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IAAS Website – current status

Report by Ian Jackson

www.iaas-med.com and www.ambulatorysurgery.org

Both the web addresses are functioning and www.ambulatorysurgery.com now takes you directly to the Ambulatory Surgery section of the website. The sites are getting between 180-400 hits per week and this appears to have risen markedly after the recent Newsletter. The diagram below shows that over 81% are new visitors to the site.



The next table shows the number of visits from each country and this shows a good spread across the globe.

Country/Territory	Visits	Pages/Visit	Country/Territory	Visits	Pages/Visit
United States	672	2.65	Belgium	50	3.2
United Kingdom	279	3.75	Canada	41	2.98
Australia	255	4.11	Russia	40	1.3
India	149	3.28	Norway	38	3.87
Netherlands	87	2.14	Sweden	35	4.57
Portugal	85	3.67	New Zealand	27	4.41
Denmark	83	2.89	Poland	23	1
Italy	74	5.15	Malaysia	19	6.63
Spain	72	4.14	Switzerland	18	5.28
Germany	66	4.18	Singapore	15	2.07
France	61	6.26	Greece	14	4.86
Philippines	55	1.8	Ireland	13	3
Finland	51	3.1			

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Volumes 15, 16 and 17 of the journal *Ambulatory Surgery* are on the website in the new Journal format. Volume 15 was the first back issue to be successfully converted. This has taken rather more work than expected and so Volume 14 has not been released due to transcribing, until we know that we have the finances secured for this work. Only volumes 13 and 14 remain to be updated and this job will be completed. Volumes 1 to 12 are locked away in a website run by Sage Publications called SciVerse at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/09666532>. We may consider approaching them to see if we can have them released for free access – preferably on our website. I am not certain of the deal with Elsevier but I am sure we would have wanted free access for our members. The Newsletter email function seems to be working, although duplicate copies may have been recently sent to some delegates. There are now 762 people subscribing to the Newsletter. If any national organisation wishes the IAAS to email their members directly, then please supply Ian Jackson with a simple file of their contact details. This has already been arranged for our colleagues from Belgium.

The software used for the website has recently undergone a significant update and experimentation with another website is underway to ensure it is stable before migrating to this. Migration to the new platform should be planned before the next Congress to give the website a fresh new look – after approval by the Executive Committee.

Finally like the Journal, any website is dependent on content more than design. Therefore I ask that people send me news of national meetings in their countries and any news from their localities that may be worthy of inclusion. Only the journal contains an optical and mental division between news and science. If we want to interest readers in scientific news we have to lure them with appropriate news on the website and in the Newsletter.

The IAAS website and especially its communication system via email lists has become the core of communication. Thus, it has taken over secretarial tasks and should be outfitted correspondingly.

We agreed that – after the first year – the editor-in-chief should always be the past president of IAAS supported by two co-editors, namely the webmaster and one editor of the journal. Thus with this EC meeting in Budapest, Paulo Lemos takes over the editorship as past president. This is a sound decision as the past president is still actively involved in IAAS business while continuity is guaranteed by the co-editors.

The German national association BAO has decided on October 15, 2011 to mail the IAAS Newsletter to all politicians who are on the VIP list. Thus the IAAS Newsletter could become the “herald” of ambulatory surgery in the world.