



# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AMBULATORY SURGERY (IAAS) - INPA

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(Australia)
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(United States)

## IAAS Newsletter – current status

### Report by Jost Brökelmann

When in 2010 the Executive Committee decided to raise the fees for national associations, it seemed only natural that the national associations and their members should be made aware of the activities and projects of IAAS before being asked to contribute more money.

IAAS should keep this fact in mind since it mostly depends upon the contributions of its national members.

Therefore, a Newsletter (NL) was proposed to show what IAAS has achieved, what projects are running, where national and international congresses are planned, what the content is of the latest issue of *Ambulatory Surgery* and what interesting news about ambulatory surgery has been published in the literature.

Ian Jackson, webmaster, is able to produce electronic issues of the newsletter that are graphically attractive with photographs, images, etc., without extra financing. The first issue of IAAS Newsletter came out in November 2010. Three more have followed since then.

One problem during the year was the distribution of the newsletter at the national level. Some national associations are well organized with email lists, etc., others have no such service as was elucidated by a questionnaire. This survey should be repeated from time to time so that communication between the IAAS and individual members can be optimized.

One recent issue was whether news on scientific topics should be published in the IAAS Newsletter or in our journal *ambulatory surgery*. Some news should be offered in the newsletter with links to the abstracts so that it is easy for the reader to click through to the abstract. If news appears only in the journal there is an optical

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and mental division between news and science. If we want to interest readers in scientific news we have to lure them with appropriate news in the NL.

The IAAS website and its communication system via email lists has become the core of communication. Thus, it has taken over secretarial tasks and should be outfitted correspondingly.

We agreed that – after the first year – the editor-in-chief should always be the past president of IAAS supported by two co-editors, namely the webmaster and one editor of the journal. Thus, with this EC meeting in Budapest, Paulo Lemos takes over the editorship as past president. This is an appropriate decision as the past president is still actively involved in the business of IAAS while continuity is guaranteed by the co-editors.

The German national association BAO has decided on October 15, 2011 to mail the IAAS Newsletter to all politicians who are on our VIP list. Thus the IAAS Newsletter could become the “herald” of ambulatory surgery in the world.