



**DEAR ALL GLOBAL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS (ICS)
FELLOWS**

**FOLLOWING IS THE ICS FOURTH CALENDAR QUARTER, 2024,
NEWSLETTER.**

1. ICS AFRICAN FEDERATION CONGRESS, OCTOBER, 2024 (Written by Max Downham)

The 2024 ICS African Federation Congress was conducted in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, in October. ICS African Federation Secretary, Professor Alexandre Kokoua, and the ICS Cote d'Ivoire Section conducted an excellent scientific Congress. Preceding the Congress, ICS World President Dr. Guido Parquet presided over a hybrid meeting of the ICS International Executive Council. The theme of the scientific Congress was **POLYTRAUMA: NOSOLOGICAL ASPECTS AND MANAGEMENT**. A photograph taken at a post-Congress dinner is shown. Professor Kokoua is seated at the center end of the table.



2. ICS INDONESIAN SECTION SYMPOSIUM (Written by a representative of the Indonesian Section)

"The symposium was held in collaboration with the Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine Udayana University on November 16th, 2024. It was a great success. It was attended by five International speakers and twelve national speakers, including Prof. Francis Podbielski, The Head of the Indonesia Doctor Association, and The Dean of Udayana University. It had 500 participants offline and online.

We also had humanitarian action in Batukandik, a remote area at the top of Nusa Penida Island, we went there by boat for 45 minutes and took 45 minutes by motorcycles and cars to the location. The community was very enthusiastic. We had medical services, giving emergency medical aid education to the youth community in the village, visual examination and giving glasses, and also giving two cows to the village. There was a crowd during our time there, and we served 96 patients, due to limited time and scheduled boat, we had to stop the services although there were still many patients who wanted to come."



3. PRESIDENT OF ICS NIGERIAN SECTION PROFESSOR AKANIMO ESSIET VISITS THE INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF SURGICAL SCIENCE (IMSS)

President Akanimo Essiet was in Chicago and visited the IMSS with Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Tran and Executive Director Max Downham. Professor Essiet toured the Museum. Following is a photo of Jennifer, Professor Essiet, and Max.



**4. PRESIDENT OF THE ICS SWISS SECTION DR. PETER
NUSSBAUMER CONDUCTED A HUMANITARIAN SURGICAL MISSION
IN OKPOGA, NIGERIA (Written by Dr. Peter Nussbaumer, with
introductory comments by Max Downham)**

Dr. Nussbaumer has conducted numerous humanitarian surgical missions in Nigeria. Following is Dr. Nussbaumer's partial text of a more lengthy report submitted by Dr. Nussbaumer. Another humanitarian surgical team organized by Dr. Nussbaumer will be in Okpoga again prior to the end of 2024. Another similar team will be in Somaliland in January.

AN-NYA FOUNDATION IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ICS

Surgical Training Program St. Mary Hospital, Okpoga Nigeria

Aim: To improve the surgical capacity in a sub-Saharan district hospital by training local staff in essential and emergency surgical procedures. Further areas of training include hygiene, asepsis and basic anaesthesia. The program adheres to the recommendations of GIEES/WHO.

Setting: St. Mary's Hospital is a typical sub-Saharan district hospital. It belongs to the Catholic Diocese of Otukpo and is managed by the Sisters of Nativity. The hospital was built some 50 years ago and has around 140 beds. It serves a population of about 150'000. It consists of wards for surgery, internal medicine, mother and child, Tuberculosis, as well as an outpatient department. 4 to 5 local doctors are employed by the hospital, the duration of their term being 1 to 2 years. None of them has any formal specialist training.

For electricity, the hospital depends on generators. The water supply is provided through water tanks collecting rainwater. The operating theatre has two rooms and a basic infrastructure. After almost 50 years, the operating theater urgently needs to be renovated. Further facilities include a Laboratory with basic lab testing an X-ray machine an ultrasound machine Physiotherapy.



Contact
Dr. Peter Nussbaum
Founder President AN-NYA
+41 79 433 94 08
info@an-nya-globalsurg

5. DR. MARK WARNER, HIS WIFE DR. (MRS) MARY ELLEN WARNER, AND DR. CHRIS BALL, ALL ANESTHIOLOGISTS, REPRESENTING THE MAYO CLINIC, ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA, VISITED THE MUSEUM TO SEE THE ANESTHIOLOGY EXHIBIT IN THE MUSEUM SPONSORED BY THE MAYO CLINIC. THIS EXHIBIT WILL BE IN THE MUSEUM UNTIL AUGUST 15, 2025.



IN CLOSING THIS NEWSLETTER, JENNIFER TRAN, ICS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, AND I SEND OUR VERY BEST WISHES TO YOU FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND FOR A SAFE, HEALTHY, AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. WE THANK EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Max Downham". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial 'M'.

Max Downham

Executive Director

International College of Surgeons