



# HIGHLIGHTS

OF THE 93RD ANNUAL  
CLINICAL CONGRESS



**A**mong the highlights of the American College of Surgeons' 2007 Clinical Congress in New Orleans, LA, was a diverse assortment of general sessions related to practice, educational, and clinical topics of interest to surgeons and 39 postgraduate courses.

The meeting hosted 11,167 attendees, 6,671 of whom were physicians; the rest were exhibitors, spouses, guests, and convention personnel.

### **Convocation**

At the Convocation ceremonies that heralded the official opening of the Clinical Congress, **Gerald B. Healy, MD, FACS**, was installed as the 88th President of the American College of Surgeons. The first otolaryngologist to serve as ACS President, Dr. Healy is the Healy Chair in Pediatric Otolaryngology and Professor of Otolaryngology and Laryngology at Harvard Medical School and otolaryngologist-in-chief at Children's Hospital in Boston, MA.

Dr. Healy's Presidential Address to the 1,290 Initiates focused on the idea of FACS—not just Fellow of the American College of Surgeons but also Forever A Caring Surgeon—and what the 21st century will require of surgeons to be both (see photo, page 22).

Also installed at the Convocation were **Mary H. McGrath, MD, MPH, FACS**, as First Vice-President and **Paul Friedmann, MD, FACS**, as Second Vice-President. Dr. McGrath is a professor of surgery in the division of plastic surgery at the University of California—San Francisco. Dr. Friedmann is executive director of Pioneer Valley Life Sciences Institute in Springfield, MA.

The following individuals were conferred Honorary Fellowship in the College during Con-

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Opposite, clockwise from upper left: Dr. Healy gives his Presidential Address; Dr. Cherr addresses the Convocation on behalf of Initiates; new President-Elect Dr. Cameron; Courtney M. Townsend, Jr., MD, FACS, Secretary, holds the Great Mace during the Convocation; M. Margaret Kemeny, MD, FACS, Chair of the Women in Surgery Committee, presents a commemorative award to Dr. Ascher for delivering the inaugural Olga M. Jonasson Lecture; Dr. Feacham delivers the Martin Memorial Lecture. (Photos by Charles Giorno Photography.)



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Dr. Hoyt (left) receives the Distinguished Service Award from Dr. Healy.

convocation: **Juan M. Acosta, MD, FACS, PhD**, of Rosario, Argentina; **Hans G. Beger, MD, FACS**, of Ulm, Germany; **Adam Dziki, MD, PhD**, of Lodz, Poland; **Nicola Scopinaro, MD**, of Genoa, Italy; and **Heinz R. Stammberger, MD, FRCSEd(Hon)**, of Graz, Austria.

Also at the Convocation, for the first time a young surgeon was invited to speak on behalf of the Initiates. **Gregory S. Cherr, MD, FACS**, then-Chair of the Resident and Associate Society who was initiated at Convocation, presented this speech (see photo, page 22).

### **Named Lectures**

The American Urological Association Lecture, *The Coming Era of Too Few Physicians*, was presented by **Richard A. Cooper, MD**, immediately after the Opening Ceremony. That same day, **Mark B. Orringer, MD, FACS**, presented the John H. Gibbon, Jr., Lecture, *Esophageal Mythology*, and **David L. Nahrwold, MD, FACS**, delivered his presentation, *Joseph Lovell: First-Generation American, First Surgeon General*, for the Charles



Recipients of the Surgical Volunteerism Awards gathered at the Board of Governors' (B/G) dinner. Left to right: Valerie W. Rusch, MD, FACS, B/G Chair; Thomas Gadacz, MD, FACS, Chair of the B/G Committee on Socioeconomic Issues; Dr. Knowles; Dr. Campbell; Dr. Crabtree; and Cathryn Clary, MD, vice-president of U.S. external medical affairs for Pfizer, Inc.

G. Drake History of Surgery Lecture. Other lectureships at the meeting included Trauma: A Social and Medical Challenge, delivered by **Dario Biorolini, MD, FACS**, as the Scudder Oration on Trauma; Mind Wars: Brain Research and National Defense, presented by **Jonathan D. Moreno, PhD**, for the Ethics and Philosophy Lecture; The Excitement of Cancer Research in the Next Decade, the Commission on Cancer Oncology presentation by **John E. Niederhuber, MD, FACS**; the I.S. Ravdin Lecture in the Basic Sciences, Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine: Building Living Replacements for Surgical Reconstruction and Transplantation, by **Charles A. Vacanti, MD**, and **Joseph P. Vacanti, MD, FACS**; and the Distinguished Lecture of the International Society of Surgery, What Can the Academic Community Offer the Third-World Surgeon?, which was presented by **Michael G. Sarr, MD, FACS**. The closing lecture, the Martin Memorial Lecture, Fighting the Great Pandemics: Challenges and Opportunities, was presented by **Richard Feachem, KBE, FREng, DSc(Med)** (see photo, page 22).

At this year's Congress, two new Named Lectures also made their debut. The inaugural Olga Jonasson Lecture—which had been established in Dr. Jonasson's memory as a testimony to leadership and education in surgery and a reflection of the capacity of women to reach academic pinnacles—was delivered by **Nancy L. Ascher, MD, PhD, FACS**, who presented The Ultimate in Surgical Translation: Transplantation (see photo, page 22). The first Herand Abcarian Lecture, created to address issues of relevance to the surgical community at-large and focus on emerging issues in surgery, focused on Surgical Mentoring; **Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS**, Executive Director of the College, presented this lecture.

#### *Awards, honors, and celebrations*

The 2007 ACS/Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative Surgical Volunteerism Awards were presented to **Sylvia D. Campbell, MD, FACS**, for domestic outreach; **Van C. Knowles, MD, FACS**, for international outreach; and **Col.**

**Thomas G. Crabtree, MD, FACS**, for volunteerism performed while on active duty as a military surgeon. This year marked the first time that an award was presented in all three categories. The three recipients were honored at the Board of Governors dinner (see photo, page 24).

The Distinguished Service Award, the College's highest honor, was presented to **David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS**, chairman of the department of surgery at the University of California–Irvine Medical Center. Dr. Hoyt received his award during the Annual Business Meeting of the Members (see photo, page 23).

The Commission on Cancer presented the State Chair Outstanding Performance Award to three state chairs to recognize their extensive leadership and support to physician volunteers and cancer programs in their respective states. Recipients of this award were **Arnold Baskies, MD, FACS**, of New Jersey; **Phillip Roland, MD, FACS**, of Florida; and **Michael Vezeridis, MD, FACS**, of Rhode Island. (See photo, this page.)

**Mark Puder, MD, FACS**, an assistant professor at Harvard Medical School and an assistant in surgery at Children's Hospital in Boston, MA, was conferred the Jacobson Promising Investigator Award. (A full article regarding Dr. Puder's award will appear in the February issue of the *Bulletin*.)

This year the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems was dedicated to **Lazar J. Greenfield, MD, FACS** (see photo, page 26). The Surgical Forum Excellence in Research Awards, established to recognize surgical residents who submit outstanding Surgical Forum papers, were presented to: **Ankit Bharat, MD**, of Washington University in St. Louis, MO; **Deepak Gupta, MD**, of Stanford University in Stanford, CA; **Krit Kitisin, MD**, of Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC; **Marcia L. McGory, MD**,

of the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California–Los Angeles; **Jitesh Patel, MD**, of University of Pittsburgh (PA) Medical School; **Danielle B. Peterson, MD**, of Medical College of Wisconsin, Children's Research Institute, in Milwaukee; **Dan M. Ridgway, MBChB, MRCS**, of North Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals, NHS Trust, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, United Kingdom; **Joachim Schmidt, MD**, of the University of Pittsburgh (PA); **J. Joshua Smith, MD**, of Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN; **Ryan M. Spivak, MS**, of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, PA; **Christopher L. Stout, MD**, of Mercer University School of Medicine at the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon; and **Zhen Wang, MD**, of Stanford University in Stanford, CA (see photo, page 26).



Commission on Cancer State Chair Outstanding Performance awardees, left to right: Dr. Baskies, Dr. Vezeridis, and Dr. Roland.

**Eric S. M. Talens, MD, FACS; Daniel Dela Paz; MD, Orlando Ocampo, MD; Porfirio Tica, MD; Horacio Estrada, MD; and Rolando Dela Cruz**, of Philippine General Hospital in Manila, were honored with the Best Scientific Exhibit award for their presentation—*Anacardium Occidentale* (Linn.) Cashew Nut Extract in the Treatment of Basal Cell



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Dr. Greenfield, the 2007 Surgical Forum dedicatee (center) with Stanley W. Ashley, MD, FACS (left), Chair of the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems, and Robert W. Thompson, MD, FACS.



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The annual Surgical Forum Excellence in Research Awards were presented by Dr. Ashley (second row, far right). The recipients of the award are pictured (front row, left to right): Dr. Spivak, Dr. Smith, Dr. McGory, and Dr. Gupta. Second row: Dr. Ridgway, Dr. Patel, Dr. Peterson, and Dr. Stout. Back row: Dr. Schmidt, Dr. Wang, and Dr. Kitisin. Not pictured: Dr. Bharat.

Carcinoma—that appeared among the Top Posters of Exceptional Merit (see photo, page 27).

The Highlights from International Meetings video session, sponsored by the Committee on Video-based Education and chaired by Horacio J. Asbun, MD, FACS, highlighted outstanding surgical videos previously presented at various international meetings, and nominated by prominent international surgeons. At the conclusion of the session, members of the audience voted on the two best videos. The winners were **Praveen Raj Palanivelu, MD**, Coimbatore, India, for the video entitled Thoracoscopic Esophagectomy for Carcinoma Middle-Third Esophagus in Prone Position, and **Augusto Tinoco, MD**, Itaperuna, Brazil, for Laparoscopic Gastroduodenopancreatectomy (Whipple Operation). Dr. Asbun presented each with an award and a one-year subscription to the ACS Online Video Library (see photo, page 27).

The fifth annual ACS Resident Award for Exemplary Teaching was presented to **David A. McClusky III, MD**, a sixth-year postgraduate student and minimally invasive surgery fellow at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL; he completed his general surgery residency at the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA. Dr. McClusky was selected by an independent review panel of the Committee on Resident Education to recognize his excellence



Coauthors of the winning Poster of Exceptional Merit: Dr. Talens (left), and Dr. Dela Cruz.



Dr. Asbun (far left) presented the award for best video at the Highlights from International Meetings video session. Pictured are winners Dr. Tinoco (second from left) and Dr. Raj (second from right), along with Dr. Raj's father and video coauthor, Chinnusamy Palanivelu, MCh, FACS.

in teaching as a resident and to highlight the importance of teaching in residents' daily lives (see photo, page 28).

The Florida Chapter of the ACS presented an award to **Edward M. Copeland III, MD, FACS**, Immediate Past-President of the College, for being the first ACS President to hail from Florida.

### **Project New Orleans**

This year, for the first time, the ACS/ Operation Giving Back (OGB) organized a humanitarian effort in conjunction with Clinical Congress. Led by **Kathleen Casey, MD, FACS**, Director of OGB, approximately 180 Congress attendees donated part or all of their Tuesday

The following International Guest Scholars and Traveling Fellows were honored by the International Relations Committee: **Adeyinka C. Adisa, MBBS, FWACS**, of Aba, Abia State, Nigeria; **Kwok-Leung Chung, MBBS, FACS, FRCS**, of Nottingham, England; **Luis Mariano Ferreira, MD**, of Buenos Aires, Argentina; **Robert Gruetzmann, MD, PhD**, the 2007 Germany Exchange Fellow; **Marc Leroy Guifo, MD**, of Yaounde, Cameroon; **Alexander Julianov, MD**, of Stara Zagota, Bulgaria; **Yuko Kijima, MD, PhD**, the 2007 Japan Exchange Fellow; **Reginald V. N. Lord, MD, FRACS**, of Darlinghurst, NSW, Australia; **Rina Marian Pereira Porta, MD**, of Sao Paulo, Brazil; **Hector H. Pulido, MD**, of Bogota, Colombia; **Yongfeng Shao, MD**, of Nanjing, People's Republic of China; **Taejin Song, MD, FACS**, of Ansan City, Gyunggi-do, South Korea; and **Maarit Anita Venermo, MD**, of Helsinki, Finland (see photo, page 28).

The 2007 Nizar N. Oweida, MD, FACS, Scholarship was presented to **Michael C. Gynn, MD**, of Dublin, CA. Stephen E. Olson, MD, FACS, of Burns, OR, presented the scholarship to Dr. Gynn during the annual Rural Surgeons Meeting (see photo, page 29).

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Dr. McClusky, recipient of the Resident Award for Exemplary Teaching (third from left), pictured with (left to right): Gayle E. Woodson, MD, FACS, Vice-Chair, Committee on Resident Education; Dr. Healy; Dr. Russell; Ajit K. Sachdeva, MD, FACS, FRCSC, Director, Division of Education; and Josef E. Fischer, MD, FACS, Chair, Board of Regents.



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The 2007 International Guest Scholars. Front row, left to right: Dr. Kijima; Dr. Ferreira; Dr. Adisa; Dr. Porta; Dr. Song; and Dr. Shao. Back row: Dr. Lord; Dr. Guifo; Dr. Cheung; Dr. Gruetzmann; Dr. Venermo; Dr. Pulido; and Dr. Julianov.



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Dr. Gynn (right) receiving the Oweida Scholarship, presented by Dr. Olson.



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Dr. Healy (left) congratulates Dr. Cameron, President-Elect.

and Wednesday to participate in Project New Orleans. For the complete story, read “Project New Orleans” on page 32.

### ***New Officers-Elect***

New Officers-Elect were named at the Annual Business Meeting of Members. **John L. Cameron, MD, FACS**, was named President-Elect and will serve as the 89th President of the American College of Surgeons beginning at the 2008 Clinical Congress in San Francisco, CA. Dr. Cameron is a professor of surgery and the Alfred Blalock Distinguished Service Professor at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD (see photo, this page).

**Jack W. McAninch, MD, FACS**, a professor of urology at the University of California—San Francisco and chief of urology at San Francisco General Hospital and a Regent of the College, was named First Vice-President. **Richard B. Reiling, MD, FACS**—medical director of the Presbyterian Cancer Center, Chair of the ACS representatives in the American Medical Association House of Delegates, and a former recipient of the Distinguished Service Award—was named Second Vice-President.

## **Where to find more information**

Some of the information presented in these highlights has been discussed in greater detail in previous issues. Following is a list of where to find more on these topics in the *Bulletin*:

### **September 2007:**

- Full description of the humanitarian achievements of Surgical Volunteerism Award recipients, page 27.

### **November 2007:**

- Biography of Dr. Healy, page 36.
- Distinguished Service Award presented to Dr. Hoyt, page 37.
- Citations for Honorary Fellows presented at the Convocation, page 39.

### **December 2007:**

- Dr. Healy’s Presidential Address in its entirety, page 8.



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Members of the Board of Regents (B/R) and ACS Officers met for their annual luncheon. Pictured (with their titles just prior to the Clinical Congress) front row, left to right (all MD, FACS): Richard J. Finley; Dr. Cameron, Treasurer; Dr. Healy, President-Elect; Dr. Russell, Executive Director; Josef E. Fischer, B/R Chair; Edward M. Copeland III, President; L. D. Britt, B/R Vice-Chair; Courtney M. Townsend, Jr., Secretary; Robert E. Berry, Second Vice-President; Alden H. Harken; and David L. Nahrwold, First Vice-President.

Second row: Thomas V. Whalen; Jack W. McAninch; H. Randolph Bailey; Charles D. Mabry; Robin S. McLeod; Barrett G. Haik; Julie A. Freischlag; Barbara L. Bass; and Mark C. Weissler.

Back row: Karl C. Podratz; John T. Preskitt; J. David Richardson; A. Brent Eastman; Martin B. Camins; Carlos A. Pellegrini; and Raymond F. Morgan.

Not pictured: Mary H. McGrath, First Vice-President-Elect; Paul Friedmann, Second Vice-President-Elect; and Regent Bruce D. Browner.



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Members of the Advanced Trauma Life Support® international family met to discuss issues related to the program.



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### ***Board of Regents***

**Howard M. Snyder III, MD, FACS**, associate director of pediatric urology at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (PA) and professor of urology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, was elected to the Board of Regents. In addition, **Barbara L. Bass, MD, FACS**; **A. Brent Eastman, MD, FACS**; and **Barrett G. Haik, MD, FACS**, were reelected to three-year terms. **Joseph E. Fischer, MD, FACS**, and **L. D. Britt, MD, FACS**, will remain the Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.

Past recipients of the College's most prestigious honor, the Distinguished Service Award, gathered for their annual luncheon. Pictured in the front row, left to right (all MD, FACS): John O. Gage; Patricia J. Numann; Murray F. Brennan; and LaMar S. McGinnis, Jr. Back row: C. Thomas Thompson; Richard B. Reiling; Donald R. Trunkey; and Frank Padberg.



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### ***Board of Governors***

**Mark B. Orringer, MD, FACS**, was elected to the Board of Governors Executive Committee. **Valerie Rusch, MD, FACS**, was reelected to another term as Chair; **Michael J. Zinner, MD, FACS**, was elected to a one-year term as Vice-Chair; and **Karen E. Deveney, MD, FACS**, was reelected to another one-year term as Secretary. Ω

The Past-Presidents of the College met for their annual luncheon. Pictured left to right, front row (all MD, FACS): C. Rollins Hanlon; W. Gerald Austen; George F. Sheldon; and Frank C. Spencer. Back row: Edward R. Laws; Edward M. Copeland III; Richard R. Sabo; and R. Scott Jones.