

Introduction:

I present in this document the annual report of the main activities, for 2023 for the Presidency. To put in a document the all activity of a one year work is not easy, as the daily general activity of IAAS is very large.

The main goal of this year was to promote and extend the IAAS image and initiatives, so that ambulatory surgery can be assumed definitively as the gold standard, for the majority surgical approaches all over the world.

International activities:

- ExCo and GA meeting – it was organized in April 2023, in the city of Porto – Portugal, and the majority of our members were present, discussing and defining the main topics related with the annual IAAS activities.
- National Congress of ASECMA – Iberian Congress on Ambulatory Surgery – Seville – Spain. This was held in May 2023 and IAAS was represented by the President and Luis Hidalgo.
- Extra to Intraperitoneal Minimally Invasive Laparoscopic approaches – Braga – Portugal – Invited Faculty member representing IAAS– June 2023.
- National Congress of Ambulatory Surgery – Portugal – APCA – June 2023. It was organized in the city of Santo Tirso and had the presence of 800 delegates. The Opening Ceremony had the presence of the Health Minister and some delegates were invited from African countries (Mozambique and Angola)
- BADS Annual Conference – Glasgow – June 2023. Keynote speech – The evolution of Ambulatory Surgery in the World
- 10th Conference of the Chinese Ambulatory Surgery Alliance - CASA Conference – Beijing – China – September 2023. This Conference celebrated the X anniversary of CASA and registered a high scientific level and participants from all over China.
- Teach the Teachers Course – Beijing
- 2nd IAAS Iberoamerican Congress 2023. It was organized by a cooperative work with IAAS – ASECMA – APCA and SOBRACAM, online meeting, in 18/11/2023. Registered the presence of 150 delegates and the Faculty was composed with experts from all over the world, mainly from Latin America. This meeting achieved its main goal that was the promotion of Ambulatory Surgery in Latin America.
- IAAS ExCO Meeting – Prague – 27 November 2023.
- IAAS / My Clinic Conference – Prague – Streamlining the pathway of Ambulatory Surgery. This meeting was organized by IAAS and My Clinic, with the goal of the

promotion of Ambulatory Surgery in Czech Republic. The meeting had the presence of 120 participants and was a great success with a high scientific level.

- Teach the Teachers Brazil – IAAS / APCA / Sobracam – S. Paulo -8/9 December 2023. Teachers:- Carlos Magalhães – Portugal, Arnaldo Valedon – USA, Vicente Vieira – Portugal, Célia Castanheira – Portugal, Fabrício Galvão – Brazil. This T& T Course had the presence of 60 participants, with a Theoretical Session on first day and a practical session on second day
- 15th International Congress on Ambulatory Surgery. Some of the members of the ExCo participated in the planning and supported the Organizing Committee, for Oslo 2024, in Norway.
- III Jornadas de Actualizacion en Cirurgia de Pared Abdominal – Mérida – Spain – March 2024 -Invited Faculty speaker and representing IAAS.
- Robotic Abdominal Wall Surgery 2024 – Ghent – Belgium Member Faculty: Ambulatory Robotic Inguinal Hernia Repair – May 2024

Commission for New Members

Having the expansion of our Association as one of our main goals, I had an active participation in the activity related with the acceptance of new members.

With this we could bring some new members and we started the process for the acceptance of other new ones, that for sure in the future will increase the number of Full members, representing IAAS from all over the world.

Finances

Promoted some meetings trying to increase the sponsors of IAAS.

Internal Operating Rules

With the approval of a new version of the Bylaws it was necessary to work on a new document for the Internal Operating Rules, that will be presented by Arnaldo Valedon and discussed in Oslo.

IAAS Working Groups / Committees

For the expansion and more involvement of all ExCo and GA members, we propose to create some working groups:

- Scientific and Graduation Committee
- Education and Training Committee
- International Guidelines Committee
- Safety, Quality and Sustainability Committee
- Social Media Committee
- Research and Publications Committee
- Expansion and Membership Committee