

General Secretary Elect

Chris Payne

The ICS has come a long way in recent years. Governance is solid, membership is strong, our meeting is consistently outstanding. I ask for your vote for General Secretary. I believe that my previous experiences, inside and outside of the organisation, make me the best candidate to take the organisation to the next level. I will leverage our most important asset—the international, multidisciplinary membership—to providing outstanding service and influential leadership.

There can be no question that the ICS is the premier organisation in our field; we are best positioned to drive progress in care for pelvic floor disorders.

David Castro Diaz

As General Secretary I would try my best to:

Promote and facilitate development of care of incontinence and pelvic floor disorders worldwide; encourage research in these fields; ensure good governance and promotion of the ICS around the world; develop working relationships with other organizations and associations internationally.

I will use the strong operational skills combined with strategic vision developed through my career and in the past years serving in the ICS, to achieve these goals. I will work with passion, enthusiasm, dedication, dynamism, diplomacy, flexibility and I will be prepared to work under pressure.

Scientific Committee Physiotherapist Representative

Melanie Morin

I am a physiotherapist, Associate Professor and Director of a Urogynecology Research Laboratory. For the past 3 years, I have had the opportunity to serve on the ICS Scientific Committee. I was dedicated to developing multidisciplinary and high-quality scientific programs.

I have accumulated extensive experience in international peer reviewing and published numerous articles giving me a cutting-edge advantage to promote clinically relevant studies. Active in the ICS since 2003, I am involved in the Physiotherapy Committee and terminology groups for sexual health and PFM function. I believe I am an ideal candidate to contribute to the excellence of the ICS.

Scientific Committee Non-Clinical Representative

Chris Constantinou

As a past chairman of the scientific committee, as well as elected non-clinical representative, I look forwards to continue my participation in the formulation of the ICS program. From the very start of the ICS, the duties of a non clinical member were designed to contribute, together with the other members, in the selection of abstracts that cover basic research and the increasingly technological aspects of new research endeavors. I personally have experienced the constructive aspects of such contributions and wish to apply my experience towards this goal in the coming years.

Jennifer Kruger

I am a senior researcher at the Auckland Bioengineering Institute (ABI), University of Auckland. I lead the Pelvic Floor research group, where the primary focus of our research is in pelvic floor mechanics and its relationship to childbirth and pelvic floor disorders, including pelvic organ prolapse and urinary incontinence. Our research deals with the application of computational models and bioinstrumentation development to investigate pelvic floor mechanics. My skills in cross-disciplinary communication, an understanding of engineering principals, and my own clinical background will stand me in good stead for a role on the scientific committee.

Matthew Fraser

I am extremely interested in the relationships between preclinical, translational and clinical research in the basic science through T4 continuum. There is still much work to be done in fine tuning this (these) relationship(s), and the Scientific Committee facilitates this everlasting goal through scientific abstract review and scientific program production. I have significant experience with both of these functions and would like to give back to ICS for the benefits of my membership over the years.

Trustee

Alex Tong-Long Lin

My aims as a ICS trustee member would be:

- (1) To enhance knowledge and treatment skills on continence care in health care professionals;
- (2) To promote continence awareness to the general public;
- (3) To assist collaborative researches on lower urinary tract dysfunction;
- (4) To facilitate the collaboration of ICS with other Asian professional societies, such as Urological Association of Asia (UAA) and Pan-Pacific Continence Society (PPCS). ICS, with its highly dedicated and knowledgeable members, could play an invaluable role in continence care around the world. And I will devote myself to accomplish this mission of ICS.

Carlos D'Ancona

Why vote for Carlos D'Ancona Trustee Board?

During my current term, in addition to being an active member in all discussions of the board, I proposed the creation of School of Male LUTS, which was accepted by the Board and considered a priority Project. This is important as other societies are investing in this topic and many industries and pharmacological companies are interested in financing. We need to increase our activities and ICS should be the leader in this topic. I have organised many meetings including the Annual ICS Meeting in Rio and have significant scientific production and administrative experience.

Chris Constantinou

In the past, having served as ICS scientific chairman, in addition to having been elected as a non clinical member of the scientific committee, I bring to the board my experience and vision of how our science is presented and the way our activities would evolve. While the majority of the ICS leadership is composed of clinicians, I feel as a biomedical engineer whose academic endeavours bridged clinical practice with technology, I can complement and contribute to the current and future mission of the society. It is my view that technology would continue and even accelerate its role in our activities and I think my bioengineering background would be of value to the board.

Dudley Robinson

Over the 17 years in which I have been an active ICS member I seen it evolve into the leading multidisciplinary society that we have today. As a urogynaecologist with considerable experience with both IUGA and BSUG, as well as having been a co-opted trustee, I feel I am in an ideal position to drive the changes we need to make to achieve the aims set out in our strategy to ensure the long term security of the society. I will continue to promote the ICS as a strong multi professional society, recognising the needs of our surgical and non-surgical members.

Ervin Kocjancic

My targets as Trustee will be to push the ICS to become the number one organisation in the field and to recruit more members in a stable and respectful atmosphere that works mainly for science and research. I would interact with the other Trustees to make our society a more collegial and with a higher visibility in the field. I had a strong relationship with other Scientific Societies that are acting in the field of Pelvic floor, including international Urology associations such as AUA, EAU, several national Urologic associations but also with medical association from associated specialties, such as IUGA and Colorectal Surgeons.

Gamal Ghoniem

My goal is to improve the quality of life of people with incontinence and pelvic floor disorders across the globe. This can be achieved by disseminating the knowledge, skills and experience. The ability to achieve these goals is to work hard to keep ICS as the world premier society for the specialty and insuring sound financial position. With my past experience as serving on different committees, workshops, session moderations combined with my ability to reach out to similar societies, I believe serving as a trustee will enable me to work with the leadership to achieve ICS goals.

Marcus Drake

I have supported the ICS for many years, helping spread ICS principles in urodynamics and continence. I have contributed to many ICS educational activities, and actively engage with the ICS and colleagues in research and development of our field. I chaired the Standardisation Steering Committee for 6 years, which included introducing the principles of modern day governance. As a Trustee, I want to contribute to the health of the organisation, and to bring the principles of modern day governance to reality across the whole range of activity of the ICS. I know UK law as a trustee of other charities.

Matthew Fraser

My Mission as a Trustee of the International Continence Society would be to coordinate with the other Trustees and the membership to promote multidisciplinary interaction and cross-fertilisation of novel insights, ideas and discoveries, to promote dissemination of novel techniques and innovations, and to provide career development and promotional opportunities for the whole of the international membership. These efforts would encompass the interests of international researchers throughout the entirety of the basic science through T4 translational research continuum, physician and non-physician clinical practitioners, and patient advocacy groups.



ICS Candidate Statements

Mauro Cervigni

I will endeavour to transfer my academic, clinical, administrative and professional expertise gained over more than 30 years as a key opinion leader in incontinence care and Pelvic Floor Dysfunction to physicians, nurses and physiotherapists. Allowing ICS to become a world Leader Society on the field of education and training of the future generations of pelvic surgeons coming from urological as well as gynaecological or other different specialties. I have helped develop and deliver the ICS strategic plan during my three years as trustee.

Patrick Woodman

My committee work for the ICS has been with the Education Committee, and my focus as a Trustee would continue to revolve around programming, curriculae and education. Overall, I take the Mission of the ICS seriously: to educate physicians, ancillary personnel and patients all over the world about pelvic support problems and incontinence. The ICS is a full and vibrant organization, and I look forward to representing Urogynecologists and getting to know other committees and participating in other aspects, as well. I am approachable and want to represent your views to the Board!



Ethics Committee Chair

Nina Davis

Dear Colleagues:

I am grateful for the privilege of serving as Chair of the ICS Ethics Committee (EC) for the past 3 years and proud of our accomplishments on behalf of the membership. I, and a group of extremely committed associates, have established clear roles for the EC in the ICS's governance and educational mission. As with any job, there is a learning curve, and I feel I am just hitting my stride. I am eager to extend what I have learned during my tenure to further define and extend the remit of the EC, and I would appreciate having your support. Sincere thanks.

Safwat Tosson

I served on the Ethics Committee for more than 2 terms working with 3 different chairpersons, Professor Clare Fowler, Ed Stanford and Nina Davies. I believe this committee gives the ICS a unique advantage. I was involved with the disclosure slide, declaration policy, code of conduct and the ethics workshops. This educational function of great importance and flourished in the last few years. The committee helped with dispute resolution in objective and non-judgmental spirit which strengthens ICS. I found speakers and helped with the ethics shops by chairing and presenting. I will give continuity the committee and the ICS.

Neuro-Urology Promotion Committee Chair

Emmanuel Chartier Kastler

I have been very proud and happy to chair this committee within the last three years, the only international official education committee dedicated to neurourology. As a neurourologist, I am personally involved in the management of neurogenic patients since 1992 (the department of urology, pitié salpêtrière hospital, Paris, F). None of our work for this ICS NU Committee can be promoted/done without the support of a huge clinical/research back ground. This committee is a good opportunity to increase international neurourology network, teaching and academic work. The development of all video/numeric tools we will be able to create and develop neurourology and ICS reputation.

Magdy Hassouna

I am very passionate about the expansion of the Neurourology concepts among clinical practitioners in the field of urinary incontinence.

The Neurourology is an established concept to address the neural control of the lower urinary tract function to its normality across the world.

I believe that I possess the leadership to fulfil this role. I have been a pioneer in the filed of Neurourology since 1987. I participated in numerous research boards to disseminate the concept of neurourology internationally.

Nursing Committee Chair

Donna Bliss

I am interested in a second term as Chair of the ICS Nursing Committee to advance the progress and innovative activities of our committee in promoting the mission of ICS and offering nurse members opportunities to develop professionally. Our activities have included successful nursing workshops and forums at ICS annual meetings, other education via ICS courses, online resources, and an ICS endorsed book (in progress) on nursing management of fecal incontinence, and increased communications to nurse members through our webpage. I bring a fresh outlook and many years' experience in incontinence-related research, education, and committee work to this position.

Physiotherapy Committee Chair

Doreen McClurg

I have been the Chair of the ICS Physiotherapy Committee for the past 3 years and am seeking re-election for a further 3 years. The committee is undertaking some substantial work and I am committed to this continuing under my leadership of a very supportive committee. Pelvic floor physiotherapy is a growing speciality both in terms of clinical need and world wide influence and we seek to develop and support evidence based practice and education.

Urodynamics Committee Chair

Enrico Finazzi Agrò

I would be happy to help the ICS urodynamics committee; I had the opportunity to have a long experience in this committee during six years until 2016. I have participated to the process of creation of the standard operating procedures for producing teaching modules in urodynamics and I have been involved in the preparation of three modules. As president of the Italian Society of Urodynamics I have organized (only in the last two years) more than 20 courses/events, plus several e-learning projects: I could bring this experience to the committee. Finally, urodynamics are among my favorite research topics.

Hashim Hashim

The aims of the position fit in with my career aspirations to chair the urodynamics committee and the opportunity would allow me to use my skills and experience to the best of my ability to improve and take urodynamics forward in terms of research and education. As someone who has been heavily involved in urodynamics on a national and international level, this position would be ideal, especially having been part of the committee that authored the 2016 ICS Good Urodynamics Practice document.

Jian Guo Wen

As a professor of Pediatric Urology/Urology, Director of Urodynamic Centre of the First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University (more than 10000 inward beds) for more than 17 years in China and honor professor of Paediatric Urology of Medical Faculty of Aarhus University Denmark, as well as having been a member of the Urodynamics Committee for the last 4 years, I am confident to make my contribution to the committee, in workshop applications, organizing the best possible program for the urodynamic committee in the ICS Meetings and encouraging younger people to join ICS, to submit their researches to ICS annual meeting.