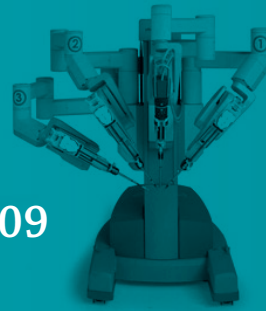




# MIRANEWS

Minimally Invasive Robotic Association | Fall 2009



## INSIDE

President's Letter	1
MIRA Board Members	2
Encourage Your Colleague to Join MIRA	2
Message from the Headquarters Office	3
Announcements	3
MIRA 5 <sup>th</sup> International Congress	3-4

*MIRA now has a new web site!*  
 Please go to [mirasurgery.org](http://mirasurgery.org) for updates on the society, information about our upcoming meeting, membership information, and much more!

Dear Colleagues:

I am excited to share with you the wonderful news that the transfer of MIRA management to BSC Management, Inc. has now been completed. We believe this is a major breakthrough for the growth of this organization. BSC has been involved in managing a number of major international societies including SAGES and the Fellowship Council and are committed to help expand MIRA into a strong international society. The offices of MIRA have now moved to Los Angeles, California and MIRA will be registered as a charitable organization in that State. I would like to welcome Christina Kasendorf who has taken up the role of Executive Director for MIRA at BSC and invite you to contact her and the MIRA offices with respect to any inquiries or suggestions. I would also like at this point to extend my personal gratitude, as well the collective thanks of the MIRA members, to Dr. Arnold Byer who has acted as the Executive Director of MIRA since the inception of our society on a voluntary basis. Dr. Byer has put a great deal of his personal time and his own resources to help nurture MIRA in its formative years, and I am certain that he is proud to see the growth of our society into its current structure. Dr. Byer will continue to serve on the Executive Board of MIRA and is involved in various MIRA committees.

Since taking over the management of MIRA, BSC has been hard at work to develop the various societies' infrastructure including committees, the website and our industry relationships. Some of you have received an invitation to serve on various committees, and I would invite those others who are interested in serving on any of our committees to write to me or to Christina expressing your interest. We are very keen to involve as many of you in the working of the society and have your input. We also have a new website, [www.MIRAsurgery.org](http://www.MIRAsurgery.org), and I would welcome all of you to visit the site which is still expanding. We are hoping to have a full video library of all the video's submitted to the MIRA congresses on the website for member's access. I would also welcome submission of educational videos to add to the website from our membership worldwide.

Finally, I would like to invite all of you to our next international congress, which will be held in San Diego from January 27 to January 30, 2010. Dr. Santiago Horgan, who is the Program Director for the upcoming meeting, has worked hard to put together an exciting program for all subspecialties as well as engineers and other healthcare providers involved in robotic surgery. We have an international cast of expert speakers and for the first time we will have a number of hands on post graduate courses specifically in urology, gynecology, and colorectal surgery. Please visit the website for details of the preliminary program. The abstract deadline for the upcoming meeting is the end of September and I would like to welcome all of you to submit your work, whether clinical or basic research and videos for presentation at the congress. I am certain that this will be the biggest and best congress to date and we are hoping to see participation of robotic surgeons from across the globe. I am also delighted at the request of a number of regional robotic societies to join MIRA including the European Urological Association as well as the Hellenic Robotic Society. This shows the expansion of MIRA membership internationally. As members, you will be receiving a free subscription to the *International Journal of Robotics and Computer Assisted Surgery*, and I would welcome all of you to submit your papers for publication at the above journal.

I look forward to hearing from you about how we can help grow our society and how we can serve our members better.

Yours sincerely,

Mehran Anvari, MIRA President

## ■ MIRA Board Members



**Mehran Anvari, MD**  
*President*  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada



**Javier Magrina, MD**  
*Board Member*  
Phoenix, AZ, USA



**Garth H. Ballantyne, MD**  
*Past President*  
Hackensack, NJ, USA



**Dmitry Oleynikov, MD**  
*Board Member*  
Omaha, Nebraska, USA



**Ivo AMJ Broeders, MD**  
*Treasurer/Secretary*  
Utrecht, the Netherlands



**Sonia Ramamoorthy, MD**  
*Board Member*  
LaJolla, CA, USA



**Arnold Byer, MD**  
*Senior Administrative Advisor*  
Hackensack, NJ, USA



**Santiago Horgan, MD**  
*Past President*  
San Diego, CA, USA



**Johannes Bonatti, MD**  
*Vice President*  
Innsbruck, Austria



**Richard M. Satava, MD**  
*Board Member*  
Seattle, WA, USA



**Farid Gharagozloo, MD**  
*Board Member*  
Washington DC, USA



**Thomas Schmid, MD**  
*Board Member*  
Innsbruck, Austria



**Jacques Hubert, MD**  
*President-Elect*  
Nancy, France



**D. Ash Tewari, MD**  
*Board Member*  
NY, NY, USA



**Woo Jin Hyung, MD**  
*Board Member*  
Seoul, Korea

## ■ Encourage Your Colleague to Join MIRA!

Please write/email to a colleague who is engaged in robotic surgery and suggest that he/she can best fulfill professional aspirations in robotic surgery by participating in MIRA.

With your help, we will continue our work of increasing the quality and quantity of members in our association. If you know a colleague suitable for membership in the association, please encourage her/him to visit our web site at [www.mirasurgery.org](http://www.mirasurgery.org) and complete the membership application.

### Member benefits include:

- Discounted rates for the annual meeting
- Access to the *International Journal of Robotics and Computer Assisted Surgery*, MIRA's official journal
- MIRA's quarterly newsletter
- Ability to serve on committees and on leadership
- Connecting with leaders in robotic surgery from around the world!

*We really appreciate your help in advancing the mission and membership of MIRA.*

*If you have any questions, or need other information, please contact the headquarters office.*

## ■ Message From the Headquarters Office

We are pleased to be the new headquarters office for the Minimally Invasive Robotic Association. We have a dedicated staff to assist you with any questions you may have about membership, dues, the meeting or any other society business.

Below please find the contact information for all departments. If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate contacting us. We look forward to working with you!



### **Christina Kasendorf**

Executive Director

Phone: +1 (310) 424-3353, ext. 109

E-mail: christina@mirasurgery.org

**Aaron Goodman**, Administrative Coordinator

Phone: +1 (310) 424-3353, ext. 107

E-mail: aaron@mirasurgery.org

### **Membership Department**

Phone: +1 (310) 424-3353, ext. 134

E-mail: membership@mirasurgery.org

### **MEETING DEPARTMENT:**

**Maribeth Balon**, Senior Meeting Planner

Phone: +1 (310) 424-3353, ext. 125

E-mail: maribeth@mirasurgery.org

**Shelley Ginsberg**, Fund Raising and Exhibits Manager

Phones: +1 (310) 424-3353, ext. 111

E-mail: shelley@mirasurgery.org

### **IT Department**

E-mail: webmaster@mirasurgery.org

### **Minimally Invasive Robotic Association**

11300 West Olympic Blvd., Suite 600

Los Angeles, California USA 90064

Phone: +1 (310) 424-3353 | Fax: +1 (310) 437-0585

## ■ MIRA: 5<sup>th</sup> International Congress January 27-30, 2009, San Diego, California

*Program Chair:* Santiago Horgan, MD

*Course Chair:* Sonia Ramamoorthy, MD

The 5<sup>th</sup> International Congress will feature state of the art lectures, hands-on cadaver and porcine labs, and internationally renowned faculty. This CME activity will offer an extensive update on the advancements within minimally invasive robotic surgery and provide a great opportunity to discuss the future and impact of these procedures.



UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

University of California School of Medicine  
**Continuing Medical Education**

*BSC is pleased to be  
the new headquarters  
office for the  
Minimally Invasive  
Robotic Association!*

## ■ Announcements

Last week the British Medical Association awarded its First Prize to the Textbook of Robotic Surgery (McGraw Hill) which was edited by MIRA Board Member, **Farid Gharagozloo**, and **Farzad Najam**. There were 864 books in the running. This is indeed a great honor for Robotic Surgery in general.

---

*Abstract submission  
is still open for the  
5<sup>th</sup> International  
Congress!*

MIRA will be accepting paper, oral, and video abstracts on the following topics: Urology, Pediatrics, OBGYN, Colorectal, New Applications, Novel Technologies, Cardio Thoracic and General Surgery.

Please visit

**[www.mira2010.org/  
abstracts](http://www.mira2010.org/abstracts)**

and submit before  
the **October 2, 2009**  
deadline.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

3 Master Robotic Hands On Courses in:

- **Urology** chaired by Drs. Chris Kane & Ash Tewari
- **Colorectal** chaired by Drs. Alessio Pigazzi & Slawomir Marecik
- **Gynecology** chaired by Drs. Javier Magrina & Emily Lukacz

2 (1/2 day) Post Graduate Courses in:

- **Urology "Expansion of Robotics in Urologic Oncology"** with guest lecturer, Dr. Raj Pruthi and Dr. Ithaar Derweesh
- **Robotic Thoracic Surgery** chaired by Dr. Farid Gharagozloo

Scientific Program Highlights:

- **"Past, Present and Future of MIRA"** Presidential Address by Dr. Mehran Anvari
- **"Use of Robotics on SILS and NOTES™"** Dr. Dimitry Oleynikov
- **"Potential New Directions for Robotic Surgery"** Dr. Richard Satava
- **"Robotic Rectal Surgery-Current Status"** Dr. Leele Prasad
- **"Emerging Technology and Education in Training"** Dr. Gregory Hager

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine and the Minimally Invasive Robotics Association. The University of California, San Diego School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of California, San Diego School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 33 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

# MIRA 5<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

**January 27-30, 2010**

San Diego, California • Manchester Grand Hyatt  
Program Chair: Santiago Horgan, MD

The mission of the **Minimally Invasive Robotic Association** (MIRA) is to raise the level of robotic surgery care in the world. As a multidisciplinary association, MIRA invites not only surgeons, but also internists, radiologist, engineers and computer scientists, interested in robotics, telerobotics, telepresence, teleconferencing, and telementoring, to join the association and take part in the 2010 International Congress.

For more information and questions please contact the MIRA office:

PHONE: **+1 310.424.3353** FAX: **+1 310.437.0585**

ONLINE: **www.mira2010.org** EMAIL: **maribeth@mirasurgery.org**

