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This holiday season give yourself the gift of registration to the SAGES annual meeting in Cleveland! Encourage your friends and colleagues to do the same. See below for meeting and hotel reservation details.

We'll continue to share program highlights with session chairs and meeting co-chairs Drs. Marylise Boutros, Caitlin Halbert and Eric Pauli. Watch your inbox and social channels for weekly video highlights.

IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

2024 Robotics Resident and Fellow Courses 2023-2024-Registration Open

General Surgery Review, Part 2
Jan 9, 2024

2024 NBT Innovation Weekend
Registration Open!
Feb 22-24, 2024



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2024 Meeting Registration and Hotel Reservations

The early bird gets the most "sustainable" savings, so don't wait to register and book your hotel. Click on the button below for all details. Got kids? This year, we have childcare. Once registered, you'll receive details about how to sign up.

A reminder that meeting content will be captured and posted online for the virtual meeting 6-8 weeks following the Cleveland meeting. All attendees will have access to the entire meeting content after the fact. Once you register, be sure to get the word out via your personal social accounts, too, with the hashtag #sustainableSAGES.

You can follow SAGES on TikTok @sages_updates, along with Twitter/X and IG for ongoing program highlights.

[2024 Meeting Registration](#)

SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Ian Soriano

Dr. Ian Soriano has two very different memorable moments as a SAGES member: one is teaching the Global



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Cholecystectomy course in his native Philippines with friend and mentor Dr. Horacio Asbun; and the more recent one is playing the keyboards for “Scopes Going Wild” on stage with Drs. Dave Earle, John Romanelli, Ramon Berguer and Ed Auyang at SAGES 2023 in Montreal.

For Dr. Soriano, associate professor of surgery and director of Robotic Surgery at University of California San Francisco (UCSF), both examples illustrate the “meaningful professional and personal relationships” he’s established as a SAGES member.

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

Sallie Matthews Receives International Honorary Membership of the Japan Society for Endoscopic Surgery (JSES)

SAGES Executive Director Sallie Matthews received JSES honorary international membership and gave a lecture on women in surgery at their 36th annual meeting in Yokohama December 7-9. She is pictured here accepting her award from Yoshiharu Sakai, MD, PhD, JSES President.



SAGES at Annual COSECSA Conference in Ethiopia

SAGES teamed up with the College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) earlier this month at COSECSA's annual conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. SAGES provided attendees the opportunity to take the Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS) exam and certification. SAGES' Global Laparoscopic Advancement Program (GLAP) team also provided MIS surgery training sessions. Stay tuned for more details about SAGES ongoing collaboration with

COSECSA in 2024.

FLS, FES and FUSE Test Appointments Available at SAGES 2024

FLS, FES and FUSE Test Appointments are now available for SAGES 2024! Testing will take place Wednesday, April 17 - Friday, April 19 during the 2024 SAGES Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. For more information, to purchase test vouchers or schedule test appointments please click on the relevant link below:

- * FLS <https://www.flsprogram.org/testing-events/>
- * FES <https://www.fesprogram.org/testing-information/testing-events/>
- * FUSE <https://www.fuseprogram.org/testing-information/sages-annual-meeting-2024/>

Dr. Steven Schweitzberg Featured on SAGES Stories

You don't want to miss the many anecdotes included in Dr. Schweitzberg's podcast--from his family connection to Steve Wynn and summer working at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas, to how a guy at the gym convinced him to go to Baylor Medical School, to his time in the Army and as SAGES president from 2011-12. His ongoing piece of advice to all surgeons: "Don't dwell on failures." Catch up on all podcasts [here](#).



Margret Oddsdottir Award Application Deadline - January 8, 2024

SAGES Foundation is accepting applications for the Oddsdottir Traveling Fellowship. The award to attend SAGES 2024 provides up to \$5,000 for travel, lodging and registration expenses to a female surgeon from a low/middle income country. Awardees will be invited to attend the SAGES Awards luncheon to accept the award and make a 2-minute acceptance speech. Please complete the **brief application** and direct any questions to Colleen Elkins at colleen@sages.org, 310.437.0544, ext 114.



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