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# NEWSLETTER

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## 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Surgical Association

The 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting was held on April 24 - 26, 2003 at The JW Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC, with more than 620 physicians and spouses in attendance. Thirty-two papers were presented during the Scientific Sessions and Dr. James Schulak and the Program Committee are to be congratulated for selecting an excellent scientific program for the meeting. The Association also appreciates the efforts of Dr. and Mrs. LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr. as Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for presenting an outstanding and entertaining spouse/guest program.

Highlights of the program included the introduction of three new Honorary Fellows: Dr. Juan Acosta, National University of Rosario, Argentina; Dr. Mehmet Haberal, Turkey; and Professor Russell Walker Strong, Brisbane, Australia.

It was with great pleasure that the American Surgical Association awarded the Medallion for Scientific Achievement to Dr. Clyde F. Barker. In introducing Dr. Barker, Dr. Basil Pruitt, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reviewed Dr. Barker's prestigious career and summarized, "His scientific achievements have been widely recognized by Visiting Professorships in more than 80 University Medical Centers here and abroad, his appointments to the editorial boards of 13 scientific journals, and his membership on the NIH Immunobiology Study Section. He has been further honored by membership in the Institute of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society, and his appearance as cover boy on Science.

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### **CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET ENCLOSED**



The **Candidates for Membership** booklet enclosed lists the names of those to be considered at the next meeting of the Advisory Membership Committee. From these candidates a ballot for election will be developed to be presented to the membership at the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association. Members are urged to send letters of support for any of these candidates, **no later than September 1, 2003 to:** Carlos A. Pellegrini, M.D., Secretary, American Surgical Association, 900 Cummings Center, Suite 221-U, Beverly, MA 01915 / (978) 927-8330/Fax: (978) 524-8890/E-Mail: [asa@pri.com](mailto:asa@pri.com)

**Members are encouraged to propose candidates to be considered for membership in ASA. The ASA Council is committed to increasing representative membership by surgical subspecialties and minorities. Proposal for Membership Forms may be obtained from the ASA Offices, 900 Cummings Center, Suite 221-U, Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 927-8330 / Fax: (978) 524-8890 / E-Mail: [asa@pri.com](mailto:asa@pri.com).**

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## Highlights from the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting *(continued from page one)*

In accepting the award, Dr. Barker recognized his mentors and the work of those that came before him. "I am honored to accept this Medallion, not for myself but as a representative of the great school of transplantation science founded 50 years ago by Peter Medawar and Rupert Billingham, the teachings and precepts of which I have been privileged to transmit to another generation of surgeon scientists, and which, I am proud to say, are being now transmitted to three and four generations of younger transplantation biologists with whom I have been privileged to work."

Dr. Murray F. Brennan gave an outstanding Presidential Address. In introducing Dr. Brennan, Arthur Donovan, M.D. recognized the accomplishments of Dr. Brennan and his contributions to his colleagues. "A self-perpetuating legacy of Murray Brennan's career is the cohort of surgeons with whose education in surgical oncology he has been involved. These men and women are now distributed throughout the country and abroad where they are exerting a profound influence in surgical oncology and on the highest quality of care for the surgical patient."

The program also included a stimulating Forum on "Organ and Tissue Replacement." Moderated by Dr. Brennan, the Forum included panelists Drs. Joseph Vacanti and David Sachs from Massachusetts General Hospital, and Dr. Stuart J. Youngner from the Center for Biomedical Ethics at the Cleveland Clinic.

A final highlight included the presentation of the Flance-Karl Award to Stephen F. Lowry, M.D. In accepting the award, Dr. Lowry acknowledged his mentors and colleagues. "Science now, more than ever before, is a team sport, just like surgery. Just as often as not, the great ideas come from the bottom up or from the side rather than from the top. In this regard, I have been very privileged and blessed to have worked with some of the brightest young minds and surgeon scientists in this country," said Dr. Lowry.

Program evaluations of the 2003 Annual Meeting have been completed and in its review of the overall evaluations, the Council voted at its June 19, 2003 teleconference meeting, to adopt refinements to the discussion periods. Please see the **ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE** below for a complete description of the modifications.

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### NECROLOGY

- Benton R. Adkins, M.D.,** *Tennessee*  
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### ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

#### **CHANGES TO THE DISCUSSION OF PAPERS**

Based on many requests received by members on the annual meeting evaluation forms, the ASA Council has refined the discussion of papers presented during the annual meeting. 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.

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### FUTURE ASA MEETINGS

**April 15-17, 2004**  
*The Fairmont, 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*

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# The American Surgical Association Foundation

## Fellowship Award Applications

The ASA Fellowship commences on July 1<sup>st</sup>. During its first year the Fellowship Award is \$40,000 per year. Funding for the Fellowship for a second year is subject to review by the Foundation Trustees and is an additional \$40,000.

Applications for the ASA Foundation Fellowship (supported by the American Surgical Association and Lippincott Williams & Wilkins Publishers), commencing July 1, 2005, are available from the Secretary, Carlos A. Pellegrini, M.D. at the Foundation's administrative offices. Applications should be completed with all appropriate documentation and received by **August 15, 2003**.

All applications will be reviewed, and interviews with applicants conducted during the American College of Surgeons' Clinical Congress in October, 2003.

## Your Opportunity to Make A Difference

*The assets of the Foundation have grown primarily through the generous individual contributions from ASA Fellows. These contributions, combined with monies from Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, have enabled the Foundation to fund outstanding research projects and support exceptional young academic surgeons.*

*Please consider a contribution, gift, legacy or endowment to the ASA Foundation. Please contact the Foundation's Administrative Office to obtain a Support Form.*

## CURRENT FELLOWS

### Herbert Chen, M.D.

University of Wisconsin Medical School  
*"Gastrointestinal Neuroendocrine Tumors:  
A Possible Therapeutic Role for the  
Ras/Raf-1 Signal Transduction Pathway"*

### Christopher R. Mantyh, M.D.

Duke University Medical Center  
*"Neurogenic Mechanisms of Chronic Colitis"*

## NEW FELLOWS (commencing July 1, 2003)

### James C. Y. Dunn, M.D.

UCLA School of Medicine  
*"Intestinal Tissue Engineering for  
Treatment of Short Bowel Syndrome"*

### Daniel A. Saltzman, M.D.

University of Minnesota  
*"Mechanisms of Tumor Preferential  
for Attenuated Salmonella"*

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## NEW MEMBERS

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*The following surgeons were elected during the Executive Session on April 25, 2003:*

### Gabriel S. Aldea

Seattle, Washington

### Patrick I. Borgen

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### Jonathan S. Bromberg

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Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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St. Louis, Missouri

### R. James Valentine

Greenville, South Carolina

### Nicholas B. Vedder

Mercer Island, Washington

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## Council Meeting Highlights

The Council of the Association met on January 18, 2003 and on Wednesday, April 23, 2003 and the following are actions and informational items from the past year:

The Council took under consideration the application for an independent American Board of Vascular Surgery, and through the Association's Newsletter encouraged members to write the American Board of Medical Specialties expressing their individual positions.

A Blue Ribbon Committee chaired by Dr. Haile Debas will be conducting an in-depth analysis and examination of the structure of the general surgery residency education program. The Committee has developed strategies to achieve its objective within the next 12 to 18 months. It is the American Surgical Association's intent that the estimated cost of \$120,000 will be shared equally among three organizations and support has been confirmed by the American College of Surgeons and by the American Board of Surgery.

The Council declined to contribute to the American Association of Medical Colleges "Fund for Graduate Medical Education" to support the defense of a lawsuit involving the National Residency Matching Program and various policies of other organizations including the AAMC and ACGME.

The Council approved the establishment of an American Surgical Association website and the electronic submission (only) of abstracts for the 2004 Annual Meeting. The Council also approved changes to the categories of abstracts as recommended by the Program Committee.

The Council approved the establishment of an ad hoc advisory subcommittee of the Committee on Honorary Fellowships to advise the Committee on Honorary Fellowships and identify potential candidates for Honorary Membership. The President can appoint up to 12 Honorary members representing each of the six geographical regions of the world to a two-year term on the subcommittee.

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