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GERALD M. FRIED
SAGES President 2013-2014
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. GERALD FRIED

It is an incredible honor for me to be SAGES President. This organization is remarkable for its energy and the capacity of its members to work hard to achieve our organizational goals.

SAGES has grown enormously with the laparoscopic revolution, from its roots as a primarily flexible endoscopy society for surgeons. We are currently much more than either an endoscopy society or a laparoscopic surgical society. To some, it is the largest general surgical society in North America after the ACS. To others, it is the largest GI surgical society, the largest surgical education society or some combination of all of the above. To me, SAGES is a culture. It is an organization characterized by the energy, collegiality and imagination of its members. It is unlike any organization to which I belong in allowing and encouraging young surgeons to get involved and to develop their careers. It is a true meritocracy. If you do the work, you rise in the organization.

Our challenge is to maintain the vibrancy and relevance of SAGES to each of you. Whereas the annual meeting remains the cornerstone of the society and the magnet that brings us together, SAGES is extremely active throughout the year through the work of its committees and the vast array of programs that we offer. I encourage you to visit our website often and take full advantage of the material provided there. There is an enormous amount of added value in your membership easily found through our website.

There are a number of new initiatives on the way. In his presidential year, Scott Melvin put together a task force, called “Open to MIS,” dedicated to advancing the transition of surgical care to minimal access approaches through education of surgeons and marketing the benefits. We will keep this program growing and expand it through generating data to support the benefits of minimal access techniques.

We have several new educational programs that have been recently introduced or are in development. FUSE, championed by Steve Schwartzberg during his presidential year and chaired by Daniel Jones, is designed to teach surgeons and nurses about the safe use of energy in the surgical environment. This will play a very central role in our efforts in the realm of patient safety, a theme that will be central to the presidency of my successor, Michael Brunt. The Hernia Task Force, under Adrian Park’s leadership, is developing our first educational product that is procedure-centered rather than a more general fundamental program. This program will be truly innovative in its delivery and will keep SAGES at the peak of educational organizations while meeting the current needs of surgeons in practice to advance their knowledge and skills. We will keep you apprised on its development in future issues of Scope.

The area that I have chosen to focus on is advancing the quality of surgical care through a better understanding of patient-centered outcomes and what “recovery” means to our patients. Our goal must be to combine excellent operative care with evidence-based perioperative processes, to leverage what we do in the OR to its maximal benefit. In so doing, we can generate the evidence that will move the needle from open to MIS and serve our patients best. I have established a task force that will collate the current data related to GI and abdominal surgery and educate our members in the implementation of enhanced recovery processes in their institution. The task force will also establish a research agenda to better define recovery metrics and the areas where we need to target interventions that will accelerate and enhance the recovery process for our surgical patients.

We will make a strong push to increase our membership this year. Membership is the fuel of any professional organization. This effort will be built around conveying the values that drive SAGES, the opportunities for career development, the interpersonal opportunities to network and expand the community of each of our members and the excellent value that SAGES membership provides. We will bring this effort to residents and fellows and will extend our reach internationally. I would encourage each of you to bring two new members to SAGES this year. I know that they will thank you for years to come.

Finally, SAGES is your organization. It is essential that the SAGES leadership keep in touch with our members and respond to their needs. Please communicate your ideas to us and get involved!
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As Chair and Co-chair of the SAGES Membership Committee, we are proud to represent this vital group. The Committee drives the membership outreach program and works with the administrative office to meet membership goals and objectives. We review all applicants proposed for membership and recommend to the Board those applicants who meet all requirements.

Our membership numbers are steady at just over 6,300, which includes nearly 1,300 candidate members. This past spring we added 237 new members. Under the leadership of a dynamic group of individuals who graciously agreed to serve as chairs and co-chairs of the subcommittees - some of which are newly formed - we will enthusiastically implement strategies to expand membership of the leading general surgery organization in the world. Please let us know if you would like to help.

Membership subcommittees will include:
- Recruitment
- Candidate Recruitment
- Retention
- Private Practice

We do hope you take the time to look through our website and find out more about SAGES programs, upcoming events, member benefits, and other important information. If you have not renewed your SAGES membership, we urge you to do so very soon in order to maintain your access to valuable networking opportunities, state of the art training techniques, subscription to the Surgical Endoscopy Journal and a host of other member benefit programs. Renewing your membership has never been more important or easier.

Visit our website today at www.sages.org. If you have already renewed your membership, we thank you for your continued support and look forward to your participation in the work of our society.

Dr. Aurora Pryor
Membership Committee Chair
Dr. John Marks
Membership Committee Co-Chair

Visit SAGES: www.sages.org/membership/
SAGES 2013 AWARDS

YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD WINNER
Recipient: Patricia Sylla, MD

RESEARCHER IN TRAINING AWARD WINNER
Recipient: Lawrence Lee, MD

IRCAD FELLOWSHIP AWARD WINNER
Recipient: Melanie Lynette Hafford, MD

BRANDEIS AWARDS (2) WINNERS
Recipients: John Scott Roth, MD
Don Selzer, MD

INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR AWARD WINNER
Recipient: Manabu Yamamoto, MD

EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL CARE AWARD WINNER
Recipient: Alfons Pomp, MD

PIONEER IN ENDOSCOPY AWARD WINNER
Recipient: Joel Leroy, MD

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNER
Recipient: David Rattner, MD

2013 CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD & RESEARCH GRANT WINNERS

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD:
Recipient: Rajesh Aggarwal, MD
Institution: Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
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SAGES RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS:
Recipient: Lindsay Kuo, MD
Institution: University of Pennsylvania
Title: Understanding Variation in Utilization and Value of Minimally Invasive Surgery by Per Capita State Spending.
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Recipient: Yuri Novitsky, MD
Institution: University of CT Health Center
Title: Local Genetic Modulation of Lower Esophageal Sphincter and Diaphragm Cuts for the Treatment of Gastric Esophageal Reflux Disease.
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Recipient: Joel Bradley, MD
Institution: Carolinas Medical Center
Title: Is Night Float a Better Solution than Traditional Call?
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Recipient: Jaime Cavallio, MD
Institution: Washington University School of Medicine in Saint Louis
Title: A Multi-Institutional Randomized Controlled Trial to Evaluate the Comparative Effectiveness of Permanent Synthetic Mesh Versus Biologic Mesh in Clean-Contaminated and Contaminated Ventral Hernia Repair.
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Recipient: Thomas Schnellendorfer, MD
Institution: Lhey Clinic
Title: Optical Properties of Peritoneal Cancer Metastases: A Prerequisite for Image-enhanced Staging Laparoscopy.
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Recipient: E. Matthew Ritter, MD
Institution: Walter Reed National Military Medical Center/USUHS
Title: Development of a Proficiency Based Skills Curriculum for the Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery.
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Recipient: Lawrence Tabone, MD
Institution: Duke University
Title: Changes in Bone Metabolism after Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass versus Sleeve Gastrectomy in Postmenopausal Women.
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SAGES 2013 TOP AWARDS WINNERS

Dr. Aurora Pryor, Mr. Luke Calcraft from Olympus, Dr. David Urbach, present the SAGES Young Researcher Award to Dr. Patricia Sylla

Dr. Steven Schwartzberg bestows the first SAGES International Ambassador Award to Dr. Manabu Yamamoto

Dr. C. Daniel Smith, SAGES Awards Committee Chair, presents the SAGES Excellence in Clinical Care Award to Dr. Alfons Pomp

Dr. Joel Leroy receives the SAGES Pioneer in Endoscopy Award from Dr. C. Daniel Smith

Dr. C. Daniel Smith and Mrs. Sybil Storz present the SAGES IRCAD Traveling Fellowship Award to Dr. Melanie Hafford

SAGES President, Dr. W. Scott Melvin presents the SAGES Distinguished Service Award to Dr. David Rattner

Dr. C. Daniel Smith and Mrs. Sybil Storz present the SAGES Excellence in Clinical Care Award to Dr. Alfons Pomp

Dr. C. Daniel Smith and Mrs. Sybil Storz present the SAGES IRCAD Traveling Fellowship Award to Dr. Melanie Hafford
Each year the Resident Education Committee awards one resident attending a SAGES resident course a free trip to the SAGES Annual Meeting. This year, Dr. Jack Chiu from the University of Alberta won a competition at the November 2012 resident course to attend the 2013 Annual Meeting in Baltimore.

Dear SAGEs Committee,

Thank you very much for supporting my attendance to SAGES 2013 in Baltimore. This was my first opportunity to attend a SAGES meeting. This year’s meeting had given me a completely different experience from a typical surgery conference. First of all, there were numerous representations across the globe similar to an international surgery conference. I was surprised to see large Asian surgical groups and had a pleasant time interacting and sharing experiences with them. It is interesting to find out that SAGES is actually one of the most popular North American meetings for them to attend.

The topics that the conference covered are very applicable to my future practice. The broad spectrum of talks ranged from the basic principles of laparoscopy skills to innovative approaches to surgical cases. It definitely broadens my view of the potential for minimally invasive surgery. My favourite section was the surgical education discussion. Technological advancements combined with new approaches to teach the surgical trainee really puts surgical training at a different level. The learning centre also provides excellent hands on instruction from the experienced staff surgeons. Furthermore, the exhibit hall showcases the most extensive collection of different surgical equipments that almost made me feel overwhelmed. It is definitely a one-stop shopping site for many surgeons in need of updating their equipment. I had heard many good comments about the social event that SAGES held from my colleagues before. This year’s event was another crowd pleaser. Excellent venue selection with good catering service and entertainment made it an unforgettable evening. The annual SAGES sing-off was definitely the highlight of the night that brought the entire group together!

Overall, this has been a highly educational and fun meeting at SAGES. I congratulate the committee for organizing such a successful event this year and I definitely look forward to future attendance to SAGES meetings.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Chiu, M.D.
SAGES FOUNDATION AWARDS

SAGES Foundation President, Dr. Bruce Schirmer and Ms. Lori Steff from W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc. present the Foundation Excellence in Medical Leadership Award to Dr. Paresh Shah

Dr. Schirmer bestows the Foundation Jeffrey L. Ponsky Educator in Endoscopy Award to Dr. Choichi Sugawa

Dr. Schirmer and Matt Fahy from Covidien present the Foundation Felicien M. Steichen Surgical Innovation Award to Dr. Luigi Manfredi

Dr. John Hunter presents Dr. Jun Han with the Foundation Margret Oddsdottir Award

Dr. W. Scott Melvin delivers SAGES Presidential Address

Margret Oddsdottir Award
Recipient: Jun Yan, MD

Gerald Marks Rectal Cancer Award
Recipient: Shigeki Yamaguchi, MD

The Felicien M. Steichen Surgical Innovation Award
Recipient: Luigi Manfredi, PhD

Excellence in Medical Leadership Award
Recipient: Paresh Shah, MD

Jeffrey L. Ponsky Master Educator in Endoscopy Award
Recipient: Choichi Sugawa, MD

www.sagesfoundation.org
The SAGES Foundation could not carry out its mission without the contributions of our dedicated members. Your past and future investment towards great projects of surgical education and research is both valued and appreciated. Thank you. This past year, the SAGES Foundation was able to distribute close to $300,000 in grants. In 2012, the SAGES Foundation welcomed Dr. Archana Ramaswamy as a new Legacy Benefactor. She is the first female member of the Legacy Benefactor giving society and we are deeply honored by her commitment to the Foundation.

The 7th Annual SAGES Foundation Awards Luncheon was held on Wednesday, April 17 at the Baltimore Convention Center. Once again, a select group of outstanding, experienced and reputable leaders were recognized. This was the Foundation’s most successful luncheon to date with 290 attendees and close to $53,000 being raised to benefit future minimal invasive research and educational opportunities.

**SAGES FOUNDATION UPDATE**

**DR. GEORGE BERCi HONORARY GIFTS AND FILM “TRIALS, TRIUMPHS, INNOVATIONS”**

More than a year ago SAGES and the SAGES Foundation commissioned a documentary film to be made about the life and medical innovations of Dr. George Berci.

The film debuted on April 18th as part of the SAGES 2013 Annual Conference. “George Berci - Trials, Triumphs, Innovations” covers Dr. Berci’s life journey, from his time as a forced laborer during the holocaust, to his indelible impact on the face of surgery, through his unmatched contributions to the field.

The film was written and produced by SAGES President-Elect, Dr. L. Michael Brunt. Dr. Brunt is Professor of Surgery at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and is the 2013 recipient of the Philip J. Wolfson Outstanding Teacher Award.

The documentary features archival footage, interviews with Dr. Berci and his wife, Barbara, and many surgeons in the field whose work he has impacted.

After a very successful screening of the film in Baltimore, many SAGES members honored Dr. Berci’s life achievements through generous contributions to the Foundation. Due to an exceptional gift of $50,000 from Dr. Sybill Storz and Karl Storz GmbH & Co., a total of $58,700 has been raised to date.

Copies of the Dr. George Berci film are still available. Please visit [www.sagesfoundation.org/events/donation-in-honor-of-george-berci-a-life](http://www.sagesfoundation.org/events/donation-in-honor-of-george-berci-a-life) to place an order. All donations of $150.00 or more receive a complimentary DVD of the film.

**FUNDAMENTALS OF LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY**

- Appointments are being scheduled now for FLS testing:
  - 2013 CAGS Canadian Surgery Forum, September 20-21 in Ottawa
  - 2013 ACS Clinical Congress, October 7-9 in Washington DC

Please call 310-437-0544, ext. 137 or visit our website at [www.flsprogram.org](http://www.flsprogram.org) to sign up now – exam appointments are booking up fast!

- Committee co-chair Melina Vassiliou led three retreats this spring to write and review updated questions to keep the FLS test current and fresh. Our thanks to these FLS committee members for participating: Caroline Cao, Alex Dreznin, David Earle, Samuel Finlayson, Matthew Mancini, John Minasi, Carmen Mueller, Matthew Ritter, Neal Seymour, Lelan Sillin, and Gideon Snoka.

**FUNDAMENTALS OF ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY**

- The FES program is now available at special inaugural pricing. Twelve-month subscriptions to the online didactic material may be purchased on its own, or, combined with an FES test voucher. Visit [www.fesprogram.org](http://www.fesprogram.org) for ordering information.

- FES testing appointments are now available for October 7-9 at the 2013 ACS Clinical Congress. Please schedule as soon as possible as availability is limited. For more information please call 310-437-0544, ext. 149.

**FUNDAMENTAL USE OF SURGICAL ENERGY**

- FUSE Task Force members are busy educating surgeons and other OR personnel on the safe use of energy devices. A new book “Ensuring Safety in the Operating Room”, International Anesthesiology Clinics 2013, Vol 31, No 4 is in press, with a chapter devoted to FUSE. A manuscript entitled “Rationale for the Fundamental Use of Surgical Energy (FUSE) Curriculum Assessment: Focus on Safety” has been accepted by the Surgical Endoscopy Journal.

- Beta testing continues on the FUSE examination and curriculum — and your assistance is needed. Appointments to take the exam during the ACS Congress in Washington DC are available now. For more information on the FUSE beta testing, please call 310-437-0544, ext. 149.

**HERNIA TASK FORCE**

- Nearly 100 surgeons and other health professionals took part in the Hernia Needs Assessment survey this spring, gathering data for future hernia training programs. Thank you to everyone who participated in this important initiative!

- Hernia Task Force members are convening in Annapolis, MD this summer for a program development retreat, focusing on inguinal and ventral hernia health education.
SAGES 2013 IN BALTIMORE WAS A BLAST!

Dr. George & Barbara Berci

Program Chairs: Drs. Jeffrey Marks & Tonia Young-Fadok

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President Scott Melvin & President Elect Gerald Fried enter the SAGES 2013 Main Event in style...

SAGES 2013 Presidents’ Dinner

Dr. Lee Swanstrom delivers the SAGES 2013 Storz Lecture in New Technology

President Scott Melvin thanks 2013 Program Chairs Fred Brody & Santiago Horgan, and welcome the crowd to the SAGES Sing-Off

SAGES 2013 Presidents’ Dinner

Dr. Melvin and SAGES Past Presidents

SAGES 2013 Exhibit Hall

Dr. Scott Melvin and Gerald Marks congratulate Dr. Chris Ellison for delivering the SAGES Marks Lecture

SAGES 2013 Presidents’ Dinner
"WE LOVE SAGES" FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

Our fall membership drive will soon be underway and we rely on all our members to encourage peers and colleagues to join SAGES.

At our April conference, we asked members why they love SAGES? Here's the top five:

# 5. SAGES website and publications  
# 4. Continuing medical education  
# 3. SAGES annual conference  
# 2. Being at the leading edge of technological advances  
And the #1 favorite thing about SAGES? Networking and connectedness to the SAGES community!

Share your favorite SAGES memory, pictures, news, etc. on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SAGESSurgery or hashtag #mysages at https://twitter.com/sages_updates

SAGES member benefits include:

• Substantial savings on meeting fees for SAGES 2014 Annual Meeting April 2-5, Salt Lake City, UT  
• Networking with colleagues and experts in the field of gastrointestinal and endoscopic surgery  
• Cutting-edge education and professional development programs  
• Support for achievement in laparoscopic and endoscopic surgery  
• Exposure to state of the art surgical technology and techniques  
• Annual subscription to the Surgical Endoscopy Journal  
• Member-only research awards and career development grants  
• Leadership Opportunities

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Are you concerned about reimbursement? What about healthcare reform? Do you wonder about patient's diminishing access to quality care? If you answered yes to any of these questions then your membership in the American Medical Association (AMA) is important.

YOUR AMA MEMBERSHIP – WHAT IT MEANS FOR SAGES

In order for SAGES to retain its seat in the HOD, a significant percentage of our members also have to be members of the AMA. Your membership in the AMA allows SAGES to:

- Keep our seat in the AMA House of Delegates (HOD)
- Have representation on the CPT Advisory Committee
- Have representation on the RUC Advisory Committee

But that is just a part of it. While SAGES continues to gain experience and recognition in the legislative arena, there is no denying that being a part of a larger organization has its benefits. The government recognizes the AMA as representing physicians across the country. They take the lead in tracking action on Capitol Hill and in organizing member associations and grass roots efforts to affect positive change.

Keep the SAGES voice strong. Please join the AMA or renew your membership by visiting the AMA website: [https://membership.ama-assn.org/JoinRenew/search.jsp](https://membership.ama-assn.org/JoinRenew/search.jsp). In addition, please visit [www.ama-assn.org/go/ballot](http://www.ama-assn.org/go/ballot) to designate SAGES as your specialty society for representation purposes.
SCIENCE SESSION & POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Putting the Patient First: Promoting innovation and Safety in the OR and Beyond

APRIL 2-5, 2014
Salt Lake City, UT

Program Chairs: Tena Young-Fadok, MD & Jeffrey Marks, MD

Schedule at a Glance (as of Aug. 2013)
Early Housing & Registration Deadline: February 21, 2014
Oral & Video Sessions will take place throughout the SAGES Scientific Session (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). The exact program will be determined in November 2013. Detailed information will be available online at www.sages.org and in the Advance Program in November.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2014
SAGES/CAGS Full-Day Postgraduate Course: Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) Pathways - How you can Optimize Perioperative Care, Improve Outcomes and Decrease Costs
SAGES/ASMBS Full-Day Postgraduate Course: Endoscopic Management of Bariatric Complications
Symposium: Career Development
Panel: Optimizing Results of Fundoplication
SAGES Foundation Awards Luncheon
SAGES/ASMBS Half-Day Hands-On Course: Bariatric/ Endolumenal Treatments
Panel: Getting Your Video Accepted
Panel: PEG
Panel: Respetive Pelvic Surgery, Benign and Malignant
Panel: Product Development - Innovations for Patients Benefits
SAGES/ARON Panel: Fue and OR Safety: What You Don’t Know Could Kill Someone
SAGES/AGLKS Panel: Updates in Benign CRS
Exhibits Opening Welcome Reception open 5:30pm – 7:30pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2014
SAGES Scientific Sessions
Exhibits Opening Welcome Reception open 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Full-Day Military Surgical Symposium
SAGES/CAGS Panel: Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection - When will we catch up with our Japanese colleagues?
Presidential Address – Gerald Fried, MD
Gerald Marks Lecture – Amitai Ziv, MD
Fellowship Council Luncheon: “Strategies for Overcoming the Financial Challenges Facing the Fellowship Council”
Half-Day Hands-On Course: Humanitarian
Presidential Debates
Panel: NIS for Acute Care Surgeons
Panel: Expanding Frontiers in Simulation-Based Surgical Training
SAGES/ALACE Panel: South of the Border Surgery
Session: Emerging Technology (non CME)
Panel: NIS Improady
SAGES/ERAS Panel: Bemoi Forogt
Resident/Fellow Scientific Session
Main Event & International Sing-Off

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014
SAGES Scientific Sessions
Exhibits Opening Welcome Reception open 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Panel: Bariatric Complications for the non-Bariatric Surgeon
Panel: Why Haven’t Conversion Rates Improved?
FREE Lunch in Exhibit Hall for all SAGES Meeting Attendee 12:00pm-1:00pm

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Register online!
www.sages.org/registration/
Please register online prior to the early registration deadline of February 21, 2014
Email: registration@sages.org

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
The SAGES Annual Meeting has elements that have been specifically designed to meet the needs of practicing surgeons, surgeons-in-training, GI assistants, nurses and other allied health professionals who are interested in minimally invasive surgery and gastrointestinal endoscopy. Thorough coverage of traditional topics and presentations of “cutting edge” material can be found in this program.

The SAGES Program Committee recommends that participants design their own attendance schedule based on their own personal educational objectives.
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SAGES SCIENTIFIC SESSION & POSTGRADUATE COURSE
April 2-5, 2014, Salt Lake Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT

SAGES SCIENTIFIC SESSION & POSTGRADUATE COURSE (W/IPEG)
April 15-18, 2015, Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Convention Center, Nashville, TN

SAGES SCIENTIFIC SESSION & POSTGRADUATE COURSE
March 16-19, 2016, Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, Boston, MA

SAGES SCIENTIFIC SESSION & POSTGRADUATE COURSE
March 22-25, 2017, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX

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