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## 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Surgical Association

### Dates and Location

The 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Surgical Association will be held at the The Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, California from April 15-17, 2004. Program Committee Chairman Michael Mulholland, M.D. and his Committee have selected 32 scientific papers for presentation from the record-breaking 178 abstracts submitted for consideration.

The Committee on Arrangements, chaired by Drs. Stephen J. Mathes and Mary H. McGrath, is planning an outstanding social program with ample opportunities to enjoy the "city by the bay" and the surrounding area. **A Preliminary Program is included with this Newsletter, as well as the Special Spouse/Guest Tours insert.**

### Hotel Reservations and Meeting Registration

Hotel Reservation forms are included in this mailing. Make your reservations by completing the hotel reservation form and fax to The Fairmont Hotel: (415) 772-5086. Reservations may also be made by telephoning The Fairmont directly at (800) 866-5577 or (415) 772-5000. Please be sure to identify yourself as an ASA meeting participant. The deadline for hotel reservations at The Fairmont is March 14, 2004. Please make your reservations promptly to assure appropriate accommodations.

### Registration

This year's registration fee of \$350 for Fellows and Guest Physicians includes the cost of the Annual Banquet (black tie preferred), plus all continental breakfasts and beverage breaks. An early bird discount registration fee of \$300 is available to those who register by the pre-registration deadline of March 15, 2004, after which one may register for \$350.

Pre-registration information and forms are included with this mailing. Pre-Registered Fellows may pick up their name badges and Banquet tickets at the Registration Desk at The Fairmont Hotel beginning Wednesday afternoon, April 14, 2004.

Spouses (Guests) of Fellows will also be required to submit a registration fee which represents the cost of the Annual Banquet. Physician guests of Fellows and their spouses may attend the Annual Banquet and will be required to submit the appropriate registration fee.

### Annual Meeting Attendance Requirement

**Fellows are reminded that they are required by the ASA Bylaws to attend ASA annual meetings.** The bylaws state: *Section 11. Fellowship shall be terminated in the event that an Active Fellow is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings without submitting adequate excuse to the Secretary, in writing.*

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124<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
MEETING

THE FAIRMONT HOTEL  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA  
APRIL 15-17, 2004

## Guests at the Annual Meeting

Each Fellow may invite one or more guest physicians to attend the Annual Meeting, including the Annual Banquet. Please remember that your guest must register as a participant at the meeting and must submit a registration fee. If you wish to take advantage of this privilege, please send your guest's full name and address by March 1, 2004, to: Carlos A. Pellegrini, M.D., Secretary, American Surgical Association, 900 Cummings Center, Suite 221-U, Beverly, MA 01915 / Fax: (978) 524-8890.

An invitation will be forwarded accompanied by the appropriate registration information. Residents are welcome when a Fellow extends their guest privilege.

## About The Fairmont

World-renowned, **The Fairmont Hotel** presents an awe-inspiring picture of historic San Francisco. The grandeur of the fully-restored hotel coupled with its reputation for impeccable service promises a truly memorable experience. The recently completed \$85 million restoration project is highlighted by the re-emergence of the Main Lobby as a grand public space. Each of the hotel's spacious guestrooms and suites were also redecorated in elegant style.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

**April 14-16, 2005**

*The Breakers, Palm Beach, Florida*

**April 20-22, 2006**

*Westin Copley Place, Boston, Massachusetts*

**April 26-28, 2007**

*The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colorado*

## American Surgical Association Foundation

The ASA Foundation is currently funding three Fellows:

**Christopher R. Mantyh, M.D.** (2002-2004)

Duke University Medical School

*"Neurogenic Mechanisms of Chronic Colitis"*

**James C.Y. Dunn, M.D.** (2003-2005)

UCLA School of Medicine

*"Intestinal Tissue Engineering for the Treatment of Short Bowel Syndrome"*

**Daniel A. Saltzman, M.D.** (2003-2005)

University of Minnesota

*"Mechanisms of Tumor Prevention for Attenuated Salmonella"*

Two additional awards will commence in July, 2004:

**John F. Renz, M.D., Ph.D.** (2004-2006)

Center for Liver Disease and Transplantation

New York Presbyterian Hospital

*"The Effect of Heat Shock Protein Expression Upon the Immunogenicity of Human Hepatocellular Carcinoma"*

**Shahab A. Akhter, M.D.** (2004-2006)

University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

*"The Role of the Beta-Adrenergic Receptor Kinase in the Development of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy"*

Applications for the American Surgical Association Foundation Fellowship commencing July 1, 2005, are available from Carlos A. Pellegrini, M.D., Secretary, ASA Foundation Administrative Offices, 900 Cummings Center, Suite 221-U, Beverly, MA 01915.

The Fellowship Award consists of a research grant in the amount of \$40,000 for the first year and is renewable for a second year. Members are encouraged to nominate entry level faculty with research skills for this Fellowship Award. Applications should be completed with all appropriate documentation and received by the Foundation by August 8, 2004. All applications will be reviewed and interviews with applicants will be conducted during the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress in New Orleans in October, 2004.

## ASA MEMBERSHIP

*The vitality and continuity of the American Surgical Association is dependent upon the active and continuous participation of women and young members of the surgical community with a diversity of backgrounds. In an effort to increase the involvement of young leaders from a variety of surgical specialties, we encourage you to propose your colleagues for ASA Membership.*

*Information on how to propose a candidate for ASA membership is noted below.*

### Candidates for Membership

The name of a candidate proposed for membership may be read at the April 16, 2004 Annual Meeting only if the application is complete in every detail and has been received by the Secretary by March 17, 2004.

Proposal for Membership forms may be obtained from Carlos A. Pellegrini, M.D., Secretary, through the Administrative Office in Beverly, MA. The requirements are:

1. Applications shall be completed and signed by three Fellows.
2. Supporting letters from each of the three Fellows shall accompany the application.
3. One copy of a complete curriculum vitae in required format to include a bibliography in Index Medicus form.
4. Reprints of each of the three most outstanding contributions to surgery (listed on the application form) shall be included with the application.