
Members in the news

E. Marino Blasini-Rivera, MD, FACS, was awarded the 2009 Humanitarian Choice Award by Oriental Group and *BuenaVIDA* magazine in San Juan, Puerto Rico, for his exemplary service in the medical field. Dr. Blasini-Rivera is a general surgeon and has been associated for many years with the department of surgery at the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, and was the chair, department of surgery, San Juan City Hospital, for many years.

Verne E. Chaney, MD, FACS—founder and president of Intermed International, Inc. (formerly the Dooley Foundation/Intermed, Inc), a not-for-profit that offers medical assistance to refugees in underserved countries—was the first recipient of the Sir Edmund Hillary Humanitarian Award (2009) from The Explorers Club. The award was presented to Dr. Chaney in recognition of his long-term commitment to humanitarian endeavors.

John Fildes, MD, FACS, and **Gregory J. Jurkovich, MD, FACS**, have been awarded

certificates of appreciation for their leadership in defining triage criteria for injuries, by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. Fildes is professor of surgery and vice-chair, department of surgery, University of Nevada School of Medicine, Las Vegas, and Chair of the ACS Committee on Trauma.

Dr. Jurkovich is professor of surgery, chief of trauma, University of Washington, Seattle; president of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma; and Past Vice-Chair of the ACS Committee on Trauma.

John R. Handy, Jr., MD, FACS, director of Providence Thoracic Surgery, co-director, Providence Thoracic Oncology Programs, Portland, OR, and Immediate Past-President of the ACS Oregon Chapter, has been awarded an honorary doctorate for his selfless contributions to the development of cardiothoracic surgery in Mongolia, by the National Institute of Health Mongolia.

Eugene N. Myers, MD, FACS, distinguished professor

and emeritus chair, department of otolaryngology, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, received a gold medal from the International Federation of Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Societies for his contributions to the organization and for his work for international otolaryngology.

John A. Ridge, MD, FACS, chief of head and neck surgery, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, PA, has been elected president of the American Head and Neck Society.

Christian C. Shults, MD, a fourth-year general surgery resident at Washington (DC) Hospital Center, has been named a recipient of the American Medical Association Foundation's 2009 Leadership Award.

Anton N. Siawy, MD, FACS, chief of surgical service, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Washington, DC, and professor of surgery at both Georgetown and George Washington University Schools of Medicine (DC), was elected 2009–2010 president of the Society for Vascular Surgery.

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