

## **INTEREST**

The Council of the IAES has endorsed the concept of an outreach program providing support for Endocrine Surgical teaching, operative supervision and equipment provision to developing countries and communities.

This exciting concept is entitled **INTEREST (International Endocrine Surgical Teams)**.

Council will assess applications from individuals, NGO's and Governments requesting such support. The underlying premise of the program will be to provide an ongoing legacy to a community through teaching rather than simply operative intervention.

Members of the IAES may apply for such support or alternatively volunteer and add their names to a database of available endocrine surgeons for such programs.

Funding will be provided by the IAES, dependent upon availability of funds, the quality and number of applications and the quality of the proposed projects. In time it is expected that donations, patient bequests and both government and Medical Industry support will establish a strong financial base for ongoing programs.

It is anticipated the members of the IAES will strongly support INTEREST, with advantages to the IAES of a recognized international entity and to the individual surgeon with the satisfaction of a personal contribution to the world of endocrine surgery.

IAES members are encouraged to develop their own projects or alternatively consider volunteering for other planned ventures.

The Chairman of INTEREST , Rob Parkyn is available to discuss options on [parkyn@chariot.net.au](mailto:parkyn@chariot.net.au) and actively encourages a wide participation from all members of the IAES.