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## International Relations Committee

Tuesday, October 29

# International Relations Committee

Advocate for international surgeons and global surgery within the ACS and with collaborative organizations

- Increase leadership opportunities for the international community
- Support ACS-developed education for the international community
- Support diversity and inclusion



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# Fellowship Subcommittee

- Collaborate with Credentialing Staff to continuously improve interview process
  - Training session on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Moscone South Room 210-211
- Interviewed 74 candidates from 37 non-chapter countries
- Proposed tiered pricing for educational resources; working with Division of Education to finalize

# Fellowship Subcommittee

- Improved visa letters and provided more individualized assistance for visa letters
- Maintained WhatsApp groups for initiates by country as another communications platform
- Area at President's Reception for IRC to connect with new initiates they interviewed
- Continual outreach to non-Fellow surgeons to become members and connect to local chapter

# Education, Quality and Communication Subcommittee

- Advocated for increased representation of international surgeons on session panels and for dedicated representation on the Program Committee
- Solicited subject matter experts from international chapters for the Program Committee
- Submitted 34 session proposals for Clinical Congress 2020
- Developed non-scientific sessions for the ACS Theatre
  - Best Practices for Publication in Scientific Journals and JACS; Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.
  - Benefits for International Members; Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
  - Surgeons for a New Colombia session; Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

# Education, Quality and Communication Subcommittee

- Created impact report for International Chapter Opportunity Program (Dr. Pon Fund)
- Awarded 2 International Chapter Opportunity Program awards to Australia-New Zealand and Argentina chapters
- Disseminating Perioperative Safety and Efficiency course to chapters

# Scholarship Subcommittee

- ACS/ASBrS International Scholarship – November 15 deadline
- International Scholarship for Surgical Education – March 1, 2020 deadline
- ACS/AAST International Scholarship – April 15, 2020 deadline
- International Guest Scholarship – July 1, 2020 deadline
- Community Surgeon Travel Award – July 1, 2020 deadline

# Future Goals

- Increase leadership opportunities for the international community
  - Foster opportunities within the ACS for international surgeons
- Support ACS-developed education for the international community
  - Representation on the Program Committee
  - More international representation on panels
  - Leverage opportunities for regional education at Clinical Congress
  - Additional resources for free through International Chapter Opportunities Program
  - Additional discounted resources from ACS, including registration
- Support diversity and inclusion
  - Scholarship opportunities for young surgeons and women surgeons
  - Connecting women surgeons
- Ensure integrity of FACS
  - Continual review of credentialing process
  - Reduce barriers for payment
  - Help with the visa process