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126th Annual Meeting of the American Surgical Association

Dates and Location

The 126th Annual Meeting of the American Surgical Association will be held at the Westin Copley Place in Boston, Massachusetts from April 20-22, 2006. The Committee on Arrangements, chaired by Dr. Stanley W. Ashley, will provide ample opportunities to enjoy this elegant hotel and this historic city.

Annual Meeting Program

The Program Committee, chaired by Dr. Richard P. Cambria, will meet in January to review the submitted abstracts and to select the scientific program for the 126th Annual Meeting. Preliminary Program information will be mailed in early 2006 and will be available on the ASA Website: www.americansurgical.info.

Meeting Registration

You may register for the meeting on the ASA Website: www.americansurgical.info. For Fellow and Guest Physicians, an early bird discount registration fee is available to those who register by the early bird deadline of February 28, 2006. The early bird fee for Fellows is \$400 and for Guest Physicians is \$450. All fees increase by \$50 on March 1, 2006, so we urge you to register now. The registration fee for Fellows and Guest Physicians includes the cost of the Annual Banquet (black tie preferred).

Hotel Reservations

Hotel Registration forms will be mailed in February, 2006 or make your reservations directly from the ASA Website: www.americansurgical.info. We encourage you to make your hotel reservations now. For best availability, we strongly recommend that you make your reservations before the end of February.

The ASA deadline is March 21, 2006.

Receive Updated Information

Send us your email address to ensure that you receive meeting updates and program information as soon details are available. Send your name and email address to asa@prri.com.



ABSTRACT DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 30, 2005

2006 Annual Meeting Program Highlight

FORUM DISCUSSION: Friday, April 21, 2006

Moderator: Carlos A. Pellegrini, MD

“Nature and Inevitability of Human Error”

Sir Alfred Cuschieri, MD

Scuola Superiore S’Anna di Studi Universitari, Pisa, Italy

“When Good Docs Go Bad: A Systems Problem”

Lucian L. Leape, MD

Harvard School of Public Health, Boston

“Building Safer Surgical Systems”

Lawrence W. Way, MD

University of California, San Francisco

“ACS Perspective”

Thomas R. Russell, MD

American College of Surgeons, Chicago

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 January 3, 2006, to:

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

The Discussion of Papers

Fellows are reminded of the following guidelines regarding discussion of papers during the meeting:

1. Each paper will have one official discussant, identified by the presenting author.
2. The discussant, as provided by the Program Chair, will be listed in the program book as the sole invited discussant.
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.

2007 ANNUAL MEETING

April 26-28, 2007
The Broadmoor
Colorado Springs, Colorado

The Westin Copley Place

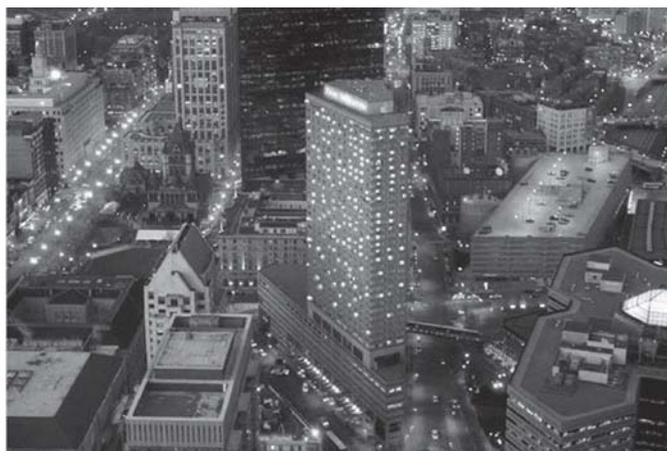
in the heart of historic Boston



Famous for everything from the Red Sox and Paul Revere to Cheers and the “Big Dig”, Boston is a great city to visit. Surrounded by history and current culture, the city truly offers some-

thing for everyone – the Freedom Trail, Boston Common and Public Garden, the Charles River and Esplanade, the gold-domed State House, Faneuil Hall, the USS Constitution “Old Ironsides”, Fenway Park, world-class museums, a thriving theater district, a renowned aquarium, children’s museum and science museum, and great local neighborhoods like the North End, Beacon Hill and the Back Bay.

Close to it all is the Westin Copley Place, an idyllic urban retreat for travelers, set in the center of one of Boston’s finest neighborhoods, Back Bay. The hotel features amenities such as Westin WORKOUT® Powered by Reebok Gym, running and walking maps, an indoor heated pool, Spa Facility/Services and high speed Internet access in every room, as well as skywalk access to more than 100 shops at Copley Place and the Prudential Center. Copley Place is Boston’s most distinctive shopping destination with 100 fabulous stores including Tiffany & Co., A|X Armani Exchange, Gucci, Louis Vuitton, BOSS Hugo Boss, Christian Dior, Williams-Sonoma, the only Neiman Marcus in New England and coming in the spring of 2006 Barneys New York. The Shops at Prudential include over 75 shops and dining options such as Lacoste, Legal Sea Foods, Saks Fifth Avenue and Sephora. Right at the Westin, guests can sample current, native seafood specialties and award-winning clam chowder at Turner Fisheries or dine on prime aged beef, jumbo lobsters at Palm Restaurant. Westin guests can also enjoy breakfast at The Huntington and choose from a creative selection of appetizers and entrees and an eclectic wine list at Bar 10, voted “Best Hotel Bar” by *Boston Magazine*.



ASA MEMBERSHIP

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 21, 2006 Annual Meeting only if the application is complete in every detail and has been received by the Secretary by March 17, 2006.

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



The Annals of Surgery

ASA members are entitled to a 20% discount on a subscription to the *Annals of Surgery*, published by Lippincott Williams and Wilkins. The *Annals* continues to enjoy the preeminent status of ranking first in the field of 141 surgery journals worldwide, with the most recent impact factor (as published by the science citation index) of 6.073.

Visit the ASA Website!



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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:

- ◆ **126th Annual Meeting Program and Registration Information**
 - ◆ **Electronic Abstract Submission**
 - ◆ **Latest News from the Association and the ASA Foundation**
 - ◆ **Foundation Giving Opportunities**
 - ◆ **Award Information, Applications & Recipients**
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ASA Foundation Needs Your Support

The American Surgical Association has fostered advancement in surgical procedures 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 25 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 Trustees 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 (jwebber@prri.com), Director of Development, at the Foundation offices.

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