

Editorial
IAAS Congress

The 6th International Congress on Ambulatory Surgery will be held in Seville, Spain on 24th–27th April, 2005. The scientific programme has been designed to be of interest to all sections of the multi-disciplinary team that is essential for successful day surgery. Thus, there are sessions on quality improvement, facilities, office based surgery, fast-track surgery, ambulatory anaesthesia, developing the role of nurses, nursing care plans, the scope of minimally invasive techniques, improving patient care, cutting edge developments and educational issues.

The results of the latest International Association for Ambulatory Surgery (IAAS) survey on ambulatory surgery activity in a cross-section of countries will be presented. It will be interesting to see the changes that have occurred since the previous survey. In conjunction with this, there will be papers reflecting international experience on the barriers to ambulatory surgery growth together with others on approaches that have been successful in growing ambulatory surgery.

A number of workshops, satellite symposiums and meetings with experts are also being arranged. So the conference organisers have set out a programme that will be of interest not only to those established in ambulatory surgery, but also those starting out. But equally important are the contributions of delegates to the free paper, poster and video sessions, which make up a significant proportion of the meeting. The more submissions to these sessions the better they will be. So take this opportunity to communicate the results of your

research and your techniques in ambulatory surgery to an international audience.

The full social programme accompanying the scientific meeting will allow an informal sharing of ambulatory surgery problems and solutions between delegates from around the world.

Over the ten years since the 1st International Congress on Ambulatory Surgery in Brussels many links and friendships between individuals and day units in different countries have been forged.

So, anyone with an interest in ambulatory surgery should participate in the Seville congress. Put the dates in your diary and submit your papers and register using the contact details shown below.

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