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125th Annual Meeting of the American Surgical Association

Dates and Location

The 125th Annual Meeting of the American Surgical Association will be held at The Breakers in Palm Beach, Florida from April 14-16, 2005. The Committee on Arrangements, chaired by Dr. Richard Karl, has provided many and varied opportunities to enjoy this elegant resort and the beautiful Palm Beach area.

Annual Meeting Program

The Program Committee, chaired by Dr. Richard Gamelli, has finalized the program and has selected an outstanding group of abstracts for presentation. Please see the Preliminary Program included with this mailing for information and visit the ASA website at www.americansurgical.info for changes and additions.

Meeting Registration

Pre-Registration information is available in the Preliminary Program included with mailing and is available on the ASA Website: www.americansurgical.info.

For Fellow and Guest Physicians, an early bird discount registration fee of \$350 is available to those who register by the early-bird deadline of March 1, 2005. As of March 2, 2005, the regular registration fee of \$400 will be in effect. The registration fee for Fellows and Guest Physicians includes the cost of the Annual Banquet (black tie preferred).

Hotel Reservations

Hotel Registration forms are available in the Preliminary Program included with mailing and are available on the ASA Website: www.americansurgical.info.

We encourage you to make your hotel reservations now by completing the form and faxing it back to the hotel (561) 655-3577. For best availability, we strongly recommend that you make your reservations before the end of February. **The ASA deadline is March 15, 2005.** This world-class, five-star resort is very popular throughout the year and particularly in the winter and spring.

Annual Meeting Attendance Requirement

Fellows are reminded that they are required by the ASA Bylaws to attend ASA annual meetings. The bylaws state: *Article III, 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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125th Annual Meeting

American Surgical Association

April 14-16, 2005

The Breakers ♦ Palm Beach ♦ Florida

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 to:

Michael W. Mulholland, 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.

New Fellows

If you are a newly elected Fellow of the ASA, you will receive an invitation to attend a special reception hosted by the President. You should also know the membership has a tradition of self-assigned table seating for the annual banquet dinner on Friday evening. New this year, special tables will be designated for new fellows, hosted by the Association leadership. Consider this opportunity to get acquainted with "your class" and the current officers and committee chairs.

Changes to the Discussion of Papers

The following changes, effective at the 2004 Annual Meeting, will continue in 2005:

1. Each paper will have one official invited discussant, identified by the presenting author.
2. The discussant shall identify him/herself to the Recorder or Secretary at the head table in advance of the paper presentation.
3. The discussant will be limited to 3 minutes. **No** slides are allowed.
4. All other discussion will be entertained from the floor and will be limited to two minutes per discussant.

About The Breakers

The Breakers is a luminous classic in the world of resorts, one that could not be replicated today. Over \$225 million has been invested in its ongoing revitalization and expansion. Its timeless atmosphere has been renewed with an exquisite yet relaxed style, a residential elegance that has been energized with a youthful, family-minded philosophy. It is Palm Beach's palace on the sea. Amenities include:

- 560 newly renovated guest rooms, including 57 suites
- 36 holes of championship golf, featuring the Ocean Course and the new Rees Jones designed course at Breakers West
- 10 lighted Har-Tru tennis courts with resident Pro• Luxurious oceanfront spa and waterfront Jacuzzi
- Four heated, oceanfront pools, including an adult-only lap pool and children's pool
- Fitness centers, beauty salons, and shopping boutiques
- Family Entertainment Center
- Scuba diving, deep-sea fishing, and other water sports
- Dining and Entertainment options include **L'Escalier** - the Breakers flagship restaurant featuring modern French cuisine, rated one of South Florida's finest dining experiences; **The Circle** - an elegant dining room with intricate hand-painted ceilings complimented by splendid ocean views; **The Italian Restaurant** - for casual, home-style family Italian fare; and **The Tapestry Bar** - an elegant residential setting highlighted by a grand vintage mahogany bar.



Palm Beach County is a vacationer's paradise. The city welcomes you with nearly perfect temperatures and offers a host of tourist attractions from museums to spectator sports to shopping.

Browse the designer boutiques on world-famous Worth Avenue or spend a leisurely afternoon shopping at CityPlace. Tour the Henry Flagler Museum, view an exhibit at the Norton Museum of Art, or surround yourself with nature's beauty at the International Orchid Center. Take in a performance at the Kravis Center for Performing Arts or marvel at a festival of fireworks. Thrill to the excitement of a polo match or watch world-class equestrian events. Families will especially enjoy the Palm Beach Zoo, the South Florida Science Museum, Aquarium and Planetarium.



ASA Foundation Needs Your Support

The American Surgical Association has fostered advancement in surgical science for 125 years. Over the past two decades we have witnessed extraordinary advances in surgery, advancements that have transformed surgery and greatly enhanced the treatment and recovery of our patients. Research and education programs are paramount to maintaining and even accelerating these advances in the years ahead.

Over twenty years ago the ASA established the American Surgical Association Foundation to serve as the ASA's fund raising arm and, more importantly, insure that our research award programs would have the financial wherewithal to support new and exciting initiatives that would lead to further advancements. Thanks to the generous support of the ASA members, the Foundation has built an impressive record of accomplishment and has accelerated its levels of research since its founding.

Since 1982, the Foundation has awarded 19 Research Fellowships to truly gifted, remarkable surgeon-scientists. Many of these recipients have been elected to ASA membership. All have received peer-reviewed funding. Their academic and professional accomplishments have been impressive. Our return on investment in these surgeon-scientists has been significant.

We need to insure that the ASA will continue to make these types of wise investments in the future of surgery and in better care for our patients. The Foundation Board of Directors asks you to consider two ways in which you can play an important role in the future of surgery. First, support the Foundation through a donation to the Annual Campaign. Make a donation to the ASA Foundation now.

Second, consider a planned gift to the ASA Foundation, if not now then in the future. A wide variety of planned giving opportunities exist that will allow you to make a very substantial donation to the ASA Foundation with little or no impact on your disposable income. For information on planned giving, or to make an immediate gift to the Foundation, contact Joe Webber (joe@prri.com), Director of Development, at the Foundation offices.

FUTURE MEETINGS of the ASA

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

CURRENT FELLOWS

Shahab A. Akhter, M.D.

University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
*"The Role of the Beta-Adrenergic Receptor Kinase in
the Development of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy"*

John F. Renz, M.D.

New York Presbyterian Hospital Center for Liver
Disease and Transplantation
*"The Effect of Heat Shock Protein Expression Upon the
Immunogenicity of Human Hepatocellular Carcinoma"*

NEW FELLOWS

(commencing July 1, 2005)

Nita Ahuja, M.D.

Johns Hopkins University
*"Methylation Profiles in Colorectal Cancer-Utility
in Prognosis and Diagnosis"*

Christopher K. Breuer, M.D.

Yale University School of Medicine
*"Investigating the Growth Potential of Tissue
Engineered Venous Conduits in a Juvenile Lamb Model"*

Fellowship Award Applications

The ASA Fellowship commences on July 1st. During its first year the Fellowship Award is \$75,000 per year. Funding for the Fellowship for a second year is subject to review by the Foundation Trustees and is an additional \$75,000.

Applications for the ASA Foundation Fellowship (supported by the American Surgical Association and Lippincott Williams & Wilkins Publishers), commencing July 1, 2006, are available from the Secretary, Michael W. Mulholland, M.D. at the Foundation's administrative offices. Applications should be completed with all appropriate documentation and received by **August 15, 2005**.

SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

E-mail 

In order to better communicate with each ASA member and to make access to the ASA web site more efficient, we would like to obtain your email address.

Please send your name and e-mail address to:

barbara@prri.com

MEMBERSHIP in the American Surgical Association

The vitality and continuity of the American Surgical Association is dependent upon the active and continuous participation of 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 15, 2005 Annual Meeting only if the application is complete in every detail and has been received by the Secretary by March 15, 2005.

Proposal for Membership forms may be obtained from Michael W. Mulholland, M.D., Secretary, through the Administrative Office in Beverly, Massachusetts or downloaded from the ASA website: www.americansurgical.info. 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.

Visit the ASA Website!



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*The oldest surgical association in the United States
Established in 1880*

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The American Surgical Association invites you to visit the Website. Members may use the website as a significant resource for Association information, including:

- ◆ 125th Annual Meeting Program
- ◆ On-Line Registration Information
- ◆ Latest News from the Association and the ASA Foundation
- ◆ Foundation Giving Opportunities
- ◆ Award Information, Applications & Recipients