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Box SA. Six guiding principles and objectives of the International Association of Student Surgical Societies.

1. Create a sustainable network that will promote the exchange of ideas and the pooling of resources between member student surgical societies
2. Foster mutually beneficial, and ideally equitable, connections and exchanges between surgical societies across the globe
3. Create a thoughtful global platform for surgical electives
4. Provide support for scholarly student-driven projects (clinical, research, education, advocacy) that may result in better patient care and solutions to global surgical issues
5. Foster a better understanding of local and global issues impacting medical students with an interest in surgical specialties and create a sense of global fellowship
6. Provide assistance to aspiring student surgical societies across the globe

Box SB. How to become an IASSS member

The IASSS would like to extend the offer to existing student surgical societies around the globe to join this international collaborative society, a platform for international surgical communication and sharing. Our website www.iasss.org provides concise information on the process of joining the society. Interested parties can email iassoc@gmail.com where they will receive a standard welcome pack, which also contains a data capture sheet. Once completed, the data capture sheet is then returned and relevant society can then be registered on the website and facebook group, as well as be provided with access to various resources’.

For those interested parties who do not yet have an existing surgical society, information on starting a surgical society, with the ultimate aim of joining the IASSS, can also be accessed through the website.