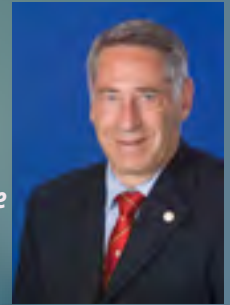


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GERALD M. FRIED
SAGES President 2013-2014



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. GERALD FRIED



Gerald M. Fried, MD
SAGES President 2013-2014

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 Schwaartzberg 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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- Christopher Schlachta, MD
- C. Daniel Smith, MD

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- Timothy Farrell, MD
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- Brent Matthews, MD
- Kenric Murayama, MD

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- Michael Edye, MD
- Ninh Nguyen, MD
- Vic Velanovich, MD
- Steven Wexner, MD



ABOUT SAGES

The mission of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) is to improve quality patient care through education, research, innovation and leadership, principally in gastrointestinal and endoscopic surgery. SAGES is a leading surgical society, representing a worldwide community of over 6,000 surgeons that can bring minimal access surgery, endoscopy and emerging techniques to patients worldwide. The organization sets the clinical and educational guidelines on standards of practice in various procedures, critical to enhancing patient safety and health.

2013-2014 COMMITTEE CHAIR/CO-CHAIR LIST

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Chair: Daniel Jones, MD
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Chair: W. Scott Melvin, MD

Open to MIS Working Group:

Chair: Steve Eubanks, MD
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Chair: Daniel Herron, MD
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Chair: Brian Jacob, MD
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Kenneth Forde, MD & David Rattner, MD



Dr. Aurora Pryor
Membership Committee Chair



Dr. John Marks
Membership Committee Co-Chair

SAGES MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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 6300, which includes nearly 1300 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 sub committees - 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.



Join SAGES: www.sages.org/membership/



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SAGES 2013 AWARDS

SAGES 2013 TOP AWARD WINNERS

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

Supported by SAGES Foundation

Recipient: Jaime Cavallo, 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.

Supported by SAGES

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 .

Supported by Karl Storz Endoscopy

Recipient: Thomas Schnelldorfer, MD

Institution: Lahey Clinic

Title: Optical Properties of Peritoneal Cancer Metastases: A Prerequisite for Image-enhanced Staging Laparoscopy.

Supported by Stryker

Recipient: Yuri Novitsky, MD

Institution: University of CT Health Center

Title: Local Genetic Modulation of Lower Esophageal Sphincter and Diaphragm Crura for the Treatment of Gastric Esophageal Reflux Disease.

Supported by Karl Storz Endoscopy

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.

Supported by SAGES Foundation

Recipient: Joel Bradley, MD

Institution: Carolinas Medical Center

Title: Is Night Float a Better Solution than Traditional Call?

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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 AWARDS WINNERS



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



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



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



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



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



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



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SAGES 2013 AWARDS

SAGES 2013 TOP INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNER

BEST INTERNATIONAL PAPER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: GO GLOBAL RESEARCHER AWARD:

Recipient: FRANÇOIS LETARTE, MD

Institution: Hôpital Saint-François d'Assise

Country: Canada

Title: Minimally invasive colectomy for complicated diverticular disease in the emergency setting: a safe choice?

Recipient: AKIYO MATSUMOTO, MD

Institution: Tsuchiura Kyodo General Hospital

Country: Japan

Title: Laparoscopic versus open resection for colon cancer based on 9-year data: results of our hospital study in 1065 patients

Recipient: VIRINDER K BANSAL, MS

Institution: All India Institute of Medical sciences, New Delhi

Country: India

Title: Prospective randomized controlled blinded study to evaluate the effect of short term focused training program in laparoscopy on operative room performance of surgery resident

Recipient: BORA KOÇ, MD

Institution: Okmeydan Training and Research Hospital

Country: Turkey

Title: Comparison of Laparoscopic Common Bile Duct Exploration and ERCP/S LC for Choledocholithiasis: a prospective randomized study

Recipient: LONG TRAN CONG DUY, MD

Institution: University Medical Center, Hochiminh City

Country: Vietnam

Title: Laparoscopic Liver Resection for Hepatocellular Carcinoma, 5 year experience

RESIDENT EDUCATION COMMITTEE-RESIDENT WINNER

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 instructions and valuable tips from the experienced staff surgeons. Furthermore, the exhibit hall showcases the most extensive collections 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.

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BRANDEIS AWARDS

INSPIRATIONAL AND TRANSFORMATIVE



Drs. C. Daniel Smith, John Scott Roth & Donald Selzer

The Brandeis Program in Health Policy and Physician Leadership was amongst the best educational weeks that I have experienced in my educational career. As I approached the campus for the first time, I felt the nervousness that is likely experienced by my children each year as they go back to school following summer break, not knowing what to expect or who they might meet. To begin, the course program director Dr. Jon Chilingirian offered a galvanizing description of the rationale for the week-long experience when he said, "Who else is better suited to run a hospital than physicians?"

The week represented a condensed intensive educational experience taught by the faculty of the combined MD/MBA program at Tufts University and Brandeis University. Ten hour days in the classroom were often rewarded with several hours of reading at night, far more intense than my recollections of the medical school classroom. But the rewards have been beyond comprehension.

The combination of business administrative training in team building, decision making, negotiating, and finance along with an appreciation of the intricacies and nuances of the Affordable Care Act have been empowering. The invaluable knowledge gained and relationships built over this 7-day experience have been beyond all expectations.

John Roth, M.D.

Beginning with Dr. Michael Zinner's talk on the history of American healthcare finance, the Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management at the Heller School for Policy and Management at Brandeis University provided a brief but intense immersion into the concepts and theories necessary for understanding of our current status and the implications of upcoming changes to the practice of surgery.

A program expertly coordinated by Brandeis University MD/MBA Program Director, Dr. Jon Chilingirian, and Linda Purrini was taught by leaders in healthcare policy including Dr. Stuart Altman, an integral member of the congressionally appointed team responsible for the Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) program. Ten hour days of didactics, team-based problem solving, and interactive thinking covered a breadth of topics including strategic thinking, conflict resolution, and clinicians as leaders.

Topics in health care finance ranged from basic health care economics with accounting to cutting edge efforts including bundled payments, benchmarking, and value based purchasing. The week long rigorous program clearly met the expectations of the surgeon attendees who came from broad exposures including surgical subspecialties like otolaryngology and urology to general and cardiac surgeons from the United States, Canada, and Europe. Ultimately, the program allowed one to dive deep into topics otherwise reserved for a Masters of Business Administration program.

The experience provided an opportunity to have a greater understanding of the current changes in healthcare. More importantly, it armed graduates with a vocabulary rich in healthcare policy terms and an ability to represent surgery during this era of unprecedented change.

Don Selzer, M.D.

To submit nominations for the 2014 SAGES Awards, please visit www.sages.org/about/awards/

Deadline to submit is September 6, 2013

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SAGES FOUNDATION AWARDS



SAGES Foundation President, Dr. Bruce Schirmer and Ms. Lori Seel 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

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



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Dr. W. Scott Melvin delivers SAGES Presidential Address



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SAGES FOUNDATION UPDATE



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 minimally invasive research and educational opportunities!

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.



Dr. George Berci & Dr. Michael Brunt

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/ 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 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 Derevianko, David Earle, Samuel Finlayson, Matthew Mancini, John Minasi, Carmen Mueller, Matthew Ritter, Neal Seymour, Lelan Sillin, and Gideon Sroka

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 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 51, 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 900 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

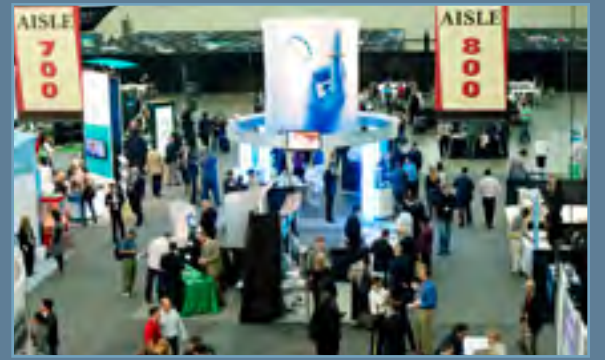
SAGES 2013 IN BALTIMORE WAS A BLAST!



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



SAGES 2013 Presidents' Dinner



SAGES 2013 Exhibit Hall



Dr. George & Barbara Berci



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



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

Don't miss SAGES 2014 – visit www.sages2014.org

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



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"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/SAGESurgery 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

And so much more! Visit www.sages.org/membership/benefits/ to learn more about benefits!



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2014 RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

RESEARCH GRANTS

The Research Awards are open to any principal investigator who is a SAGES member, including Candidate members. SAGES would like to especially encourage grant funding to young investigators/candidate members in the hopes that funding through SAGES will lead to extramural funding. The purpose of these grants are to stimulate original research in gastrointestinal and endoscopic surgery. The application is available on the SAGES website at www.sages.org/projects/research-grants

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The focus of this SAGES Foundation supported award is to provide funding for a young surgeon or surgeon-in-training for the development of critical skills required for their academic career in gastrointestinal and endoscopic surgery. For more information, please visit www.sages.org/projects/sages-career-development-award/

The application process will open Mid-August and all submissions must be submitted by November 15, 2013 (5pm PST).

FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL UPDATE



The Fellowship Council was created to foster the development of high quality fellowships in Minimally Invasive, Gastrointestinal, Flexible Endoscopy, Bariatric, Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary, Thoracic and Colorectal surgery. Accrediting Fellowships to assure a certain standard of education and experience for Fellows, monitoring Fellow satisfaction with an exit survey, improving the application and match process and developing quarterly fellow assessments to monitor Fellow progress are among some of the projects of the Fellowship Council.

The Fellowship Council continues to grow and currently represents 160 programs and over 200 fellowship positions. The Council was put together by program directors to meet the needs of the programs and Fellows. Along with the Council's component Societies, SAGES, ASMBS, SSAT, AHPBA, and ASCRS we hope to continue the process.

The Fellowship Council will be accepting new member (program) applications beginning in September. Visit <https://fellowshipcouncil.org/criteria> for additional information on membership criteria.

For additional information about the application and match process and to be added to the notification list when the member application process re-opens, email info@fellowshipcouncil.org or call (310) 437-0555, ext. 138.

2013 SAGES RESIDENT COURSES

SAGES is offering both basic and advanced courses this year for surgical residents. Course announcements and invitations to attend for all SAGES resident courses are sent to all U.S. and Canadian general surgery residency program directors. Each program selects the resident to apply for the course. For course registration information, contact the SAGES Registrar Tina Sandoval at registration@sages.org or (310) 437-0544, ext. 128 or visit www.sages.org/residents_courses



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- **Journal Club** featuring articles from Surgical Endoscopy articles – get 1 CME credit per article. These credits can be used toward fulfilling Part 2 of the ABS MOC program.
- **OSAP (Online Self Assessment Program)** featuring over 40 SAGES videos – get 0.25 CME credit per video. These credits can be used toward fulfilling Part 2 of the ABS MOC program.
- **Guidelines** featuring the latest SAGES guidelines - get 2 CME credits per Guidelines course. These credits can be used toward fulfilling Part 2 of the ABS MOC program.
- **Additional modules to follow!**
- **My CME** Webpage featuring your own personalized webpage to track all of your SAGES CME credits with your credits transmitted directly to the ABS. Note: Although the MYCME system is intended to eventually become the central location to store all CME data awarded by SAGES, it is currently not loaded with historical data from all past SAGES activities. Past event data will be evaluated and uploaded as available.

VISIT SAGES UNIVERSITY TODAY: university.sages.org.

WHY MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMA IS IMPORTANT

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>. In addition, please visit www.ama-assn.org/go/ballot to designate SAGES as your specialty society for representation purposes.



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PATIENT INFORMATION PAGE

In order to serve as a resource for patients, we have added a "Patient Info" tab on the SAGES homepage. Here patients can find information about common minimally invasive procedures and to learn if they may be a candidate for less invasive surgery, questions to ask their surgeon or physician, common procedures, how to prepare, what happens during their operation and what to expect after surgery.

We will also plan to feature patient tips authored by SAGES members. If you are interested in writing an article for the patient section, which we will also feature on our Facebook page and in other publications, please contact Mary Cohen at mary@sages.org.

SAGES NEWSROOM

We have launched a SAGES newsroom www.sages.org/newsroom/ on the SAGES website in order to announce any breaking news and to share media coverage of SAGES. If you have any news to share, contact mary@sages.org

2013 MEETING SESSIONS ON SAGES TV

SAGES is posting sessions from the 2013 meeting in Baltimore on SAGES.TV.

Currently the Bariatric Postgraduate Course "*What Every Safe Surgeon Needs to Know*" is online as are the keynote talks and the SAGES/AHPBA Panel: "*Minimally Invasive HPB: We Can Do It, Now What?*": www.sages.org/video/search.php?action=search&chnnl=123

NEED MAJOR EDITS! SAGES VIDEO ATLAS

VIDEOS NEEDED!

Over a year ago, we embarked on a project to develop a video atlas of benign and malignant pathology of the GI tract. As surgical endoscopists, we are often criticized for being good technicians but not being aware of the pathology we are viewing. After several discussions in past meetings, we concluded that creating a surgical endoscopy video atlas would help with any future educational endeavors as well as any practicing physician as such atlas does not exist. With the assistance of a number of you, we have created an outline of the normal and abnormal pathology that should be included in this atlas. We have also now created a link that allows any of you to upload any video that you have captured and willing to include in this atlas. Our main limitation up to now has been the limited number of videos submitted to the project. I would like to encourage all of you to at least upload 3 videos over the next couple of weeks of any normal or abnormal pathology on the attached outline.

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO UPLOAD VIDEOS TO SAGES WEBPAGE:

Uploads: www.sages.org/video_atlas/

Name the files as to be recognized.

Names for the file should include location of gi tract, pathology and name of original physician,

Example: Colon- serrated adenoma- JMartinez



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SCIENTIFIC 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: Tonia 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 Half-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: POEM

Panel: Reoperative Pelvic Surgery, Benign and Malignant

Panel: Product Development- Innovations for Patients Benefits

SAGES/AORN Panel: Fuse and OR Safety: What You Don't Know Could Kill Someone

SAGES/ISLRS Panel: Updates in Benign CRS

Exhibits Opening Welcome Reception

open 5:30pm – 7:30pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2014

SAGES Scientific Sessions

Exhibits/Posters/Learning Center

open 9:30am-4:00pm

Full-Day Military Surgical Symposium

Half-Day Postgraduate Course: CBD Stones

SAGES/AHS Half-Day Postgraduate Course: Lap Ventral Hernia Repair- Technical Considerations and Strategies for Success

Symposium: SAGES/NOSCAR/NOTES

SAGES/ASCRS Panel: Current Management of Rectal Cancer

SAGES/AHPBA Panel: Hepato Pancreato Biliary

Karl Storz Lecture – David Williams, MD

SAGES/APDS Educator's Luncheon - "Transition to Practice from Residency or Fellowship: Preparing Graduates for the Real World"

SAGES/AHS Half-Day Postgraduate Course: Ventral Hernia Repair- Technical Considerations in Challenging Scenarios (Video-based Symposium)

Half-Day Hands-On Course: CBD Stones

Half-Day Hands-On Course: Flex Endo- Train the Trainers

Symposium: Ethics of Innovation- Featuring Robotic Surgery

SAGES/KSELS Panel: Gastric Cancer

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2014

SAGES Scientific Sessions

Exhibits Opening Welcome Reception

open 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Full-Day Military Surgical Symposium

SAGES/JSES 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: MIS for Acute Care Surgeons

Panel: Emerging Frontiers in Simulation- Based Surgical Training

SAGES/ALACE Panel: South of the Border Surgery

Session: Emerging Technology (non CME)

Panel: MIS Jeopardy

SAGES/EAES Panel: Benign Foregut

Resident/Fellow Scientific Session

Main Event & International Sing-Off

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014

SAGES Scientific Sessions

Exhibits/Posters/Learning Center **open 10:00am-1:00pm**

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

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Register on-line!

www.sages.org/registration/

Please register online prior to the early registration deadline of February 21, 2014

Email: registration@sages.org

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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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March 16-19, 2016, Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, Boston, MA

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March 22-25, 2017, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX

