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128th Annual Meeting of the American Surgical Association

Dates and Location

The 128th Annual Meeting of the American Surgical Association will be held at The Waldorf=Astoria in New York City, New York from April 24-26, 2008. New York is an exciting venue for the Annual Meeting and the Concierge staff of the Waldorf will be fully prepared to accommodate the needs of ASA attendees.

Annual Meeting Program

The Program Committee, chaired by Dr. John P. Roberts, will meet in January to review the submitted abstracts and to select the scientific program for the 128th Annual Meeting. Preliminary Program information will be mailed in early 2008 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 March 7, 2008. The early bird fee for Fellows is \$450 and for Guest Physicians is \$500. All fees increase by \$50 on March 8, 2008, 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 reservations can be made directly from the ASA Website: www.americansurgical.info or by calling the Waldorf=Astoria at (877) 476-8792. If you call the hotel directly, please be sure to identify yourself as an ASA member to ensure you receive the group rate. We encourage you to make your hotel reservations early.

The ASA reservation deadline is April 1, 2008.

Receive Updated Information

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



ABSTRACT DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 30, 2007

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 of 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, 2007, 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.

You may also use the "Invite a Colleague" option available on the ASA website: www.americansurgical.info.

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 will be limited to 3 minutes. No slides are allowed.
3. All other discussion will be entertained from the floor and will be limited to two minutes per discussant.

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 2008 Annual Meeting only if the application is complete in every detail and has been received by the Secretary by March 15, 2008.

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 Waldorf=Astoria...

...in the heart of Manhattan



The Waldorf=Astoria was one of the first "grand hotels" to combine luxurious elegance with a myriad of services and amenities. The Art Deco landmark welcomes out of town visitors and New Yorkers alike, and has been world renowned for over a century.

Much of the hotel's splendor appears in its grand event venues, but some of its treasures are on view to the public. In 1929, Waldorf architects Shultze & Weaver commissioned French Artist Louis Rigal to design and execute numerous elements within the hotel. Among these are the massive, carved-stone bas reliefs adorned with gilt figures, as well as the murals and the 150,000 piece Wheel of Life mosaic, at the Park Avenue Entrance and Lobby and the stylized, cast nickel-plate female figures throughout the hotel.

In the Main Lobby, above the 1893 lobby clock, look for the silver-gilt Art Deco maiden. The decorative motifs on the ceiling evoke a more elegant era, and gilded ornamentation is all around, even in unexpected places.

Midtown was coming into its own as a business district in the 1920s, at the height of the Art Deco period, and many of the era's structural



masterpieces remain today. In addition to The Waldorf-Astoria, there are nearly 20 significant Art Deco buildings in midtown with striking architecture and design. A walking tour from the hotel includes St. Bartholomew's Church (1918); Rockefeller Center (1931-55); the dramatic, black and gold American Radiator Building (1923-24); Grand Central Terminal (a 1913 Beaux-Arts gem); and the Chrysler Building and lobby (1928-30).

As you approach the hotel, take a moment to explore the window displays that flank the hotel entrance. These fascinating vignettes detail the hotel's magnificent architectural features, such as the priceless murals and mosaic, the hotel's landmark history, from its original incarnation in 1893 to the construction of the current hotel, its rich culinary heritage and its storied suites.

For many visitors, the hotel is a luxurious launching point from which to explore the city. For Manhattanites, it is a destination, with services and venues that have long made it a popular retreat. During your visit, we invite you to "think like a New Yorker" and enjoy the hotel's many delights.





2008 SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS/AMERICAN SURGICAL ASSOCIATION

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. The course takes place June 23–28, 2008. 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.

General policies covering the granting of the scholarship are:

- ♦ The award is open to surgeons who are members in good standing of both the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American Surgical Association (ASA). Applicants must be at least 30 years old, but under 55, on the date that the completed application is filed.
- ♦ The award is to be used to support the recipient during the period of the scholarship. Indirect costs are not paid to the recipient or to the recipient's institution.
- ♦ Applications for this scholarship consist of the following items:
 - ♦ One copy of the applicant's current curriculum vitae
 - ♦ One copy of a one-page essay, discussing why the applicant wishes to receive the scholarship
- ♦ Application for this award may be submitted even if comparable application to other organizations has been made. If the recipient accepts a similar scholarship from another agency or organization, the scholarship will be withdrawn. It is the responsibility of the recipient to notify the Scholarships Section of ACS, which administers this award, of competing awards.
- ♦ The scholarship must be used in the year for which it is designated. It cannot be postponed.
- ♦ The Scholar is required to provide one year's health policy-related assistance to the ACS and the ASA, attending meetings, reviewing applications, participating as a pro tem member of the health policy committee, etc., as requested by either organization.
- ♦ A brief report of the Scholar's experiences and activities is due at the conclusion of the course and of the scholarship period. A simple accounting is also required.

The closing date for receipt of applications is February 1, 2008. An awardee will be selected by a committee consisting of members of ACS and ASA. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection process by March 31, 2008.

Questions may be directed to the ACS Scholarships Administrator at 312/202-5281. Requirements for the ACS/ASA scholarship are also posted on the ACS Web site at www.facs.org and the ASA Web site at www.americansurgical.info

Please send applications for this scholarship to: SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION, American College of Surgeons, 633 N. Saint Clair St., Chicago, IL 60611-3211



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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:

- ♦ **128th 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**

ASA Foundation Needs Your Support

The American Surgical Association has fostered advancement in surgical procedures for over 125 years. 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 31 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.

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 the Foundation offices (978) 927-8330.

ASAF AWARD RECIPIENTS 2008-2010

Andrew M. Cameron, Ph.D., M.D.

Johns Hopkins University
School of Medicine
*"Prevention of Recurrent Hepatitis
C After Liver Transplantation
Using RNA Interface"*

Rebecca A. Gladdy, Ph.D., M.D.

Memorial Sloan-Kettering
Cancer Center
*"Genetic Mechanisms of
Sarcomagenesis"*

Jennifer F. Tseng, M.D.

University of Massachusetts
Medical School
*"Neoadjuvant Strategies for
Pancreatic Cancer: A Decision"*



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