MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

“Of Those To Whom Much Is Given, Much Is Required”

John F. Kennedy said it. Bill Gates’ mom said it (and so did Bill). It is written in the Book of Luke, and in myriad other places. Surgeons live the spirit of it every day. As I embark on my presidential year at SAGES, I plan to keep that admonition in sharp focus. I am so proud of our profession, of our society, of the work that we do and the good that we do. We need to remember that, and to celebrate it amongst ourselves.

The theme of the year is service: the service that we at SAGES do as teachers, as researchers, and as physicians. Our fall retreat will focus primarily in two areas of service: education and volunteerism.

In the arena of surgical education, SAGES role as a leader has been richly developed over the last 20+ years. SAGES has the only specialty society seat on SCORE, the Surgical Council on Resident Education, which is a consortium of groups including the American Board of Surgery, the American College of Surgeons, the Residency Review Committee, the Association of Surgical Educators, and the Association of Program Directors in Surgery. SCORE has undertaken the enormous task of defining the curriculum of surgical education, which has never been done before. SAGES has contributed hours of labor in providing surgical videos and educational materials for the SCORE website, in developing learning modules, and in having a seat at the decision making table. Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery, the skills teaching and assessment tool developed and validated through SAGES over the last 12 years, is now a required part of surgical training. At the retreat we will work on further defining our contributions to continuing medical education for the lifelong learning of the fully trained surgeon.

In the arena of volunteerism, SAGES members activities are legion. Individual members go to countries all over the world, as well as participate in domestic and military volunteer activities. SAGES as an organization has participated in teaching all over the world as well, both in lecture form and in hands-on teaching of basic laparoscopy skills through Go Global. This year we plan to highlight all the ways in which SAGES and SAGES members serve—look for a slide show of SAGES volunteers at work at the SAGES Meeting in San Antonio, for on-line lists of opportunities for volunteerism, and more. Part of the fall leadership retreat will be dedicated to pursuing the further development of this commitment.

Service. Much is required of us. Teaching, learning, practicing, serving. I am proud to be a member of a group that gives so much.

– Jo Buyske, MD

Reminder!

If your contact information has changed recently (address, phone, fax, e-mail), you may easily update it online. Just go to www.sages.org and access the members’ area to make any changes to your information.
SAGES 2010 - 2011 Slate of Officers

Officers and Members of the Executive Committee:

**President**
Jo Buyske, MD

**President-Elect**
Steven D. Schweitzberg, MD

**1st Vice President**
Gerald M. Fried, MD

**2nd Vice President**
W. Scott Melvin, MD

**Secretary**
Adrian Park, MD
(2 more years in this position)

**Treasurer**
L. Michael Brunt, MD
(3 year term)

Re-Appointments:
Horacio Asbun, MD
Brian Dunkin, MD
Michael Edye, MD
Daniel Herron, MD
Ninh Nguyen, MD
Daniel Scott, MD
Steven Wexner, MD

New Members:
Edward Felix, MD
(2 year term, fulfilling unexpired term of Mike Brunt)
Santiago Horgan, MD
Matthew Hutter, MD
Raymond Onders, MD
Vic Velanovich, MD

Rotating Off:
Craig Albanese, MD
Michael Holzman, MD
William Richards, MD

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. Maintaining 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. The AMA is still the physician organization with the most influence with:

- Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS)
- US House of Delegates
- US Senate

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 check your AMA membership status and keep it current. To join the AMA or renew your membership, visit the AMA website:
https://membership.ama-assn.org/JoinRenew/search.jsp
SAGES TV is a central “searchable and fully navigational” depository for SAGES related videos. SAGES members will be able to submit, view, and rate videos on the site. SAGES TV is the new home for all official SAGES videos including the existing the classic SAGES video library and past SAGES meeting content.

Features:
- 305 free videos and counting
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SAGES SURGICAL WIKI

S-WIKI is a surgical “Wikipedia” editable by all SAGES members.

This has significant potential to become the most authoritative and frequently accessed surgical reference on the web.

The SAGES Wiki will be open for public viewing but may be edited only by SAGES membership.

Share your own videos with the Surgical Community.

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2010 SAGES Award Winners

**Berci Lifetime Achievement Award**
Jacques Marescaux, M.D.

**Distinguished Service Award**
Nathaniel Soper, M.D.

**Young Researcher Award**
Vivian Strong, M.D.

**Researcher in Training Award**
Erica Moran, M.D.

**Karl Storz/IRCAD Award**
Basil Yurcisin, M.D.

**Excellence in Clinical Care**
Paul Hansen, M.D.

**Health Policy & Management Scholarship**
Vic Velanovich, M.D.

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2010 SAGES Research Grant Winners

**Principal Investigator:** Sarah Evans, M.D.  
**Institution:** Duke University  
**Title:** Gastric Bypass Surgery Alters the Secretion of the Anorexogenic Gut-Derived Hormones Glucagon-like Peptide-1 and Peptide YY  
**Supported by:** Covidien

**Principal Investigator:** Tositaka Hoppo, M.D.  
**Institution:** The Heart, Lung and Esophageal Surgery Institute  
**Title:** Prevention of Stricture Formation Following Subtotal Endoscopic Mucosal Sleeve Resection in the Swine Model  
**Supported by:** Covidien

**Principal Investigator:** Kyle Perry, M.D.  
**Institution:** The Ohio State University  
**Title:** Identifying the Optimal Duration of Gastric Ischemic Conditioning to Improve Gastroesophageal Anastomotic Wound Healing  
**Supported by:** Covidien

**Principal Investigator:** Corey Deeken, M.D.  
**Institution:** Washington University School of Medicine  
**Title:** Fixation of Biologic Mesh at the Hiatus with Fibrin or Polyethylene Glycol (PEG) Sealeant in a Porcine Model  
**Supported by:** Ethicon Endo-Surgery

**Principal Investigator:** Kareem Harth, M.D.  
**Institution:** University Hospitals Case Medical Center  
**Title:** Tension Free Ventral Hernia Repair: Is This the Wrong Operation?  
**Supported by:** Ethicon Endo-Surgery

**Principal Investigator:** Brian Dunkin, M.D.  
**Institution:** The Methodist Hospital  
**Title:** A Pilot Study to Determine the Risk of Graft Contamination Following Transvaginal Extraction of the Kidney During Laparoscopic Living Donor Nephrectomy  
**Supported by:** Karl Storz Endoscopy

**Principal Investigator:** Liane Feldman, M.D.  
**Institution:** McGill University Health Centre  
**Title:** Mastery Versus Standard Proficiency Laparoscopic Technical Skills Training: A Randomized Controlled Trial  
**Supported by:** SAGES Foundation

**Principal Investigator:** Eric Hungness, M.D.  
**Institution:** Northwestern University Department of Surgery  
**Title:** Laparoscopic Common Bile Duct Exploration: Simulator Development  
**Supported by:** SAGES Foundation

**Principal Investigator:** William Richards, M.D.  
**Institution:** University of South Alabama  
**Title:** Downregulation of G6PD Activity is a Mechanism of Action of Improvement of Type II Diabetes after Bariatric Surgery  
**Supported by:** SAGES Foundation

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**Career Development Award:**
**Principal Investigator:** Timothy Jackson, M.D.  
**Institution:** Massachusetts General Hospital  
**Title:** Development of a Clinical Predictive Model to Drive Surgical Quality Improvement in Bariatric Procedures
SAGES 2011 Award Nominations

SAGES has four major awards which are open for nomination from the general membership. Nomination forms will be reviewed by the Awards Committee prior to the ACS Clinical Congress in October. The Committee will recommend recipients to the Board of Governors during ACS. Awards will then be bestowed upon the recipients during the 2011 SAGES Annual Meeting next year in San Antonio, TX.

You may obtain a copy of the nomination forms by visiting the SAGES website: http://sages.org/about/awards/ or by calling, faxing, or e-mailing Mr. Wootae Kim in the SAGES office (Phone: 310-437-0544, Fax: 310-437-0585, E-Mail: admin@sages.org). We encourage you to participate in this process so that we may honor those who have contributed a great deal to endoscopic surgery and to SAGES.

Please submit all nominations no later than September 3, 2010.

The awards that are open for your nomination are:

**Pioneer in Endoscopy Award**
- The award is designated for a person in industry, or a physician/surgeon.
- The award will be given to an individual, not to a company.
- The award will be granted for a significant, long-term scientific or technological contribution to the field of surgical endoscopy.
- The award will not be given every year, but bestowed when the Board determines a worthy nominee. It is intended for those whose efforts have substantively changed and improved the field of endoscopy.
- One person may not receive the award twice, as it is for a body of work as opposed to an individual achievement.

**The George Berci Lifetime Achievement Award in Endoscopic Surgery**
- This is the highest honor SAGES bestows.
- It is bestowed for a lifetime contribution as an innovator in the field of endoscopic surgery, which may be scientific, technological or educational.
- It is designated to be granted to an endoscopic surgeon who may or may not be a member of SAGES.
- The award will not necessarily be given every year, but bestowed when the Board determines a worthy nominee.

**SAGES Annual IRCAD Visiting Fellowship Award**

Sponsored by Karl Storz Endoscopy

This Award is designated to give a fellow the opportunity to study at IRCAD, a private institute that is dedicated to the valorization of basic research against cancer. The visiting fellow will attend a two or three day intensive course and will receive a certificate upon completion. The Award is available to an Active or Candidate member of SAGES, who is enrolled in a Fellowship Council recognized fellowship program.

Karl Storz will provide for all expenses (i.e. room/board, transportation and cost of the course) for the award winner to attend the course at the IRCAD/EITS Facility.

The winner will be chosen by the SAGES Awards Committee based on merit and their desire to attend. The Applicant must submit the following:
- One page statement of why they want to attend the course
- Copy of their current Curriculum Vitae
- Note from their Program Director

**The Excellence in Clinical Care Award**
- The award is designated for a surgeon who may or may not be a member of SAGES.
- The award is for a clinician who is recognized by the surgical/GI community for excellence in patient care and surgical practice.
- The award will be granted for significant surgical/endoscopic skills, contributions to community and volunteerism.
- The award will not be given every year, but bestowed when the Board determines a worthy nominee. It is intended for those whose efforts have substantively changed and improved the field of clinical care.
- One person may not receive the award twice, as it is for a body of work as opposed to an individual achievement.
- Past Winners include Paul Hansen, MD 2010.
AWARDS

2010 Resident/Fellow Award Recipients

The SAGES Resident Education Committee would like to congratulate the following surgeons-in-training for placing in the top of the Best Resident/Fellow Presentation Awards at the 2010 12th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery:

Best Resident/Fellow Presentation Awards
- Scientific Session
  TOP 5
  • 1st Place: Eric D. Jenkins, MD – Evaluation of Intraperitoneal Placement of Absorbable and Nonabsorbable Barrier Coated Mesh Secured with Fibrin Sealant (New Zealand White Rabbit Model)
  • 2nd Place: Ushast Dir, MD – Can Dysphagia be Objectively Characterized Using Multichannel Intraluminal Impedance?
  • 3rd Place: Michael Parker, MD – Hiatal Mesh is Associated with Major Resection at Revisional Operation

2011 Research Grant Application and Career Development Award

Research Grants
The SAGES Research Grant Application will be available on the SAGES website at: https://sages.org/leadership/committees/research/ beginning in August. 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 is to stimulate original research in gastrointestinal and endoscopic surgery. The study may be either “bench” research or clinical. In the spirit of supporting the goals of our membership, applicants are encouraged to review: Urbach DR, Horvath KD, Baxter NN, Jobe BA, Madan AK, Pryor AD, Khaitan L, Torquati A, Brower ST, Trus TL, Schwartzberg S. A research agenda for gastrointestinal and endoscopic surgery. Surgical Endoscopy 2007 for a recent review of key research questions.

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. The intent of this award is to delay the start of a faculty role or ongoing residency training for supplemental training/traveling fellowship or intense research time. This grant will provide the awardee with a unique educational opportunity that would not otherwise be available. Eligible applicants must be SAGES candidate members (including residents and fellows), or SAGES members early in their faculty appointment (within five years of completed training). Additional information for this Award is available at: https://sages.org/leadership/committees/research/

For more information on SAGES Research Grants or the Career Development Award, please contact Maribeth Balon at the SAGES office at research@sages.org or at (310) 437-0544, ext. 125.
Dear Colleague,

You are invited to submit paper and video abstracts to the 2011 SAGES Scientific Session. The meeting will be held March 30 – April 2, 2011 in San Antonio, TX at the San Antonio Convention Center. You must be a member of SAGES or have a member of SAGES sponsor you to submit an abstract.

The program will consist of oral presentations, video presentations, and poster presentations. The program committee will be responsible for selecting the length of the oral and video presentations.

All paper and video abstracts MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE VIA THE SAGES ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION SITE. Please visit the following web page for instructions:

http://www.sages.org/meetings/abstracts

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
The following Abstract Submission Policies will be firmly enforced:

• No Previously Published Submission: The abstract submitted must present original work that has not and will not be published or presented prior to the 2011 SAGES meeting.

• No Dual Submissions: The abstract must not have been submitted to any other upcoming meeting in North America.

• No Previously Presented Data: All abstracts must be new and original content OR include at least 50% new data if previously presented at a meeting.

• Manuscript Submission: Accepted Oral Abstract Presenters must submit a complete manuscript to Surgical Endoscopy.

• Digital Poster Submission: If selected for a Poster Presentation, a digital version of the poster must be submitted.

If you have any questions, please contact the SAGES office at 310-437-0544 • FAX: 310-437-0585 or email: abstracts@sages.org.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Dunkin, MD, 2011 Program Chair
The SAGES Foundation hosted the 4th Annual SAGES Awards Luncheon. More than 200 people attended to honor those in research, education and leadership.

Current and past SAGES Presidents C. Daniel Smith (L), Bruce Schirmer and Lee Swanstrom (R) congratulate their friend and fellow past President Nathaniel Soper (2nd from Left) on receiving SAGES 2010 Distinguished Service Award.

Drs. Lee Swanstrom (R) & Bruce Schirmer (L) congratulate Prof. Jacques Marescaux (Center) on winning the 2010 Berci Lifetime Achievement Award.

SAGES President C. Daniel Smith, MD (L) congratulates the 2010 Young Researcher Award Winner, Vivian Strong, MD (R).

Dr. C. Daniel Smith (L) congratulates Dr. Bastiaan Klarenbeek (R) on winning the Gerald Marks Rectal Cancer Award, a SAGES Foundation Award.

Drs. C. Daniel Smith (L) and Aurora Pryor (R) congratulate Dr. Erica Moran (center) on receiving the first annual SAGES Researcher in Training Award.

Dr. Basil Yurcisin (2nd from Left) receives the IRCAD Fellowship Award, and is congratulated by Dr. C. Daniel Smith (L), Mr. Ali Amiri from Karl Storz and Dr. Lee Swanstrom (R).

Dr. Paul Hansen (2nd from Left) is congratulated by Drs. C. Daniel Smith (L), Bruce Schirmer (R) and Lee Swanstrom (2nd from Right) for winning the first annual Excellence in Clinical Care Award.

Dr. Carol Scott-Conner (L) is congratulated by Dr. Jeffrey Ponsky (R) for receiving the Foundation Jeffrey L. Ponsky Master Educator in Endoscopy Award.

Drs. C. Daniel Smith (L), Brian Dunkin and Aurora Pryor (R) congratulate Dr. Rohan Joseph (2nd from Right) on receiving a SAGES research grant. Mr. Ali Amiri from Karl Storz (middle) looks on.

Dr. Sarah Evans (2nd from Left) is congratulated by Drs. C. Daniel Smith (L) and Aurora Pryor (2nd from Right), and Mr. Matt Fahy from Covidien (R) for receiving a SAGES research grant.

Dr. Richard H. Bell (2nd from left) is thanked by Drs. Gerald Marks (L), C. Daniel Smith, Barry Salky and Jo Buyske (R) for delivering the Gerald Marks keynote lecture.

Drs. Barry Salky (L) and Steven Schweitzberg (R) congratulate Dr. Christopher Gostout (center), the 2010 Karl Storz Lecturer in New Technology.

SAGES President C. Daniel Smith describes “Plan B” in the world of surgery to SAGES members and World Congress Meeting attendees.
Our Canadian colleagues join SAGES in celebrating Dr. Robert DiRaddo’s (2nd from left) delivery of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada lecture. Joining Dr. DiRaddo: CAGS President, Chris Jamieson (L), Barry Salky (center), Christopher Schlachta (CAGS Program Chair) and William Fitzgerald (R), President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

The World Congress culminated Saturday night with a Gala at the Newseum in Washington, DC. While the International Sing-Off took a hiatus, SAGES friends and colleagues from Japan entertained the group with “We Are the World Congress”!
2010 Luncheon Packed With Awards

As SAGES and the SAGES Foundation grows each year, the accomplishments and number of outstanding leaders increases as well, as is evident in this year’s SAGES Foundation Awards Luncheon. In an event that normally presents four major awards, the Awards Luncheon program this year was full with the addition of three new awards. Much was squeezed into the one-hour event, but the luncheon progressed in a timely fashion and the most respected minimally invasive surgeons were recognized and lauded by 250 of their peers, friends, and family. In total, the luncheon helped to raise more than $90,000 to benefit future minimally invasive research and educational opportunities!

Honors this year went to:

Jacques Marescaux, MD – George Berci Lifetime Achievement Award
Erica Moran, MD – Researcher In Training Award
Nathaniel Soper, MD – Distinguished Service Award
Vivian Strong, MD – Young Researcher Award
Basil Yurcisin, MD – Karl Storz/IRCAD Fellowship Award
Carol Scott-Conner, MD – Jeffrey L. Ponsky Master Educator Award
Bastiaan Klarenbeek, MD – Gerald Marks Rectal Cancer Award
Paul Hansen, MD – Excellence in Clinical Care Award

Without a doubt, the success of our events is largely due to the support we receive from sponsors. The minimally invasive field would not be where it is today without the partnership between surgeon and industry. Therefore, the SAGES Foundation would like to give special thanks to the $5,000 Honorary sponsors Covidien and Ethicon Endo-Surgery; and the $2,500 Patron sponsors Karl Storz Endoscopy, Simbionix and Atrium Medical! We sincerely thank you for your loyalty and commitment to our shared mission.

Margret Oddsdottir Traveling Fellowship Fund

Margret Oddsdottir, MD had a profound influence on many physicians’ careers, professionally and personally. She helped shape their practices and surgical expertise and experience, while also shaping the Icelandic health system. Dr. Oddsdottir’s lifelong commitment to international education and research has enriched the world of many surgeons, which is why the SAGES Education & Research Foundation has set up The Margret Oddsdottir International Traveling Fellowship Award.

We ask you to consider contributing to a new fund that we hope to establish in Margret’s name. The goal of the endowment fund is to initially raise $100,000 and use the annual spin-off to offset travel expenses for one promising surgeon and allied health professional to attend SAGES. The Margret Oddsdottir Traveling Fellowship is an international traveling fellowship that is open to all applicants, with preference given to women.

The fund is administered through the SAGES Foundation and given at the SAGES Annual Meeting each year. The first award will be presented at the 2011 SAGES Meeting, and given annually should a presentation of merit exist each year. Contributions should be made to the SAGES Education and Research Foundation in care of the Margret Oddsdottir International Traveling Fellowship Fund. Please be sure to state this on your check or credit card form.

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It is our hope that all SAGES members make a gift in her honor. We hope you will consider joining us in this worthwhile endeavor as a way of furthering Margret’s legacy. If you would like to donate to the SAGES Education & Research Foundation to commemorate Margret’s legacy, please contact the Foundation office at 310-437-0544 ext. 114 or email foundation@sages.org
SAGES 2011
Scientific Session & Postgraduate Course

2011 Program – Schedule Outline (as of August 2010)

Program Chair:
Brian J. Dunkin, MD

Video:
Chair – Leena Khaitan, MD
Co-Chair – Archana Ramaswamy, MD

Poster:
Chair – Melina Vassiliou, MD
Co-Chair – Benjamin Poulose, MD

Learning Center:
Chair – Brian Jacobs, MD
Co-Chair – Kent VanSickle, MD

Equipment Czar:
Chair – Jose Martinez, MD
Co-Chair – Jeffrey Hazey, MD

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Postgraduate Course: Fundamentals for the Use of Safe Energy (FUSE)
Postgraduate Course: Foregut
Postgraduate Course: Minimizing MIS
Postgraduate Course: MIS Colon Surgery
SAGES Foundation Awards Lunch
Half Day Hands-on Course: Fundamentals for the Use of Safe Energy (FUSE)
Symposium: Getting Paid for What You Do – EMR, Coding, Reimbursement
Video Session: Unexpected Intraoperative Findings
Symposium: Ideas to Product – How to Commercialize Your Great Ideas
Panel: Incorporating FLS and FES Into Your Residency Training Program
Half Day Hands-on Course: Minimizing MIS
Half Day Hands-on Course: MIS Colorectal Surgery
Session: SAGES Pearls

Thursday, March 31, 2011

SAGES Scientific Sessions
Postgraduate Course: Endoscopy for Surgeons
Postgraduate Course: Bariatric Sleeve and Band
Panel: Safety for Surgeons
SAGES/JSES Joint Symposium: What’s New in Lower GI Surgery
SAGES/SSAT Joint Symposium: MIS HPB – The Next Frontier
Panel: Getting New Technology Into Your Hospital
Session: Learning Center Rounds
Session: Poster Rounds
SAGES/ACS Joint Symposium: Health Care Reform Update

Friday, April 1, 2011

SAGES Scientific and Sessions
Presidential Address
Gerald Marks Keynote Lecture
Session: Lessons Learned from Private Practice on Efficiency and Cost Savings
Panel: Controversies about Hernia Mesh
Session: Robotics for General Surgeons – It’s Coming Your Way

Exhibits/Posters/ Learning Center Open 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Fellowship Council Lunch
Emerging Technology Session
Video Symposium: Complications and Reoperations
SAGES/ALACE Joint Symposium
Session: Advanced Ventral Hernia
Session: Difficult Problems in Reasonable Patients
Residents/Fellows Scientific Session
Meet the Leadership Reception
Main Event & International Sing-Off

Saturday, April 2, 2011

SAGES Scientific Sessions
Karl Storz Keynote Lecture
Session: General Surgery in Obese Patients – Tips and Tricks
Panel: Patient Safety
Session: GERD and PEH

Exhibits/Posters/ Learning Center Open 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Lunch in Exhibit Hall for All Meeting Attendees
Panel: Patient Centered Outcomes
Session: Lessons Learned from Military Surgery
Session: Adolescent Surgery
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FES
The FES Task Force, headed by Jeffrey Marks, MD and Brian Dunkin, MD, led a well-received panel presentation introducing the FES educational program at the World Congress in April 2010. The session gave an overview of the rationale behind the FES program, reviewed the development process of the didactic curriculum and cognitive and skills testing, and discussed future plans for distribution.

The World Congress also was the venue for a “sneak peek” at the online learning management system, which consists of twelve modules written by SAGES members. The modules are now undergoing a review by the gastroenterology community. The “gold” version of the didactic curriculum is on track to be completed in Fall 2010 and includes rich text, images, interactive navigation and learning review functionality.

The cognitive multiple-choice, computer administered test is in the final stages of validation. During the next few months, final data analysis, test question selection and standard setting are scheduled under the guidance of psychometricians and using high-stakes test-writing procedures. Beta testing of the hands-on skills component, which consists of five tasks performed on the Simbionix GI Mentor, is continuing this summer with final validation expected this fall.

Please visit our new FES website at www.fesprogram.org or call 310-437-0544, ext. 130 for more information on the Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery.

Flexible Endoscopy Committee
2010 SAGES Flexible Endoscopy Surgery Course for MIS Fellows
This year SAGES will be holding one Flexible Endoscopy Course for MIS Fellows. The course will take place September 23-24, 2010 at the Methodist Institute for Technology, Innovation and Education (MITIE) in Houston, Texas. We are asking...
Fellowship Directors to nominate their MIS Fellows from their program to attend the hands-on course. The nominees must be SAGES Candidate Members. Space is limited and therefore registration will be on a “first-come, first-served” basis. For those selected SAGES will provide the following: lodging, meals, course fees, and ground transportation. If you are interested please contact Maribeth Balon at Maribeth@sages.org to request an application. Additional course information can be found at: http://www.sages.org/meetings/endoscopy_workshops/index.php

**SAGES & Olympus Project: STEP**

SAGES and Olympus have partnered together to develop a hands-on program, which would expose surgical training programs around the United States to Flexible Endoscopy. STEP: Surgeons Training Endoscopic Proficiency has nearly 35 programs taking part and will be looking to expand to additional institutions within the year. Further information on this program can be found at http://www.sages.org/projects/step/

**FLS**

The Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS) Program has been very focused on supporting the new ABS mandate. This year ABS has required that all graduating residents seeking board certification in general surgery successfully complete the FLS exam. By June 1, 2010, 1045 of the 1060 chief surgical residents passed the FLS exam, a 98% completion rate. This monumental achievement has been possible due to the hard work of FLS test proctors across the country, administering the test at 67 FLS test centers, along with proctors that traveled to many residency programs for onsite testing.

To ensure surgical residents have access to FLS, The Covidien Educational Fund continues its success across North America with over 245 surgical residency programs and 60 fellowships participating. Over 3,000 FLS test vouchers have been distributed to residents through this generous grant.

The FLS Task Force continues its work to complete FLS 2.0, which will include updated didactic content, new images and videos, and streamlined navigation. It is anticipated to be available later in 2010. Simultaneously, a new pool of test questions are also being written and beta tested for inclusion in the FLS cognitive exam. A group of twenty beta test sites are involved in collecting the results, and the validation process will be finished in time for release with FLS 2.0. For more information, please visit www.flsprogram.org or call 310-437-0544, ext. 130.

**Global Affairs Committee**

**2010 World Congress Webcast**

This year, the SAGES webcast had over 1,400 viewers and over 22 countries participating. The REPLAY is available now through April 28, 2011! To view, please visit: http://www.orlive.com/sages2010 Password: sages

Details for the 2011 Webcast Sessions coming soon!

**2010 Top International Abstracts Presenters**

The SAGES Board of Governors and the SAGES Global Affairs Committee would like to acknowledge the following Top International Abstract Presenters:

Ju Yan, MD  
Fujian Provincial Tumor Hospital, China  
Abstract title: A Pilot Study of Using Multiphoton Microscopy to Diagnose Gastric Cancer

Alberto R Ferreres, MD PHD MPH FACS  
University of Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Abstract title: Prospective Randomized Trial Comparing Laparoscopic and NOTES Cholecystectomy: Preliminary Results.

Yuedong Wang, MD FACS  
Zhejiang Provincial People’s Hospital, China  
Abstract title: Prospective Comparative Therapies for Portal Hypertension Using Laparoscopy and Open Azygoportal Disconnection.

Tran Cong Duy Long, MD  
Medical University Center at Hochiminh City, Vietnam  
Abstract title: Initial Experiences in 70 Cases of Totally Laparoscopic Liver Resection for HCC.

Ke Gong, MD  
Beijing Shijitan Hospital, China  
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Guidelines

Your SAGES Guidelines Committee continues to be active in the production of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines, credentialing guidelines, and other materials supporting the practice of minimally invasive surgery and flexible GI endoscopy. We are in the process of finalizing a few updated guidelines and plan to have them available shortly. All current SAGES guidelines are available on the SAGES website at https://sages.org/publications/guidelines/guidelines.php. If you are unable to access the guidelines on-line and wish a copy sent to you, please contact Aaron Goodman (aaron@sages.org) at the SAGES office (310-437-0544).

Legislative Committee

On April 16, a number of Congressional staff from both the House and Senate participated in a tour of SAGES Annual Meeting, which was held just outside of Washington DC. Dan Smith, Mike Holzman, Mark Talamini, Jo Buyske and David Rattner guided Hill staff through many of the educational opportunities being featured at the World Congress.

Congressional staff visited the FLS booth, and sat in on a number of educational sessions, including the NOTES Symposium and the Conflict of Interest Panel. Of particular interest to the staffers was SAGES White Paper on the relationship between professional medical associations and Industry – a subject that continues to generate great interest in Congress. During the tour, the staffers observed several examples of SAGES’ leadership role among medical societies in meeting the highest standards of transparency and separation of education and marketing. The highlight of the tour was a visit to the Learning Center, where each congressional staffer had an opportunity to try out their skills in suturing, basic instrumentation, and advanced laparoscopic skills.

Given the success of this event and the interest of many on Capitol Hill who could not participate in the tour, the Legislative Committee is developing plans for a briefing on the Hill during the Clinical Congress, including bringing a mini-Learning Center to Congress. We are hopeful that many more Congressional staff will come to learn more about SAGES and see the latest innovations in minimal and non-invasive surgical simulator training technology.

If you are planning to attend the ACS Clinical Congress and are interested in participating in this SAGES Hill Briefing, please contact Shelley Ginsberg in the SAGES office at 310-437-0544 ext. 111, or via email at shelley@sages.org.

Membership

In response to such enthusiastic SAGES members and your innovative ideas, our organization continues to provide VALUABLE BENEFITS in every way. Our newest membership benefits include iMAGES (image library), SAGES TV (video library), and SAGES Surgical Wiki.

Please support SAGES by getting the word out to your colleagues who would benefit from SAGES membership! Application deadline for the Fall review period: August 15th.

Are you moving this year? Remember to notify the Membership Dept. of any changes to your member profile! Log into the Member area to update your contact information at www.sages.org.

Have you recently become board certified and need to be upgraded to Active status? Please send a request in writing to be upgraded from Candidate to Active and a copy of your board certificate to membership@sages.org or fax to 310-437-0585 or mail to SAGES Membership Dept, 11300 W Olympic Blvd #600, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

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In Memoriam

Harold Haston, MD, Sun City, AZ
December 2009

Online/Website Update

The SAGES Web Task Force encourages all SAGES members to take advantage of the following on line resources:

- **The SAGES Surgical Wiki:** A surgical “Wikipedia” editable by all SAGES members. This has significant potential to become the most authoritative and frequently accessed surgical reference on the web. The SAGES Wiki is open for public viewing but may be edited only by SAGES membership.
- **iMAGES:** A central depository of SAGES related images to be shared amongst SAGES members. Members are able to submit new images, download existing images for profession-
al use, edit/revise and re-upload existing images. Proper use of a SAGES Image Library Image will require that credit be given to both SAGES and the submitting author.

- **SAGES TV**: A central “searchable and fully navigational” depository for SAGES related videos. SAGES members will be able to submit, view, and rate videos on the site.

### Now Playing on SAGES TV:
Featured Content from the 2010 World Congress.
SAGES Top 14 Videos

## Resident Education Committee

### Resident Courses

The Resident Education Committee has scheduled 12 resident courses for 2010. Invitations are sent to residency program directors approximately three months prior to the course. Only one resident per program may apply. The basic courses are open to PGY 2 and 3 residents, with SAGES candidate members receiving priority. The advanced courses are geared for PGY 4 and 5 residents who must be SAGES candidate members. For more information about the courses offered, please see page 17 or visit: [http://sages.org/meetings/resident_courses/](http://sages.org/meetings/resident_courses/)

### SAGES at APDS

The Resident Education Committee sponsored the following workshop at the Association of Program Directors in Surgery (APDS) meeting at Surgical Education Week in San Antonio, Texas on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Melina Vassiliou, MD, James Bittner, MD, and John Mellinger, MD discussed “Optimizing Resident Experience with Advanced Laparoscopic Procedures: Tools and Techniques for the Surgical Education.” The Committee will be offering a workshop at the 2011 APDS Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

### Webinars

The Committee has been expanding its educational offerings. SAGES offered the following two webinars geared specifically toward residents in the Fall of 2009: **Controversies in the Evaluation and Treatment of GERD**, Chaired by Leena Khaitan, MD and **Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery**, Chaired by Conor Delaney. The webinars featured presentations by 4-5 expert panelists followed by a question and answer session. The Resident Education Committee will offer the following webinars in 2010-11:

- September 14, 2010
- November 9, 2010
- January 25, 2011
- March 8, 2011

Topics will include upper and lower Endoscopy, hernia, solid organ and colorectal. Additional information will be available on the SAGES website and will also be emailed to SAGES members and residency Program Directors.

## Research and Career Development

### Career Development Workshop

The SAGES Research and Career Development Committee will be hosting its 3rd Annual Career Development Workshop. The workshop is scheduled to take place in January of 2011. This course has been designed by the SAGES Research Committee in order to provide its membership with education and personalized training on obtaining the skill set required for academic success. The goal of this 1½ day program is to provide fellows and junior faculty with a venue for interaction with experienced faculty who have a track record of successful publication, funding, and mentorship. This experience will serve to “set the bar” for a formalized career development effort at the participants’ home institution. Topics will range from developing and organizing research studies to successful grant and manuscript writing strategies. Each participant will bring the specific aims portion of a research grant that will be edited, revised, and improved for a submission to SAGES and/or other funding sources. Small group discussions on such protocols will provide practical training in research methodology, proposal writing and manuscript preparation.

For additional information please call (310) 437-0544 ext 125 or email at research@sages.org
Streamlined Fellowship Application and Match Process
Universal Fellowship Application Form

Fellowship Council Application and Match Dates:
The Fellowship Council was created to foster the development of high quality Fellowships in MIS, GI, Flexible Endoscopy, Bariatric, Colorectal, Thoracic, and Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary surgery through a universal application and match process. Sponsoring societies include AHPBA, ASCRS, ASMBS, SAGES and SSAT. For more information about the application and match process, visit http://fellowshipcouncil.org/

2011 Fellowship Application Cycle:
Fellow Application Process Opened: Tuesday, June 1, 2010
Fellow Application Process Closes: Wednesday, September 1, 2010
Letters of Recommendation Deadline: Wednesday, September 1, 2010
Inform Applicants of Interview Status: Friday, September 24, 2010
Match Site Opens: Friday, September 24, 2010
Match Rank Order Deadline: Friday, October 29, 2010
Fellow Match Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2010

Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Application Cycle:
HPB Application Process Opened: Friday, May 7, 2010
HPB Application Process Closed: Thursday, July 1, 2010
HPB Letters of Recommendation Deadline: Thursday, July 1, 2010
HPB Match Application (Rank Order) Deadline via the SSO: Monday, Sept. 20, 2010
HPB Match Date via the SSO: Monday, Oct. 11, 2010
2010 SAGES Resident Courses and Webinars

SAGES will be offering several basic and advanced courses as well as webinars for surgical residents. For course registration policies, please contact the SAGES Registrar Tina Sandoval at registration@sages.org or (310) 437-0544, ext. 128 or visit http://sages.org/meetings/resident_courses/.

- **September 23 - 24, 2010**: Advanced Laparoscopic Foregut/HPB Surgery Workshop
  Norwalk, CT
  Sponsored by Covidien
  4th and 5th year residents – must be SAGES candidate members

- **November 4 - 5, 2010**: Advanced Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery Workshop
  Norwalk, CT
  Sponsored by Covidien
  4th and 5th year residents – must be SAGES candidate members

Webinar Dates for 2010-2011:
Topics will include Upper and Lower Endoscopy, Hernia, Solid Organ and Colorectal
- September 14, 2010
- November 9, 2010
- January 25, 2011
- March 8, 2011

Save the Date!!

**SAGES Scientific Session & Postgraduate Course**
March 30 - April 2, 2011
San Antonio Convention Center, San Antonio, TX

**SAGES Scientific Session & Postgraduate Course (with IPEG)**
March 7 - 10, 2012
San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA

**SAGES Scientific Session & Postgraduate Course**
April 17 - 20, 2013
Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD

**SAGES Scientific Session & Postgraduate Course**
April 2 - 5, 2014
Salt Lake Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT

**SAGES Scientific Session & Postgraduate Course**
April 15 - 18, 2015
Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Convention Center, Nashville, TN
SAGES-Endorsed Courses as of July, 2010

As a service to members, SAGES offers Course and Program Directors the opportunity to have their courses reviewed and endorsed by the Continuing Education Committee. These courses meet the guidelines established in the SAGES Framework for Post-Residency Surgical Education and Training and are endorsed by the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES).

For more information on these courses, visit http://sages.org/education/endorsed_courses/index.php and for information on applications, visit http://sages.org/education/endorsed_courses/applications.php.

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8th Annual Esophageal Conference// September 29, 2010 - October 01, 2010

CUHK Jockey Club Minimally Invasive Surgical Skills Centre
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Phone: (852) 2632-1497
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Email: info@hkmisc.org.hk
Contact Institution for upcoming courses// March 05, 2010 - March 05, 2011

Foundation for Surgical Innovation and Education
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Portland, OR 97210
Phone: 503-963-2974
Fax: 503-935-8945
Contact: Danny Martinec
Email: dmartinec@orclinic.org
8th Annual Postgraduate Course in Advanced Surgery: Minimally Invasive Treatment of Gastrointestinal Malignancies// September 16, 2010 - September 17, 2010

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Current Techniques in the Treatment of Severe Endometriosis// September 06, 2010 - September 08, 2010
Intensive Course in Laparoscopic Urological Surgery// September 20, 2010 - September 24, 2010
N.O.T.E.S. (Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery) // October 01, 2010 - October 02, 2010
Cours Intensifs en Chirurgie Laparoscopique Urologique (cours francophones)// October 04, 2010 - October 08, 2010
Knee Course// October 19, 2010 - October 20, 2010
Shoulder Course// October 21, 2010 - October 22, 2010
New Insights in Prolapse Surgery: Vaginal and Laparoscopy// October 25, 2010 - October 27, 2010
Digestive Surgery// October 28, 2010 - October 30, 2010
Single Port Surgery// November 05, 2010 - November 05, 2010
Colorectal Surgery// November 19, 2010 - November 20, 2010
Intensive Course in Laparoscopic Urological Surgery// November 22, 2010 - November 26, 2010
Wrist Course (Advanced course)// November 26, 2010 - November 27, 2010
Advanced Techniques in Operative Gynecological Endoscopy// November 29, 2010 - December 01, 2010
Pediatric Urology// December 09, 2010 - December 11, 2010
Intensive Course in Laparoscopic Urological Surgery// December 13, 2010 - December 17, 2010

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MITIE Sports Hernia Symposium// September 09, 2010 - September 10, 2010
USGI Course// September 18, 2010 - September 18, 2010
SAGES Fellow’s Course// September 25, 2010 - September 25, 2010
Thoracic Endoluminal Course// October 08, 2010 - October 09, 2010
Gore Hernia Course// October 15, 2010 - October 16, 2010
MITIE Energy Sources Advanced Course// October 23, 2010 - October 23, 2010
Prioritizing and Time Management for Nurses// November 17, 2010 - November 17, 2010
MITIE Difficult Airway Course// November 19, 2010 - November 19, 2010
MIS Troubleshooting for Nurses// December 11, 2010 - December 11, 2010
Changing Patient Condition Course// December 15, 2010 - December 15, 2010
Prioritizing and Time Management for Nurses// December 16, 2010 - December 16, 2010
Minimally Invasive Surgery Training Centre

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Training Course in Operative Laparoscopy// September 13, 2010 - September 17, 2010
Training Course in Operative Laparoscopy// October 18, 2010 - October 22, 2010
Training Course in Laparoscopic Hernia Surgery// November 09, 2010 - November 11, 2010
Training Course in Operative Laparoscopy// November 15, 2010 - November 19, 2010
Training Course in Operative Laparoscopy// December 06, 2010 - December 10, 2010

National University Hospital- Minimally Invasive Surgical Centre

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International Abdominal Wall Surgery: From Open to Single Port Surgery// September 20, 2010 - September 21, 2010
Robotic Workshop// September 29, 2010 - September 29, 2010
Workshop in Digestive Surgery: From LAP to Single Port Surgery// October 19, 2010 - October 20, 2010
International Laparoscopic Workshop on Morbid Obesity and Metabolic Surgery// October 21, 2010 - October 21, 2010
International Congress of Asia-Pacific Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery Society// October 22, 2010 - October 23, 2010
Medical Editing Video Workshop// November 25, 2010 - November 25, 2010
Basic Laparoscopic Surgery and Advanced Suturing Workshop// December 03, 2010 - December 04, 2010

Ohio State University Medical Center

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Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery and Single Incision Laparoscopic Surgery// August 06, 2010 - August 07, 2010

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Introduction to Laparoscopy Workshop// July 07, 2010 - July 07, 2011
Advanced Laparoscopic Course// July 07, 2010 - July 07, 2011
Introduction to Colonoscopy// July 07, 2010 - July 07, 2011
Laparoscopic and Endoscopic Related Courses// July 07, 2010 - July 07, 2011

University of California- San Diego

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