



ORTHOPEDIC & SPINE INSTITUTE
at St. Mary's Medical Center

History of ASAMIs, LLRS, ILLRS etc

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Director

Paley Orthopedic and Spine Institute



AO Italy President and Former Presidents



A. Bianchi-Maiocchi

G.B. Benedetti

R. Cattaneo



Ilizarov Invited to AO Italy Meeting: June 1981

It was a last minute invitation:
His name does not appear on the conference program

Italians visit Kurgan Nov. 1981

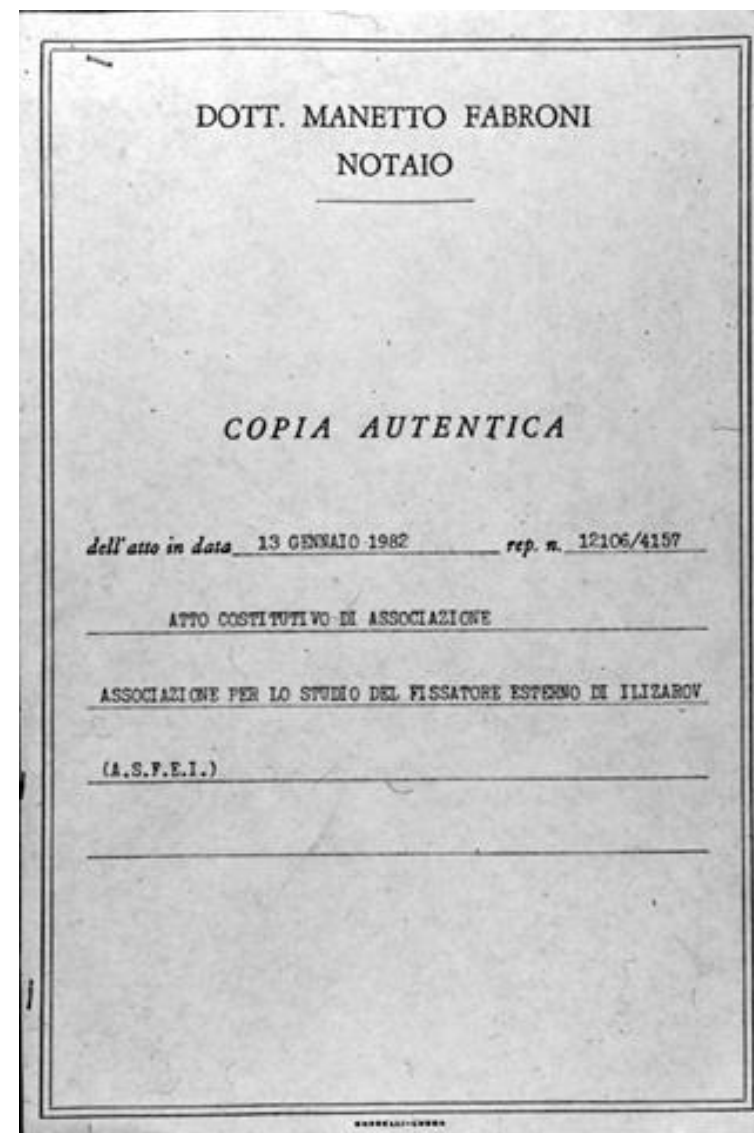


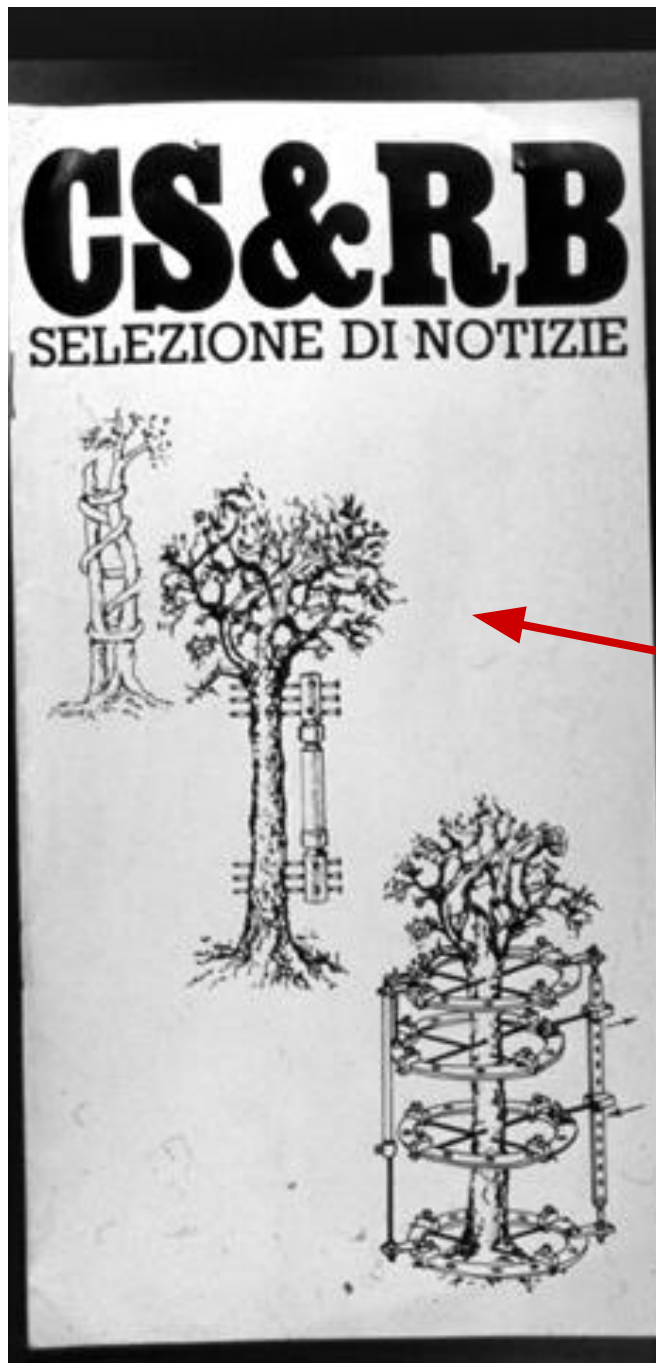


Italians for ASFEI

Founded Jan 13, 1982

Changed a Year Later to:
Association for the
Study and
Application of the
Methods of
Ilizarov





1982 ASFEI Course on Ilizarov Method
Sponsored by a furniture company



1982 Brochure published on Ilizarov method

Dr. Bianchi Maiocchi and son Constantino 1983 – Medicalplastic:

Italian Company reaches distribution arrangement with the Soviets



First Visit to Kurgan October 1986

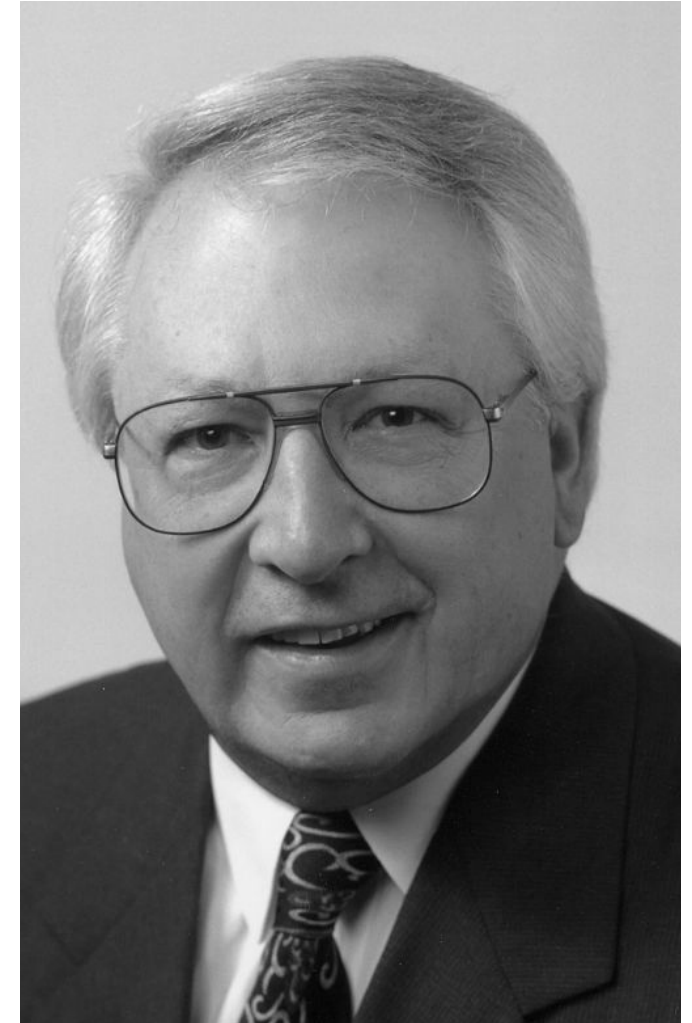


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President Richards Medical

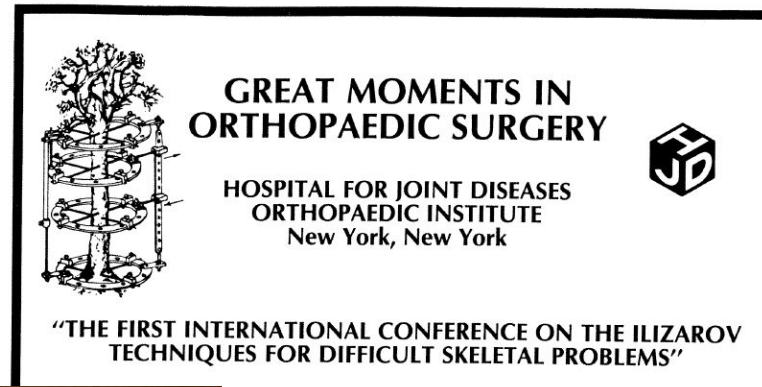
VISIONARY

- Supports my trip to study Ilizarov method 1986
- Imports Ilizarov device from Medical Plastic 1987
- Contract to be exclusive vendor of 'Original Ilizarov Apparatus' in US and abroad
- Commits to Ilizarov training courses since 1987
- Supports ASAMI North America since 1989



First Ilizarov Course USA: Roosevelt Hotel, Nov. 1-3, 1987

Course Chairman: Victor Frankel and Dror Paley



First Ilizarov Course for Americans in Kurgan Sept. 1988



Yom Kippur 1988 in Kurgan:
First Discussions on forming an ASAMI for USA
met with negative reception



First Advanced Deformity Course: Baltimore June 1989 Forerunner of the Baltimore Limb Deformity Course

US – Soviet Interchange



1988:Caviar in Kurgan



1989:Crabs in Baltimore

June 25, 1989: Founding of ASAMI North America
(now called the Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction Society)



ASAMI North America 1st meeting

- 10 papers presented
- Society formed
- I was nominated to be first President
- Could not reach a consensus for 2 hours on the name of the Society
- I argued that we should not use Ilizarov's name in the name of the society
- Many insisted on using Ilizarov's name
- In the end we were able to agree to call it ASAMI North America but with ASAMI not being an acronym

How Did we get the Name LLRS?

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ASAMI NA the Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction Society (LLRS)

2000 Lake Buena Vista, FL Charles T. Price
2001 Berkeley, CA Richard S. Davidson
2002 Las Colinas, TX John J. Gugenheim
2003 Boston, MA James C. Binski
2004 Toronto, Ontario, CANADA John G. Birch
2005 New York, NY William G. Mackenzie
2006 San Diego, CA James. J. Hutson, Jr.
2007 Chicago, IL David W. Lowenberg
2008 Albuquerque, NM George Cierny, III
2009 Louisville, KY Paul T. Freudigman Jr.
2010 New York, NY John K. Sontich
2011 Chicago, IL Doreen DiPasquale
2012 Cincinnati, OH James J. McCarthy
2013 New York, NY S. Robert Rozbruch
2014 Montreal, Quebec, Sanjeev Sabharwal
2015 Miami, FL (ILLRS Congress) Reggie Hamdy

2016 Charleston, SC Joseph R. Hsu
2017 Park City, UT Karl Rathjen
2018 San Francisco, CA Kevin W. Louie
2019 Boston, MA J. Spence Reid
2020 Virtual Austin T. Fragomen
2021 New York, NY Austin T. Fragomen
2022 Portland, OR, Ray Liu



ASAMI International:

Professor Roberto Cattaneo from Lecco,

convened a meeting of all the ASAMI Presidents at the SICOT meeting in Amsterdam in August 1996

He proposed we form an International ASAMI which meets every two years.

I represented ASAMI NA and offered for US to host the first meeting on March 15-16, 1998 in New Orleans prior to AAOS



ASAMI International Comes to New Orleans: Inaugural Meeting

James Aronson from Little Rock, AR is chairman





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Congress of World External Fixation 2006: Lima, Peru

Alfredo Aybar forms a new International External Fixation Society

Up to 400 new members from Latin America

They hold next meeting in 2007 in Egypt

Next Meeting scheduled for Barcelona in 2010

I recommend they join ASAMI International and we combine the two meetings in Barcelona

The Schism: St. Petersburg, Russia, June 2008

At ASAMI International Business Meeting,
I propose that we combine with WCEF and change our meeting from Brazil to Barcelona

Gamal Hosny from Egypt sees an opportunity to steal the meeting and does a coup to get meeting to Egypt
ASAMI International splits in two:



One half goes with WCEF and renames itself ILLRS and does meeting in Barcelona in 2010
Other half does meeting in Egypt in 2010 with Gamal Hosny as president of ASAMI Int.

All political and not rationale reason to do this.

How do we put Humpty Dumpty Together Again

I make it my mission to fix this
I go to the India ASAMI International meeting and meet with all of the people including Gamal Hosny
We decide we have more in common than different, yet I cannot get them to join back together
In 2012 the ILLRS meeting is in Brazil. I am elected president of ILLRS.
I agree to do this only if ILLRS agrees to allow me to make it a Combined Meeting of ILLRS and ASAMI Int

Meeting is held in Miami, FL
LLRS is cosponsor of meeting but will not take on more than \$50,000 risk
I use Paley Foundation to guarantee the \$500,000 risk to do the meeting
Reggie Hamdy is LLRS president and Co-Chairs the meeting



First Combined Meeting of ILLRS and ASAMI International: Nov 2015, MIAMI

1st Combined Meeting is a great scientific and financial success
750 attendees.

WCEF members from Latin America come

ILLRS members come

ASAMI Int members come

Since then ILLRS and ASAMI International have formally agreed to Unite.
WCEF has agreed to join the combined group

Subsequent Combined meetings took place in:

Brisbane, Australia in 2016,

Lisbon, Portugal in 2017,

Liverpool, UK in 2019

Next Combined meeting: Cancun Mexico, October 12-15, 2022.

The following Combined meeting: Beijing, China 2024.