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ACTIVITY REPORT 2011

General summary of the main initiatives of IAAS during 2011:

1. Extensive re-structure of the website, with a new layout and operational functions for associates and visitors;
2. Improvement of the electronic version of our Journal, Ambulatory Surgery®, with the conversion of old issues in a new electronic layout for the free electronic bibliography of IAAS;
3. 2011 Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark;
4. Starting of the Newsletter in November 2010, with 3 new issues during 2011. It was distributed to thousands of e-mails through Europe and the rest of the World to health professionals (managers, doctors and nurses) and policy makers;
5. Work is ongoing in the two European Projects, *Day Surgery Data Project (DSDP)* and *DaySafe*, with dissemination of information and results in multiple scientific sessions all over the world;
6. Scientific Guidelines is a new service aimed to include an extensive web-link to recommendations from national and international Bodies and Associations. This initiative started in October 2011, and will be operational during 2012;
7. Expansion of the IAAS to emergent economies:
 - a. India, with the Indian Association for Day Surgery as a new Full Member of IAAS;
 - b. UNEME, day surgery unit of a Mexican public hospital as a new corresponding Member;
 - c. Eng. Ricardo Marinheiro, a Brazilian Hospital Manager, working in a Consulting Company in S. Paulo, Brazil as a new individual Member; Finally new contacts in Poland, Ukraine, Slovakia, Greece, Latvia, Serbia among others, give great expectations to further expansion of IAAS, especially to Eastern Europe.
8. The Executive Committee met in Budapest at the end of October this year, with a full day of discussions of IAAS business, initiatives and projects. Please note that **the next General Assembly and Executive Committee meetings will take place in Porto, Portugal, on May 12, 2012.**

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IAAS activities 2011

9. Organization of the 10th International Congress on Ambulatory Surgery, Budapest, Hungary, 5-8 May 2013, is well underway. Information can be found on the website www.iaas2013congress.com.
10. A call for proposals for the 2015, and 2017, congress has been announced. The venue is important as it gives visibility to IAAS as well as the national association taking care of the local organization. An extensive discussion has begun on the possibility to change the current rules, from total economic responsibility and organization by the national association to a shared responsibility of the IAAS and a professional congress organizer, with the collaboration of the national association. This will be a great challenge for the IAAS in the near future but possibly a major step ahead to increase visibility and ensure economic independence for the Association.