ginsberg. I also thank Dr. Manjit S. Bains and Dr. Alan D. Turnbull for giving me the opportunity to observe their esophagectomy techniques. Furthermore I would like to thank Dr. Arnon Lambrosa who showed me the excellent procedure of esophageal manometry. I observed many types of esophagectomy performed by these doctors. I was also able to observe many esophageal benign diseases such as Zenker's diverticulum and Barrett's esophagus.

In addition, I had several opportunities to observe the outpatient clinics of medical oncology (Dr. David H. Ilson and Dr. Leonard B. Saltz). These experiences compelled me to reconsider the care of cancer patients. In MSKCC, there were five ongoing research studies regarding esophageal cancer. They are obviously very active there.

The system of patient care is totally different from Japan. They have many specialists such as nurse practitioners, research nurses, section assistants, study coordinators, statisticians, clinical pathologists, a video service section, and also a computer service section. This man power allows doctors to concentrate more fully on patient care and research.

With regard to research study, I examined Cyclooxygenase-2 (Cox-2) expression of KYSE-series which I established during the last 10 years. Cox-2 expression of my cell lines varied widely, and some of my data suggested that Cox-2 plays an important role in esophageal carcinogenesis. We now postulate that the Cox2 inhibitor might prevent esophageal carcinogenesis. Therefore we have started to evaluate whether or not the Cox-2 inhibitor suppresses the esophageal carcinogenesis.

Once again I would like to express my gratitude to the ISDE for providing the scholarship, and I would also like to express my deepest appreciation to Professor Skinner, Dr. Altorki, Dr. Dannenberg of the Cornell Medical Center and Professor Masayuki Imamura of Kyoto University for their assistance. My stay in New York was all too brief but I believe that these experiences will enrich both my future professional life and the work of my department.

(Y. Shimada)

and also no correlation to the malignancies or staging of the tumor. An Interesting finding, however, was the behavior of topoisoererase IIa, the labelling index of which was significantly more in cancer patients than in cases of dysphagia or non-pathological cases. Although topo IIa alone failed to show any correlation to the degree of malignancies, labelling index of topo IIa vs. Ki67(T/K) was found to be significantly higher in more malignant cases than those without lymph node metastasis or lower histological stages, the cut-off value of which was 0.8.

Additional data have been obtained from a series of 332 Japanese patients indicating those having cancer cells with reduced expression of E-cadherin and overexpression of cyclin D1 are related to worse prognosis.

Prospects:
Since the original plan of the Committee of Molecular Epidemiology encountered considerable difficulties in terms of collecting necessary specimens, I have made an exploratory study using Japanese specimen to overcome the problems, and reached the following conclusions: (1) it may be better not to adhere to the term "epidemiology", but rather to widely aim at the prediction of degree of malignancy in terms of molecular parameter levels, (2) more accurate parameters for the prognosis of cancer are needed and would be useful for selection of multidisciplinary treatment of given patients.

As Chairman of the Committee on Molecular Epidemiology of Esophageal Cancer, I should like to take the liberty of proposing some modification of the Committee title as simply "Committee on Molecular
SCHOLARSHIP REPORT II

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Dr. Izumi & DeMeester

I really appreciate the opportunity to visit USC (University of Southern California) Hospital from September to November 1997. I had a good time with the splendid faculty and excellent research fellows. During my stay at USC I observed many operations performed by Professor Tom R. DeMeester, Professor Cedric G. Bremner, Dr. Jeffrey H. Peters, Dr. Peter F. Crookes, Dr. Jeffrey A. Hagen, and Dr. Steven R. DeMeester and motility studies which indicate therapeutic procedures. This institute is world famous for gastroesophageal reflux disease. Therefore I mainly saw Lap Nissen, Transsthoracic Nissen and Collis-Belsey procedures for patients with positive pH study and mechanically defective sphincter. They chose the procedure according to the esophageal motility study. For patients with normal esophagus length and normal motility, they chose the Lap Nissen procedure. For patients with short esophagus, they chose the Collis-Belsey procedure.

A brochure which the USC Hospital published to introduce the Foregus-Pulmonary Group describes what I heard and experienced there. “We shouldn’t think that indications for surgical therapy represent a failure of medical therapy. Instead, we should view chronic gastroesophageal reflux as a mechanical problem that requires a surgical solution.” Actually I saw many patients undergo operations and they looked happy.

I was very surprised that several Lap Nissen procedures were performed every week, because we have only a few cases in Japan. Dr. Jeffrey H Peters (Associate Professor) performed most of these operations so skillfully that they looked deceptively simple.

I was given many suggestions which are helpful for my work in Japan. One thing, as Prof. DeMeester says, is that carcinoma of the cardia is the only cancer of the stomach that is increasing in incidence. He believes the increasing reliance on powerful acid suppression medication is directly linked to the rise in Barrett’s esophagus and cancer related to it. They were doing aggressive follow-up with multiple biopsies for patients with Barrett’s esophagus in order to detect early cancer. Furthermore, in some situations reflux disease can actually cause asthma, particularly adult-onset asthma. I think we have some patients with gastroesophageal reflux disease misdiagnosed as simple asthma in Japan. I was impressed by the phrase “Lots of engines go nowhere”, which Prof. DeMeester said to young researchers. He emphasized that standardization is most important. No matter how much work we may do, we cannot obtain the results without standardization. It sounds easy, but we find it very difficult in the clinical field where the materials are patients.

One of the most impressive operations at USC was en bloc esophagectomy. To my knowledge, this procedure was originally developed by Professor David B. Skinner at New York Hospital. During my stay I saw a young doctor from New York work and learn at USC. I think such a personal interchange contributes to progress of surgery in the United States.

Through the kindness of Ms. Sue Corkill, who is a nurse at the esophageal lab, I myself underwent a motility study before coming back to Japan. The result was a long esophagus and short sphincter with normal pressure. During the last period of my stay in Los Angeles, I felt slight regurgitation twice. I wonder if my stomach has changed in three months due to American cuisine. I haven’t had any regurgitation so far since I came back to Japan. In spite of this, I like American food very much.

Finally I would like to thank the ISDE and our director in Tokyo, Professor Endo. I also appreciate the kindness of nurses in the operating room and ICU and secretaries, Chris and Val. Chris always helped me and Val got me copy of the surgical schedule every week. I also cannot forget the friendliness of the research fellows, Jorg Theisen (from Germany), John Nigro (USA), Stephen Oberg (from Sweden), Guillerme Campos (from Brasil), Otavio Gastal (from Brasil), Majid Hashemi (from England).

(Y. Izumi)

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Somkiat Sanpaeratanong  
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HUNGARY  
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ANNOUNCEMENT
from the Japanese Society for Esophageal Diseases

Kaichi Isorno, M.D.  
President of International Division  
the Japanese Society for  
Esophageal Diseases

The Japanese Society for Esophageal Diseases is the representative and authorized society for the study and research of esophageal diseases in Japan.

Among the various activities of the Society, the annual national meeting is the main event for promoting the latest information and treatment of esophageal diseases. Although our meeting is a national one, one of the aims of the Society is to exchange information internationally by opening our doors to foreign researchers from abroad.

Starting from the 1999 national meeting, any ISDE members or non-members from overseas countries who wish to come to Japan to participate in our meeting are welcome. They can apply to present a paper in English as a speaker, or simply join in the meeting. The official languages are Japanese and English. Although all travel and accommodation expenses must be paid by himself, the national meeting fee and any charges for receptions and social events would be waived.

Any ISDE members who wish to come to Japan can find more information on our Home Page, http://srg202.m.chiba-u.ac.jp/user/jed/jedhome.htm  
(E-mail address: jed@srg202.m.chiba-u.ac.jp)

From the 1999 Meeting, we look forward to having more ISDE members in outside Japan join us in our national meeting in order to exchange up-to-date academic and clinical results of the study, and most importantly, to further deepen our friendship.  
(K.Isorno)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
FOR the 1999
ISDE SCHOLARSHIP

Please obtain the application form for the ISDE Scholarship from the Secretariat in Tokyo
1998

*17th UICC*
International Cancer Congress*
Site: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Date: August 24-28, 1998
President: Marcos F. Moraes

*11th World Congress of Gastroenterology*
Site: Vienna, Austria
Date: September 6 - 11

*9th World Congress of Digestive Endoscopy*
Site: Vienna, Austria
Date: September 6 - 13

*16th CICD* - Collegium Internationale Chirurgiae Digestivae
Site: Madrid, Spain
Date: September 18-19

*ACS Annual Meeting*
Site: 
Date: October 25 - 30, 1998

*31st World Congress of ICS*
Site: Buenos Aires - ARGENTINA
Date: November 15 - 19, 1998
Congress President: Prof. R. Ahmasque Dedieu

1999

*55th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Esophageal Diseases*
Congress President: Prof. Yuzo Uchida
Oita Medical College,
2nd Dept. of Surgery
Site: Oita-Pref., Kyushu
Date: June 18 (Fri), 19(Sat), 1999
Dead line of abstract: not yet decided
ISDE members of the foreign countries are encouraged to participate. (Registration fee will be waved)
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*38th SIC*
International Surgical Week ISW99
Site: Vienna, Austria
Date: August 15-21, 1999
Organizer: E. Moreno-Gonzalez

2001

*8th World Congress of I.S.D.E.*
Site: Sao Paulo, Brazil
Date: 2001
Congress Chairman: H. W. Pinotti

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