
Surgical Investigators Conference scheduled

The American College of Surgeons is offering the 10th biennial Surgical Investigators Conference March 5–7, 2010, at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in North Bethesda, MD. The conference is designed to assist surgeon-scientists in obtaining extramural, peer-reviewed grant support for their work; to introduce them to the process, content, style, and people involved in successful grant-writing; and to interact with representatives of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

As participants, surgeon-scientists meet their peers, selected mostly from surgery departments in U.S. and Canadian academic medical centers. The conference provides opportunities to meet and talk with key NIH staff and many of the leading surgeon-scientists who have been successful in obtaining NIH grant support for their work and who participate in the conference as leaders of various small-group meetings and as plenary session speakers.

The program includes intensive exposure to the following:

- NIH programs and policies
- What programs are most appropriate and available for your research project and how to apply
 - Grant-writing strategies
 - Workshops in hypothesis testing, methodology, background, and preliminary results
 - Networking with representatives from 10-12 institutes about research priorities, pilot programs, and training grants

targeted to new investigators

- Mock study sections reviewing model grants

The conference fee is \$1,825 USD (\$1,695 if registration and payment are received by December 17, 2009). This fee includes all related conference materials, meals, breaks, receptions, and lodging for two nights. Confirmation is contingent upon payment of

the course fee and is subject to availability. Preference is given to surgeon members of the ACS. The deadline for registration is **January 22, 2010**.

Information and a registration form are available on the College's Web site at www.facs.org/cqi/src/surginvconf.html. Direct questions to Mary Fitzgerald at mfitzgerald@facs.org or call 312-202-5319.

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