

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 95TH ANNUAL
Clinical Congress



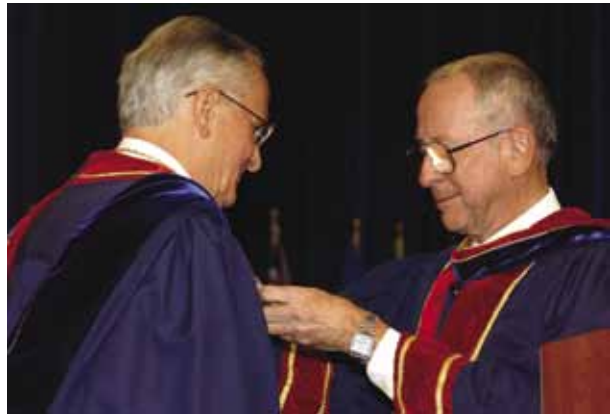
At the 2009 Clinical Congress in Chicago, IL, a wide selection of presentations covering subjects from education to practice to clinical considerations—in addition to poster presentations, papers sessions, and special-interest meetings—were offered. The meeting was attended by 13,869 participants, including 8,638 physicians; the remaining attendees included exhibitors, spouses, guests, and convention personnel.

Convocation

LaMar S. McGinnis, Jr., MD, FACS—a general and oncologic surgeon from Atlanta, GA, and a senior medical consultant and advisor for the National American Cancer Society and a clinical professor of surgery at Emory University, Atlanta, GA—was installed as the 90th President of the American College of Surgeons during Convocation ceremonies that denoted the official opening of the Clinical Congress (see photo, this page). (See the December 2009 issue of the *Bulletin* for the Presidential Address.)

Other officers installed during the Convocation were **Kirby I. Bland, MD, FACS**, as First Vice-President, and **Karen E. Deveney, MD, FACS**, as Second Vice-President. Dr. Bland, who became a Fellow in 1980, is chair of the department of surgery at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. In addition to his participation in various College committees, he has been a member of the ACS Board of Governors, a member and Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, and a liaison for the Board of Governors' Committee on Surgical Practice. Dr. Deveney, a Fellow since 1984, has served as Secretary of the Board of Governors. She is currently professor, department of surgery, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR.

Honorary Fellowship was conferred on the following five prominent surgeons: **Masaki Kitajima, MD, FACS, FRCS(Hon), FASA(Hon)**; **Sir Bruce Edward Keogh, KBE, BSc, MD, FRCS, FESC, FETCS**; **Ingemar Ihse, MD, PhD, FRCS**; **Vicente P. Gutierrez, MD,**



Outgoing ACS President John L. Cameron, MD, FACS (right), passes the Presidential Medallion to Dr. McGinnis during the Convocation.

MAAC, FACS; and **Adelola Adeloye, MB, MS, FRCP(Edin), FRCS(Eng), FACS, FICS, FWACS, FMCS(Nig), FAS, FCOSECA.**

Named Lectures

As was the case last year, the Martin Memorial Lecture and the American Urological Association Lecture were combined for presentation during the Opening Ceremony of the Clinical Congress. **Glenn D. Steele, MD, FACS**, delivered his lecture, Re-engineering Systems of Care—Surgical Leadership, immediately following the Opening Ceremony on Monday morning (see photo, page 33). Also on Monday, The Intraoperative Myocardial Protection: Still Important? was presented as the John H. Gibbon, Jr., Lecture by **William A. Gay, MD, FACS**, and **John E. Connolly, MD, FACS**, presented Personal Reflections on the First 50 Years of Cardiovascular Surgery as the Charles G. Drake History of Surgery Lecture. The Excelsior Surgical Society Edward D. Churchill Lecture, which until 2008 had been presented at the ACS Spring Meeting, convened Tuesday with **George F. Sheldon, MD, FACS**, presenting The Surgeon Shortage: Constructive Participation during Health Reform. Other Named Lectures that convened Tuesday were the Scudder Oration on Trauma, during which **A. Brent Eastman, MD, FACS**, presented Wherever the Dart Lands: Toward

Opposite, top: Dr. McGinnis presides over the Opening Ceremony. Bottom: Meeting attendees enter the exhibit hall at the advent of the meeting.

the Ideal Trauma System; and the Olga M. Jonasson Lecture, Leadership Development and Mentoring in the Age of Restricted Work Hours, presented by **Karin M. Muraszko, MD, FACS**. Wednesday's Named Lectures included the Ethics and Philosophy Lecture, Can General Surgeons and Transplant Surgeons Work Together to Improve the Supply and Ethical Standard of Living Organ Donations? presented by **Mark Siegler, MD, FACP**; A Community Cancer Center Program: Getting to the Next Level, the Commission on Cancer Oncology Lecture, presented by **Nicholas J. Petrelli, MD, FACS** (see photo, this page); the I.S. Ravdin Lecture in Basic Sciences, where **Michael T. Longaker, MD, FACS**, delivered Reparative, Replacement, and Regenerative Medicine; the Herand Abcarian Lecture, The Little Engine That Did, offered by **David Schoetz, MD, FACS**; and Health Care Reform in the United Kingdom, the Distinguished Lecture of the International Society of Surgery presentation by **Ara W. Darzi, MB, BCh, FACS**.

Awards, honors, celebrations

The 2009 ACS/Pfizer Inc Surgical Volunteerism and Surgical Humanitarian Aware winners were honored at a general session sponsored by the College's Operation Giving Back program. **Edgar Rodas, MD, FACS**, was presented with the humanitarianism award, and **Douglas P. Grey, MD, FACS**; **William P. Schecter, MD, FACS**; **Glenn W. Geelhoed, MD, FACS**; **Vance J. Moss, MD, FACS**; **Vincent L. Moss, MD, FACS**; and **Awori J. Hayanga, MD, MPH**, received the volunteerism awards (see photo, page 34).

Also Monday, **Richard Reiling, MD, FACS**, and **Mrs. Elizabeth Reiling** were presented with the Fellows Leadership Society's Distinguished Philanthropist Award in recognition of their personal contributions, along with Dr. Reiling's tireless work to raise philanthropic support on behalf of the College (see photo, page 34).

Dorry Segev, MD, PhD, FACS, an associate professor with the department of surgery at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, was presented with the Joan L. and Julius H. Jacobson II Promising Investigator Award (see photo, page 35). Dr. Segev and colleagues con-



Martin Memorial/AUA Lecturer Dr. Steele (center), with Dr. McGinnis (left) and Howard M. Snyder III, MD, FACS, who introduced the lecture.



COC Oncology Lecturer Dr. Petrelli.

ducted a large cohort study of the effects of cold ischemia time (CIT) on live donor outcomes demonstrating that the anticipated CIT resulting from cross-country kidney transport was safe. This procedure is now accepted as viable, has been performed numerous times, and has been included in both the U.S. and Canadian national kidney paired donation protocols.

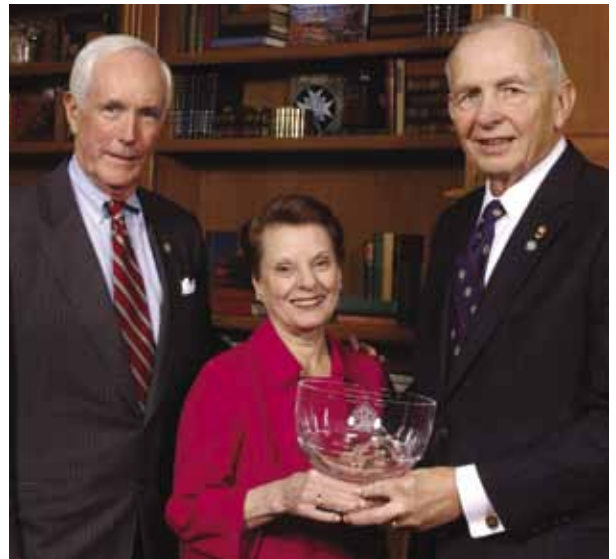
The National Safety Council Surgeons Award for Service to Safety was conferred at the meeting. **Martin R. Eichelberger, MD, FACS**, was presented with his plaque for his undaunting



American College of Surgeons/Pfizer Inc Surgical Humanitarian Award and Surgical Volunteerism Awards. Michael J. Zinner, MD, FACS, Chair of the Board of Governors (left) and Jack Watters, MD, vice-president of external medical affairs, Pfizer Inc (far right), are pictured with award recipients (left to right) Dr. Geelhoed, Dr. Hayanga, Dr. Vincent Moss, Dr. Vance Moss, Dr. Schecter, Dr. Grey, and Dr. Rodas.

commitment to the prevention and treatment of children's injuries, and in recognition of his contributing influence on countless lives (see photo, page 35).

The 2009 Owen H. Wangensteen Surgical Forum was dedicated to **Hiram C. Polk, Jr., MD, FACS** (see photo, page 36). Residents honored with the Surgical Forum Excellence in Research Awards included **Sonal Arora, MB, BS, MRCS**, Surgical Education, Imperial College, London, UK; **Elliott R. Brill, MD**, Targeted Therapies, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY; **Benjamin S. Brooke, MD**, Quality, Outcomes and Costs, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD; **Bettina M. Buchholz, MD**, Alimentary Tract, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA; **Antoine L. Carre, MD**, Plastic/Maxillofacial Surgery, Stanford University, Stanford, CA; **Claudius Conrad, MD, PhD**, Progenitor Cells and Cell-Based Therapies, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA; **Amanda Feigel, MD**, Vascular Surgery, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT; **Georg N. Herlitz, MD, JD**, Critical Care, University of Medicine and Dentistry, New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, NJ; **Onkar Khullar, MD**, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Brigham & Women's Hos-



2009 Distinguished Philanthropist Award recipients Mrs. Reiling and Dr. Reiling (right), with ACS Executive Director Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS.

pital, Boston University, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA; **Marcus M. Malek, MD**, Pediatric Surgery, Children's Hospital of



Joan L. and Julius H. Jacobson II Promising Investigator Award recipient Dr. Segev (center), with Mrs. Jacobson (left) and Dr. Jacobson.



National Safety Council Surgeons' Award for Service to Safety recipient Dr. Eichelberger (center), with, left to right: Dr. Eastman; John Fildes, MD, FACS, ACS COT Chair; M. Margaret Knudson, COT Vice-Chair; and J. Wayne Meredith, Medical Director, ACS Trauma Programs, Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care.



ATLS: Carlos Carvajal Hafeman, MD, FACS (center), Chair of the Chile COT, with an award presented to the Chilean Chapter for training doctors in ATLS, the Advanced Trauma Course for Nurses, and the Prehospital Life Support courses. Also pictured are Dr. Fildes (left), and Dr. Meredith.



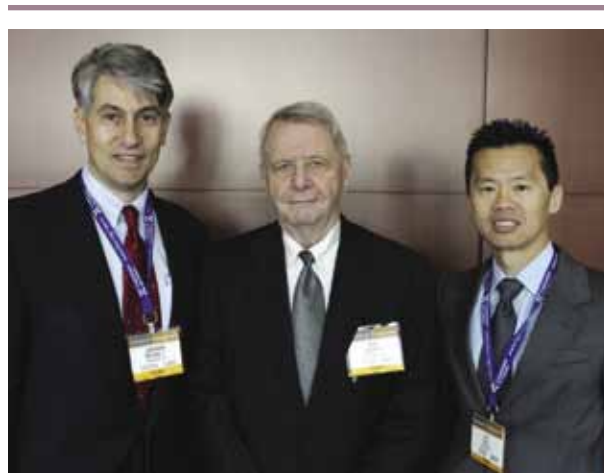
ATLS: Francisco De Salles Collet E. Silva, MD, FACS (center), Chair of the Brazilian COT, with an award presented to the Brazilian Chapter for training doctors in ATLS, the Advanced Trauma Course for Nurses, and the Prehospital Life Support courses. Also pictured are Dr. Fildes (left), and Dr. Meredith.

Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA; **Douglas A. Murrey, Jr., MD**, Urology and Reproductive Surgery, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, OH; and **Robert Sucher, MD**, Immunity, Transplantation, and Tissue Engineering, Innsbruck Medical University, Innsbruck, Tirol Austria (see photo, page 36).

The 2009 Distinguished Service Award,

the College's highest honor, was presented to **F. Dean Griffen, MD, FACS**, a professor of clinical surgery and director of undergraduate surgical education at Louisiana State University Health Services Center, Shreveport (see top photo, page 37). This award was given in recognition of his staunch and devoted service as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and for his leadership roles as Chair of the Board

of Regents' Committee on Patient Safety and Professional Liability, Vice-Chair of the Public Profile and Communications Steering Committee, President of the ACS Louisiana Chapter, and member of the ACS Board of Governors' Com-



The 2009 Surgical Forum volume dedication recipient Dr. Polk (center) with Michael T. Longaker, MD, FACS (left), Chair of the Surgical Forum Committee, and Tien C. Ko, MD, FACS, a committee member.

mittee on Professional Liability. Dr. Griffen is also acknowledged for his superb clinical activity as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy, his service as a general-thoracic-vascular surgeon at the Highland Clinic in Shreveport, LA, and, most recently, his services as a clinical professor of surgery at Louisiana State University Medical Center in Shreveport. Dr. Griffen is further recognized for his leadership role with the American College of Surgeons in bringing to the attention of its membership—through his ground-breaking work on the ACS Closed Claims Study—insights into ways to improve surgical care and decrease liability through professional behavior, conducting numerous seminars, postgraduate courses, and mock trials at the Clinical Congress on the issues of liability and professionalism.

The Committee on Cancer Liaison recognized three Commission on Cancer State Chairs for outstanding performance and significant contributions to the Liaison Program in 2008. Honored were **Daniel P. McKellar, MD, FACS**, Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, OH; **James J. Hamilton, Jr., MD, FACS**, St. Francis Health Center, Topeka, KS; and **Mary Milroy, MD, FACS**, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton,



Surgical Forum Excellence in Research Awards. Front row, left to right: Dr. Carre, Dr. Conrad, Dr. Feigel, Dr. Khullar, and Dr. Herlitz. Back row: Dr. Brill, Dr. Murrey, Dr. Brooke, Dr. Buchholz, Dr. Sucher, and Dr. Longaker. Not pictured: Dr. Arora and Dr. Malek.

SD (see lower left photo, this page).

Nathan C. Kanning, MD, a surgeon from Sandpoint, ID, received the 2009 Nizar N. Oweida, MD, FACS, Scholarship at the Rural Surgeons meeting (see photo, lower right, this page).

The seventh annual ACS Resident Award for Exemplary Teaching was presented to **Susan Skaff Hagen, MD**, a PGY-4 resident in general surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. The award 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. Dr. Hagen was selected by an independent review panel of the Committee of Resident Education (see top photo, page 38).

"Improving Rural Maine's Access to Emergency Trauma Services Through Telemedicine," authored by **Joan-Marie Pellegrini, MD**, was



Distinguished Service Award recipient Dr. Griffen (third from left) with his family and Mrs. Julia McGinnis (second from right) and Dr. McGinnis.

named Best Scientific Exhibit (see bottom photo, page 38).

The International Guest Scholar program welcomed its 2009 guest scholars, including the following: **Lohfa B. Chirdan, MBBS, FWACS**, Jos, Nigeria; **Paisarn Vejchapipat, MD**, Bangkok, Thailand; **Jaqueline Cruz Vargas**,



COC State Chair award winners, left to right: Dr. McKellar, Dr. Hamilton, and Dr. Milroy.



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



Resident Award for Exemplary Teaching awardee Dr. Hagen (center), with (left to right) Glenn T. Ault, MD, FACS, Chair, Resident Award Program, Committee on Resident Education; Dr. Britt; Dr. McGinnis; and Dr. Russell.



Best Scientific Exhibit award recipient Dr. Joan-Marie Pellegrini (center), with ACS Regent Barbara L. Bass, MD, FACS (left), Chair of the Program Committee; and judge and ACS Regent Robin S. McLeod, MD, FACS. ACS Regent Carlos A. Pellegrini, MD, FACS (not pictured), also served as a judge.

MD, Lima, Peru; **Giuseppe R. Nigri, MD, PhD, FACS**, Rome, Italy; **Kelvin K. Ng, MBBS, MS, PhD, FRCS(Ed)**, Hong Kong, China; **Sanjeev Misra, MBBS, MChir**, Lucknow, India; **Andrew P. Barbour, MBBS, PhD, FRACS**, Woolloongabba, Queensland,

Australia; **Fernando Burdio, MD**, Barcelona, Spain; **Grant R. Christey, BSc, MBChB, FRACS**, Hamilton, New Zealand; **Patricio R. Andrades, MD, FACS**, Vitacura, Santiago, Chile; and Germany Exchange Fellow **Bjorn Bruecher, MD, PhD, FACS**, Tübingen, Germany (see photo, page 39).

The ACS Committee on Video-based Education sponsored a session to highlight outstanding surgical videos, which were nominated by prominent international surgeons and previously presented at various international meetings. At the conclusion of the session, chaired by **Horacio J. Asbun, MD, FACS**, members of the audience voted on the most outstanding video. The 2009 outstanding video was Laparoscopic Total Mesorectal Excision Based on the Recent Interpretation of Surgical Anatomy, presented by **Yoshiharu Sakai, MD**, from Kyoto, Japan (see photo, page 40).

New this year
A new format for the Clinical Congress *Program Book* was introduced at this year's meeting, which included a larger trim size and an easy-to-read two-column format. A Pocket Guide was also unveiled, which featured a convenient schedule of Sessions-at-a-Glance by Day as well as a Sessions-at-a-Glance by Track schedule. The tracks were as follows: Basic/Translational Research, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Colon and Rectal Surgery, Education/Outcomes & Safety, Ethics, General Surgery, Health Policy: Practice Management/



The International Guest Scholars for 2009, International Relations Committee members, and guests gathered for a luncheon during the Congress. Pictured front row, left to right: Dr. Chirdan, Dr. Vejchapipat, Dr. Cruz Vargas, and Dr. Nigri. Back row: Dr. Ng, Dr. Misra, Dr. Barbour, Dr. Burdio, Dr. Christey, Dr. Andrades, and Germany Exchange Fellow Bjorn Bruecher, MD, PhD, FACS, Tübingen, Germany.

Reimbursement/Liability Issues, International, Neurosurgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Orthopaedic Surgery, Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery, Pediatric Surgery, Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery, Residents/Medical Students, Surgical Oncology, Trauma/Critical Care, Urology, Vascular Surgery, and Volunteerism. The 2010 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.

Seven new Town Hall Meetings took place, during which issues and news relevant to specific interest and practice areas were discussed. The meetings were sponsored by the Advisory Council for General Surgery; the Advisory Council for Vascular Surgery; the Resident and Associate Society of the American College of Surgeons; the

Advisory Council for Colon and Rectal Surgery; the International Relations Committee; the Advisory Council for Cardiothoracic Surgery; and the Committee on Emerging Surgical Technology and Education.

Meet the Expert Luncheons (formally known as Meet the Professor Luncheons), informal gatherings where attendees had the opportunity to discuss a topic with experts in that given field, were once again offered this year. These 30 luncheons (an increase of five expert luncheons over the previous Clinical Congress meeting) were once again very popular this year, and in fact, nearly sold out.

The Board of Regents approved the formation of the College's 34th and 35th international chapters: the ACS Pakistan Chapter and the ACS Austria-Hungary Chapter. This brings the

total number of ACS chapters to 102: 35 international, two Canadian, and 65 U.S.

The Young Fellows Association (YFA) held its inaugural meeting during the Clinical Congress on Monday, October 12. **Mark A. Malangoni, MD, FACS**, a former Chair of the former Committee on Young Surgeons, provided the welcoming remarks at the meeting (see photo, page 42). The YFA consists of four workgroups: Advocacy, Communications, Education, and Member Services. Nearly 100 Fellows have joined a workgroup at this time. For more information, visit the new YFA Web page at <http://www.facs.org/member-services/yfa/>.

The Scientific Papers abstract session offered topic-specific sessions that incorporated the tracks system. The 2009 Clinical Congress hosted 18 Scientific Paper Sessions with approximately 150 papers presented.

College governance

At the Annual Business Meeting of Members on Wednesday, where Dr. McGinnis presided, **L.D. Britt, MD, FACS**, presented the Report of the Chair of the Board of Regents; **Michael J. Zinner, 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. **Henri R. Ford, 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 **Linda G. Phillips, MD, FACS**, presented the Report of the Chair of the Nominating Committee of the Fellows and announced the nomination and election of Governors. It was also at this meeting that Dr. Griffen received his Distinguished Service Award, Dr. Segev was presented with the Promising Investigator Award, and Dr. Hagen



Video-Based Education winner Dr. Sakai (second from right) with (left to right): 2007 and 2008 winner Augusto C. Tinoco, MD; Dr. Asbun; Tonia Young-Fadok, MD, FACS, Chair, Committee on Video-based Education; and W. Scott Melvin, MD, FACS. Doctors Tinoco, Young-Fadok, and Melvin served as panelists on this session.

was given the Resident Award for Exemplary Teaching.

New Offers-Elect

At the Annual Business Meeting of Members, new Officers-Elect were named. **L.D. Britt, MD, MPH, FACS, FCCM**, was named President-Elect; he will begin his tenure as the 91st ACS President at the 2010 Clinical Congress in Washington, DC. Dr. Britt is a general and trauma surgeon from Norfolk, VA.

Richard J. Finley, MD, FACS, FRCSC—a general thoracic surgeon, and professor and head of the division of thoracic surgery at the University of British Columbia—was named First Vice-President-Elect. Named as Second Vice-President-Elect was **Frederick L. Greene, MD, FACS**, a general surgeon and chairman of the department of general surgery, Carolinas Medical Center, in Charlotte, NC.

Board of Regents/Board of Governors

The Board of Governors elected **Rene Lafreniere, MD, FACS**, Calgary, AB; **Leigh A. Neumayer, MD, FACS**, Salt Lake City, UT; and **Marshall Z. Schwartz, MD, FACS**, Philadelphia,



Dr. Zinner (second from right) was recognized for his outstanding leadership as the founding course director for the Surgery Resident Program, offered each year at the Clinical Congress to help prepare residents for the transition to practice. Also pictured are (left to right): Ajit K. Sachdeva, MD, FACS, FRCS, Director, Division of Education; Gayle E. Woodson, MD, FACS, Chair, Committee on Resident Education; Dr. Russell; and Thomas V. Whalen, MD, MMM, FACS, Regent and new course director for the Surgery Resident Program.



W. Lynn Weaver, MD, FACS (second from left), was recognized for his outstanding leadership as the founding course director for the High School Student Program, offered each year at the Clinical Congress for underrepresented and underserved students interested in the health professions. Also pictured are (left to right): Dr. Sachdeva, Mrs. Kay Weaver, and Dr. Russell.

PA, to the ACS Board of Regents.

Dr. Lafreniere, a general surgeon, is professor of surgery, oncology, and anesthesia at the University of Calgary, AB. A Fellow of the College since 1989, Dr. Lafreniere has served on

the Board of Governors (1998–2004), the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors (2001–2004; Vice-Chair, 2003–2004), the Program Committee (2003–2007), the Committee on Emerging Surgical Technology & Education (2004–2007), and the Committee on Development (2005–2007). Dr. Lafreniere served as Chair of the Committee on Operating Room Environment (2001–2002) and the Committee on Perioperative Care (2002–2003).

Dr. Neumayer, a general surgeon, is professor of surgery at the University of Utah; Jon and Karen Huntsman Presidential Professor of Cancer Research, Huntsman Cancer Institute; and co-director, Integrated Breast Program, Huntsman Cancer Hospital, all in Salt Lake City. A Fellow since 1994, Dr. Neumayer has served on the Committee on Medical Student Education (1996–2003; Chair 2001–2003); the Program Committee (2002–2004); the Advisory Committee on SESAP (2003–2005); the Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems (2003–2009); and the Women in Surgery Committee (2005–present).

Dr. Schwartz, a pediatric surgeon, is professor of surgery and pediatrics, Drexel University College of Medicine, Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA. He is also surgeon-in-chief, chief of pediatric surgery, and director of the Pediatric Surgery Research

Laboratory at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Philadelphia. A Fellow since 1982, Dr. Schwartz served as Chair of the Advisory Council for Pediatric Surgery (2002–2008) and as Chair of Advisory Council Chairs (2004–2008).



YFA inaugural meeting. Dr. Malangoni (left) makes opening remarks. On the panel, left to right (all MD, FACS): Perry Shen, Immediate Past-Chair; Mark Savarise, Chair; Laurel Soot, Chair, Communications Work Group; Wayne Frederick, Chair, Education Work Group; and Sanjay Parikh, YFA Vice-Chair and Chair, Advocacy Work Group.



YFA Governing Council. Left to right (all MD, FACS): Adam Cohen; Dr. Savarise; Juan Paramo; Dr. Frederick, Cecelia Boardman, Michael Sutherland, Danielle Katz, Dr. Soot, Rob Todd, Steven Chen, Dr. Shen, Dinakar Golla, and Sanjay Parikh. Not pictured: Keith Amos, Nancy Baxter, and Patricia Turner.



The Past-Presidents of the College and guests met during the Clinical Congress. Front row, left to right (all MD, FACS): John L. Cameron, C. Rollins Hanlon, and W. Gerald Austen. Back row: Dr. Russell; R. Scott Jones; LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr.; and Gerald B. Healy.



Recipients of the College's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, met during the Clinical Congress. Front row, left to right (all MD, FACS): LaMar S. McGinnis, Jr.; Paul E. Collicott; Murray F. Brennan; and David L. Nahrwold. Back row: Richard B. Reiling, Patricia J. Numann, Frank Padberg, and C. Barber Mueller.

He is a member of the Public Profile and Communications Steering Committee (2007–present).

A. Brent Eastman, MD, FACS, was elected Chair of the Board of Regents. A general, vascular, and trauma surgeon, Dr. Eastman is chief medical officer of Scripps Health and the N. Paul Whittier Endowed Chair of Trauma at Scripps Memorial Hospital, La Jolla, CA. He is also a clinical professor of surgery-trauma at the University of California, San Diego. In his role as Chair of the Board of Regents, Dr. Eastman will work closely with the ACS Executive Director and will chair the Regents' Finance and Executive Committees.

Elected to additional three-year terms on the Board of Regents were **H. Randolph Bailey, MD, FACS**, Houston, TX; **Bruce D. Browner, MD, FACS**, Farmington, CT; **Martin B. Camins, MD, FACS**, New York, NY; **Julie A. Freischlag, MD, FACS**, Baltimore, MD; **Raymond F. Morgan, MD, FACS**, Charlottesville, VA; **Karl C. Podratz, MD, FACS**, Rochester, MN; **J. David Richardson, MD, FACS**, Louisville, KY; **Mark C. Weissler, MD, FACS**, Chapel Hill, NC; and **Thomas V. Whalen, MD, FACS**, Allentown, PA.

The Board of Governors reelected Michael J. Zinner, MD, FACS, Boston, MA, as Chair. **Timothy C. Flynn, MD, FACS**, Gainesville, FL, was elected Vice-Chair, and **James K. Elsey, MD, FACS**, Lawrenceville, GA, was reelected Secretary.



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.



Members of the Board of Regents (B/R), the Board of Governors (B/G) Executive Committee, and ACS Officers met for their annual luncheon. Pictured (with their titles prior to the Congress) front row, left to right (all MD, FACS): Dr. Russell; Andrew L. Warshaw, Treasurer; Julie A. Freischlag; A. Brent Eastman, B/R Vice-Chair; L. D. Britt, B/R Chair; John L. Cameron, President; Valerie W. Rusch; LaMar S. McGinnis, Jr., President-Elect; and James K. Elsey, B/G Secretary.

Middle row: Michael J. Zinner, B/G Chair; Barbara L. Bass; John T. Preskitt; Charles D. Mabry; Martin B. Camins; Robin S. McLeod; Richard J. Finley; Mark A. Malangoni; Carlos A. Pellegrini; Richard B. Reiling, Second Vice-President; and Jack W. McAninch, First Vice-President.

Back row: Courtney M. Townsend, Jr., Secretary; Thomas V. Whalen; H. Randolph Bailey; J. David Richardson; Howard M. Snyder III; Karl C. Podratz; Raymond F. Morgan; Mark C. Weissler; Bruce D. Browner; and Lenworth M. Jacobs, Jr., B/G Vice-Chair.



A special luncheon was held during the Congress in honor of the Distinguished Lecture of the International Society of Surgery. Attending the luncheon were, left to right: Dr. Russell; Dr. Numann; Michael G. Sarr, MD, FACS; Dr. McGinnis; Lecturer Professor Lord Ara W. Darzi, MB, BCh, FACS; Ronald V. Maier, MD, FACS; and Carlos A. Pellegrini, MD, FACS.

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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Also elected to the Board of Governors' Executive Committee were **Henri R. Ford, MD, FACS**, Los Angeles, CA, and **Lena M. Napolitano, MD, FACS**, Ann Arbor, MI.

Clinical Congress 2010: Washington, DC

It's never too early to start planning for the 96th annual Clinical Congress, scheduled for October 3–7, 2010, in Washington, DC—the first time the meeting has ever been held in the nation's capital. ACS event planners said it was the ideal time to have the Clinical Congress meeting in Washington, DC, because the College is continually striving to have a more visible presence on Capitol Hill. Nearly all educational sessions will be held in the new, state-of-the-art Walter E. Washington Convention Center. [Q](#)