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President's message



Charles L. Saltzman, MD

Charles L. Saltzman, MD, Presidential Address - 2009 Annual Summer Meeting, Vancouver

I am honored and humbled by this opportunity to serve at the helm of the Society. I promise you from the bottom of my heart, I will do my very best.

I have enjoyed a very, very good life. I had the good fortune to have parents who emphasized working hard, always doing your best, and serving others. I further had the remarkable luck to

meet and marry Ingrid Nygaard, an incredibly talented and wonderful woman. We are blessed with two delightful, loving children, Hanna and Erik, whose futures are bright. So, on balance, the foundation for my life has been a solid, strong basis for my happiness, personal satisfaction, and productivity.

My work life has been a strong source of happiness and contentment. I have made many close friendships through work, and would like to mention some that have influenced me for the better and have shaped my view of leadership of the AOFAS.

My career in orthopaedics really started on match day. I was fortunate to have trained at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Drs. Kaufer, Hensinger, and Matthews taught that to be an orthopaedist required both understanding the fundamentals of our field and questioning orthopaedic dogma. Their quest for truth and expectations of excellence impacted many trainees of that generation, including our own: Drs. Bruce Sangeorzan, Jim Holmes, Doug Beaman, Brian Donley, Paul Fortin, Pat Thomas, Tuvi Mendel, and Art Manoli, just to mention a few.

After Ann Arbor I moved to the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale and had the great fortune to spend a year with the magnanimous, incredibly cool, and always mischievous Ken Johnson. For those who did not know Ken (who tragically died in a plane crash 16 years ago), he, along with Roger Mann and Ted Hansen, stimulated great interest in foot and ankle as a subspecialty of orthopaedics. Characteristically, they never agreed on anything, except the importance of making informed decisions when treating foot and ankle patients. Ken taught us to have fun with work, to challenge "unquestioned answers," to solve "unanswered questions," and to report our findings to other surgeons. In his words, "This is fun to do, and in the end, the patient wins."

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Surgical Complications critical, controversial

This year's Surgical Complications Course to be held November 6-7 in Albuquerque, New Mexico will again focus on the management of critical and sometimes controversial issues facing orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons.

Over the course of two days, a faculty of recognized experts will address complications associated with the management of foot and ankle surgery through a series of didactic lectures and case-based discussions.

"Faculty have been selected based on their willingness to share their good and bad experiences, as well as their ability to provide in-depth information on predictable and unpredictable complications from various procedures," says Course Chair Chris Coetzee, MD. Illustrated during the didactic component will be evidence-based information on managing complications supported by case-based solutions developed in clinical practice.

In the didactic portion of the course, faculty will critically discuss why common and not-so-common problems occur and what can be done to salvage them.

"This is not a course showing once in a lifetime cases - but one that will discuss real cases, causing real problems. The presentations and highly interactive panel discussions will concentrate on the faculty's thought processes justifying surgical decision making," says Dr. Coetzee.

Faculty:

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| J. Chris Coetzee, MD, Chair | Jeffrey E. Johnson, MD |
| Robert B. Anderson, MD | William C. McGarvey, MD |
| Gregory C. Berlet, MD | Mark S. Myerson, MD |
| Paul Fortin, MD | Bruce J. Sangeorzan, MD |
| Steven L. Haddad, MD | David B. Thordarson, MD |



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AOFAS Board of Directors 2009-10

At the Society's 2009 Annual Summer Meeting, **Charles L. Saltzman, MD**, was installed as president and **Keith L. Wapner, MD**, was elected as president-elect – both to serve one-year terms. **Judith F. Baumhauer, MD**, was elected for a one-year term as vice-president. **Steven L. Haddad, MD**, was elected secretary for a two-year term.

Other new Board members elected were **J. Chris Coetzee, MD**, and **Stephen J. Pinney, MD**, each for two-year member-at-large positions.

Continuing Board members are **Robert B. Anderson, MD**, immediate past president, **Steven D.K. Ross, MD**, past president, **Lew C. Schon, MD**, treasurer; and **Jeffrey E. Johnson, MD**, and **Naomi N. Shields, MD**, as members-at-large.



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Today's research leads to tomorrow's treatments

Taking the message to Capitol Hill

It was interest in research and the future of musculoskeletal care that brought more than 70 orthopaedic surgeons, researchers, and patient advocates together in Washington, DC on March 18-19 for the 2009 AAOS Research Capitol Hill Days. Their mission: to personally deliver the message to the nation's elected officials on the importance of predictable, sustainable, long-term funding for musculoskeletal research.

Nearly one in every three Americans has a musculoskeletal condition requiring medical attention. The annual direct and indirect costs for bone and joint health are \$849 billion – 7.7 percent of the gross domestic product. Musculoskeletal conditions represent the greatest cause of medical bed days

and lost work days in the US. One in six working Americans reported missing work as a result of musculoskeletal conditions – totaling nearly 437.6 million lost work days in 2005.

Representing the AOFAS, Christopher Bibbo, DO, a member of the Society's Research Committee, was among the surgeons from orthopaedic societies who joined forces



Dr. Bibbo (2nd from left)
on Congressional visit

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Specialty Day 2010: orthopaedic collaboration

What do orthopaedic foot and ankle, spine, trauma, total joint, sports, and pediatric surgeons all have in common? Answer: participation in the March 13, 2010 AOFAS Specialty Day program in New Orleans, Louisiana. Under the direction of Program Chair Mark Easley, MD, thought leaders will share the podium with experts from numerous orthopaedic subspecialties to provide attendees with an unparalleled experience.

"The AAOS Annual Meeting affords a unique opportunity to expand our traditionally strong AOFAS curriculum to include valuable lessons from other subspecialties. I was overwhelmed by both our Society's own members and orthopaedic colleagues' enthusiasm and willingness to participate in our Specialty Day. In my humble opinion, the case-based approach, enhanced by an interactive multidisciplinary discussion, will provide participants with a dynamic and stimulating educational format. Similarly, the AOFAS-driven symposia on current controversies in foot and ankle disorders will offer maximum educational benefit. While the orthopaedic program is the focus, I am particularly delighted that native New Orleans guest speakers, Anne Macdonald Milling and R. King Milling, will share their unique perspectives on post-Katrina New Orleans and the Mississippi Delta," says Dr. Easley.

This year's Specialty Day program has been designed to appeal to specialists and generalists alike, as well as to maintain, enhance, and serve as an effective interface between foot and ankle and other disciplines within orthopaedics.

"I predict that the focus on cross-fertilization of approaches with non-foot and ankle orthopaedic colleagues will lead to a lively and enthusiastic exchange of ideas. Our hope is that this approach will provide the maximum educational value for all attendees, regardless of their interest or specialty," posits Charles Saltzman, MD, AOFAS president.

In addition to the invited speakers, original, cutting edge research presentations reviewed and selected by the Program Committee will be scheduled throughout the day. "The scientific free paper presentations are of excellent quality, feature topics of broad interest, and meld well with the symposia," says Dr. Easley.

Meeting highlights will include:

- Cross-pollination sessions on orthobiologics, total joint arthroplasty, locking plate technology, periarticular osteotomies, and joint-preserving procedures
- Case-based symposia and current controversies sessions on hallux valgus correction; the flexible adult acquired flatfoot; cartilage repair, and ankle arthritis
- Four paper sessions of original research

All AOFAS Active Members and Associate Members-Osteopathic are encouraged to engage in the decision making of the Society by attending the Special Interim Business Meeting which overlaps slightly with the lunch break.



The Grand Oaks Mansion at Mardi Gras World

Support the OEF and have fun

OEF Fundraiser in New Orleans

Thursday evening, March 11, 2010

Watch for event details coming soon.

Presidential speakers to provide update on New Orleans reconstruction

R. King Milling, a staunch advocate for restoration of gulf coast wetlands and long time champion of protection of the marshes and estuaries along Louisiana's coast, will present his unique perspective on the devastating impact and dangers associated with the loss of Louisiana's coast. Mr. Milling, chair of America's WETLAND Foundation and the Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration and Conservation, has worked tirelessly to raise public awareness of the impact of Louisiana's wetland loss, including the loss of over 200 miles of this unique and intricate wetlands ecosystem in 2005 at the hands of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Also presenting will be Anne Macdonald Milling, founder of Women of the Storm, a non-political alliance of Louisiana women dedicated to educating leadership and the public about the urgent needs of the areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

To review the complete Specialty Day program and registration information, go to www.aaos.org or www.aofas.org.

CME for Specialty Day

The AOFAS is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education.

The AOFAS designates this educational activity for a maximum of **9 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Surgical Complications *continued from page 1*

Typical types of cases to be discussed include:

- **Problems of the Forefoot, Midfoot and Hindfoot, including:**
Bunions; hallux rigidus; lesser toes; bunionette; sesamoids; neuromas; management of malunion/nonunion of the metatarsals; triple arthrodesis; calcaneus and talus fractures; and cavovarus deformity
- **Ligaments, Tendons and Nerve:**
Posterior tibial tendon dysfunction; tarsal tunnel syndrome; deltoid ligament; and lateral ligament instability
- **Ankle Complications:**
Osteochondritis dissecans and talar avascular necrosis; ankle fractures; ankle arthrodesis; total ankle arthroplasty; achilles tendon disorders; and peroneal tendon problems

Your turn:

Attendees are urged to bring difficult complications to share during the Your Turn program segment. Attendees should submit their challenging cases (limited to 4-5 slides per case including pre and post operative x-rays, if possible) to Judi Northrup at jnorthrup@aofas.org or on a CD no later than October 16 for advance faculty review. Each audience presenter will be given one minute for a short review of their case consisting of up to five PowerPoint slides to be followed by approximately four minutes of faculty discussion.

For complete program and registration information visit www.aofas.org. Advance registration fee available through October 16.

Practice improvement and CME

As documented in evaluations and on surveys, the acquisition of new skills and the analysis of patient care outcomes are primary reasons members participate in continuing medical education activities. In an effort to more proactively link CME to physician performance, quality improvement, patient safety and outcomes, CME providers such as the AOFAS have begun shifting the focus of their programs away from the traditional role of program oversight and process documentation.

This shift is partly in response to the 2008 Accreditation Council of Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) revised criteria, which emphasizes the need for an educational program leading to improved performance, competence and patient outcomes. As the organization that accredits and recognizes organizations offering independent CME, the ACCME develops criteria and methods to evaluate accredited providers and provides guidelines and oversight to the more than 700 organizations accredited to offer certified CME activities to physicians. It is the ACCME's expectation that providers such as the AOFAS begin filling in the gaps of attendee knowledge, competence, and performance so that the CME offered by the AOFAS will ultimately contribute to patient safety and practice improvement.

"Not only has the AOFAS always made every effort to capture the interest of potential course participants, but our goal in all our CME programming has always been to have an impact on improving the knowledge and competence of attendees," says AOFAS President Charles Saltzman, MD. "Members should take note that the new (ACCME) standards and other changes coming to CME relate to things that, for the most part, our members already do – such as taking relevant educational courses, locating weaknesses in patient care, addressing individual knowledge gaps, and recording their outcomes. Physicians are all about doing the best they can for their patients," continues Dr. Saltzman.

"The fundamental educational mission of the AOFAS is to help our members improve outcomes and care, and to provide performance improvement CMEs," adds Gregory Berlet, MD, Education Committee chair. "Cutting to the heart of the matter, performance improving CME is the future of CME," continues Dr. Berlet.

As an accredited CME provider, the AOFAS has a responsibility to provide education aligned with ACCME standards and needs to be able to provide its members with the tools to document practice improvement.

"CME that assists physicians with and focuses on professional and practice improvement will have a broad influence," predicts Steven Haddad, MD, immediate past Education Committee chair and current AOFAS secretary.

Ultimately, if the AOFAS does not demonstrate that it is ready to make the necessary changes in its educational programs, the ACCME will not permit the Society to provide CME credit opportunities to its members.

"The AOFAS has been working on ways to integrate this new ACCME model into its educational programs for some time, but we have a ways to go and the development of new systems and procedures will take time," says Dr. Haddad.

Also essential in the new CME model is the ongoing assurance that CME be based on valid content and that the content be independent and free of bias. With increasing concern and regulatory scrutiny around the issue of CME, independent providers are facing continued pressure to demonstrate compliance with the ACCME Standards for Commercial Support as they dictate not only the need for independence in programming but for proper disclosure and resolution of conflicts of interest.

"Audiences must be given the opportunity to properly evaluate information, analysis, and opinions during an educational activity," says Dr. Haddad. "It is crucial that the audience be informed of any personal or professional circumstance, originating with anyone in a position of control or anyone offering educational content, out of which a perception of conflict of interest (COI) may arise. Comprehensive systems are in place to not only identify potential conflicts, but to resolve them appropriately should they occur," reports Dr. Haddad.

In the final analysis, performance improvement CME will give surgeons additional tools with which to alter their competence, improve their performance, and provide better care to their patients.

AOFAS CALENDAR *Current as of 9/30/09*

AOFAS Members: Login to www.aofas.org for AOFAS courses for convenient online registration and to receive lower member rates.

November 6-7, 2009

AOFAS SURGICAL COMPLICATIONS OF THE FOOT AND ANKLE COURSE

Hyatt Regency Albuquerque
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Course Chair: *J. Chris Coetzee, MD*

Information and registration: www.aofas.org



March 13, 2010

AOFAS SPECIALTY DAY

Morial Convention Center
New Orleans, Louisiana

Program Chair: *Mark E. Easley, MD*

Information and registration: www.aaos.org



April 22-24, 2010

AOFAS ADVANCED FOOT AND ANKLE COURSE

Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn's Landing
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Course Chair: *Keith L. Wapner, MD*

Information and registration available soon: www.aofas.org



July 7-10, 2010

AOFAS 26th ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING

Gaylord National Hotel
National Harbor, Maryland
(near Washington, DC)

Program Chair: *Mark E. Easley, MD*

Information and registration available soon: www.aofas.org

Abstract submission deadline: January 4, 2010



October 1-2, 2010

AOFAS COMPLETE FOOT CARE COURSE

Chair and location to be determined shortly

Information and registration available soon: www.aofas.org

AOFAS KEY DEADLINES

December 1, 2009

- Research Grant Applications Due
- Traveling Fellowship Award Program Applications Due
- Vietnam Outreach Project Applications Due

January 1, 2010

- New and Elevating Member Applications Due

January 4, 2010

- Annual Summer Meeting Abstract Submission Deadline

View additional information at www.aofas.org

AOFAS partners with ABJS on www.orthopaedia.com

The AOFAS has entered into an agreement with The Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons (ABJS) to develop foot and ankle content within the Orthopaedia® wiki platform to improve the education of students, residents, and practitioners, thereby improving patient care.

Top five reasons to join in

1. Orthopaedia® is developed by the ABJS, a not-for-profit, well respected association in orthopaedics.
2. Orthopaedia® has it all: articles, videos, discussions, presentations, research, and more, developed on a powerful wiki platform.
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Fairmount Water Works with Philadelphia Museum of Art in the background. Credit: Edward Savaria, Jr.

Advanced Foot and Ankle Course in Philadelphia

The Advanced Foot and Ankle Course: Reconstruction and Salvage of Complications will be held April 22-24, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn's Landing.

The course, chaired by Keith Wapner, MD, is designed for orthopaedic surgeons, fellows, and residents who treat acute and chronic problems and have a good working knowledge of problems associated with the management of common as well as complex foot and ankle clinical problems related to trauma, sports injuries, and reconstructive procedures.

"Material in this course will be presented in a case-based format, with faculty interaction a primary goal. The most challenging problems and how to manage them will be the focus of this two and one-half day interactive course designed to discuss what's new and cutting edge in a technique-oriented manner," says Dr. Wapner.

For further course details, the complete program, exhibit opportunities, and registration and venue information, please visit www.aofas.org or phone 800-235-4855 or 847-698-4654 (outside the US).

Highlights from the 25th Annual Summer Meeting

July 2009 - Vancouver, Canada



A total of 521 registrants representing 42 US states and 32 countries attended the 25th Annual Summer Meeting for the AOFAS 40th Anniversary celebration. Of those attendees, 182 (35%) were International and 339 (65%) were from the US. A total of 369 (71%) attendees were AOFAS members and 152 (29%) were non-members.

The AOFAS offers its sincere appreciation to Emeritus Member **Paul Docktor, MD**, for graciously volunteering his time and photographic skills to capture images of this historic Annual Summer Meeting.

Abstracts and e-posters online

Check out the latest in foot and ankle orthopaedic research from AOFAS educational events. Members can login to www.aofas.org under Medical Professionals for exclusive access to the most recent Summer Meeting and Specialty Day abstracts and e-posters, as well as archives from earlier meetings.

Exhibit Hall

This year's Exhibit Hall featured a newly enhanced layout with 55 exhibiting companies, five of them in expanded island booths. The open and professional design allowed meeting attendees an ideal environment to interface with corporate colleagues and discover the newest products and services for patient care. The AOFAS acknowledges the generous support of industry in helping to make this meeting a resounding success.



Summer Meeting Exhibit Hall

In response to numerous requests from AOFAS members, a video of Dr. Schon's PowerPoint presentation with additions from this year's meeting will soon be available for purchase by members. *Stay tuned for details.*

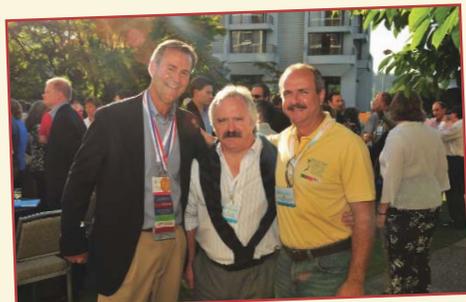
40th Anniversary Celebration

The 25th Annual Summer Meeting counted among its successes the celebration of the Society's 40th Anniversary. The week's events included a *Tribute to AOFAS Founding Fathers* Nathaniel Gould, MD, and Melvin Jahss, MD, by John Gould, MD, and Lew Schon, MD, as well as a focus during parts of the scientific meeting on *Then and Now* Clinical Sessions. Meeting attendees took a walk down memory lane with both Dr. Schon's lively and reminiscent PowerPoint presentation and the viewing of the *Presidential Historical Timeline* display outside the Exhibit Hall. The events culminated with the sold-out *40th Anniversary Poolside Celebration* featuring the *Sole-Heelers*, a band consisting of AOFAS members created in honor of the AOFAS 40th Anniversary.



AOFAS presidents past and present sing Happy Birthday to the Society

Photos from the 25th Annual Summer Meeting



AOFAS President Robert Anderson, MD; Ian Winson, MD; João de Carvalho Neto, MD, at Poolside Celebration



Pierce Scranton, MD; William McGarvey, MD, enjoy the *Sole-Heelers*



Incoming AOFAS President Charles Saltzman, MD; Robert Anderson, MD, receiving Past President Pin



Program Chair Hodges Davis, MD; Robert Anderson, MD; Pre-meeting Course Chair William McGarvey, MD



Hodges Davis, MD, Research Speaker Richard Deyo, MD, MPH



Presidential Speaker Jack Taunton, MSc, MD



Traveling Fellow Zhongmin Shi, MD; Xianyang Xu, MD; Miao Xudong, MD at Poolside Celebration



Presidential Historical Timeline



Steven Haddad, MD; Davis boys, with *Sole-Heelers*



Tim Fitzgibbons, MD; Hodges Davis, MD; Michael Shereff, MD; Todd Kile, MD; Kenneth A. Johnson Memorial Lecturer Bernard Morrey, MD; Jeff Johnson, MD



Session Room

Highlights from the 25th Annual Summer Meeting continued



Michael Coughlin, MD; Hodges Davis, MD; Charles Saltzman, MD;
Roger Mann, MD; Robert Anderson, MD

Roger A. Mann Award winners

Charles L. Saltzman, MD, of the University of Utah, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, presented *Prospective Controlled Trial of STAR vs. Ankle Fusion: Initial Results*, which earned the Roger A. Mann Award for the best clinical paper. The study was co-authored by Michael J. Coughlin, MD; Roger A. Mann, MD; Jeanette E. Ahrens, PhD; Ned Amendola, MD; Robert B. Anderson, MD; Gregory C. Berlet, MD; James W. Brodsky, MD; Loretta B. Chou, MD; Thomas O. Clanton, MD; Jonathan T. Deland, MD; James K. DeOrio, MD; Greg A. Horton, MD; Thomas H. Lee, MD; Jeffrey A. Mann, MD; James A. Nunley, II, MD; David B. Thordarson, MD; Arthur K. Walling, MD; and Keith L. Wapner, MD.



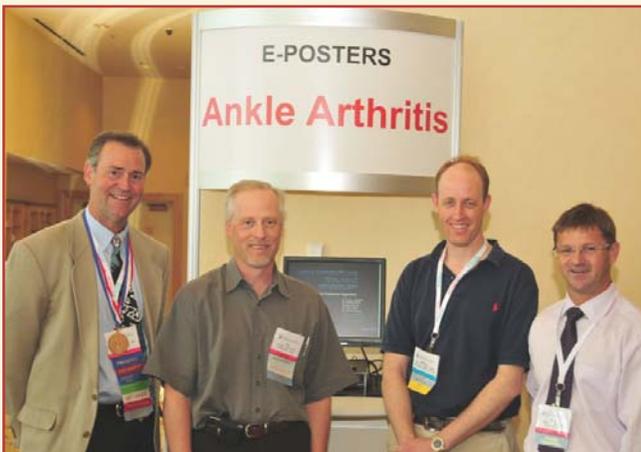
Hodges Davis, MD;
Martinus Richter,
MD; Robert
Anderson, MD

Leonard J. Goldner Award winners

Martinus Richter, MD, of the Coburg Clinical Center, of Coburg, Bavaria, Germany and co-author Stefan Zech, MD, earned the 2009 Leonard J. Goldner Award for the outstanding research paper entitled *Intraoperative Pedography Leads to Improved Clinical Outcome Scores in a Randomized Controlled Trial*.

Member CME certificates available online

AOFAS members may access their individual CME certificates by going to the AOFAS website, www.aofas.org. Select the Medical Professionals option. Using personal login information, click on "**Print CME certificate for AOFAS courses**" found in My Profile. CME files are updated after every meeting.



Robert Anderson, MD; Timothy Daniels, MD;
Anthony Cadden, MD; Gregory Berlet, MD

e-Poster award winners

1st Place - *Varus Deformity and Total Ankle Arthroplasty: Classification and Treatment Algorithm*

Anthony R. Cadden, MBBS, FRACS; Timothy Daniels, MD, FRCSC; Andrew Quinn, MD, FRCSC

2nd Place - *Early Weight Bearing of Calcaneal Fractures with Locked Plates*

Christopher F. Hyer, DPM, FACFAS; Said Atway, DPM; Gregory C. Berlet, MD; Thomas H. Lee, MD

3rd Place - *Anatomy of the Medial Cuneiform Articulation with the Intermediate Cuneiform and Second Metatarsal: Implications for Lisfranc Injury Treatment*

Michael Aronow, MD

Summer Meeting Thank You!

The AOFAS expresses its appreciation to the following companies for their generous support of the Deformity Correction of the Foot and Ankle Course



The AOFAS expresses its appreciation to the following companies for their generous support of the 25th Annual Summer Meeting



Summer Meeting feedback

Following the 2009 Summer Meeting in Vancouver, an electronic survey was sent to all attendees for feedback to use in planning future meetings. The following is a summary of the responses.

The top ranked reasons for attending the Summer Meeting are scientific content (79%), socialization with colleagues (72%), and the appeal of the meeting location (57%). A majority of respondents (64%) plan to attend the 2010 Summer Meeting in National Harbor, Maryland, outside Washington, DC.

The Vancouver site was well received along with the meeting format and educational content. As one survey respondent stated: "I consider the present format and content to be a great success. Keep up the great work."

Some respondents called for reducing the number of presentations to allow for more in-depth, researched presentations from knowledgeable surgeons. The expanded e-Poster format received praise from attendees ("Expand e-Posters. They were great this year.") with some suggestions for even more access to the e-Posters and the presenters. The expanded concurrent sessions received both positive and negative comments.

Over 87% of meeting attendees felt that the published learning objectives were either very satisfactorily or satisfactorily met. Respondents who were very satisfied or satisfied with symposia presentations: 89%, paper

presentations: 85%, audience participation: 76%, faculty / moderators: 91%, and e-Poster presentations: 84%. A significant number of attendees (over 96%) predict that they will implement knowledge from the meeting into their daily practice. Less than 15% perceived any form of commercialism in faculty presentations and approximately 22% of survey respondents perceived some level of bias in faculty presentations despite reported and published disclosure statements.

The 40th Anniversary Celebration received many positive comments on the historical presentations. In particular, the 40th Anniversary Poolside Celebration and the Society's own *Sole-Healers* band received praise. The local and family friendly venue was received positively: "I think a low key family activity is best and thus the local pool party was very nice."

An electronic survey was also sent to AOFAS members who did not attend the Summer Meeting. The highest ranked reason for not attending in Vancouver was schedule conflicts (59%). Scientific program content (77%) was listed as the most important factor in attending future meetings.

The Board greatly appreciates those who took the time to complete the Summer Meeting Survey and are taking the feedback into account as details are finalized for the 2010 Annual Summer Meeting in National Harbor, Maryland.

ORTHOPAEDIC FOOT & ANKLE OUTREACH & EDUCATION FUND

AOFAS, OEF, and OREF form new fundraising partnership

The AOFAS, OEF, and the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF) are working more closely than ever to develop sources of funding for the OEF. The OEF in turn provides important support for AOFAS research, education, and humanitarian programs.

"The goal of this collaboration is to encourage support for more research in the area of foot and ankle care and for the international humanitarian service initiatives by which AOFAS/OEF is becoming more known," says Charles Saltzman, MD, AOFAS president.

"Through donations to OREF's Designated Giving Program members can support research and service – the two areas designed by the AOFAS and OEF Boards for our fundraising efforts," says Sheldon Lin, MD, OEF president.

Members can make an annual donation to OREF and designate a portion of their gift specifically for the AOFAS/OEF. Under a special arrangement, donors contributing to OREF at the Order of Merit level of \$1,000 or more can designate anything over \$500 to the AOFAS/OEF, while donors contributing \$999 and under can designate 50% of their contribution to AOFAS/OEF. Printed materials, as well as website access make this type of giving very easy. By visiting www.oref.org/aofas donors can make an online contribution that will be immediately accounted for at OREF and reported to AOFAS and OEF.

"This new collaboration makes it easier for individual surgeons to make donations to support both OREF and AOFAS/OEF in the manner that they choose," says Bryan Den Hartog, MD, OEF Board member, "and also receive dual recognition – from OREF as well as from the OEF."

For more information about how this new arrangement works, contact either Ed Hoover, hoover@oref.org, at OREF, or Zan Lofgren, zlofgren@aofas.org, at AOFAS.

2010 Research Grant Applications: Deadline December 1, 2009

"Now is the time to start thinking about a research project," says Samuel Flemister, MD, AOFAS Research Committee chair.

"Research represents the future of our specialty and today's research affects what the practice of tomorrow will be like."

The AOFAS awards one-year grants of up to \$20,000 to provide seed funding for promising research projects and encourage supplemental submissions to national funding sources. Blinded applications are reviewed and ranked, and grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

Eligibility for grant funding is a membership benefit, and the principal investigator or co-investigator must be an AOFAS Active Member, Associate Member - Osteopathic, Candidate Member, or International Member.

The AOFAS program is funded by generous donations from individuals and corporations to the OEF and to the Orthopaedic Research & Education Foundation (OREF) with designated giving to AOFAS/OEF.

Applications will be accepted through December 1, 2009. The grant application form is available for download from the Society website, www.aofas.org, under Medical Professionals. For further information contact the AOFAS Executive Office, aofasinfo@aofas.org or phone 800-235-4855 or 847-698-4654 (outside the US).

Research stats

Since the Society's Research Grants Program was established in 1997 ...

- 58 grants awarded
- \$529,181 given out in research grants
- Grant recipients have:
 - made 124 scientific presentations
 - published 65 articles
 - received nearly \$3.6 million in subsequent grants

For specifics see the AOFAS Research Grants Program History: A Twelve-Year Review at www.aofas.org.

OEF Board of Directors 2009-10

As provided by the OEF Bylaws, the AOFAS Board of Directors elected members to vacant positions on the OEF Board of Directors. **Sheldon S. Lin, MD**, was elected OEF president, and **W. Hodge Davis, MD**, was elected as a member-at-large. As the newly elected secretary of the AOFAS, **Steven L. Haddad, MD**, will also serve as OEF secretary.

The continuing Board members are **Lew C. Schon, MD**, treasurer, **Robert B. Anderson, MD**, **Judith F. Baumhauer, MD**, **Bryan D. Den Hartog, MD**, **Charles L. Saltzman, MD**, **Keith L. Wapner, MD**, and **Paul J. Juliano, MD**, ex-officio, Industry Relations Committee chair.

OEF BOD Members not previously pictured



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ORTHOPAEDIC FOOT & ANKLE OUTREACH & EDUCATION FUND

Successful Traveling Fellows year

Paul Hecht, MD, had the honor once again of introducing this year's recipients of the Traveling Fellowship Awards at the Annual Summer Meeting. "We were fortunate to provide an outstanding group of fellows with an extraordinary learning experience." This award is made possible through the OEF by a grant from DJO, Incorporated.

The 2009 Traveling Fellows were Roberto Bevoni, MD, Faenza, Ravenna, Italy; Scott J. Ellis, MD, New York, New York, US; Daniel C. Farber, MD, Baltimore, Maryland, US; Fabian G. Krause, MD, Innerberg, Berne, Switzerland; and Zhongmin Shi, MD, Shanghai, China.

After a successful learning experience at the Annual Summer Meeting, the five Traveling Fellows began their program with Alastair Younger, MD, in Vancouver. They moved on from Vancouver to visit with point hosts Ted Hanson, MD, in Seattle, Charles Saltzman, MD, in Salt Lake City, and Roger Mann, MD, in Oakland/San Francisco.

It was obvious from the reflections of the Traveling Fellows what an honor and privilege they received as a recipient of this award. In Dr. Shi's words, "It's my honor to be selected as an AOFAS traveling fellow. The most interesting part of my visit was the time spent in the operating theatre. I could observe a wide range of operations on foot and ankle problems, some of which I had never seen before. Finally, I have to express my thanks to the hosts and everyone who had planned this year's AOFAS Traveling Fellowship, not only for the clinical and scientific program, but also for the wonderful social activities. It was also very important to have the companionship of the other Fellows. I learned much from them. It was a wonderful scientific experience that I deeply enjoyed. Thank you."

Dr. Farber said, "This was a great opportunity to interact with a number of very influential members of our Society. All our hosts were extremely gracious with their time, thoughts, and discussions, as well as opening up their homes and hospitality."

The warmth and educational opportunities offered to the Fellows was reiterated by Dr. Bevoni. "Every one of the hosts was so warm and helpful and offered me the opportunity to learn new operative techniques. The many people I met were extremely competent and I appreciated their willingness for a productive comparison of ideas. This was the best experience I have had in orthopaedic surgery. Thank you again for this opportunity."

The extent of the educational opportunities made available to the Traveling Fellows was made clear by Dr. Ellis, "We have learned tremendously from our hosts: not only about foot and ankle surgery, but also how they have set up and paved the way for change in their institutions and practices, answered important research questions, and successfully treated patients. We were given the unique chance to spend time in the homes and cities of the leaders of our field to understand how the practice of orthopaedic foot and ankle surgery and the AOFAS has evolved over time. We also shared with each other ideas about our own cultures, practices, and approaches to difficult



**Sheldon Lin, MD; Fabian Krause, MD; Zhongmin Shi, MD;
Daniel Farber, MD; Roberto Bevoni, MD; Hodges Davis, MD;
Paul Hecht, MD; Scott Ellis, MD**

problems. Through my co-Fellows, I have made friends for life from all over the world. I would like to especially thank the host fellows Troy Gorman, Salt Lake City, and Lance Ho, San Francisco, for their time and help. The cities that we visited were hard to beat."

Many similar thoughts were expressed by Dr. Krause, "I very much appreciated the discussion and exchange of thoughts with our hosts about foot and ankle surgery that occurred when we were having a quiet barbecue with Dr. Younger and in the Harborview Hospital Library with Drs. Hansen and Benirschke. Dr. Saltzman and colleagues, in their amazing new university hospital, collected the most interesting surgeries for us. And of course, it was an honor watching Dr. Mann's perfect technical skills performing forefoot surgery in San Francisco. Overall, the AOFAS Traveling Fellowship is a great experience for younger foot and ankle surgeons at the beginning of their career."

Traveling Fellowship Awards Program - Applications due December 1, 2009

Five young members are selected annually for this special opportunity to travel to visit leaders in orthopaedic foot and ankle education and research. This program offers recipients a unique experience in their professional growth. Traveling Fellows are selected on a competitive basis. The program is open to AOFAS Active Members, Associate Members - Osteopathic, Candidate Members, and International Members who are 45 years old or younger at the time of application.

The AOFAS Traveling Fellowship Awards Program is funded by the OEF through an educational grant from DJO, Incorporated.

The application form is available for download from the Society website, www.aofas.org, under Medical Professionals. For further information contact the AOFAS Executive Office, aofasinfo@aofas.org or phone 800-235-4855 or 847-698-4654 (outside the US).

Go green with the AOFAS

Missing meeting brochures? The AOFAS is committed to producing more environmentally friendly meetings, which includes reducing the number of brochures printed and distributed. Be sure to check e-mail for notices of upcoming meetings and the AOFAS website for up-to-the-minute programs. In addition to printing fewer brochures, other "green" practices embraced by the AOFAS include printing on recycled paper, using soy-based inks when possible, and beginning in the fall the implementation of an online evaluation system for courses.



Green Factoids

- Americans dump 180 million tons of garbage annually - more than 40% of which is paper. High-grade printing, copying and writing paper is the largest single component in a landfill.
- The US Postal Service delivered approximately 63 billion pieces of third-class mail in 1990. An estimated 5 million trees were used to produce all of 1990s third-class mail. An estimated 10 billion pieces of third-class mail were discarded without being opened.

Source: <http://www.buyrecycled.com>

www.epa.gov/newsroom/gogreen - Go Green! is a monthly e-mail newsletter from the US EPA with information about activities and events that everyone can use to make a difference in their homes, communities, and offices.

Link the AOFAS to your practice

Connect your name and credentials to the Society that promotes quality foot and ankle care performed by uniquely trained orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons by adding a direct link from your practice webpage to the AOFAS website. Enhance your practice, expand your patient-education information, and promote the AOFAS brand when you add **www.aofas.org** to your practice site. If you create a hyperlink from the full name, please write it as follows:

American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society

If you have a practice website but have not yet added it to your member profile, please send the URL to Lois Bierman at LBierman@aofas.org. It will be added to your record and will display on your listing in the AOFAS online directory.

New travel requirements

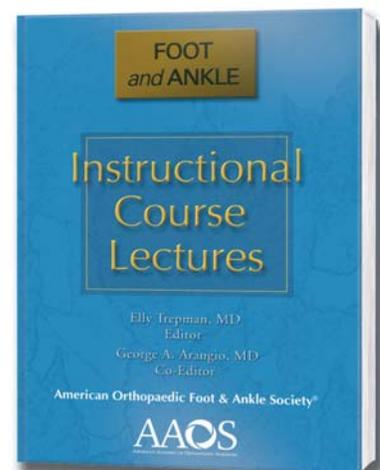
The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will collect additional information for all airline passengers for any tickets issued after August 15, 2009. Correct full names, birthdates, and genders must be supplied for all passengers when booking reservations. All ticket data must exactly match the identification (driver's license, passport, or any other government photo identification). In order to ensure proper frequent flyer accrual, travelers should verify that frequent flyer accounts also have the name listed just as it is stated on the government issued identification.

Instructional Course Lectures Foot and Ankle

Elly Trepman, MD, Editor
George A. Arangio, MD, Co-Editor

Published cooperatively by the AAOS and the AOFAS, this new, specialized volume of practical expertise and surgical approaches address advances in the treatment of conditions of the foot and ankle. The editors and a team of leading orthopaedic surgeons specializing in foot and ankle incorporate additional insight and current perspectives into each section by relating these selected lectures to daily clinical practice. For more information visit **www.aaos.org/05073**. Product no. 05073

List price: **\$129** • AOFAS/AAOS Member price: **\$105** • Resident price: **\$89**



NEW! Total Ankle Replacement position statement

The AOFAS Board of Directors has approved a new position statement on Total Ankle Replacement. Prepared by the Evidence-Based Medicine Committee, the statement provides information on the AOFAS, patient selection, provider qualifications, and references.

The statement's conclusion states:

Total ankle replacement surgery is a safe and effective treatment option for select patients with ankle arthritis. In many patients total ankle replacement surgery substantially improves function, reduces pain, and allows for an improved quality of life. Patient mobility and quality of life factors contribute to longer independent living and to controlling overall health care costs.

"Members are encouraged to send the Society's statement to third-party payors if coverage for total ankle replacement is denied," says Chris Chiodo, MD, Evidence-based Medicine Committee chair.

The position statement is available for download from the Society's website, www.aofas.org, on the Medical Professionals page.

Today's research leads to tomorrow's treatments

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with the AAOS in this advocacy event and visited congressional offices with other physicians and patients.

"It was a pleasure to meet orthopaedic colleagues from across the nation and from all subspecialties," says Dr. Bibbo. "Orthopaedics is a very diverse field with many talented surgeons and researchers, but in many ways it's a very small world!"

Dr. Bibbo especially appreciated the interaction with patients: "The experience was very exciting and informative. It is truly amazing to hear the stories from patients on how current orthopaedic technology, spurred by research, has positively impacted their lives."

The program included an address by a high-level National Institutes of Health (NIH) official, which Dr. Bibbo said provided great insight to the (re)structure of the NIH.

In all, the surgeons, researchers, and patient advocates met with staff from more than 100 congressional offices. Reflecting on the Capitol Hill visits, Dr. Bibbo reports that the legislative offices "lent a keen ear to our concerns as clinicians and researchers on how musculoskeletal conditions affect our patients and their families."

Save the date for IFFAS 2011

International Federation of Foot & Ankle Societies (IFFAS)
4th Triennial Scientific Meeting

September 21-23, 2011

Nara, Japan

Chair: Mitsuo Kinoshita, MD

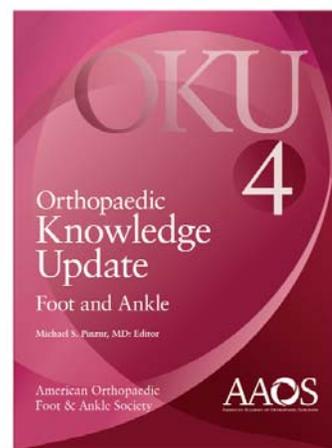


OKU: 4 Foot and Ankle

Michael Pinzur, MD, Editor

Developed by the AOFAS and published by the AAOS, this essential resource presents the most recent knowledge on foot and ankle injuries and conditions from the past five years and highlights today's most promising treatments and approaches. New features include more evidence-based data and discussions of the most modern and controversial techniques on total ankle replacements. It also includes expanded subject areas on ankle arthritis, fractures, and nonoperative treatment options, as well as an annotated reference list with summaries of key articles and levels of evidence. For more information visit www.aaos.org and click on Store. Product no. 02990

List price: **\$179** • AOFAS/AAOS Member price: **\$129** • Resident price: **\$109**



From Scottsdale, I moved to the University of Iowa in Iowa City to join a group that influenced me deeply. In 1991 I started as the junior partner to Ignacio Ponseti, Stuart and Jim Weinstein, Jody Buckwalter, and Dick Brand, to mention a few. Later, Ned Amendola joined the group and completed what for me was the perfect team. I learned that in life – including work life – culture trumps strategy. The Iowa departmental culture, set by Arthur Steindler and Ignacio Ponseti to value questioning, learning, mentoring, educating, sharing insights and findings, and improving organizational societies, resonated with my upbringing and training. I am convinced that this approach is fundamental to ensure the future of our field and to continuously improve patient outcomes.

As some of you know, I moved to Salt Lake City four years ago when offered a leadership position at the University of Utah. I felt I could bring the ethics and skills I had learned in Ann Arbor, Scottsdale, and Iowa to a young department with great potential. I am blessed with phenomenal partners, especially Tim Beals and Florian Nickisch, and a vibrant faculty.

A part of the cultural expectations of the Michigan, Mayo, Iowa, and Utah departments is service to orthopaedic organizations. In the AOFAS, my first opportunity was to work on Ian Alexander's measurement and terminology task force. I learned from Ian how talented and collegial AOFAS members are. Working on a committee to define foot and ankle terminology might not seem like such a great assignment, but it allowed me to contribute to the Society's work and find my way to other areas of interest. This included developing a memorial fund for Ken Johnson, developing the Society's Research Grants Program, serving on the Education Committee, serving as Annual Meeting and Advanced Foot Course program chair, and eventually working on the Board of Directors.

Having been at every Board meeting during the past seven years, I can report today with certainty that we have a dynamic and excellent organization. We have strong management with Zan Lofgren as the most dedicated Executive Director ever, as well as the wonderful team she has assembled: Judi Northrup (Director of Education), Lois Bierman (Director of Membership & Marketing), Shera Palmer Cook (Programs Coordinator), Dianne Gilseman (Administrative Services), Neil Hansen (Accountant), Denise Mohrbacher (Administrative Services), Rose Olea (IT Manager), Peggy Reilly (Outreach Programs Manager), Karen Stenmark (Meeting Planner), and Debbie Whalen (Exhibits & Meeting Services). We continue to have steady and consistent physician leadership. We have a vigorous and diverse committee structure that works to further the strategic objectives of the Society.

Since this is our 40th Anniversary, I want to take a moment to recognize some of the stellar leaders who have made a major impact on the AOFAS since I joined 18 years ago. Mike Coughlin framed the AOFAS as a non-exclusive orthopaedic organization with a vision of improving the care

of patients everywhere through education. Hap Lutter, Ron Smith, and Jim Nunley fought to bring a research component to our mission, and Greer Richardson showed infectious enthusiasm and hard work as membership chair and president. Pierce Scranton shared his vision and personal commitment to our future by establishing and tirelessly fundraising for the Outreach & Education Fund (OEF). This is the real lifeblood for our future success. Thank you, Pierce. Glenn Pfeffer envisioned the Pre-meeting Course, which has become an important part of our educational activities. "Medallion Bob" Anderson shared his good humor, gentle wisdom, and his unparalleled commitment to all things AOFAS.

And finally, I would like to recognize two heroes of mine, each of whom has changed the trajectory of our Society forever. First, Steve Ross, perhaps the quietest president of any medical society ever, led our health policy in a more prudent, effective and thoughtful manner. And last, but never least, Jim Brodsky, through incredible effort steered the Society's direction from financial and programmatic self-destruction into organizational and programmatic excellence. To all these luminaries and to all who have contributed, I am profoundly grateful.

Privilege and Responsibility

Like many of you, I worked hard to become a doctor. I have continued to work hard to be as good an orthopaedic specialist as possible. Unlike my grandfather, who started working at age 9, and many people in this world today, I was fortunate to have been born with opportunity. As an American, I received an education that my uneducated grandfather could never imagine. Although the process of becoming a physician required effort and was stressful at times, it was relatively straightforward.

Everyone in this room, in one way or another, is similarly fortunate. First, we are fortunate to have jobs in today's uncertain world. Second, we have jobs that are interesting and personally rewarding. This is work that affords us a comfortable life at a time when many are suffering and many, many more are barely getting by in this world. Our work can really help others.

With privilege, comes responsibility, which is the focus of the remainder of my remarks. I call on you to avail yourself of the opportunities to serve your home community and your professional community, the AOFAS.

In your home communities try to help those less fortunate. Although we in the US have outstanding medical care, this care is not available to all. You may remember the first lecture on medical ethics in medical school. At mine, they presented four principles. First, beneficence, which means only use treatments that will be beneficial. Second, non-maleficence, which means do not use treatments that can cause harm. As Hippocrates wrote and we attested when taking his oath, "first do no harm." The third is autonomy: the patient has a right to privacy and a right to determine what is best for themselves and what

treatments they will undergo. We all practice according to these three principles every day. Does anyone remember the fourth principle of medical ethics? *It is justice*. It means that all patients should have access to needed medical treatments in order for our personal practices to uphold the full ethical underpinnings of our medical mission. In our nation that has enjoyed unparalleled prosperity in the last fifty years, this remains the major failing of our medical system.

I know changing this is difficult. I know there are many practical reasons why medical justice is hard to achieve. I submit to you again, that with the privilege of being a physician, comes the responsibility to ensure that all four principles are followed, and that medical justice is distributed to all. I ask you to consider this when you go home to work in your communities. I would like you to ask yourself, your partners and your hospital, what can we do to serve all those who need care? How can we make the system more responsive to the needs of all patients? How can I help ensure the ethical principle of justice is applied in my home community?

Get Involved

My second appeal today as the incoming AOFAS president is to ask you to consider four options to serve and to make an impact on our relatively small but vibrant AOFAS community.

First, look up and report your outcomes – good and bad. Contribute to the clinical discussion by reporting your patients' outcomes at our meetings, in *FAI*, or in any way that informs other clinicians on the value of current care. Everyone in this Society has something unique to contribute. We need to know more about what works and what does not work. As my mentor, Ken Johnson, would ask of you, try to challenge "unquestioned answers and try to solve unanswered questions." Contribute to the conversation. We need you and your innovation.

Second, become involved in the Society's committees. As I have learned from the bottom up, the Society enjoys great collegiality and strength of purpose. It is fun to participate and will bring you closer to other talented members. Please look at committee openings when they appear and send in your application. You can make a difference.

Third, consider educating orthopaedists around the world by contributing content to the new orthopaedic wikipedia called Orthopaedia®. Orthopaedia® is a non-profit living book and social website developed by orthopaedists for orthopaedists. The AOFAS has signed an agreement to partner with the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons (ABJS) to develop the foot and ankle content of this website, which is solely dedicated to disseminating orthopaedic knowledge to orthopaedists in training and in practice. The AOFAS needs your help in developing content.

This is a significant undertaking for our Society and will require a large effort. It is a vehicle that will raise visibility for the AOFAS and our specialty of foot and ankle surgery within this new online orthopaedic platform. Eventually, we expect that our section of Orthopaedia.com will include content knowledge, images, procedure videos, blogs, comment boards, case discussion groups, and many other features of Web 2.0. As an AOFAS member, you will be invited to subscribe to Orthopaedia.com at no cost. When you sign up, you will automatically be given unrestricted access to the English-language clinical medicine collection on SpringerLink, which includes hundreds of orthopaedic journals, books, and reference works.

Your Board of Directors envisions Orthopaedia.com as serving as a strong social networking site for our members and orthopaedists around the world. We encourage members to author part of the foot and ankle section on this website. The Board is establishing a new task force to manage this project and will be seeking a section editor, topic editors, and writers to develop the content for this website. When you receive an e-mail soliciting your help, please respond to help. (*For more information on Orthopaedia® please refer to the related article in this issue.*)

Finally, perhaps the simplest way to serve the AOFAS is to contribute financially to the OEF. The OEF goal is philanthropic to provide financial resources to the AOFAS in three programmatic areas: research, education, and humanitarian outreach. Only through your commitment will we be able to sustain these programs. Add the OEF to your list of annual donations, either through the OREF as a designated gift to AOFAS/OEF or as a direct donation with your AOFAS dues statement. Hodges Davis, Tom Lee, and Sheldon Lin are planning a great OEF fundraising event in New Orleans at the time of the Academy meeting next March. Spring-boarding off the successful and fun black-tie Las Vegas event in Bob Anderson's honor, the New Orleans party will be a less formal event with local flare and even talk of societal karaoke and costume competitions. I hope you will all put that on your Academy schedule. I look forward to seeing you there.

In closing, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve. I promise I will work hard and do my best. I ask you, in return, to find the way to contribute. Our work together can make a difference.

Charles L. Saltzman, MD

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Dues notices for 2010

Invoices for the calendar year's membership dues will be mailed mid-November with payment due by January 31, 2010. If a dues notice is not received by the end of December, please contact the AOFAS Executive Office at aofasinfo@aofas.org to request a duplicate copy.

Login to the AOFAS website at www.aofas.org for convenient online payment (VISA, MC, or AmEx). Dues must be submitted in US funds; no wire transfers accepted. Processed payments will be acknowledged with an e-receipt.

Through a grant made possible by the OEF, AOFAS Members currently in a fellowship program that participated in the AOFAS-sponsored match will have their Fellow Member fee waived for 2010 and receive a 50% discount on dues during their first year of practice, provided they apply to elevate to the next membership level by January 1 of the year following completion of training. Members that participated in a 2008-09 fellowship program included in the AOFAS-sponsored match will be invoiced at half the regular annual dues rate in 2010. One-half of the annual dues fee will be covered by a grant from the OEF to assist members in their first year of practice.

New and elevating member applications due January 1

AOFAS Members who completed training during 2009 must apply to elevate to either the Candidate Member or International Member level by January 1, 2010 in order to continue receiving member benefits. Application forms are available at www.aofas.org or write to membership@aofas.org.

If members know an orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeon who is not yet an AOFAS Member, please have them contact Lois Bierman at LBierman@aofas.org or 847-384-4832. The best referrals come from current members.

Is your member profile current?

Members who will be relocating or have recently moved need to provide new work and preferred mailing address information as soon as that information is available. A new mailing list for *FAI* distribution is submitted monthly to the publisher 3 to 4 weeks prior to the issue mailing date.

To ensure receipt of *FAI* and all AOFAS mailings in a timely manner, please be sure your member profile is up to date. Login to www.aofas.org and go to My Profile to submit edits to contact information. Please include the new practice/facility name as well as any change in e-mail address. For those in practice, the work contact information appears live on the AOFAS website for potential patients and colleagues so keeping it current is essential.

In Memoriam

Raymond F. Kuhlmann, MD (Emeritus Member)
South Burlington, VT

Lowell D. (Hap) Lutter, MD (AOFAS President 1993-1994)
St. Paul, MN

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- And more!

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Announcing new and elevating members

July 17, 2009

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David Pedowitz, MD
Tracy Rupke, MD
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Cheol Lee, MD
Augusto Monteiro, MD
Décio Moraes, MD
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Claudia Reyes, MD
Michael Scherer, MD

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