



HIGHLIGHTS of the 94th annual CLINICAL CONGRESS



At the 2008 Clinical Congress in San Francisco, CA, a wide selection of presentations covering subjects from education to practice to clinical considerations—in addition to poster presentations, papers sessions, and special-interest meetings—were offered. The meeting was attended by 14,397 participants, including 8,916 physicians; the remaining attendees included exhibitors, spouses, guests, and convention personnel.

Convocation

John L. Cameron, MD, FACS—a general and thoracic surgeon who specializes in the treatment of the alimentary tract and the Alfred Blalock Distinguished Service Professor of Surgery at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD—was installed as the 89th President of the American College of Surgeons at the Convocation ceremonies that denoted the official opening of the Clinical Congress. (See sidebar on page 34 for a summary of his Presidential Address.)

Other officers installed during the Convocation were **Jack W. McAninch, MD, FACS**, as First Vice-President and **Richard B. Reiling, MD, FACS**, as Second Vice-President. Dr. McAninch is a professor of urology at the University of California–San Francisco and chief of urology at San Francisco General Hospital. Dr. Reiling is medical director of the Presbyterian Cancer Center in Charlotte, NC, and a past recipient of the College's Distinguished Service Award.

Honorary Fellowship was conferred on the following five prominent surgeons: **Jacques**

Opposite, center: Gerald B. Healy, MD, FACS, Immediate Past-President, passes the Presidential Medallion to Dr. Cameron during the Convocation.

Peripheral photos, clockwise from top left: Participants in the Commission on Cancer (COC) annual meeting; President-Elect Dr. McGinnis; participants in the Cardiothoracic Surgery Town Hall Meeting; Dr. James addressing new Initiates at the Convocation; Dr. Cameron (right), and his son, newly inducted Fellow Andrew M. Cameron, MD, FACS; David P. Winchester, MD, FACS, Medical Director of the Cancer Programs in the Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care, with Frederick L. Greene, MD, FACS, outgoing Chair of the COC; registration; Congress attendees visit the Technical Exhibit area. (Photos by Charles Giorno Photography and Stewart Bloom Photography.)



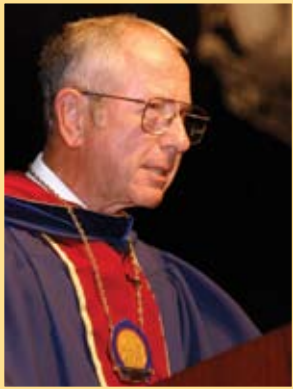
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Dr. Cameron (left) conveys the Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Collicott.

Brotchi, MD, PhD; Joaquim Gama-Rodrigues, MD, FACS; Gerald C. O'Sullivan, MB, BCh, FACS, FRCSGlas, FRCSI; Bernard Francisco Ribeiro, CBE, FRCSEng, FRCPEng; and Russell Walker Strong, MB, BCh, FACS, FRCSEdin(Hon), FRACS, FRCSEng, FRACDS.

Named Lectures

This year for the first time, the Martin Memorial Lecture was combined with the American Urological Association Lecture; **Peter Neupert, MBA**, delivered his lecture—Translating the Power of Software for Optimal Patient Care—immediately following the Opening Ceremony on Monday morning (see photo, page 35). Also on Monday, The Phenotype of the Cardiothoracic Surgeon was presented as the John H. Gibbon, Jr., Lecture by **Alden H. Harken, MD, FACS**, and **Alan R. Cohen, MD, FACS**, presented The Origin and Evolution of Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery as the Charles G. Drake History



2008 Clinical Congress:

Presidential Address focuses on being a role model

During the Convocation ceremony on Sunday, 1,189 Initiates became Fellows, and Dr. Cameron delivered his Presidential Address about being a role model. Dr. Cameron asserted that surgeons will be role models—regardless of whether or not they want to be—because, he stated, “In the hospital, in the community, surgeons are looked upon as leaders. Their behavior is followed with special interest, almost scrutiny.” Because, he noted, good behavior among individual surgeons will be emulated and bad behavior criticized, he issued a charge to all attendees at the Convocation to be good role models.

Dr. Cameron remarked on what he perceives as one potential cause for the decline in surgical residency positions filled by U.S. medical graduates: the vocal, public complaining among surgeons regarding “decreased compensation, increased paperwork, and a perceived increase in obstacles they had to face to care for their patients.” He used this potential correlation to urge attendees “to behave in a fashion, as good role models, to portray to others the fact that [surgeons] are in the most desirable, most rewarding profession there is.”

To illustrate his point, Dr. Cameron provided examples of surgeons who, when the College was organized in 1913, could have been the ideal role model—that is, the first President of the College. He listed several possibilities, including William S. Halsted, W. W. Keene, John B. Murphy, and John C. Warren. Instead, Dr. Cameron noted, J. M. T. Finney was selected President, “not because he was a famous surgeon but because he represented what the organizers of the ACS felt was best of American surgery.” In other words, he was the perfect role model, with unyielding ethics and high moral standards and principles.

After providing a biographical sketch of Dr. Finney that demonstrated how he had become an ideal physician (as noted in his obituary upon his death in 1942), Dr. Cameron noted that Dr. Finney knew how important it was to be a role model, even before it was a coined term, as underscored by a passage from his autobiography: “How often do we see reflected, unconsciously perhaps, in students certain idiosyncrasies of their teachers.... We should conduct ourselves in such ways of thought and action as to make our influence count in the right direction.”

Note: Dr. Cameron’s speech will be published in its entirety in the March 2009 issue of the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*.

of Surgery Lecture (see photo, page 35). The Excelsior Surgical Society Lecture, which until 2008 had been presented at the ACS’ Spring Meeting, convened Tuesday with **John B. Holcomb, MD, FACS**, presenting Plasma and Red Blood Cell Resuscitation for Trauma Patients: Colonel Churchill Was Right. Other Named Lectures that convened Tuesday were the Scudder Oration on Trauma, during which **David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS**, presented Blood and War—Lest We Forget; and the Olga M. Jonasson Lecture, Myths in Surgical Care, presented by **Anna M. Ledgerwood, MD, FACS**. Wednesday’s Named Lectures included the Ethics and Philosophy Lecture, where Surgeons and Ethics! You Bet! was presented by **Ira J. Kodner, MD, FACS**; Systems Medicine: Catalyzing the Transition from Reactive to Predictive, Personalized, Preventive, and Participatory Medicine, the Commission on Cancer Lecture presented by **Leroy E. Hood, MD, PhD**; the I. S. Ravdin Lecture in the Basic Sciences, where **David N. Herndon, MD, FACS**, delivered Modulation of the Hypermetabolic Response to Injury: Nutrition, Drugs, and Exercise; the Herand Abcarian Lecture, The 21st Century: The Renaissance Period for American Surgery, offered by **L. D. Britt, MD, MPH, FACS** (see photo, page 35); and Defining Competence: Remuneration, Results, Reward, and Reinvestment, the Distinguished Lecture of the International Society of Surgery presentation



Dr. Neupert delivers the Martin Memorial/AUA Lecture.

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Awards, honors, celebrations

The 2008 ACS/Pfizer Inc. Surgical Volunteerism and Surgical Humanitarian Award winners were honored at a general session sponsored by the College's Operation Giving Back program. **Joseph A. Gurri, MD, FACS**, and **Bradley D. Wong, MD, FACS**, received the volunteerism awards, and **Guy D. Theodore, MD, FACS**, was presented with the humanitarianism award (see photo, page 36).

Also Monday, **Paul F. Nora, MD, FACS**, was presented with the Fellows Leadership Society's Distinguished Philanthropist Award in recognition of his extraordinary contributions in establishing the Nora Institute for Surgical Patient Safety at College headquarters in Chicago, IL (see photo, page 36).

James A. Anderson, MD, FACS, was presented with the 2008 Meritorious Achievement Award from the Committee on Trauma (COT) for his work as the Wyoming COT's State Chair, Chief of Region 8, and Chair of the COT Rural Trauma Committee (see photo, page 36).

Christopher K. Breuer, MD, FACS, a surgeon-scientist focused on application of tissue-engineering techniques in pediatric surgery, was presented with the Joan L. and Julius H. Jacobson II Promising Investigator Award. His immediate objective is to perform the first phase I clinical trial approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for evaluating the use of tissue-engineered vascular grafts.

Two National Safety Council Surgeons Awards for Service to Safety were conferred at the meeting (see photo, page 37). **F. Carter Nance, MD, FACS**, who had been unable to accept his award in person in 2007, was presented with his plaque, and **C. William Schwab, MD, FACS**, received the 2008 award for his "visionary leadership and steadfast commitment to firearm injury prevention and a distinguished surgical career marked by excellence in clinical care, prodigious research, and inspirational mentorship and training of young surgeons."

The 2008 Owen H. Wangensteen Surgical Forum was dedicated to **Patricia K. Donahoe, MD, FACS**, a pediatric surgeon from Boston,



Charles G. Drake History of Surgery Lecture dinner: Dr. Cohen (left) with Clarence B. Watridge, MD, FACS, Chair of the Advisory Council for Neurological Surgery.

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Herand Abcarian Lecture: Dr. Britt (left) with H. Randolph Bailey, MD, FACS, member of the Board of Regents.

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Surgical Volunteerism Awards. Left to right: Michael C. Dalsing, MD, FACS, Chair, Board of Governors' Committee on Socioeconomic Issues; Dr. Wong; Valerie W. Rusch, MD, FACS, Chair of the ACS Board of Governors; Dr. Gurri; Kathleen M. Casey, MD, FACS, Director of Operation Giving Back; Cathryn M. Clary, MD, vice-president of U.S. external medical affairs for Pfizer Inc.; and Dr. Theodore.



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Edward M. Copeland III, MD, FACS (right), Chair of the Fellows Leadership Society, offers words of praise while presenting Dr. Nora with the Distinguished Philanthropist Award.



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Dr. Anderson (left) receives the 2008 COT Meritorious Achievement Award. He is pictured with M. Margaret Knudson, MD, FACS, Vice-Chair of the COT.



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National Safety Council Surgeons' Award for Service to Safety. Left to right: John J. Fildes, MD, FACS, Chair, ACS Committee on Trauma; Dr. Schwab; Gregory J. Jurkovich, MD, FACS, President, American Association for the Surgery of Trauma; Dr. Nance; and Basil A. Pruitt, MD, FACS, editor of *Journal of Trauma*.



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Surgical Forum Excellence in Research Awards. Front row, left to right: Dr. Ahmadiyeh, Dr. Sood; Dr. Katz; and Dr. Shin. Back row: Stanley W. Ashley, MD, FACS, Chair of the Committee on Fundamental Surgical Problems; Dr. Maduekwe; Dr. Kwan; Dr. Gupta; Dr. Cadosch; Dr. Garrison; and Dr. Richardson. Not pictured: Dr. Kelishadi.

MA, and the first woman to receive this honor (see photo, page 38). Residents honored with the Surgical Forum Excellence in Research Awards included **Nasim Ahmadiyeh, MD**, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, MIT/Sloan School of Management, Boston, MA; **Dieter Cadosch, MD**, University of Western Australia, Perth; **Aaron P. Garrison, MD**, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; **Deepak**

M. Gupta, MD, Stanford (CA) University; **Matthew D. Katz, MD**, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO; **Shahrooz Sean Kelishadi, MD, PhD**, University of Maryland School of Medicine and Baltimore VAMC; **Matthew D. Kwan, MD**, Stanford (CA) University School of Medicine; **Ugwuji N. Maduekwe, MD**, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA; **Ward M. Richardson, MD**, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA; **Susanna H. Shin, MD**, M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX; and **Vikram Sood, MD**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (see photo, this page).

The 2008 Distinguished Service Award, the College's highest honor, was presented to **Paul E. Collicott, MD, FACS**, Director of the College's Division of Member Services (see photo, page 33). This award was given in recognition of his devoted service to the organization—including his role in developing the Advanced Trauma Life Support® (ATLS®) course and serving as ATLS course director, serving as a member of the COT and the General Surgery and Coding Reimbursement Committee, and as a member of the Board of Regents—and his 30 years of clinical activity as a peripheral vascular and trauma surgeon in Lincoln, NE, and as trauma director and chief of surgery at Lincoln General Hospital.

The International ATLS Meritorious Service Award was presented to **Claus Falck Larsen, MD, MPA, FACS**.

The Committee on Cancer Liaison recognized three Commission on Cancer State Chairs for outstanding performance and significant contribu-



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Surgical Forum volume dedication: Dr. Donahoe (center) with Dr. Ashley (left), and Marshall Z. Schwartz, MD, FACS, surgeon-in-chief, department of surgery, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Philadelphia, PA.



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2008 COC State Chair Outstanding Performance Award winners, left to right: Dr. Dreyer, Dr. Kenady, and Dr. Recabaren.



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Oweida Scholarship award: Dr. Breon (left) with Stephen E. Olson, MD, FACS, Chair of the Rural Surgery Subcommittee of the Advisory Council for General Surgery.



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Dr. Singh, recipient of the Resident Award for Exemplary Teaching (center), pictured with (left to right): Ajit K. Sachdeva, MD, FACS, FRCS, Director, Division of Education; Dr. Cameron; Myriam J. Curet, MD, FACS, Chair, Committee on Resident Education; and Dr. Britt, Chair, Board of Regents.



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Presentation of Best Scientific Exhibit. Dr. Spira (second from left) and Dr. Einav (second from right), co-authors of the winning exhibit, with (left to right) Regent Robin S. McLeod, MD, FACS; Regent Barbara L. Bass, MD, FACS, Chair of the Program Committee; and Dr. Bailey.



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International Guest Scholars (IGS), and luncheon guests. Front row, left to right: Dr. Agarwal, Dr. Keck, Dr. Sauvat, Dr. Ademola, and Dr. Wong. Back row: Dr. Hotz, Dr. Barberousse, Dr. Singh, Dr. Sho, Dr. Yoshizumi, Dr. Fondevila, and Dr. Barrera.

Right: The IGS program birthday cake. (Photo by 1993 IGS Scholar Nobuyaso Kano, MD, PhD, FACS.)



tions to the Liaison Program in 2007 (see photo, page 38). Honored were **James Recabaren, MD, FACS**, California State Chair; **Stephen Dreyer, MD, FACS**, Nebraska State Chair; and **Daniel Kenady, MD, FACS**, Kentucky State Chair.

Timothy A. Breon, MD, FACS, a surgeon from Oskaloosa, IA, received the 2008 Nizar N. Oweida, MD, FACS, Scholarship at the Rural Surgeons meeting (see photo, page 38).

The sixth annual ACS Resident Award for Exemplary Teaching, which is sponsored by the Division of Education to recognize excellence in teaching by a resident and to highlight the importance of teaching in residents' daily lives, was presented to **R. Ramesh Singh, MBBCh** (see photo, page 38). Dr. Singh completed his general surgery residency at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA, and is currently a fellow in cardiothoracic surgery at the University of Colorado, Denver.

Case Managers in Multiple Casualty Incidents, co-authored by **Ram M. Spira, MD**, and **Sharon Einav, MD**, was named



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Members of the ATLS international community met to discuss pertinent issues related to the program. The ATLS program is in more than 40 countries worldwide.



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Members of the Board of Regents (B/R) and ACS Officers met for their annual luncheon. Pictured (with their titles prior to the Congress) front row, left to right (all MD, FACS): Andrew L. Warshaw, Treasurer; Paul Friedmann, Second Vice-President; Gerald B. Healy, President; L. D. Britt, B/R Chair; John L. Cameron, President-Elect; Mary H. McGrath, First Vice-President; and Thomas R. Russell, Executive Director.

Middle row: Karen E. Deveney, Board of Governors (B/G) Secretary; Carlos A. Pellegrini; Charles D. Mabry; Richard J. Finley; Julie A. Freischlag; Robin S. McLeod; Barbara L. Bass; Howard M. Snyder III; Alden H. Harken; Raymond F. Morgan; and Valerie W. Rusch, B/G Chair.

Back row: H. Randolph Bailey; Michael J. Zinner, B/G Vice-Chair; Thomas V. Whalen; Bruce D. Browner; Karl C. Podratz; John T. Preskitt; Martin B. Camins; Mark C. Weissler; A. Brent Eastman; J. David Richardson; and Barrett G. Haik. Not pictured: Courtney M. Townsend, Jr., Secretary.

the Best Scientific Exhibit (see photo, page 39).

The International Guest Scholar program celebrated its 40th anniversary with a cake and welcomed its 2008 guest scholars, including the following: **Samuel A. Ademola**, MSc, MB, ChB, FWACS, Ibadan, Nigeria; **Amit Agarwal**, MBBS, MS, Lucknow, India; **Carlos M. Barberousse**, MD, Montevideo, Uruguay; **Juan G. Barrera**, MD, Bucaramanga, Santander, Colombia; **Constantino Fondevila**, MD, PhD, Barcelona, Spain; **Hubert G. Hotz**, MD, Berlin, Germany; Germany Traveling Fellow **Tobias Keck**, MD, PhD, Freiburg, Germany; **Frederique Sauvat**, MD, PhD, Paris, France; **Masayuki Sho**, MD, PhD, Nara, Japan; **Baljit Singh**, MB, BCh, DPhil, FRCSEd, FRCSEd, Oxford, U.K.; **Kenneth Wong**, MB, ChB, FRCSEd, Hong Kong, China; and Japan Traveling Fellow **Tomoharu Yoshizumi**, MD, PhD, Fukuoka, Japan (see photos, page 39).

New this year

A new system for arranging courses according to discipline- and theme-based tracks was introduced beginning with this year's Clinical Congress to

focus specifically on the needs of various surgical specialties and learner groups. The tracks were as follows: Cardiothoracic Surgery, Colon and Rectal Surgery, Ethics/Volunteerism, General Surgery, Geriatric/Palliative Care, Health Policy: Practice Management/Reimbursement/Liability Issues, Informatics, International, Neurosurgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Orthopaedic, Otolaryngology–Head & Neck Surgery, Pediatric Surgery, Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery, Research/Basic Science, Residents/Medical Students, Surgical Education/Core Competencies/Outcomes & Safety, Surgical Oncology, Trauma/Critical Care, Urology, and Vascular Surgery. The 2009 Clinical Congress will follow a similar format with the track system; however, note that each year the tracks will continue to be more defined and developed.

This year, Surgical Jeopardy, formerly held during the College's annual Spring Meeting, convened during this year's Clinical Congress as a standing-room-only event. Residents from various medical schools made up 24 teams of two each in this competition to test general and specialty surgical knowledge. The winning team, **Lokesh Bathla**, MD, and **Konstantinos Makris**, MD, of Creighton University in Omaha, NE, were presented a plaque to commemorate their achievement.

Five new Town Hall Meetings, during which issues and news relevant to specific interest and practice areas were discussed, were held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and were hosted by the College's Operation Giving Back program; the International Relations Committee; and the General Surgery, Vascular, and Cardiothoracic Surgery Advisory Councils. Meet the Professor Luncheons, informal gatherings where attendees had the opportunity to discuss a topic with experts in that given field, were also offered for the first time this year at the Clinical Congress. These 25 luncheons were very popular, with the hourlong afternoon sessions nearly sold out.

The papers sessions were reformatted this year to offer topic-specific sessions that incorporated the tracks system. Whereas the papers sessions in previous years were composed of approximately 20 papers presented in two sessions, the 2008 Clinical Congress hosted 13 papers sessions with approximately 100 papers presented.

Surgeons attending this year's meeting were

Where to find more information

These highlights include news items that have been discussed in more detail in previous issues of the *Bulletin*. Following is a list of where to find these articles.

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invited to participate in on-camera interviews for a multimedia presentation, “Why Surgery?”, meant to attract students to a career in surgery. This promotional piece—a joint project by the College, the Association for Academic Surgery, the Society of University Surgeons, and the Association of Program Directors in Surgery—will be available on DVD, as a video podcast, and via the College’s members-only Web portal, *e-facs.org*.

College governance

At the Annual Business Meeting of Members on Wednesday, where Dr. Cameron presided, Dr. Britt presented the Report of the Chair of the Board of Regents; **Valerie W. Rusch, MD, FACS**, presented the Report of the Chair of the Board of Governors; and **Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS**, presented the Report of the Executive Director of the College; **Sara L. Hartsaw, MD, FACS**, presented the Report of the Chair of the Nominating Committee of the Board of Governors, during which the elected Regents and Board of Governors Officers were announced; and **Mark A. Malangoni, MD, FACS**, presented the Report of the Chair of the Nominating Committee of the Fellows and announced the nomination and election of Governors and Officers. It was also at this meeting that Dr. Collicott received his Distinguished Service Award, Dr. Breuer was presented with the Promising Investigator Award, and Dr. Singh was given the Resident Award for Exemplary Teaching.

The Past-Presidents of the College met for their annual luncheon. Pictured left to right, front row (all MD, FACS): M. J. Jurkiewicz; C. Rollins Hanlon; Gerald B. Healy; and Frank C. Spencer. Back row: R. Scott Jones; Edward R. Laws; Edward M. Copeland III; and LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr.



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Recipients of the College’s highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, met for their annual luncheon. Pictured left to right, front row (all MD, FACS): Robert E. Hermann, Murray F. Brennan, and LaMar S. McGinnis, Jr. Back row: C. Thomas Thompson, Richard B. Reiling, Frank Padberg, and Josef E. Fischer.

In addition to the Statement on Health Care Reform (see Board of Regents/Board of Governors section), three statements were approved by the Board of Governors during their Wednesday meeting, and were subsequently approved on Thursday by the Board of Regents: Statement on the Rationale for Emergency Surgical Call Support, Statement on Surgical Patient Safety, and Statement on the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act. (All three statements are published in this issue of the *Bulletin*; see pages 45, 47, and 49.)

New Officers-Elect

At the Annual Business Meeting of Members, new Officers-Elect were named. **LaMar S. McGinnis, Jr., MD, FACS**, was named President-Elect and will begin his tenure as the 90th ACS President at the 2009 Clinical Congress in Chicago, IL. Dr. McGinnis is a general and oncologic surgeon and a clinical professor of surgery at Emory University in Atlanta, GA.

Kirby I. Bland, MD, FACS—chair of the department of surgery at University of Alabama—Birmingham—was named First Vice-President-Elect. Named as Second Vice-President-Elect was **Karen E. Deveney, MD, FACS**, Secretary of the Board of Governors.

Board of Regents/Board of Governors

At an unprecedented joint session led by Dr. Britt, Chair of the Board of Regents, and Dr. Rusch, then-Chair of the Board of Governors, Regents and Governors considered and debated a draft proposal of a formal ACS Statement on Health Care Reform. The meeting provided for a lively exchange of ideas, and the proposal was accepted after the Clinical Congress adjourned.

Newly elected to the Board of Regents were Dr. Malangoni—a general surgeon and chair and surgeon-in-chief of the department of surgery at MetroHealth Medical Center and professor of surgery at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH—and Dr. Rusch, who is chief of the thoracic service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and professor of surgery at Cornell University Medical College, New York, NY. Elected to additional three-year terms on the Board of Regents were **Charles D. Mabry, MD, FACS**; **Robin S. McLeod, MD, FACS**; and **Carlos A.**

Pellegrini, MD, FACS.

The following Fellows were elected to the Board of Governors: **Michael J. Zinner, MD, FACS**, as Chair; **Lenworth M. Jacobs, Jr., MD, FACS**, as Vice-Chair; and **James K. Elsey, MD, FACS**, as Secretary. In addition, individuals voted onto Board of Governors Executive Committee included **Timothy C. Flynn, MD, FACS**; **John M. Livingston, MD, FACS**; **Beth H. Sutton, MD, FACS**; and **Mitchell L. Wilens, MD, FACS**. 