A Message from our President

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The second initiative that I am excited about is the “coming of age” of the Paul LoGerfo Educational/Research Fund. When I was Secretary-Treasurer, Paul LoGerfo unfortunately passed away months into his presidency. With the help of his family and the support from the Membership, the Paul LoGerfo Education/Research Fund was developed to honor his memory. Now that we have reached our seed money goal this fund can now be utilized to help support the future generation of endocrine surgeons. I have to thank the Educational Council under the direction of Larry Inabnet for putting together the application and formalizing the review process for this award. We are now seeking applications from Members; Candidate or Active in their first five years of practice. I would encourage all of the young faculty to consider apply. I hope to be able to announce the first of many Paul LoGerfo Educational/Research Awards to one deserving member at the Annual Meeting this spring. It is important that the membership continue to support this fund in order to ensure its viability into the future. Paul’s brother will once again match our donation total this year, so if you haven’t already, please consider making a donation to The Paul LoGerfo education/Research Fund. This will not only expand our ability to fund raise for such awards, but will also allow us to develop other projects in the future.

Other exciting endeavors that the Council has been working on include the development of the “Locate the Surgeon” function for our website; case log documentation for our AAES Fellows; the establishment of the Paul LoGerfo educational/Research Fund. When I was Secretary-Treasurer, Paul LoGerfo, in his first year as Secretary-Treasurer, has shown why he was an excellent choice. Peter and I continue to meet, email and talk on a regular basis as we try to put these initiatives into action on your behalf. This work, however, could not be done without the help of Nonie Lowry from LP etc. We are grateful for this technical help and support.

As 2010 brings us to our 30th year as an organization, I trust this newsletter finds each of you ready and excited to continue our journey. Our message is to promote, sustain and refine the art of Endocrine Surgery with your own institution, while enjoying whatever else life holds for you. I look forward to seeing you all in Pittsburgh this spring.

Janice L. Pasieka
President 2009 - 2010

Message from our President

How quickly times flies. It doesn’t seem that long ago many of us were enjoying an evening of celebration at the New Presidents Reception in Madison. As I sat down to write this “newsletter blog”, I found myself reflecting back on the history of AAES. As your 30th President, I realize that we have evolved from a small group of “kindred spirited surgeons” to a vibrant association of over 360 surgeons dedicated to the art and science of endocrine surgery. With this growth we have expanded our group beyond general surgeons to include other physicians and surgeons with an interest in endocrine related diseases and developed a new category of membership to encourage our young colleagues to get involved early in their careers. We have become more electronically savvy, have learned and developed new surgical techniques, organized and legitimized our Fellowship Training Programs, while continuing to challenge surgical dogma through both basic science and clinical research. In other words, we now have to “think big” - outside the box. I am truly humbly by the honor bestowed upon me as your President. With the help of Council and the Membership I plan to carry on the tradition set down by many of our Past Presidents and utilize my tenure to help enhance our Association. During this year, it is my goal to move forward many of the initiatives that the AAES Council has been working on over the past few years and to set into motion initiatives that will evolve in the years to come.

The first project that I am very excited about is the development of an AAES patient-based website. Data from some of our own members, clearly demonstrated that the Internet lacked good patient-based websites in Endocrine Surgical disease. Realizing that inertia had set in, likely a result of the sheer magnitude of such a project, I was inspired by Dr. Kaplan’s historical address. Ed reminded us that the atomic bomb, the so-called “Manhattan Project”, was built by having several sites throughout the United States put together a piece of the project before it was completely assembled. I thought we could use that concept to put together a patient-based website that truly reflected the membership of the AAES. Hence the top-secret initiatives termed “The Calgary Project
2009 Madison Meeting Report
by Herb Chen

On behalf of our Department Chair K. Craig Kent, MD, the University of Wisconsin was honored to host the 2009 AAES meeting in Madison. Mother Nature treated us well with perfect Wisconsin Spring weather which promoted many of our outdoor events as well as indoor views from the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Monona Terrace Convention Center.

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This was the most highly attended AAES meeting ever with 349 attendees. We were able to generate significant sponsorship for the meeting which led to substantial income for the AAES.

The 2nd Annual AAES Young Endocrine Surgeons Workshop focused on “Developing Your Academic Profile” and was moderated by Fiemu nwariaku, UT-southwestern. The topics covered included The Welcome Reception after the first day of the meeting was held at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art. Guests enjoyed drinks and food on the rooftop sculpture garden. After the AAES Gala Dinner on the second night of the meeting, we had the first ever NEW PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION in honor of Janice Pasieka’s new reign as AAES President.

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Program Committee

by Sonia L Sugg

Last year the Program Committee received 151 abstract submissions. In comparison, there were 141 submissions for the 2008 (Monterey) and 125 for the 2007 (Tucson) meetings. The new and totally electronic process of abstract submission, distribution, and scoring worked very well. Categories were added to the abstract form. The abstracts were selected by a blinded peer review system. The final program consisted of 34 oral and 37 poster presentations (15 selected for competition). The number of oral presentations increased from 30 to 34 per council discussion. Among the oral presentations, 80% were American and 20% were from outside countries. Reflecting the makeup of the submission pool, the oral presentations categorized as follows: 81% clinical/99% basic science, and 53% thyroid/29% parathyroid/12% adrenal/8% pancreas & carcinoid/3% metabolic. The distribution of the posters was similar, except for a higher proportion in the basic science category. Many thanks to all the members of the Program Committee who were terrific to work with: Sally Carty, Steve Libutti, Mike Demeure, David Farley, Carmen Solozano, and Michael Bouvet.
THE MOLECULAR MARKERS OF THYROID CANCER

Sunday, April 18, 2010 - 11:00am – 1:00pm
Registration Fee: $50 (includes boxed lunch and CME)

The field of molecular markers in thyroid cancer is new, complex, and rapidly expanding — and may soon change the practice of thyroid surgery. We have put together a stellar panel of distinguished AAES experts who will cover not only basic molecular “Molecular Markers 101” but also inform the savvy of important new data in the field. You will learn about genechip analysis, splice variant patterns, TSH mRNA, LOH, BRAF animal models, FNA panel data, cost efficacy & more. We are delighted to have as our featured speaker Dr. Yuri N. Nikiforov who is a world expert in BRAF research. The Workshop will conclude with a Panel Discussion intended to generate consensus on management recommendations going forward. This is a 2.0 hour workshop for which registration is required.

Distinguished Speakers:

Vural E. Nikiforov - Overview of Markers, FNA Panel and Data
Electron Kebebew - CDNA, Multigene Arrays, BRAF Spectrum
Sareh Parangi - BRAF Animal Model
Mira M. Milas - Utility of TSHR mRNA
Martha A. Zeiger - Pitfalls, Telomerase, Splice Variant Patterns
Thomas J. Fahey - LOH in Follicular Lesions
Linwah Yip - BRAF & RAS Guide Initial Extent of Surgery

Panel Discussion & Management Recommendations

ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING AN ENDOCRINE SURGERY PRACTICE

Tuesday, April 20, 2010 - 11:00am – 1:00pm
Registration Fee: $50 (includes boxed lunch and CME)

Back for a third year by popular demand, the AAES Practice Management Workshop is entitled, Establishing and Maintaining an Endocrine Surgery Practice. This year’s topics were determined by a needs-assessment survey of our membership and are designed to focus more on mid-career issues. At press time, the identities of the wise and humorous AAES colleagues who will be speaking as experts are still top secret, but the workshop will feature talks on Establishing a Multidisciplinary Thyroid Center, Coding & Billing, Directing an ES fellowship, Practice Building with Referring MDs, Maintaining Perspective in Your Time Off, How to Write a Really Good AAES Abstract, as well as a Panel Discussion. We promise you will enjoy and learn from this 2.0 hour program. Registration is required and the fee includes a boxed lunch.

AAES ANNUAL MEETING
April 10-12, 2011
Houston, Texas

It is a pleasure to serve as the representative of the AAES to the Surgical Oncology Advisory Council (SOAC) of the American Board of Surgery (ABPS). SOAC is a council to the ABPS that is intended to integrate the emerging disciplines and subspecialties of surgery within the Board system. SOAC is composed of active directors of the American Board of Surgery and representatives of the Society of Surgical Oncology, the American Society of Breast Surgeons and the AAES. In addition to myself, other members of the AAES who are members of SOAC include Dr. Mark Evers, Dr. Jeffrey Moley and Dr. Ronald Weigel. SOAC meets twice a year in association with the June and January meetings of the American Board of Surgery. SOAC members review all aspects of surgical oncology – from pathology to treatment to outcomes – and questions related to their field of practice that are used by the ABPS for their In-Training, Qualifying, Certifying and Recertifying Examinations. They also discuss developments in academic and clinical medicine and in governmental and ACGME policy that might affect the subspecialties areas with which it deals.

It is very important to AAES to serve the society of surgical oncology and the American Board of Surgery. The growth of subspecialty surgical oncology is important for the field of surgery. We are excited to be a part of the growth and development of the specialty as a whole.

Surgical Oncology Advisory Council of the American Board of Surgery (SOAC)

by Richard A. Prinz MD

One issue of ongoing interest for the AAES is the desire for certification by fellowship trainees. Surgical oncology has had fellowship programs much longer than either breast or endocrine. The Society of Surgical Oncology has petitioned the Board to offer certification for fellows who will be completing SOAC approved fellowships. This has been approved by the ABPS at their June meeting after much discussion by the Directors. The approval specifically prohibits grandfathering so certification will only be awarded to current and future surgical oncology trainees who may apply after completing an approved fellowship program. The proposal will now move forward for review and hopefully approval by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS).

There are important obligations and ramifications that come with certification for both the programs and the trainees. Curriculum standards have to be set and met, program requirements have to be formulated and review processes required to see that they are accomplished, testing processes have to be developed and most importantly the Board has to be convinced that the new training program and certification will not diminish current training or practice in the field of surgery. There are financial obligations that ensue from each of these requirements that are not currently incurred by our fellows or fellowship programs. Clearly it is important to follow these developments so that the Board can use this experience to move toward certification for our own endocrine fellows as our discipline matures. I feel that Allan Siperstein and the fellowship committee have done important groundwork and if and our trainees and programs wish to follow the example of the surgical oncologists.

We hope that this will help to make the AAES 2010 Annual Meeting a bit more affordable! Register online at www.endocrinesurgery.org.

Make plans now to attend. Due to the tough times we have seen recently, the registration fees for 2010 reflect a discount of $75 from previous fees. We hope that this will help to make the AAES 2010 Annual Meeting a bit more affordable! Register online at www.endocrinesurgery.org.

Hotel Accommodations
Omni William Penn Hotel
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The Paul LoGerfo Educational Research Fund was developed to honor the life of Paul LoGerfo, who made numerous major contributions to the field of endocrine surgery during his esteemed career. Dr. LoGerfo passed away from malignant melanoma in 2003 during the peak of his career while serving as President of the American Association of Endocrine Surgeons.

After years of soliciting donations from AAES members, the Paul LoGerfo Research Fund has reached the minimum value to permit funding of the Paul LoGerfo Research Award. The Education and Research Committee worked to develop a scoring system, that included writing the application and guidelines, determining eligibility and creating a fair and transparent scoring system.

The mission of the Paul LoGerfo Research Award is to enhance the discipline of endocrine surgery and to advance the careers of junior investigators who are interested in a career in academic endocrine surgery. To advance this mission, only surgeons who completed residency or fellowship training within 5 academic years previous to the year of application are eligible to apply for the award. The Education and Research Committee as well as the AAES Council hopes that this award will help identify and bring recognition to the next generation of leaders in the field of endocrine surgery. For more information or to obtain an application, please refer to the AAES website (www.endocrinesurgery.org) under the tab “Research and Education”. The first recipient of the Paul LoGerfo Research Award will be announced at the 2010 annual meeting.

**Paul LoGerfo Educational Research Fund**

The mission of the Paul LoGerfo Educational Research Fund is to support education and research in the field of Endocrine Surgery as a tribute to our former President, Dr. Paul LoGerfo, who was very much interested in education and clinical research in Endocrine Surgery. With Dr. LoGerfo’s untimely death during his Presidency of our Association in 2003, the Paul LoGerfo Educational Research Fund was begun in his honor. Contributions are accepted from AAES members, patients and families to advance this mission, only surgeons who completed residency or fellowship training within 5 academic years previous to the year of application are eligible to apply for the award. To apply, please complete all sections of the online application. A letter of sponsorship from an Active or Senior AAES member will be sufficient to be considered as a Candidate member. Candidate members are strongly urged to attend the annual meeting but need not have attended a prior meeting. To apply, please complete all sections of the online application. Monies will be utilized to support research in both basic science and clinical areas related to endocrine surgery.

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE PAUL LOGERFO RESEARCH AWARD**

**15 FEBRUARY 15TH**

**LIST OF NEW MEMBERS**

**ACTIVE MEMBERS**

Marybeth S. Hughes
National Cancer Institute, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD

Emad Kandil
University of University of Medicine, New Orleans, LA

Lloyd Mack
University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta Canada

Gregory M. Matzke
University of Wisconsin, Madison WI

Jyotirmay Sharma
University of Maryland School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

Alexander Stojsadinovic
Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

David R. Urbach
University of Texas, Toronto, Ontario Canada

P. Kevin Zirkle
Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center, Knoxville TN

**RESIDENT/FELLOW MEMBERS**

The Paul LoGerfo Educational Research Fund is tax deductible.

Monies will be utilized to support research in both basic science and clinical areas related to endocrine surgical diseases. Priority will be given to those projects related to patient outcomes involving and benefiting the patients of the entire Association.

Monetary gifts, securities, insurance, estate bequests or donation of any other asset is appropriate and greatly appreciated. Contributions may be made online at www.endocrinesurgery.org or mailed to:

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**Membership Committee**

Bradford Mitchell

The membership committee is pleased to recognize the New members elected in to Membership at the annual meeting in Madison, WI last spring, including the first allied specialist members. They will receive certificates and be recognized in Pittsburg, PA at the annual meeting this spring.

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AAES/AACE Liaison Report
by Martha Zeiger

Endocrine Surgery University

We are delighted to announce the first annual Endocrine Surgery University Course on Controversies and Complex Cases in Endocrine Surgery to be held at Mayo Clinic in March 2010. We are also extremely grateful for all the administrative assistance from the CEO of AACE, Don Jones and the Assistant Director of Clinical Programs for AACE, Amy Bruns in putting this program together, writing grants, and providing their expert guidance.

All endocrine surgery fellows from North America will be attending. The faculty will include Drs. Janice Pasieka, Christopher McHenry, Geoffrey Thompson, Allan Siperstein, Steven Libutti, Nancy Perrier, Gerard Doherty, and Martha Zeiger. Guest faculty from Mayo Clinic will include Drs. Clive Grant, Ian Hay, Melanie Richards, David Farley, Pankaj Shah, and Todd Nippoldt.

The curriculum will consist of panel, round table, and open forum discussions of complex endocrine surgery cases and current controversies as well as the peripartum management of endocrine abnormalities.

We hope that this course will be just the first in a series of similar annual courses for our fellows, modeled after Endocrine University for endocrinology fellows given by AACE for the past 10 years and that it will continue to grow and improve. Our mascot will be an Indian Rhinoceros and AACE is currently working on a logo for us! I would also like to thank all the Program Directors and Endocrine Surgery University faculty for their ideas, suggestions, and support.

Endocrine Fellow to Attend the Annual AAES Meeting in Pittsburgh

In an effort to thank AACE for their support of one endocrine surgery fellow liaison attending Endocrine University these past 2 years and in an attempt to integrate the educational efforts of the 2 societies, AAES will now sponsor one endocrine surgery fellow to our annual meeting. This year, Dr. Heather Ferris from the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston was chosen and I ask the members to join me in welcoming her and introducing her to our senior members.

Best Case Study

AAES will continue to submit the best case study presented at the annual meeting to Endocrine Practice for consideration for publication. The Vice President of AAES will make the final decision along with a chosen ad hoc panel of judges.

Fellowship

by Allan Siperstein

• AAES members now direct 16 different fellowships in endocrine surgery, located in the US, Canada, and Mexico
• The endocrine surgery fellowship Match in September of 2009 involved 22 candidates for 16 spots in 15 programs, with many applicants of superb caliber. Match results were again announced within 2 days.
• The 2010 Match for the fellowship spots starting July 2011 will again be completely online. Please watch the AAES website for updates

Parathyroid Site Now Online!
The new Parathyroid Section of the Patient Education Website is now online! Check it out at www.endocrinesurgery.org and then click on the Patient Education Site icon on the RIGHT. We welcome your feedback on the new site!
The thyroid, adrenal and neuroendocrine disease sites will be coming online shortly.

Office Of The Recorder

by Steve Libutti

The December 2009 issue of Surgery should have arrived at members by now. The issue contained 34 papers, including 2 editorials, the Presidential Address, a historical perspective and 30 original articles from the 34 oral presentations from the 2009 meeting in Madison. I would like to thank all of the authors and reviewers for their contributions. In December, the Program Committee reviewed the submitted abstracts for presentations and posters at our annual meeting in Pittsburgh. Letters are on their way to the authors for those abstracts selected for the program. A time line will be sent to all authors of selected manuscripts. We will need volunteers to review manuscripts so please contact me if you are interested. I would like to thank Theanea Rich for all of her hard work as the administrative assistant to the Recorder. The work of the Recorder would not be possible without her expertise and dedication.

AAES Member Recognized at American College of Surgeons 2009 Clinical Congress

Surgical Volunteerism Award Honors Glenn W. Geelhoed, MD, FACS, for Service to the Medically Underserved

CHICAGO—Glenn W. Geelhoed, MD, FACS, a general surgeon from Washington, DC, was recognized for his selfless efforts as a volunteer surgeon to medically underserved individuals around the world by being named a recipient of the 2009 Surgical Volunteerism Award of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative (PMHi). Dr. Geelhoed, who has participated in numerous international medical missions, received a Surgical Volunteerism Award for international surgical outreach activities in recognition of a career defined by giving back to the medically underserved outside of the United States. He was one of seven ACS members who received a surgical volunteerism award at an awards dinner held earlier this evening during the ACS 95th annual Clinical Congress in Chicago, Ill. The volunteerism awards are given “in recognition of those surgeons committed to giving something of themselves back to society by making significant contributions to surgical care through organized volunteer activities.”

Press release provided by the American College of Surgeons

MANUSCRIPTS for the 2010 Annual Meeting are DUE by MARCH 1st

If you are interested in being a REVIEWER, please contact Steven Libutti at slibutti@montefiore.org
IN MEMORIAM

Oliver Beahrs - Rochester, MN
Robert Hickey - Madison, WI

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