**From the President**

With the close of the 15th Biennial Meeting of the IGCS in Melbourne, Australia this past November, I was given the distinct privilege of assuming the presidency of the Society from the extraordinarily capable hands of Dr. Lynette Denny. But first, I’m pleased to announce that the meeting was a huge success under the direction of our Scientific Program Chair, Dr. Andreas Obermair, and our Local Organizing Committee Chair, Dr. Michael Quinn. The meeting attracted 1,902 attendees from 78 countries; indeed, the international make-up of our society is what makes us a unique and vibrant group. We had more than 1,200 poster and 65 oral presentations, and the scientific sessions were held at a high level of content and merit, spanning the full breadth of our specialty. Congratulations to Andreas, Michael, and the entire program committee for a job well done! I would also like to thank Dr. Shingo Fujii for his amazing efforts in supporting our younger colleagues. For the second straight meeting, the Society was able to hold a Young Doctor’s Summit, the brain child of Dr. Fujii, who also secured funding that enabled 30 young doctors from 16 countries to attend. We can’t thank him enough. I would also like to welcome the eleven new Officers, Council members and Committee members who assumed their roles during the meeting, and many thanks, of course, to those whose terms have ended for all their efforts as voluntary leaders of the Society.

In May 2014, we held our third Regional Meeting in beautiful Cape Town, South Africa—Dr. Denny’s hometown—in collaboration with the South African Society for Gynaecologic Oncology (SASGO) to discuss the important issues facing women with cancer on the African continent. The meeting was well attended, with 155 participants, and included a full day of live surgery broadcast from Life Vincent Palotti Hospital. At a Council session before the meeting, we reviewed the financial status of the Society and I am pleased to say all is well. We also finalized plans for the important, upcoming Strategic Planning Session of the Society, which will be held in conjunction with the fourth IGCS Regional Meeting in Santiago, Chile on May 10-12, 2015. It has been several years since the last Strategic Planning Session, and with the growth of the Society and changing international dynamics, it is imperative that we establish a clear strategic plan that will ensure the health and viability of our Society and allow us to achieve our important strategic goals. I look forward to updating you on the outcomes of this important process.

We are also delighted with the choice of Chile as the site for the fourth Regional Meeting, which was made possible through the efforts of Drs. Correa, Cuello, Branes and Mayerson, the Chilean Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and the Chilean Society of Gynecologic Oncology. South America is an under-represented continent in the ranks of our 1,940 members, and this meeting will undoubtedly aid in our strategy to increase membership in this vital region of the world. Rio de Janeiro had been selected as the site for the 2018 Biennial Meeting, but we had to abandon these plans as the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) is holding its annual meeting during the same time. Rio is slated for 2020 instead. We are currently accepting letters of interest from members in Asia/Australia/Oceania interested in hosting the 2018 Biennial Meeting. The 16th Biennial Meeting will be held in Lisbon, Portugal on October 29-31, 2016.  

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I am delighted that Dr. Christian Marth will serve as Scientific Program Chair and Dr. Uziel Beller will serve as Vice-Chair for the meeting. I am certain these two outstanding members of our Society will organize an incredible event.

My goal for the two years of my presidency, is for our Society to continue on its path of renewed focus in addressing cancer in the developing world, something that Dr. Denny has actively championed. To achieve this goal, we must encourage partnerships with societies that share our goals; in fact, a meeting has been scheduled for the upcoming ESGO congress to be held in Nice, France on October 24-27, 2015. Our hope is that the outcome of that meeting will generate some concrete steps toward improving care for women with gynecologic cancer throughout the world. We will also discuss pursuing potential collaborations during our upcoming Strategic Planning Session.

I look forward to working with our outstanding Council over the next two years. We have many challenges ahead of us, but I believe we are uniquely positioned to improve the outcomes of women with gynecologic cancer through education, training, and advocacy. I appreciate your assistance and advice in the coming years of my presidency to achieve these goals. I wish you all the best for a happy and healthy new year.

Dr. Richard R. Barakat
President

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In Memoriam
Dr. Maria Gina Motil

Webcast of Melbourne 2014 Available
Dr. David M. Gershenson is Professor in the Department of Gynecologic Oncology and Reproductive Medicine at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, where he joined the faculty in 1979 after completing his fellowship training. He was Chair of the department from 1998-2012. Dr. Gershenson is one of the “great minds” in our specialty and among our most highly published with over 400 Medline citations.

Dr. Gershenson has been an exemplar in forwarding the scientific knowledge of gynecological cancers and more specifically of the non-epithelial ovarian cancers. His role in the diagnosis and clinical management of these tumors has been of the top level globally. Many around the world, who are also accomplished and knowledgeable in this area, consult him about issues related to the care of women with these tumors. Through his generosity, countless patients beyond MD Anderson have benefited from his wisdom and unique breadth of experience. His involvement in national and international academic activities has also been wide ranging and impressive. A few of the many highlights of his career include serving with distinction as Editor in Chief of the journal, Gynecologic Oncology, for over 15 years, as President of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology and as a Director of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Gershenson currently serves as Chair of the NRG Oncology’s Rare Tumor Committee, is a Co-Chair of the NCI Gynecologic Cancer Steering Committee and is Chair of the Foundation for Women’s Cancer (formerly the GCF).

Dr. William J. Hoskins initially had a distinguished career in the Armed Forces Medical system. He served as Director of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland from 1976 to 1986. He later served as Chief of the Gynecology Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center for 11 years. He leveraged his amazing administrative and leadership skills to develop the Gynecology Service at Sloan Kettering into an academic powerhouse. The infrastructure he created facilitated the birth of the Principles and Practice of Gynecologic Oncology textbook, a comprehensive resource for clinicians around the world who are treating women with gynecologic cancers.

After leaving Sloan Kettering Dr. Hoskins was Director of the Cancer Center in Savannah, Georgia for five years. He also served for many years as Vice Chairman of the Gynecologic Oncology Group. He is an administrator and leader without peer in our discipline, and has played an invaluable role in mentoring countless faculty and trainees. Dr. Hoskins also served as President of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology, as Vice President of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society and as one of the associate editors of the journal Gynecologic Oncology. Dr. Hoskins presently is Executive Director of Surgical Activities in the Department of Surgery at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Together, and on their own, Drs. Gershenson and Hoskins have made major contributions to our discipline over the past several decades. They are both exemplary physicians and human beings, who are among the best and the brightest in our field. They have been great friends and allies over the years, and it is fitting and appropriate for them to share this prestigious award.
On behalf of our Past President, Professor Lyn Denny and the Scientific Program Committee for the 15th Biennial Meeting of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS), I would like to thank all IGCS members, and especially those of you who presented or attended the conference, for making this conference a very successful congress.

The Melbourne Convention Centre accommodated our large group of 1,900 easily and provided a great location to exchange ideas, encourage collaboration and catch up with friends socially.

The program included a large number of different session types, including a Young Doctors Summit, thanks to the support of Past President Shingo Fujii, and a Nurses Symposium. The conference provided a mix of all topics relevant to gynaecological cancer management, ranging from prevention, screening and diagnosis, to treatment, follow up and palliative care. Overall, the conference program addressed the diverse needs of our global IGCS membership who care for patients in all continents of the world.

I wish to thank the IGCS Council under Lyn Denny and IGCS staff Erica Riley and Michael Bookman for their tireless support and guidance. I also wish to thank all presenters, who were enthusiastic and passionate, and prepared learning materials from which we all benefited. I extend my gratitude to my Scientific Program Committee as well as the Local Organizing Committee under Michael Quinn, Kenes staff (especially Jo Katz and Charlotte Boskila), as well as our sponsors who extended their precious and unique resources to build and execute the program.

Finally, I would like you to mark the next IGCS meeting in October 2016 in Lisbon, Portugal in your diaries. I wish our current IGCS President, Richard Barakat, and Christian Marth who serves as the 16th Biennial Meeting's Scientific Program Chair, the most success. I look forward to the meeting and to seeing each of you in Portugal.

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Traveling Scholarship Application Deadline April 30, 2015

The IGCS Traveling Scholarship Program offers support to members from developing countries for study in the industrialized world. Periods of study range from two to six months. Further information and an application form can be found at www.igcs.org.

New Process for Selection of Biennial Meeting Sites

With an awareness of changing global economic realities, Council voted to revise the process for selection of Biennial Meeting sites. Members interested in hosting a Biennial Meeting will no longer be asked to provide a detailed written bid or make a formal presentation to Council. Instead, members will be asked for an expression of interest only. Cities for which the IGCS has received expressions of interest, along with other cities as indicated, will be considered by Council with the advice of the Society’s Professional Congress Organizer, Kenes International.

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