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2009 Annual Meeting Highlights

The 129th ASA Annual Meeting was held at the Hyatt Grand Champions in Indian Wells, California with 398 physicians and 98 spouses and guests in attendance. Thirty-two outstanding papers were presented during two full days of Scientific Sessions.

During the Opening Session, five new Honorary Fellows were introduced: Bernard Launois, M.D., France; Franco Mosca, M.D., Ph.D, Italy; Masatoshi Makuuchi, Japan; Prem Puri, MS, Ireland; and Serafin C. Hilvano, Philippines.

A highlight of Thursday's program was the Presidential Address by Anthony D. Whittemore. Dr. Whittemore also moderated an informative forum discussion during Friday's program, "The Surgeon's Role in Global Health", with forum presenters Atul Gawande, MD, MPH, and Paul Farmer, MD.

In addition, the Medallion for Scientific Achievement was presented to Stanley J. Dudrick, MD, Yale University Medical School. This honor is given by the American Surgical Association on rare occasions and is the highest award that the Association has to bestow.

At the Executive Session, the Flance-Karl Award was given to Dr. Joseph Vacanti of the Massachusetts General Hospital. The Flance-Karl Award is given to recognize outstanding basic science contributions by surgeons who have reached maturity to the degree that they have had an important impact on clinical practice. In addition, update

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2008-09 ASA Council (seated, l to r): Barbara D. Bass, MD, Anthony D. Whittemore, MD, Michael W. Mulholland, MD, Keith D. Lillemoe, MD. (standing, l to r.) Carlos Pellegrini, MD, Thomas R. Russell, MD, Donald D. Trunkey, MD, Courtney M. Townsend, MD, Jay L. Grosfeld, MD.

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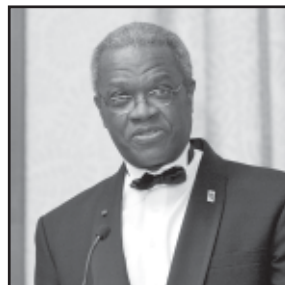
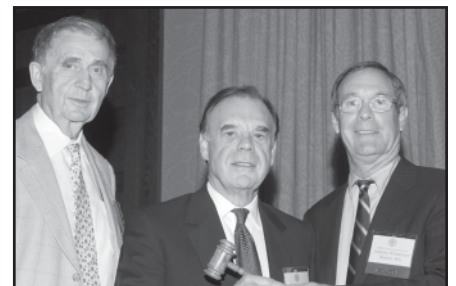
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The Fairmont ♦ Chicago, Illinois

Highlights of the ASA Annual Meeting

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reports were given by the ASAF Fellowship recipients, Michael Englesbe of the University of Michigan and Christopher Wolfgang from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. The Foundation also named three new fellows: Dr. Caprice Greenberg of Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston for her project entitled, "*Institutional Variation in the Surgical Treatment of Early Stage Breast Cancer*", Dr. James Park of the University of Washington for his project entitled, "*Glypican-3 Targeted Nanocarrier-mediated Contrast Magnetic Resonance Imaging Enhances Diagnosis of Indeterminant Hepatocellular Carcinoma Lesions*", and Dr. Jen Jen Yeh of the University of North Carolina for her project entitled, "*Targeting the Ras-Ral GEF-Ral Pathway for Pancreatic Cancer Treatment.*"



ASA COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council of the Association met on Saturday, January 17, 2009 in Boston, Massachusetts, and again on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, here in Indian Wells and via conference call on June 9, 2008. The following are action and informational items from these meetings:

- ♦ The Council agreed to work with the American Board of Surgery and the American College of Surgeons to explore the feasibility of establishing a Patient Safety Organization (PSO).
- ♦ The Council reaffirmed the importance of the timely payment of membership dues and agreed to drop from membership a small group of members who have consistently failed to pay membership dues.
- ♦ The Council agreed, as a matter of policy, that newly elected members would not be considered as an official member of the Association until their initiation fee and first year dues are paid. Payment must be made prior to the time of the Annual Meeting at which they would be introduced to the membership; otherwise they would not be announced.
- ♦ The Council agreed to include time in the Opening Session for eulogies of Past Presidents, David Sabiston and James C. Thompson, as well as Dr. Michael DeBakey.
- ♦ Council agreed to a number of cost-savings measures including the decision to have the Annual Meeting program book available online on the ASA website and then available as a hard copy to those attending the Annual Meeting.
- ♦ Council agreed that Dr. Hiram Polk would remain as the ASA representative to the American Board of Surgery SCORE project.
- ♦ Council agreed to submit a manuscript of the work of the ad hoc Credentialing Committee to JACS for publication consideration.
- ♦ Council approved both a non-retaliation "whistleblower" policy and a record retention and document destruction policy, as well as a conflict of interest disclosure policy for officers and committee chairs participating in the Association's educational and governance activities.
- ♦ Additionally, the Council will further refine its policy on disclosure and conflict of interest regarding the presentation of papers at the Annual Meeting and announce these refinements as part of its Call for Abstracts later this summer.

The Annals of Surgery

The Annals of Surgery is the official publication of the papers presented at the Scientific Sessions of the Annual Meeting of the American Surgical Association. Through a cooperative arrangement with the publisher of the *Annals*, members of the ASA are entitled to a 20% member discount on the annual subscription to the *Annals*.

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\$405 - ASA International Members



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2010 ASA PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

The 2010 ASA Proposal for Membership is now open and must be initiated online, by an ASA member, via the Members Only Area of the ASA Website at www.americansurgical.info, and be fully completed, online, by **March 15, 2010**, in order to be read the following month at the Annual Meeting.

It was not that long ago when American medicine was dominated by white male physicians. Now, women represent approximately 51% of all medical students and 40 – 45% of residents in many surgical training programs, and there is also increasing diversity of resident trainees in race and ethnicity. This in turn will have a positive impact on academic faculties of medicine, and in particular, surgery. **The Council of the American Surgical Association feels strongly that our membership should reflect and support these changes.**

This is an opportune time to do so since the bylaws have been recently changed to increase the number of active members in the Association. We strongly encourage you to seek out members in your department who either are women or belong to other under-represented groups and propose them for membership. We particularly would like to admit to membership those who will be our future leaders in American surgery.

ASA NEW MEMBERS, *elected 2009*

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2010 ACS / ASA HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The American College of Surgeons and the American Surgical Association are offering an annual scholarship to subsidize attendance and participation in the Executive Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts. The course takes place in June. The award is in the amount of \$8,000, to be used toward the cost of tuition, travel, housing, and subsistence during the period of the course.

The deadline for applications for the 2010 award is **February 1, 2010**. Additional information is available on the ASA website www.americansurgical.info and on the ACS website www.facs.org.



... I had not been very active in medical politics or policy matters even at a local level, let alone nationally. Mostly this was borne out of pessimism on my part of the ability of an individual to truly effect change in the system. ...The total immersion in the subject [Health Policy] for an entire week was really very effective and allowed the participants to systematic challenge the conventional wisdom and their own way of thinking. Obviously the challenge moving forward will be to effectively incorporate this experience into effective policy work and/or research efforts.

- David A. Spain, M.D.

2009 ACS/ASA Health Policy Scholar,
Excerpted from his report to the ASA Council

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