

# Chapter news

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## Residents' Competition at Manitoba Chapter

On November 16, 2004, the Manitoba Chapter conducted its Residents' Competition and annual meeting. The winning residents included:

- Gregory E. J. Harding, MD,\* Activation of MMP-2 in Response to Vascular Injury Is Mediated by Phosphatidylinositol 3-Kinase-Dependent Expression of MT-1 MMP (MMP-14).
- Dion L. Davidson, MD,\* The Clinical and Anatomic Features of Patients with Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms in Manitoba.
- M. Moon, MD, Perivascular Delivery of Losartan with Surgical Fibrin Glue Prevents Neointimal Hyperplasia after Arterial Injury.

## Brooklyn-Long Island hosts Clinic Day

In conjunction with the Nassau Surgical Society (NSS), the Brooklyn-Long Island Chapter (BLIC) hosted the 2004 Clinic Day on December 1, 2004. In addition to separate education sessions for the surgical specialties, Michael D. Maves, MD, MBA, FACS, executive vice-president of the American Medical Association, addressed the group (see photo, this page).

## Ohio conducts first election update teleseminar

On December 9, 2004, the Ohio Chapter's lobbyist, Dan Jones, conducted an update on the 2004 statewide elections via telephone conference call. Mr. Jones reviewed a comprehensive list of elections and changes in the legislature and reported on the status of the state's professional liability commission. In addition, Mr. Jones noted that the chapter (along with other



Brooklyn Long Island, left to right (all MD, FACS): Robert F. D'Esposito, BLIC President; Patrick F. Vetere, NSS president; Dr. Maves; Michael Setzen, Program Chair; and Michael O. Bernstein, BLIC Vice-President.

specialty societies) succeeded in electing new state Supreme Court judges, who will be pivotal in securing tort reform in Ohio.

## Hawaii launches Web site

Under the guidance of its Executive Director, Gary Belcher, the Hawaii Chapter has launched a Web site, now available at <http://hawaii.facs.org>. According to the site, the theme for the chapter's August 5-6 summer meeting is Technological Advancements in Surgery.

## Maine contributes to tort reform efforts

Late last year, the Maine Chapter contributed funds to support the advocacy activities of the Coalition for Health Care Access and Reform, which was established by the Maine Medical Association, the Maine Osteopathic Association, the Maine Hospital Association, and Medical Mutual Insurance of Maine. The coalition is chaired by Lee L. Thibodeau, MD, FACS, and is supported by a number of statewide surgical and

\*Denotes Associate Fellow or Resident Member.



Louisiana Chapter, left to right: Gazi Zibari, MD, FACS; Juli Jelenko, RN, Roche Labs; Dr. Stafford; Dr. Brynes; Dr. Rath; William Richardson, MD, FACS; and Edgar Feinberg II, MD, FACS, Immediate Past-President.



Louisiana Chapter: Dr. Feinberg (left) with new chapter officers, left to right (all MD, FACS): Robert Marshall, Treasurer; Lester W. Johnson, President; Daniel J. Frey, Secretary; and Kevin M. Sittig, President-Elect.

medical specialty societies. The coalition supports a limit on noneconomic damages and other tort reform measures.

## Louisiana Chapter meets in New Orleans

On January 15-16, the Louisiana Chapter conducted its 2005 annual meeting at the Ritz Carlton in New Orleans. In addition to the annual business meeting, the chapter also conducted its yearly Residents' Competition (see photos, above). The winning residents included:

*First place:* Shawn J. Stafford, MD,\* Not All Angiogenic Vessels Are the Same: Effects of Two Somatostatin Analogs in Human Angiogenesis in Vitro.

*Second place:* Kerry Brynes, MD, Eukaryotic Initiation Factor 4E (eIF4E) Targeted Gene Therapy Increase Disease-Free and Overall Survival in a Minimal Residual Rat Breast Cancer Model.

*Third place:* Siddhartha Rath, MD, Insulin Prevents Oxidant-Induced Pulmonary Endothelial Barrier Dysfunction.

## Southern California conducts annual meeting

The Southern California Chapter (SCCACS) conducted its 2005 annual meeting January 21-23 in Santa Barbara. During the annual business meeting, new officers were elected, and benefits for new members were described, which include waiving the first year's annual dues and the registration fee for the annual meeting. Also, the SCCACS agreed to discontinue its membership in the area's Medicare carrier advisory committee.

During the young surgeons' session, the effects of the 80-hour workweek for residents were discussed. The young surgeons attributed the increase in the number of residents choosing general surgery to the work-hour limit, and they reported that in southern California, it appears that more sur-

### Chapter meetings

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geons are seeking post-residency/fellowship training opportunities. In addition, in consultation with the Chapter Council, three \$3,000 scholarships were awarded to young surgeons to pay for their attendance at a College-sponsored education program (such the Spring Meeting, Clinical Congress, or Leadership Conference). The three recipients are: Maher Aref Abbas, MD; Amir-Hossein Mehran, MD; and Ali Salim, MD, FACS.

## 2005 Leadership Conference

The 2005 Leadership Conference will take place June 12-14 at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC. Significant changes are planned for this year's conference:

- *Attendees:* In addition to Chapter Officers and Young Surgeons, invitations also are being sent to other College members serving in leadership positions, such as individuals on the Board of Governors, the Committee on Trauma, and the Advisory Councils. Announcements also are being sent to the State Cancer Liaisons and the members of the Council on Resident Representatives.

- *Registration fees:* For the first time ever, nominal registration fees will be collected:

Fellows and Associate Fellows:	\$65
Affiliate members and chapter executives	\$45
Residents and medical students	\$35

Registration can be completed online at the College's Web site at [www.facs.org](http://www.facs.org).

- *Capitol Hill visits:* On Tuesday, June 14, attendees will have the option of full-day Capitol Hill visits so that they can meet with their entire congressional delegation. *All Capitol Hill visits will be scheduled by the College's Washington Office staff.*

**Note:** A chapter management education program will be held for those who decline participation in the Capitol Hill visits.

For questions or to obtain a registration form, please call the Chapter Hotline at 888/857-7545. **The registration deadline is June 1, 2005.**

## Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years
March	Brazil	53
	Southern California	53
	Massachusetts	51
	Nevada	40
	New Hampshire	53
	Puerto Rico	55
April	South Dakota	53
	<b>Metropolitan Chicago</b>	<b>50</b>
	Mississippi	52
	Oklahoma	55

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