

College appoints new Director of Division of Advocacy and Health Policy

Christian Shalgian, a longtime employee of the College based in the Washington, DC, Office, has been named Director of the College's Division of Advocacy and Health Policy. Mr. Shalgian has held the post of Acting Director of that division since April 2007.

Mr. Shalgian began his tenure at the College in 1998, when he was hired as a Government Affairs Associate. In 2000, he was promoted to Senior Government Affairs Associate and became Manager of Legislative Affairs in 2004. He had been serving as Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs since 2006 at the time he was named Acting Director.

From 2002 to 2007, Mr. Shal-



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gian was also chairman of the board of directors of the Health Coalition on Liability and Ac-

cess, a Washington, DC-based partnership of associations organized to support medical liability reform. During his tenure, the membership expanded from 25 to 60 members.

Before he came to the College, Mr. Shalgian was the associate director of government relations (1997–1998) at the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) in Washington, DC. Prior to holding that position at the AOA, he was a legislative assistant for the organization from 1996 to 1997.

A graduate of Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH, Mr. Shalgian holds a bachelor's degree in political science. He lives in Germantown, MD, with his family.

2009 ACS Japan Traveling Fellow selected

Lorenzo Ferri, MD, FACS, FRCS, assistant professor of surgery, McGill University, Montreal, QC, has been selected as the 2009 ACS Traveling Fellow to Japan. As the Japan Traveling Fellow, Dr. Ferri will participate in the annual meeting of the Japan Surgical Society in Fukuoka, Japan, April 2–4. He will also attend and participate in the ACS Japan Chapter meeting during that event. In addition, Dr. Ferri will travel to several surgical centers in Japan, with assistance from mentors provided

by the Japan Surgical Society and the Japan Chapter. Dr. Ferri performs and researches surgical oncology and cardiothoracic surgery, with a particular interest in esophageal and lung carcinoma.

The deadline for receipt of all application materials for the 2010 Traveling Fellowship to Japan is **June 1, 2009**. The requirements are posted on the College's Scholarship Web page at <http://www.facs.org/memberservices/research.html> and will be published in a future edition of the *Bulletin*.



Dr. Ferri