



ANNUAL REPORT

2024



Year In Review

The International Society for Burn Injuries (ISBI) enjoyed a very successful year! In 2024, ISBI continued to become stronger and more relevant in the Global Burn Community. Membership increased to 631 from 459 members in 2023. The Society continues to be financially healthy!

The 22nd Congress of the ISBI was held in Birmingham, UK, in collaboration with the British Burn Association's Annual Meeting. The congress exceeded all expectations in terms of overall attendance as well as Exhibitor and Sponsor participation. We had the third largest attendance in our history (behind only Miami and Edinburgh) with 1064 delegates from 64 countries around the world. The scientific program, Pre-Congress symposia/workshops, and plenary sessions received very positive feedback from the delegates. ISBI awarded \$17,000 in the form of scholarships to members from Low Middle Income Countries to support their attendance at the congress. We would like to thank our outgoing President, Dr. Folke Sjoberg for his amazing leadership during his 2022-2024 presidency. Our new President, Dr. David Harrington, hit the road running immediately after the congress in Birmingham. Under his leadership, the new ISBI Bylaws and Mission statement were adapted in September of 2024. President Harrington rolled out our newest pilot program, "ISBI Burn Center Assessment Program," in October 2024. This 6-year pilot program aims to help LMICs grow and develop their burn care programs. As part of the ISBI's Education Program, we participated in a Rehabilitation Training Program in collaboration with Physicians for Peace that was designed to train Burn Therapists practicing in Tanzania. Additionally, our team conducted a Pre-Congress workshop in Santiago Chile, the site of our 2026 ISBI Congress. ISBI was instrumental in developing and producing the inaugural and very successful "World Burns Week" in November 2024. Currently, preparations are underway for the 2025 ISBI Regional Conference in Thessaloniki, Greece and our 2026 Biennial Congress in Santiago, Chile.

One of the highlights of the year must be the achievement of our Journal *Burns*, which achieved an Impact Factor of 3.2 in 2024! We would like to thank our outgoing Editor of *Burns*, Dr. Steven Wolf for his leadership and commitment to burn research during his tenure as the Editor of *Burns*. We are very excited to welcome the new *Burns* Editor, Dr. Lee Cancio. Dr. Cancio has already made an impact on decreasing the backlog of manuscripts waiting to be reviewed and moved to publication. ISBI wishes to thank our outgoing Editor of *Burns Open*, Dr. David Greenhalgh, who has been instrumental in elevating the journal's quality and numbers of submissions. ISBI welcomes Dr. Anthony Papp as the new Editor of *Burns Open*, and we wish him the best in his new role.

We have much to look forward to in 2025! Our Society will continue to grow and develop strategic partnerships that will allow us to fulfill our mission and become even more relevant in the International Burn Care Community.

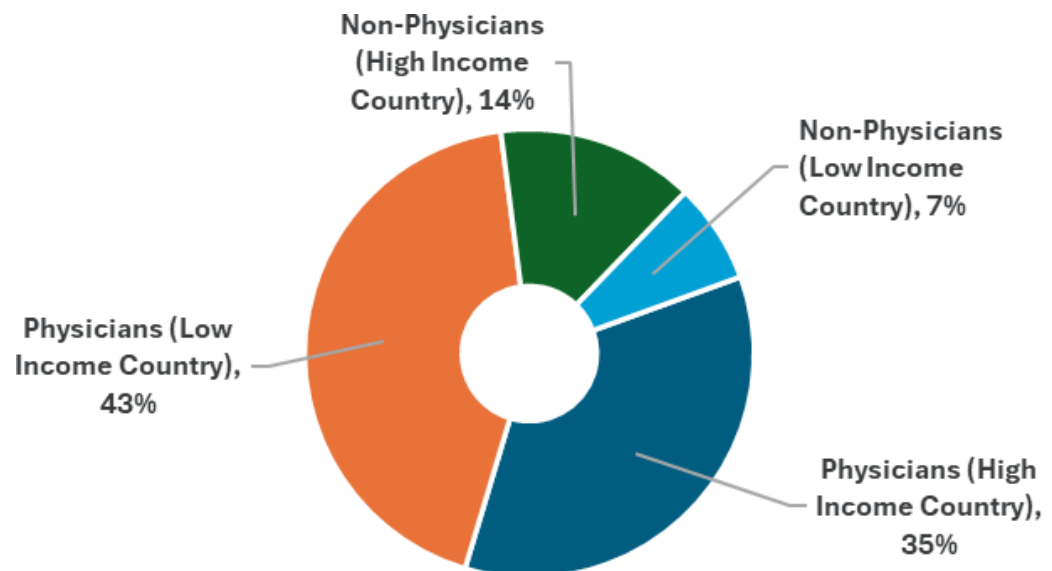
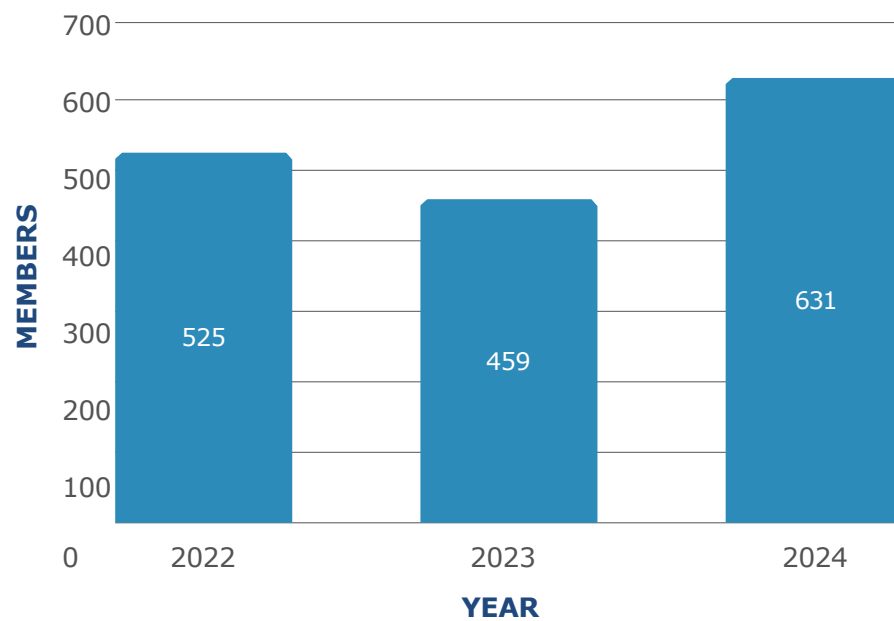
I would like to sincerely thank the entire ISBI membership, for the dedication and commitment to ISBI.



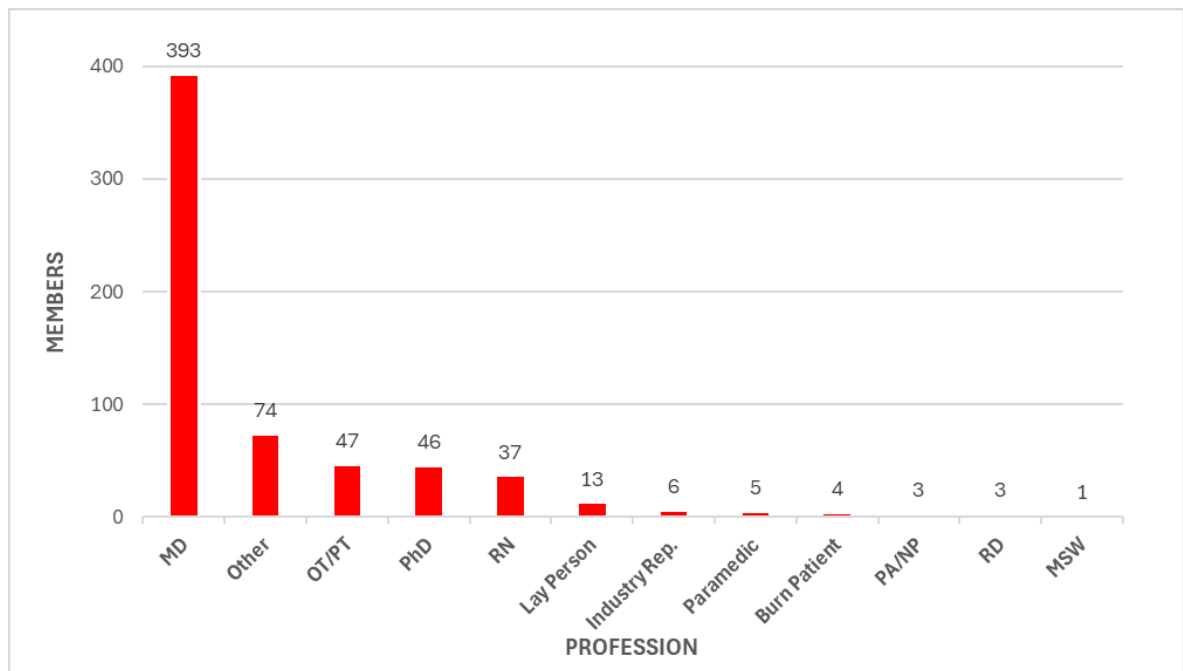
Michael Serghiou, OT, MBA, BT-C
ISBI Executive Director



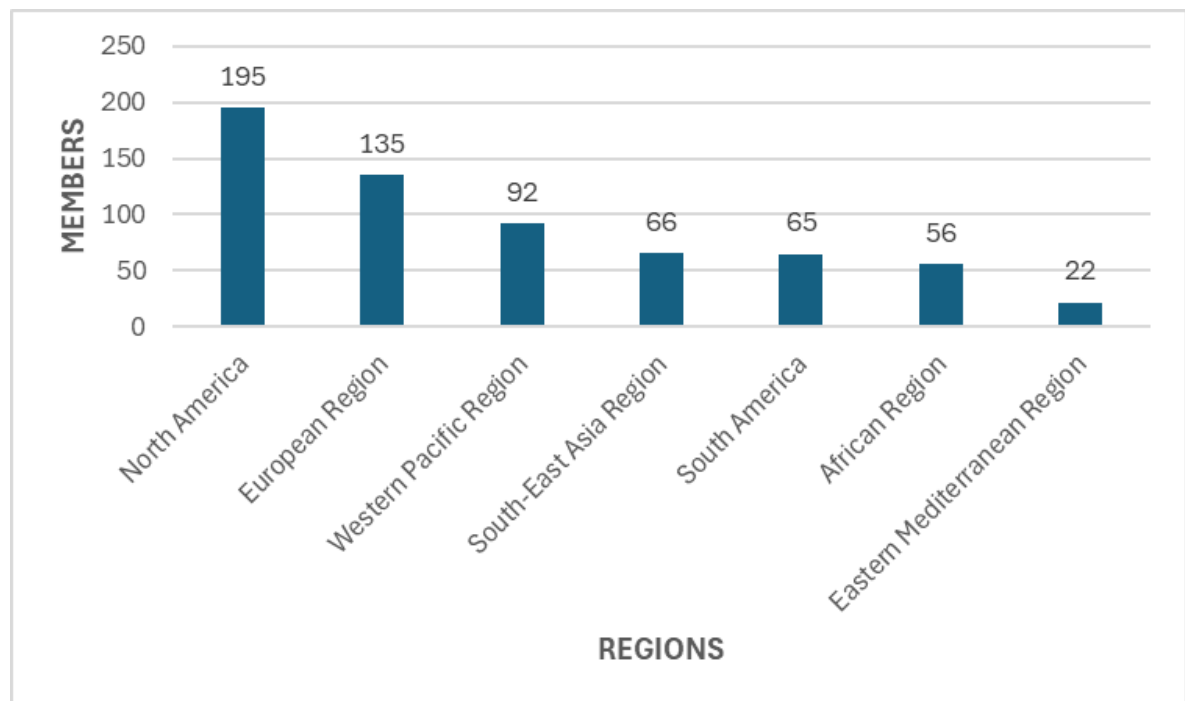
2024 Membership



Membership by Profession



Membership by Region



2024 ISBI/BBA Congress



"Exchanging Knowledge to Improve Burn Care Around the World - Facing the Future"

18 - 22 AUGUST 2024



ATTENDEES
1064



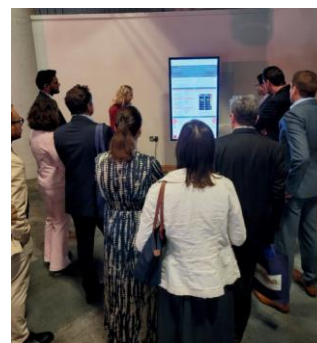
**ABSTRACTS
SUBMISSIONS**
788



**PODIUM
PRESENTATIONS**
380



POSTERS
285



Countries Represented

| | | | |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Afghanistan | France | Mongolia | Singapore |
| Argentina | Germany | Morocco | South Africa |
| Australia | Ghana | Netherlands | Spain |
| Austria | Greece | New Zealand | Sweden |
| Bangladesh | Guatemala | Nigeria | Switzerland |
| Belgium | Hong Kong | Norway | Taiwan |
| Brazil | India | Pakistan | Tanzania |
| Canada | Indonesia | Peru | Thailand |
| Chile | Iran | Philippines | Turkiye |
| China | Ireland | Portugal | Ukraine |
| Colombia | Italy | Puerto Rico | United Arab Emirates |
| Costa Rica | Japan | Romania | United Kingdom |
| Czech Republic | Jordan | Saudi Arabia | United States |
| Denmark | Kenya | Senegal | Uruguay |
| Egypt | Korea, Republic of | Serbia | Uzbekistan |
| Finland | Mexico | Sierra Leone | Viet Nam |

Industry Support

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EXHIBITORS

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| American Burn Association | InterBurns |
| Aroa Biosurgery | Joint Operations UK / Regen Medical |
| BAP Medical | Katie Piper Foundation |
| Baskent University | Kora Healthcare |
| Bio Med Sciences, Inc. | Lumenis |
| BioMonde | Maxxeus |
| British Burn Association | MDPI AG |
| Burn Model System | Medical Z |
| CD Medical | MediWound UK |
| Cymplicity | Moor Instruments |
| Diphex Solutions Limited | Phoenix Society |
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| Global Surgery Amsterdam | Urgo Medical (US) |

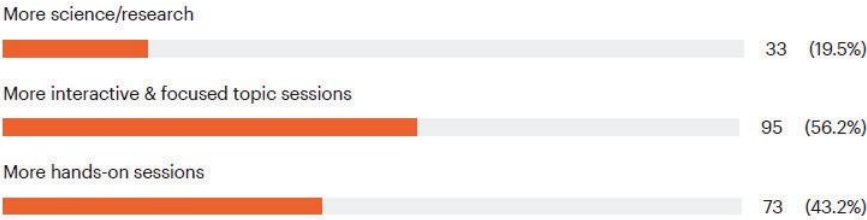


2024 ISBI/BBA Congress Survey

“Has the overall program of the 2024 ISBI/BBA met your needs?”



“What can ISBI do to improve future programs?”



“Did you find the venue easy to get around?”



“Was the Exhibit Hall organized so that you could comfortably visit with exhibitors and easily get to sessions?”



“Was there enough food and drinks available each day?”



2024 ISBI/BBA Congress Survey

“Did you enjoy the social events planned during the congress?”



"Did you find the ISBI App easy to navigate?"



"Was the online registration process easy?"



2024 Honorary Members



International Society for Burn Injuries
Honorary Life Membership
is awarded to

William Cioffi, MD

In recognition of his long and
devoted services to the ISBI



International Society for Burn Injuries
Honorary Life Membership
is awarded to

Steven Wolf, MD

In recognition of his long and
devoted services to the ISBI



2024 ISBI Awards



Andre Zagame Outstanding Occupational/Physical Therapist Award Sponsored by Medical Z

2024 Recipient: Ginna Parra, OT (Costa Rica)

The Andre Zagame Outstanding Occupational/Physical Therapist Award recognizes therapists from developing countries who have made significant contributions to burn rehabilitation through clinical practice, education, and research. Award recipients have shared their professional knowledge with peers around the world.



Nursing Award Sponsored by Baskent University

2024 Recipient: Lily Kidayu, RN (Kenya)

The Baskent University Nursing Award recognizes outstanding nurses from developing countries who have made significant contributions to improving the quality of nursing burn care around the world. Recognition for this achievement can be through clinical practice, research, and sharing of clinical and/or academic knowledge.



Young Investigator Award

2024 Recipient: Nandita Putri, MD (Indonesia)

The Young Investigator Award is established to promote the activities of the International Society for Burn Injuries (ISBI) by encouraging and motivating young ISBI members from developing countries to conduct clinical research and work on burn prevention initiatives.



Young Investigator Award

2024 Recipient: Kittipob Kirdpun, MD (Thailand)

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Young Investigator Award

2024 Recipient: Burak Ozkan, MD (Turkiye)

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The 2024 Dr. Fortunato Benaim Award is Awarded to:

James Gallagher, MD (USA)

For Advancing the Field of Burn Care Around the World through
Clinical Practice, Education and Research

22nd Congress of the International Society for Burn Injuries
Birmingham, United Kingdom

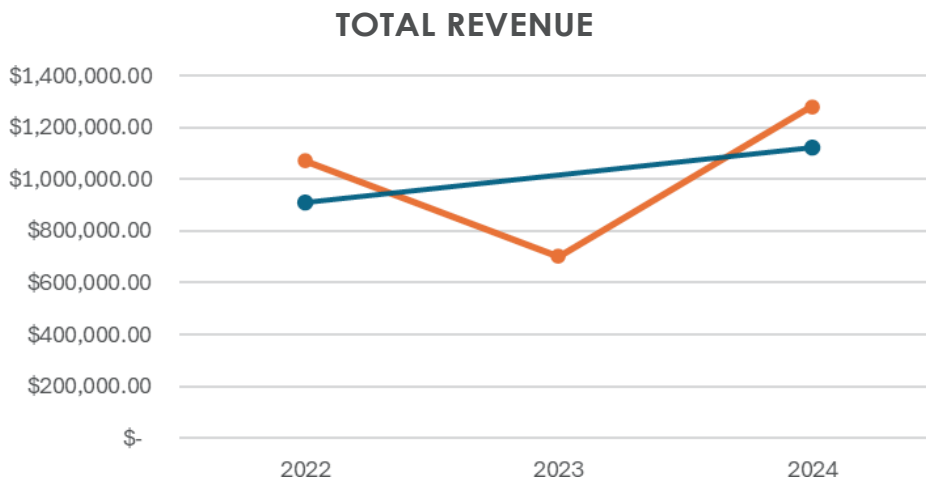


2024 Year End Financials

| ASSETS | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Investments | \$4,831,674.14 |
| Cash | \$1,242,371.06 |
| Certificate of Deposit | \$500,000.00 |
| Total Assets | \$6,574,045.20 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Current Liabilities | \$5,762.83 |

| EQUITY | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Temp. Restricted Net Assets | \$212,080.83 |
| Unrestricted Net Assets | \$5,369,031.45 |
| Net Income | \$998,695.75 |
| Total Equity | \$6,579,808.03 |



2024 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDED TO MEMBERS

\$16,900



Revised ISBI Bylaws

New ISBI Mission and Aims

New Bylaws were approved by the ISBI membership by vote and adapted in September 2024. The revised Bylaws include the new ISBI mission and aims.

MISSION

To reduce the global burden of burns and improve burn care

AIMS

- Promote burn prevention around the world in collaboration with other organizations
- Establish guidelines for optimizing burn care
- Be a global resource for burn education and advocacy
- Sponsor hands-on approach to burn training for the entire burn team
- Create a community for knowledge exchange
- Improve the quality of burn care across all regions of the world



A copy of the revised Bylaws can be found in the following link:
[Bylaws \(Adapted September 2024\)](#)



Burn Center Assessment Program

ISBI Burn Center Audit Pilot Program Proposal
ISBI Burn Center Audit Program (ISBI BCAP)

Background

Burn practitioners in low and middle resource countries often face a shortfall between the care they would like to provide their burn patients and the care they actually deliver due to a shortage of resources and/or personnel. They are also hindered due to the lack of ability to close this gap because they are oftentimes a single voice who is advocating to their hospital administration and governmental Departments of Health. Their advocacy might be strengthened if they could reference an external international standard of care and have an international partner.

Through this program, the ISBI aims to elevate the standard of burn care in resource limited environments.

The ISBI is in a unique position to develop international partnerships and to deliver education and training to burn centers in low and middle income countries around the world. Through this program, the ISBI aims to elevate the standard of burn care in resource limited environments. The 4 parts of a Quality Program are 1) Setting Standards 2) Building Infrastructure 3) Data Collection and 4) Confirmation of Compliance with standards/peer review. The ISBI has already taken a first step to create worldwide burn Quality Process by the publication in 2007 of the "One World, One Standard" document. This standard of care document could be the catalyst for the next steps of building infrastructure, data collection, and peer review in low and middle resource countries through a process of Burn Center Audits. While these audits are an extension outside of the ISBI's traditional educational role, this proposal is consistent with the ISBI's mission of improving the care of burn injured patient world-wide. This pilot project would last 6 years and would hopefully visit and audit burn centers in up to 8 countries.

60 REVIEWER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED INITIALLY

8 BURN CENTER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN 2024



2024 - 2026 ISBI Committees

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chair: Tam Pham
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RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Chair: Fiona Wood
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Australia



ISBI Outreach Education

ISBI & PHYSICIANS FOR PEACE PARTNER TO PROVIDE A REHABILITATION EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN TANZANIA

During the first week of March 2024, ISBI partnered with Physicians for Peace to deliver a five-day rehabilitation workshop to three Tanzanian therapists working at the Bugando Medical Center Burn Unit in Mwanza. This workshop focused on intensive skills training, developing clinical judgement, and utilizing locally available resources to provide high quality Burn Rehabilitation. Recognizing the limitations of a short intensive program, International Medical Educators, Megan McCarthy and Deborah Knight, along with PFP Administrator, Leslie Long, developed a one-year virtual mentorship program to ensure carryover and to provide ongoing feedback and professional development. Through an additional partnership with Ohana One, the mentorship program evolved to include the use of Vusix Glasses, which allows for observation of the implementation of therapy skills and ongoing feedback in real-time. Mentorship sessions included instruction on evidence-based practice, discussion of challenging cases, and guidance through the navigation of obstacles common to burn therapists. The final two mentoring sessions will be completed in April and May, 2025. The feedback received from the therapists in Mwanza has thus far been overwhelmingly positive. We look forward to receiving the formal report outlining the deliverables set forth at the inception of this project.



SURVIVAL OF THE BURN PATIENT BEYOND 48 HOURS

In October, ISBI conducted the "Survival of the Burn Patient Beyond 48 Hours" workshop as part of the 2024 Chilean Burn Congress in Santiago Chile. The topics of the workshop were "Team Building and Growing the Burn Unit" and topics on "Wound Care", "Surgery" and "Reconstruction". The workshop was attended by 43 physicians, nurses and therapists from Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Colombia. Feedback from the attendees was very positive and indicated that the program design which included interactive sessions and live discussions is preferred. We look forward to more of these workshops in 2025!



ISBI Partnerships



2024 World Burns Week



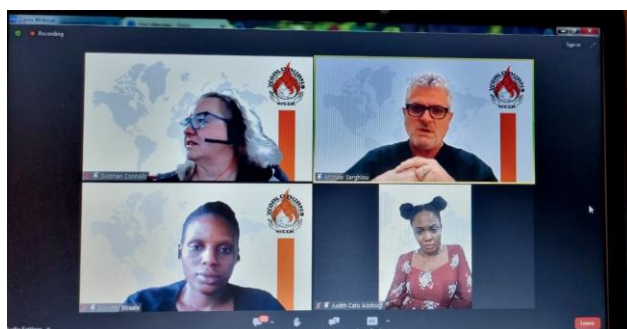
An international collaboration to reduce global inequality in burns

Webinar series

1100+ registrations

- 73% clinicians
- 3.8% survivors
- 5.6% NGO rep
- 1.5% industry rep
- 15.9% other

~200-250 attendees per session



ISBI has been an active participant in organizing the 1st inaugural World Burns Week celebration which was proven to be a great success and brought burn care professionals from around the world together to discuss the topic "Burns: Tackling the Hidden Global Health Crisis".



ISBI Journals

ISBI Welcomes Dr. Cancio, the new Editor of *Burns*!



Dr. Leopoldo Cancio is a native of Washington, DC. He graduated from the Heights School, Washington, DC (1976), Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts (AB, 1980), Catholic University of America, Washington, DC (MA, 1983), and Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, DC (MD, 1987). He trained in Surgery at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He then joined the US Army Institute of Surgical Research (USAISR, the US Army Burn Center), where he was the last surgeon trained in burns by Dr. Basil A. Pruitt, Jr. During a 27-year military career he deployed several times to conflict zones and fire disasters around the world. He now serves as the Director of the USAISR Burn Center. He is a Professor of Surgery (Adjoint) at the University of Texas (UT Health San Antonio), and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American College of Critical Care Medicine, the American Surgical Association, and the American Burn Association. He is the author or co-author of about 300 publications. His current research encompasses all aspects of burn care, from resuscitation through long-term outcomes. He is most interested in improving the quality of life of burn survivors around the world.



We would like to thank our outgoing Editor, Dr. Steven Wolf for his successful tenure as the Editor of *Burns* (2010-2024). During his tenure as the Editor of *BURNS* our journal continued to advance its impact factor which currently stands at 3.2.

Thank you Dr. Wolf!

♦ 2024 impact factor for *BURNS Journal* is 3.2

- ♦ Increased issue publications to 9 per year
- ♦ Currently, there is no back log in publishing articles
- ♦ Faster manuscript publication times in 2024

Median Speed: Submission to First Decision (Days)

| 2023 | | | | 2024 | | | |
|------|----|----|-----|-------|----|------|----|
| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| 83 | 82 | 70 | 103 | 114.5 | 93 | 76.5 | 77 |

Median Speed: Submission to Editorial Outcome (Days)

| 2023 | | | | 2024 | | | |
|-------|-----|-----|-------|------|-----|-------|-----|
| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| 167.5 | 193 | 203 | 209.5 | 214 | 201 | 173.5 | 160 |

Median Speed: Acceptance to Publication VoR (Days)

| 2023 | | | | 2024 | | | |
|------|-----|-------|-----|------|----|-----|----|
| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| 315 | 302 | 248.5 | 185 | 154 | 99 | 115 | 71 |



ISBI Welcomes Dr. Papp, the new Editor of *Burns Open*!



MD (1989)
Surgeon (1995)
Plastic Surgeon (1998)
PhD (2005)
FABA (2023)

Medical Director, BC Professional Firefighters' Burn Unit,
Vancouver, Canada 2007 –
Clinical Professor, University of British Columbia

President, Canadian Burn Association (2024 – 2026)

Editor-in-Chief, *Burns Open* (2025 –)

Board member, ISBI

65 publications
110 meeting abstracts
23 book chapters



We would like to thank our outgoing Editor, Dr. David Greenhalgh for his successful tenure as the inaugural Editor of *Burns Open*.

Thank you Dr. Greenhalgh!

- Increased number of submissions to the Open Access Journal in 2024
- Applying to achieve PubMed status in 2025
- Upcoming special issue of Innovative Solutions in Burn Rehabilitation from Around the World (2nd Edition)



2024 - 2026 Board of directors

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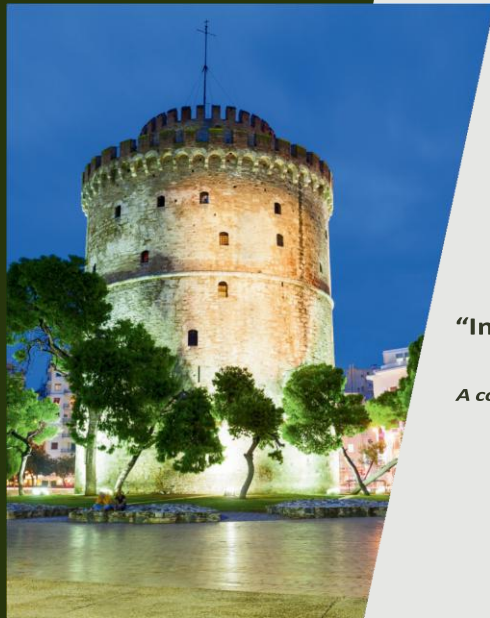
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David Harrington, MD
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Folke Sjoberg, MD
Nadia Depetris, MD
Raquel Pan, RN, PhD
Pallab Chatterje, MD



Future ISBI Meetings

2025 ISBI Regional Conference - Greece



International Society for
Burn Injuries (ISBI)

Presents

**"Improving the Quality of Burn Care from
Admission to Discharge and Beyond"**

A conference designed for all members of the burn team.

December 3 - 4, 2025

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Thessaloniki, Greece

www.worldburn.org
office@worldburn.org



**One World
One Standard of Burn Care**



We invite you to attend the 2025 ISBI Regional Conference to be held in the vibrant city of Thessaloniki, Greece from December 3 - 4, 2025. This international burn care scientific conference will focus on quality in burn care along the continuum of care. Delegates from around the world will have the opportunity to discuss topics in Burn Care and exchange knowledge on how to best care for the burn survivor. Industry partners will have the opportunity to showcase their latest burn care products, services and technology and interact with medical professionals from around the world.

Early Registration: March 1, 2025

Call for Abstracts Submissions: March 1, 2025 - June 15, 2025

Visit the ISBI website at www.worldburn.org to register for
the conference and submit abstracts online.

For more information about the 2025 ISBI Regional Conference,
please contact the ISBI at office@worldburn.org or call +1 (346) 505-3528.



2026 ISBI Congress – Chile



23rd Congress of the International Society for Burn Injuries (ISBI)
XII CONGRESO CHILENO E INTERNACIONAL DE QUEMADURAS



Save the Date

October 11 - 15, 2026

23rd Congress
of the
International Society for
Burn Injuries (ISBI)

in Santiago, Chile



23rd Congress of the International Society for Burn Injuries (ISBI)
XII CONGRESO CHILENO E INTERNACIONAL DE QUEMADURAS



We invite you to attend the 23rd Congress of the ISBI in the vibrant and historic city of Santiago, Chile. The congress will be held on October 11 - 15, 2026 at the INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL SANTIAGO. This international burn care scientific congress promises to deliver the latest advances in burn clinical care, research, and technology. Delegates from around the world will have the opportunity to discuss topics in burn care and participate in hands-on education and training. Industry Partners will have the opportunity to showcase their latest burn care products, services and technology and interact with medical professionals from around the world.

EARLY REGISTRATION: January 1, 2026
CALL FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS: January 1 - March 31, 2026
EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION: October 1, 2025

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