

Welcome from the President

The International Association of Endocrine Surgeons (IAES) was founded in San Francisco in 1979 by a group of endocrine surgeons who assembled in response to a letter by Peter Heimann, Professor of Surgery, Bergen, Norway. He wrote his ambition to polarize the activities of those general surgeons interested in the endocrine system into a special group within the Société Internationale de Chirurgie (SIC) / International Society of Surgery (ISS). The founding members included President Selwyn Taylor, R. Egdahl, O. Clark, N. Thompson, Y. Fujimoto, P.O. Granberg, T.S. Reeve, H.D. Röher and S.A. Wells, Jr., really great pioneers in endocrine surgery. The next meeting was held in Montreux, Switzerland in 1981. Since then, IAES meeting was held biennially. I have been attending each meeting since 1981. The 20th meeting was held in Krakow, Poland in August 2019, where I became the new President of the IAES .

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