

Surgical Innovations Group plc (AIM: SUN), a leading creator of innovative medical technology addressing unmet clinical needs in minimally invasive surgery, announces the appointment of two Belgian surgeons Denis Pitot and Jody Valk, to its International Clinical Advisory Board ('ICAB') with immediate effect.

Denis Pitot graduated from Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB). He is a digestive surgeon specialised in bariatric surgery at the CHU of Charleroi, specialising in laparoscopy and Single Incision Laparoscopic Surgery ('SILS'). He is a board member of the BeSOMS (Belgian section of Obesity and Metabolic Surgery) and member of the IFSO (International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity).

Jody Valk graduated from the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands in 1998. He is experienced in thoracic and general surgery and now focuses on upper gastrointestinal and lung surgery. Since October 2006 he has worked at the ZNA Stuivenberg Hospital. The Belgian hospital is part of the ZNA group, which is one of the 10 largest health care providers in Europe. Jody is also a member of BeSOMS, IFSO and the ESTS (European Society of Thoracic Surgeons).

The ICAB complements the well-established UK CAB and gives SI the opportunity to build relationships with the surgeons who are leading medical technology innovations across Europe. Denis and Jody are both experienced surgeons and have been introduced to ICAB after extensive collaboration with SI's Belgian distributor, Duomed.

Graham Bowland, Chief Executive Officer for Surgical Innovations, commented: "SI is delighted to welcome Denis and Jody to the ICAB. Our five ICAB members ensure that the Group are given the most up to date and holistic view of the international market SI operates in, together with the most accurate feedback on the developing MIS products that we design and manufacture globally."