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INTRODUCTION:

DR. PAUL ALAN WETTER IS FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY OF LAPAROENDOSCOPIC SURGEONS (SLS). DR. WETTER IS ALSO CO-FOUNDER AND MANAGING EDITOR OF THE *JOURNAL OF THE SOCIETY OF LAPAROENDOSCOPIC SURGEONS (JSLS)*.

BIO:

Dr. Paul Alan Wetter graduated from The University of Miami School of Medicine in 1975 and is Professor Emeritus of that institution. He is founder of the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons (SLS), now in its 29th year and is currently Chairman of SLS. Professor Wetter is also founder of ORReady, the world initiative to improve surgical outcomes, www.ORReady.org.

As one of the first surgeons to champion advanced laparoscopic surgery, Dr. Wetter brought together multiple surgical specialties to start a new type of medical multi-specialty society, to form SLS, which has become the largest of its kind in the world with over 4,000 active members. He established the AsianAmerican and EuroAmerican MIS Summits, through which he has put high-quality educational and resource materials into the hands of all surgeons and hospitals worldwide.

He is the co-founder and Managing Editor of the Medical Journal, *JSLS, Journal of the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons*, which has had a meteoric rise to the top 100 journals of over 10,000 scientific publications online, and spearheaded the publication of the first of their kind open-access, online medical textbooks, which can be used at the bedside, in the office, library, and OR and have built-in language translation for worldwide utilization.

Dr. Wetter has received honors in many countries for his sharing of ideas about MIS around the world, which influenced the rapid rise of MIS. The driving source for his work is the lofty goal of giving every budding and experienced practitioner in the world an opportunity to contribute and learn.