



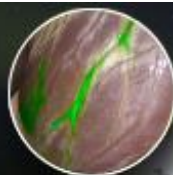
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Welcome Dr. Liane Feldman, SAGES 2021-2022 President!

Last week marked a changing of the guard at SAGES, with Dr. Feldman taking the reins as SAGES new president.



"I have always considered SAGES my surgical home and am so grateful for this opportunity to serve as president," said Dr. Feldman, who is Chair of the Department of Surgery at McGill University. "Creativity, innovation, collaboration, the focus on mastering surgical techniques, and the ability to get things done are all hallmarks of SAGES that I love. Over the next year, I'll continue to focus on innovative educational programs that both enhance surgeons' performance and experience in and out of the OR and improve patient outcomes."

To read Dr. Horacio Asbun's concluding presidential message, please go [here](#).

IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

Register for SAGES Innovation Summit
June 4-5

SAGES 2021 Meeting, Las Vegas
Aug 31-Sept 3

2021 Meeting Registration is Open!

We're so excited for SAGES 2021 in Las Vegas August 31-September 3! While we hope to see most of you in person, we also understand that certain restrictions may make travel impossible for some attendees. To accommodate everyone's needs, we've created two meeting options: the live in-person meeting that includes access to the Virtual Enduring Activity; and, a virtual only meeting that allows attendees to live stream select sessions of the annual meeting as they occur live and includes access to the Virtual Enduring Activity that will begin in November 2021.

For more details and to register, please go [here](#).

SAGES Committee Membership

If you're a SAGES member and would like to serve on a committee, please login to your member account and complete the online volunteer form [here](#). Every member who volunteers for a committee will be added (your first choice committee may be full, but we will make sure you get your second or third choice!). If you are already a committee member and would like to make a change, please follow the same process. Incoming president Dr. Liane Feldman will make new committee member appointments in late spring.



Carlos Galvani MD FACS FASMBS (middle)
Chief of Minimally Invasive Surgery
Tulane University School of Medicine



SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Carlos Galvani

"SAGES is my surgical family," says Dr. Carlos Galvani. "I haven't missed a meeting since 2002 and don't plan to in 2021. SAGES meetings are the best way to see and catch up with friends."

Dr. Galvani adds that from his very first post 9/11 meeting in New York, the entire program - especially the finale dinner - "was so powerful. I remember thinking that SAGES was the place I wanted to be."

An involved SAGES member since joining as a fellow, Dr. Galvani was awarded the Storz-IRCAD Visiting Fellowship Award in 2006 and has been very active, serving on the Bariatrics, Robotics and Foregut committees. He admits he initially thought it was merely "cool" to be on these committees, but became much more invested after realizing how important each committee and its guidelines were to SAGES and patient access.

Read more about Dr. Galvani [here](#).

To learn more about SAGES membership and access an online application form, please go [here](#).

In Memoriam

SAGES has learned of the passing of the following members, and extends our deepest sympathy to their family and friends.

David A. Margolin, April 2020
Morris E. Franklin Jr., August 2020
Alberto Montori, March 2021
Adrian Lobontiu, March 2021

Focused Practice Designation in Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery - Public Comment Request

The American Board of Surgery (ABS), in conjunction with the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS), is in the process of developing a Focused Practice Designation (FPD) in Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery. For those qualified for this FPD, ABS is requesting feedback on the current **test blueprint draft**. A **public**

comment period is open and available through Wednesday, April 28.

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