

Chapter news

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Chapters continue support for the College's funds

During 2005, 26 chapters contributed a total of \$38,665 to the College's endowment funds. The chapters' commitments to the various funds support the College's pledge to surgical research and education. Chapters can contribute to several different funds, such as the Annual Fund, the Fellows Endowment Fund, or the Scholarship Fund. The chapters that contributed during 2005 include:

*R. Gordon Holcombe, MD, FACS, Chapter Award**: Louisiana

*Life Members of the Fellows Leadership Society (FLS)***: Arizona, Southern California, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Nebraska, Brooklyn-Long Island (NY), Ohio, South Carolina, and North Texas

Annual Members of the Fellows Leadership Society: Alabama, South Florida, Georgia, Metropolitan Chicago, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, North Dakota, Metropolitan Philadelphia, Southwestern Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Virginia

Contributors: Southwest Missouri, Montana-Wyoming

Lebanon Chapter hosts 11th Clinical Congress

During the week of September 8, 2005, the Lebanon Chapter hosted the country's 11th Clinical Congress, which was held in Beirut at the Mövenpick Hotel and Resort. The education program also was sponsored by the Lebanese Society for General Surgery, the Lebanese Society of Urology, and the Lebanese Society of Vascular

*The R. Gordon Holcombe, MD, FACS, Chapter Award was established in 2004 for chapters that have contributed \$100,000.

**The FLS is the distinguished donor organization of the College. Chapters that contribute at least \$1,000 annually are FLS members. Chapters that have contributed \$25,000 are FLS Life Members.



Lebanon Chapter, left to right: Chahine Abousleiman, MD, FACS, Past-President; Wihbi Shuayb, MD, FACS, Governor; Mario Aoun, MD, president, Lebanese Order of Physicians; Mohamad Khalifeh, MD, FACS, Ministry of Public Health of Lebanon; Michel Daher, MD, FACS, President; and Wassim Wazzan, MD, president, Lebanese Society of Urology.



Connecticut Chapter, left to right: Bob Pirokowski, MD, FACS, Chair, Commission on Cancer; Scott Kurtzman, MD, FACS, President; Christopher Tasik, Executive Director; Orlando Kirton, MD, FACS, Secretary; Gary Bloomgarden, MD, FACS, Immediate Past-President; Philip Corvo, MD, FACS, Vice-President; Kathy LaVorgna, MD, FACS, Chair, Legislative Committee; Dr. Longo, Treasurer; Ken Ciardiello, MD, FACS, Chair, Awards Committee; and Carlos Barba, MD, FACS, Co-Chair, Bariatric Committee.

Surgery. More than 340 participants attended the Congress, which featured speakers from Europe and the U.S. In addition, a Residents Competition was held and the winning paper by Ghassan Slelati, MD, was presented at this meeting. (See photo, page 46.)

Connecticut approves changes

At its annual meeting in November 2005, members of the Connecticut Chapter agreed to form a

new tax-exempt organization in order to further the chapter's advocacy mission. During the annual meeting, new officers were elected (see photo, page 46) and a new leadership position, Chapter Historian, was created. An extensive Residents Competition was held, which featured papers on trauma, general surgery, bariatric surgery, and other surgical specialties. In addition, for the first time, a large group of physician assistants also conducted a paper competition.

Before concluding the annual meeting, a

Chapter meetings

For a complete listing of all of the ACS chapter education programs and meetings, please visit the ACS Web site at <http://www.facs.org/about/chapters/index.html>.

(CS) following the chapter name indicates a program cosponsored with the College for Category 1 CME credit.

February 2006		
Date	Event	Location/contact information
February 11	Utah (CS)	Location: Park City, UT Contact: Teresa Holdaway, 801/355-7477
February 23–25	South Texas (CS)	Location: Hilton Houston Plaza, Houston, TX Contact: Christine S. Cocanour, MD, FACS, 713/500-7194
February 24–25	North Texas (CS)	Location: Cityplace Conference Center, Dallas, TX Contact: Joseph Kuhn, MD, FACS, 214/824-9963
April 2006		
April 7	New York (CS)	Location: Rye Town Hilton, Westchester, NY Contact: Heather Bennett, JD, 518/433-0397
April 21–22	North and South Dakota (CS)	Location: Mitchell Holiday Inn, Mitchell, SD Contact: Terry Marks, 605/336-1965
April 28–30	Virginia (CS)	Location: Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, VA Contact: Susan McConnell, 804/643-6631
May 2006		
May 3–6	Chile	Location: Hotel Sheraton, Santiago, Chile Contact: Pedro Uribe Jackson, MD, FACS, 562/264-1878
May 6	Northern California (CS)	Location: Crown Plaza Hotel, San Francisco, CA Contact: Annette Bronstein, 650/992-1387
May 8	Metropolitan Philadelphia (CS)	Location: Union League of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA Contact: Lauren Brinjac, 888/633-5784
May 11–13	West Virginia (CS)	Location: The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV Contact: Sharon Bartholomew, 304/598-3710
May 26–29	Florida (CS)	Location: Gasparilla Inn & Cottages, Boca Grande, FL Contact: Robert Harvey, 904/384-8239

Residents' "Jeopardy" was conducted; it was moderated by Walter Longo, MD, FACS, who also served as the Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program Chair for the chapter.

The paper competition and Jeopardy winners included the following

Physician Assistants Competition: Andrea Forgione, PA-C, Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis of Acute Pulmonary Embolism

Bariatric Surgery: Syed Ali, MD, A Technique for Preventing Port Site Complications in Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Banding

General Surgery: Suma Magge, MD, A Prospective Evaluation of the Utility of Computed Tomography Scans in Patients with Abdominal Pain in the Emergency Department

Surgical Specialties: Reynold I. Lopez-Soler, MD, PhD,* Development of a Mouse Model for Evaluation of Tissue Engineered Human Vascular Grafts

Trauma: Jeremiah T. Martin, MD,* "Normal" Vital Signs Belie Occult Hypoperfusion in Geriatric Trauma

Brief Clinical Reports: Stacie Perlman, MD,* Management of the Negative Frozen/Positive Permanent Sentinel Lymph Node in Breast Cancer Patients

Case Reports: Jared C Frattini, MD,* Sclerosing Epithelioid Fibrosarcoma of the Cecum: A Case Report

Resident Jeopardy Winners: Bolanie Asiyanbola, MD,* Jeremiah Martin, MD,* Fuad Alkhoury, MD*

*Special Five-Year Award**:* Fadi Abou Nukta, MD

During the annual luncheon, members were entertained by the musical presentation "Damaged Care," written and presented by Greg LaGana, MD, and Barry Levy, MD.

Surgeons (aged 45 years or younger), and their Chapter Administrator or Executive Director. The College's office in Washington, DC, will schedule Capitol Hill visits for Tuesday, June 13, for all chapters that participate.

Correction

In the December 2005 Chapter News column, the name of one of the winning residents from the Michigan Chapter was omitted. In addition to Dr. Arora, Almaas Shaikh, MD,* also won the Frederick A. Collier Award. This winning paper was entitled "Stress-Induced Regulation of Circulating Ghrelin Levels in Rats: Role in Gastric Motility."

Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years
January	Northern California	54
	Louisiana	54
February	Arizona	54
	Australia–New Zealand	21
	South Florida	52
	Iowa	38
	Italy	20
	Lebanon	43
	Eastern Long Island, NY	38
	Montana–Wyoming	41
Peru	29	
South Korea	19	
	Washington State	54

2006 Leadership Conference: *Save the dates!*

The 2006 Leadership Conference will be held June 11–13 at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC. Chapters are encouraged to send their Chapter Officers, two to three Young

*Denotes Resident Member of the College.

**An award given to a resident who has presented a winning paper for five consecutive years.