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PRESIDENTAL NOTE

Dear Members,

Welcome to the ICOPLAST Newsletter dedicated to celebrating the hard work of our members and committees and highlighting new educational resources and opportunities supporting our ICOPLAST mission to educate, communicate and advance the specialty of plastic surgery globally.

The ICOPLAST Young Plastic Surgeons Committee has initiated the ICOPLAST Young Plastic Surgeons Mentorship Program 2027. The Committee has also presented their second Young Plastic Surgeons Webinar.

The first ICOPLAST Journal Club workshop in June was very well received with strong attendance and audience participation. Preparations are now well underway for the second workshop which will take place on 28 November 2026.

The ICOPLAST Special edition will be published in December 2026 and will be freely available online for 6 months and thereafter behind a paywall. We are delighted that work is already underway for the 2027 ICOPLAST Special Edition!

With thanks to ESPRAS and Swiss Plastic Surgeons, and under the leadership of Dr. Edward Chang, Education Committee Vice Chair and Dr. Gregory Evans, Board Liaison, we held ICOPLAST Symposiums on 4 and 5 September with 15 ICOPLAST international faculty members, delivering talks across a board range of topics.

Generously hosted by the German Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons (DGPRÄC), preparations for the 4th ICOPLAST World Congress in Berlin 24 – 26 June 2027 are on track- read more later in the Newsletter!

Finally, ICOPLAST offers our sincerest condolences on the sad and sudden passing of Dr. Gagik Stamblotsyan, President of the International Association of Armenian Plastic Surgeons, and ICOPLAST National Delegate.



Eva-M. Baur

Dr. Eva-Maria Baur
ICOPLAST President

ICOPLAST/JPRAS Collaboration

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JPRAS
An International Journal of Surgical Reconstruction



Dr. Mikko Larsen
Board Liaison
Australia



Dr. Alexandru Georgescu
Chair Publications Committee
Romania



Dr. Sally Ng
Vice-Chair Publications
Australia

ICOPLAST is proud to collaborate with JPRAS reinforcing our common commitment to further advance the education of plastic surgeons globally and are very happy to work with JPRAS and our National Plastic Surgery Society members providing publication and learning opportunities to our global members. The ICOPLAST and JPRAS collaboration partnership is a development designed to advance education and research in plastic surgery internationally.

ICOPLAST and JPRAS are committed to publishing only original articles about developments in all areas related the plastic, reconstructive and aesthetic surgery.

ICOPLAST Peer Reviewers from the ICOPLAST Publications Committee initially conduct a comprehensive review of each manuscript and only the highest quality articles were recommended for consideration by the JPRAS Peer Review Panel for inclusion in the ICOPLAST Special Edition.

We congratulate the ICOPLAST Peer Review panelists for their diligence in conducting multiple reviews of the 24 manuscripts received for consideration in the 2026 ICOPLAST Special Edition and we are delighted and grateful that the peer review panels will continue their hard work for next year's Special Edition.

2026 ICOPLAST SPECIAL EDITION

We are excited that the first two manuscripts have now successfully completed both ICOPLAST and JPRAS Peer Reviews and, with much gratitude to Elsevier, appear online in the October JPRAS Journal for the next 12 months. We congratulate the authors on their success and look forward to more ICOPLAST manuscripts in this year's ICOPLAST Special Edition in **December 2026!**

Read Articles

ICOPLAST/JPRAS SPECIAL EDITION 2027

We are now accepting manuscripts for the 2027 ICOPLAST Special Edition!

The submission window for submitted manuscripts for consideration is from **1 November 2026 to 30 April 2027** – don't miss out on this fantastic publishing opportunity so submit your manuscript today!



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ICOPLAST Committees

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

ICOPLAST WEBINAR PROGRAM

With enormous gratitude to Dr. Horacio Mayer, Chair of the Education Committee, and Dr. Edward Chang, Vice Char of the Education Committee, and the 18 Education Chapter Chairs, the ICOPLAST Monthly Webinar Program continues across a wide range of Plastic Surgery topics.



Dr. Horacio Mayer
Chair
Argentina

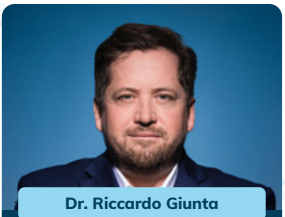


Dr. Edward Chang
Vice-Chair
USA



Dr. Pedro Ciudad

October 2026
Lymphedema Chapter



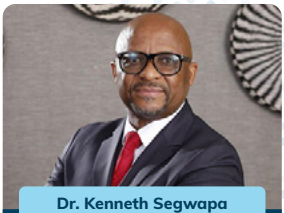
Dr. Riccardo Giunta

November 2026
Microsurgery Chapter



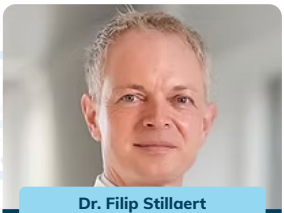
Dr. Maniram Ragbir

December 2026
Sarcoma Chapter



Dr. Kenneth Segwapa

January 2027
Burns and Wounds Healing Chapter



Dr. Filip Stillaert

February 2027
Regenerative Medicine and Surgery Chapter



Dr. Gregory Evans

March 2027
Global Plastic Surgery Chapter

Please encourage your members, colleagues and friends to register for the ICOPLAST webinars!

Missed or would like to view any of the ICOPLAST webinars again? Check out the webinar library in the members area on the ICOPLAST website.

ACCESS THE ICOPLAST WEBINAR LIBRARY

YOUNG PLASTIC SURGEONS

YOUNG PLASTIC SURGEONS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



Dr. Susana Benitez
Chair
Chile

ICOPLAST is delighted to launch the **Young Plastic Surgeons Mentorship Program 2027!**

Dr. Susana Benitez, Chair of the Young Plastic Surgeons Committee, leads the ICOPLAST Young Plastic Surgeons Mentorship Program establishing structured mentorship to advance educational leadership, institutional governance, and clinical innovation.

In the first phase, the committee is compiling a database of available Mentorship opportunities for 2027, and we warmly invite you, your members and colleagues to become an ICOPLAST Young Plastic Surgeons Mentor.

Visit the ICOPLAST website **https://icoplast.org/committee-young-plastic-surgeons/** for more information on how to get involved!

The application period to avail of one of the Mentorship Opportunities will open in the coming months, so watch out for promotions coming soon.



YOUNG PLASTIC SURGEONS WEBINAR

With thanks to Dr. Andrea Battistini, Vice Chair and the Young Plastic Surgeons Webinar Committee Members, the second Young Plastic Surgeons Webinar took place on 10 October 2026.



Dr. Andrea Battistini
Vice-Chair
USA



Missed any of the Young Plastic Surgeons webinars? Check out the recordings in the members area on the ICOPLAST website.

ACCESS THE ICOPLAST WEBINAR LIBRARY

We invite you to submit topics for the 2027 Young Plastic Surgeons Webinars

Submit Topic

ICOPLAST JOURNAL CLUB WORKSHOP



Dr. Alexandru Georgescu
Chair
Romania



Dr. Miko Larsen
Board Liason
Australia

The ICOPLAST Journal Club workshops empower attendees to stay current with the latest research and build evidence-based practice skills.

Watch out for the second ICOPLAST Journal Club Workshop on Saturday 28 November 2026. The topic will be Microsurgery and this workshop's Keynote Speaker is Dr. Geoffrey Hallock from USA, and his talk will be "From nano to mega keystone flaps - an alternative to microsurgery".

Registration opening soon!



Find out More

View the June Journal Club Workshop in the members are on the ICOPLAST website.

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PATIENT SAFETY COMMITTEE



Dr. Pietro Berrino
Chair
Italy



Prof. Kenneth Segwapa
Board Liason
South Africa

Thank you to all those ICOPLAST National Societies who have completed and returned the ICOPLAST Global Patient Safety Survey. The Committee members are analyzing the results and will prepare a report which we will share in the next Newsletter.

Visit the Patient Safety Committee.

ICOPLAST Website

Missed any of the ICOPLAST Webinars?

Recordings of the ICOPLAST monthly webinars, the Young Plastic Surgeons Webinars and the ICOPLAST Journal Club Workshop are available in the members are on the ICOPLAT website **https://icoplast.org/register/**

1 REGISTER

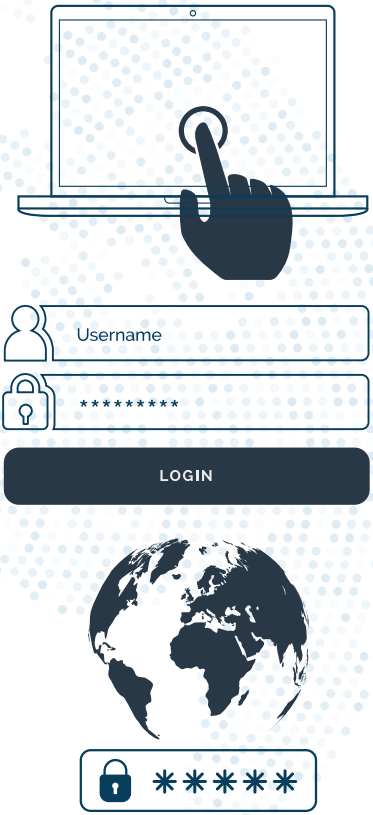
Visit **https://icoplast.org/register/** and complete your ICOPLAST registration form.

2 PASSWORD

Create a password for your account.

3 SOCIETY PASSCODE

Insert the passcode assigned to your **National Plastic Surgery Society**, which they can provide to you.



If your National Society would like to include an ICOPLAST Symposium during your National Congress, please let us know info@icoplast.org.

Symposiums 2026

ICOPLAST SYMPOSIUM AT JOINT MEETING OF ESPRAS AND SWISS PLASTIC SURGERY BERN 3 – 5 SEPTEMBER 2026



With thanks to ESPRAS and Swiss Plastic Surgeons, and under the leadership of Dr. Edward Chang, Vice Chair and Dr. Gregory Evans, Board Liaison, there were four ICOPLAST Symposium sessions on 4 and 5 September 2026.



Dr. Edward Chang
Vice-Chair
USA



Dr. Gregory Evans
Board Liason
USA

We thank and congratulate the 15 ICOPLAST international faculty from all ICOPLAST regions presenting talks on the following topics:

- International Plastic Surgery: Breaking Boundaries
- Pick your Poison: International Panel on Breast Implant Selection
- Complex Reconstruction in Trauma and Military Injuries
- Mentorship and Training in Plastic Surgery in the 21st Century











4th ICOPLAST World Congress, Berlin 24 – 26 June 2027

Preparations are well underway for the 4th ICOPLAST World Congress which will take place in Berlin, Germany 24 – 26 June 2027 hosted by the German Society for Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (DGPRÄC).





Thank you to everyone who submitted one of 632 Abstracts from 41 countries received – a fantastic response making for a truly international event of the highest caliber!

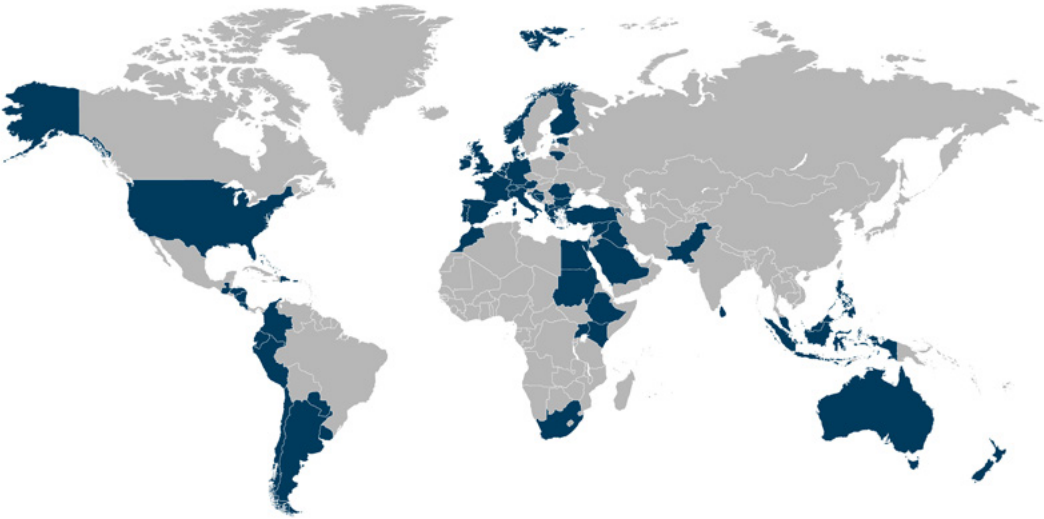
The Congress Scientific Committee are finalizing the Scientific Program which will be available in shortly.

Watch out for additional details and promotional materials rolling out in the weeks ahead!

Visit Congress Website

National Societies

ICOPLAST has almost 60 National Plastic Surgery Societies representing more than 20,000 plastic surgeons worldwide.



National Society Members

ALBANIA
The Albanian Association of Reconstructive and Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons

ARGENTINA
Sociedad Argentina de Cirugía Plástica, Estética y Reparadora

ARMENIA
International Association of Armenian Plastic Surgeons

AUSTRALIA
Australian Society of Plastic Surgery

AUSTRIA
Austrian Society of Plastic, Aesthetic and Reconstructive Surgery

BELGIUM
Royal Belgian Society for Plastic Surgery

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons in Bosnia and Herzegovina

BULGARIA
Bulgarian Association of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery

CHILE
Chilean Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery

COLOMBIA
Sociedad Colombiana de Cirugía Plástica Estética y Reconstructiva

CROATIA
Croatian Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery

DENMARK
Danish Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
Dominican Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery

ECUADOR
Ecuadorian Society of Plastic Surgery and Aesthetic

EGYPT
Egyptian Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons

ESTONIA
Estonian Society for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

ETHIOPIA
Ethiopian Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons

FINLAND
Finnish Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

FRANCE
French Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery

GERMANY
German Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

GREECE
Hellenic Society of Plastic, Reconstructive, and Aesthetic Surgery

GUATEMALA
The Association of Plastic, Aesthetic and Reconstructive Surgeons of Guatemala

HONDURAS
Society of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons of Hondurus

HONG KONG
The Hong Kong Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

INDONESIA
Indonesian Association of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

IRAQ
The Iraqi Society of Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

IRELAND
Irish Association of Plastic Surgeons

ISRAEL
The Israeli Association for Plastic and Aesthetic Surgery

ITALY
Italian Society of Plastic, Reconstructive-Regenerative and Aesthetic Surgery

KENYA
Kenya Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

LEBANON
Lebanese Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surger

LITHUANIA
Lithuanian Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

MALAYSIA
Malaysian Association of Plastic, Aesthetic, and Craniomaxillofacial Surgeons

MOROCCO
Moroccon Society of Plastic, Reconstrictive and Aesthetic Surgery

NETHERLANDS
Dutch Society of Plastic Surgery

NEW ZEALAND
New Zealand Association of Plastic Surgeons

NICARAGUA
Nicaraguan Association of Plastic, Aesthetic and Reconstructive Surgery

PAKISTAN
Pakistan Association of Plastic Surgeons

PARAGUAY
Sociedad Paraguaya de Cirugía Plástica, Reconstructiva y Estética

PERU
The Peruvian Society of Plastic and Aesthetic Surgery

PHILIPPINES
Philippine Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

PORTUGAL
Portuguese Society of Reconstructive and Aesthetic Plastic Surgery

PUERTO RICO
Plastic Surgery Society of Puerto Rico

REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
Macedonian Association of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

ROMANIA
Romanian Society of Plastic Surgeons

SAUDI ARABIA
Saudi Scientific Association of Plastic Surgery and Burn

SOUTH AFRICA
The Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons of South Africa

SPAIN
Spanish Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery

SRI LANKA
Sri Lanka Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

SWITZERLAND
Swiss Society for Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery

SYRIA
Syrian Association for Aesthetic, Reconstructive and Burn Surgery

TÜRKIYE
Turkish Society of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

UGANDA
The Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons Society Uganda

UNITED KINGDOM
British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

UNITED STATES
American Society of Plastic Surgeons

URUGUAY
Society of Plastic Surgery Uruguay