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## 2009 Japan and German Exchange Travelers announced

The International Relations Committee of the American College of Surgeons has established an exchange program with the Japan Surgical Society and the ACS Japan Chapter. In early April, Lorenzo Ferri, MD, FACS, of McGill University, Montreal, PQ, attended the annual meeting of the Japan Surgical Society in Fukuoka, and visited several other Japanese surgical centers. The Japan Exchange Traveler, Hiroshi Saeki, MD, PhD, of Kyushu University Hospital, Fukuoka, has been selected to attend the College's Clinical Congress in Chicago, IL, in October. Dr. Saeki will give a presentation at the Congress and will tour several surgical institutions in North America. Dr. Saeki is highly involved in researching proliferation and prognosis of esophageal carcinoma.

The German Surgical Society and the ACS Germany Chapter have also developed a



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similar exchange program with the College. Richard A. Santucci, MD, FACS, of Michigan State College of Osteopathic Medicine, Detroit, attended the German Surgical Society's annual meeting in Munich in late April, and visited additional surgical sites around Germany. (See Dr. Santucci's report on his travels on page 40.) His

German counterpart, Prof. Björn Bruecher, MD, PhD, of the University of Tübingen, will attend our Clinical Congress and choose several surgical sites to visit with the guidance of his mentors at home and in the U.S. Professor Bruecher's research focuses on the radiochemical therapy treatment of esophageal carcinoma.