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# NEWSLETTER

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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 Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, California from April 15-17, 2004. The Committee on Arrangements, co-chaired by Drs. Stephen J. Mathes and Mary H. McGrath, is planning an outstanding social program with ample opportunities to enjoy the San Francisco area.

### 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 1, 2004, 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.

## Call for Abstracts

### ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS ONLY

Abstracts for the 2004 Annual Meeting will only be accepted via electronic submission. Please visit the ASA Website: [www.americansurgical.info](http://www.americansurgical.info) to link to the abstract submitter. Please follow the on-line instructions provided.

**ABSTRACT DEADLINE: December 1, 2003**

## Annual Meeting Program

The Program Committee, chaired by Dr. Michael Mulholland, will meet on January 16, 2004 in Charlottesville, Virginia to review the submitted abstracts and to select the scientific program for the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Preliminary Program information will be mailed in early 2004 and will be available on the ASA Website: [www.americansurgical.info](http://www.americansurgical.info).

## Hotel Reservations and Meeting Registration

Pre-Registration information and Hotel Registration forms will be mailed to you in February, 2004 and will be available on the ASA Website: [www.americansurgical.info](http://www.americansurgical.info).

This year's registration fee of \$350 for Fellows and Guest Physicians includes the cost of the Annual Banquet (black tie preferred). An early bird discount registration fee of \$300 is available to those who register by the pre-registration deadline of March 12, 2004, after which you may register on-site for \$350.

We encourage you to make your hotel reservations now by contacting the hotel directly at (415) 772-5000. Mention that you are attending the ASA meeting to obtain the meeting rate.

## Changes to the Discussion of Papers

The following changes will be effective at the 2004 Annual Meeting:

1. Each paper will have one official discussant, identified by the presenting author.
2. The discussant 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.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

**April 15-17, 2004**

*The Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, California*

**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*

## About The Fairmont Hotel

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.

Central to the Financial District, Union Square and Fisherman's Wharf, the Fairmont Hotel is located at the only spot in San Francisco where each of the City's cable car lines meet. With a panoramic view of the City and the Bay from high atop Nob Hill, The Fairmont San Francisco holds an unmatched blend of elegance and superb service for an unforgettable stay.



Surrounded by the tranquil waters of the Bay, the city of San Francisco sits amid the peaks and valleys of dozens of picturesque hills. With an endless number of landmarks punctuating the horizon, including Coit Tower and the Golden Gate Bridge, it's easy to navigate the city's many interesting neighborhoods. San Francisco's vibrant cultural heritage, combined with its incredible architecture and stunning views, make it one of the most popular cities to visit in the World.

### Nearby Sites include:

- ♦ **San Francisco Zoo**, located just 7 miles from The Fairmont San Francisco.
- ♦ **Alcatraz Island** is one of San Francisco's most popular attraction. Take a step back in time and visit its infamous prison. Experience life as an inmate during the self guided tour.
- ♦ **Chinatown**, located within two blocks of The Fairmont San Francisco, is home to the largest Chinese community outside of China. This area is filled with exotic shops, restaurants, produce markets, herbalists and temples in its 24 square blocks of teeming activity in the midst of downtown.
- ♦ **Fisherman's Wharf**, located just a short cable car ride from The Fairmont San Francisco, is the most popular tourist destination in the City. Fisherman's Wharf is still a working fishing pier, bringing in thousands of tons of fresh fish and crabs annually. Enjoy the shops, restaurants and bay cruises.
- ♦ **Alamo Square**, where you can visit the famous Victorian homes known as the 'painted ladies.' These fabulous residences are easily recognizable from the many appearances on television and in movies.

## 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 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@pri.com), Director of Development, at the Foundation offices.

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### 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, 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, Massachusetts. 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.

### SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

**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@pri.com**

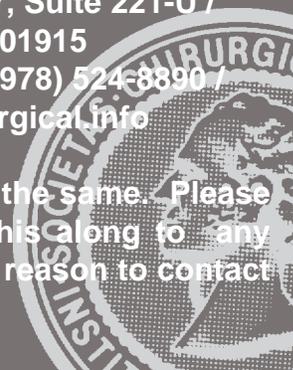


### The ASA Administrative Office Has Moved!

**Our new contact information:**

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**E-mail addresses remain the same. Please make a note and pass this along to any personnel who may have reason to contact the office.**



Visit the NEW ASA Website!



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*The oldest surgical association in the United States*

*Established in 1880*

**[www.americansurgical.info](http://www.americansurgical.info)**

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

- ◆ **24th 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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