A Message from Our President

DOUGLAS B. EVANS

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Welcome to the annual Newsletter of the AAES and my best wishes to all of you for continued success in 2011. I would like to acknowledge the tremendous effort and dedication of Janice Pasieka, last year’s President and Jeff Lee who served as Vice President. Under their leadership, the “Calgary Project” came to completion and I suspect nearly all of us will be wearing the AAES ties and scarves this spring. In addition, it is important to thank last year’s committee chairs; Mike Bouvet who chaired the Publication and Program Committee and Brad Mitchell, who chaired the Membership Committee. The AAES would not be such an international success without the hard work of all of its members, especially those who make our committee structure successful. Probably very close behind Janice in hours devoted to the AAES was Sally Carty, the local arrangements Chair for the Pittsburgh meeting. The preparation for national meetings such as this requires a huge amount of time and effort for which we are most grateful. Lastly, at the Pittsburgh meeting, Dr. George Irvin was awarded the Oliver Cope Achievement Award. He represents only the seventh surgeon to receive this prestigious honor, our congratulations to Dr. Irvin.

This past September we held the first (and hopefully annual) officer retreat at the Chicago O’Hare airport. It was an opportunity for me, Ashok Shaha, Peter Angelos, Jerry Doherty, and Steve Libutti to get together and discuss issues related to organization structure and
process. Many of these topics require more time than is often available at our Council meetings or at the Annual Business Meeting. We began the process of formalizing position descriptions for all officers and will present a more detailed description of roles and responsibilities to include the committee chairs at this year’s Annual Meeting. As an example, the selection and organization of moderators for the scientific sessions of the Annual Meeting was assigned to the office of the Vice President and the Local Arrangement’s Chair will be responsible for securing the speaker for the Annual Historical Lecture. We are very fortunate that this year’s Historical Lecture will be delivered by Dr. Jon van Heerden selected by Nancy Perrier. As you can see from page two of the Newsletter, we also expanded the Publication and Program Committee and developed a defined timeline and system for committee appointments under the direction of the President-Elect. We anticipate that the officer’s retreat will facilitate a thoughtful debriefing of the prior Annual Meeting, allow for discussion on committee appointments, and provide an opportunity for a more thorough review of controversial topics of great importance to the AAES membership.

As noted in Dr. Perrier’s article on page six regarding the preparation for the Houston meeting, both the Historical Lecture and the President’s Invited Lecture will occur on Sunday. I am pleased to announce that Allan H. (Bud) Selig, Commissioner of Major League Baseball has accepted our invitation to be our 2011 invited speaker. Bud Selig was born in Milwaukee and received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Wisconsin. A lifelong baseball fan, his participation in Major League Baseball began with the Milwaukee Braves (formerly Boston Braves) in the 1950’s. The Braves moved to Atlanta in 1965 and Bud Selig was responsible for bringing baseball back to Milwaukee in 1970 when he purchased the bankrupt Seattle Pilots franchise and moved it to Milwaukee, renaming them the Brewers. Under Selig’s ownership, the Brewer’s reached the World Series in 1982. He transferred ownership of the team to his daughter when he was named Major League Baseball’s Commissioner in 1998. Bud Selig was named the 9th Commissioner of Baseball by a unanimous vote of the 30 club owners and since then his record of accomplishments has been amazing. He engineered a historic labor agreement, introduced a plan for revenue sharing to achieve competitive balance, fortified drug testing policies, and dramatically increased fan support despite a challenging national economy. As you may have heard, Major League Baseball is a huge supporter of Stand Up To Cancer and in recognition of Selig’s many contributions to this program, Stand Up To Cancer awarded their first named Innovative Research Grant in honor of Bud and Sue Selig. We are honored and excited to have as the 2011 President’s Invited Lecturer, Allan H. (Bud) Selig, Commissioner of Major League Baseball. As you all know, lectures/papers which carry some controversy often provoke significant discussion and competition for positions at the microphones. We will be sure to have extra microphones for all of your questions following Bud’s address.

One of the items of greatest interest to our membership is the future of our endocrine surgery fellowships. Under Dr. Allan Siperstein’s leadership we once again had a successful match this past September involving eighteen programs. For the past few years the Council has discussed the future oversight and structure of our fellowship programs. To that end, the Fellowship Council and the Society of Surgical Oncology were invited to give presentations at the October Council Meeting. Dr. Siperstein is preparing a whitepaper on the organization and administration of our fellowship programs with reference to potential collaboration with either the Fellowship Council or the SSO. This will be a major focus of our Council Meeting in Houston. We are indebted to Allan and the Fellowship Committee for their huge effort in moving our fellowships to the next level.

I would like to thank in advance our outgoing officers and committee chairs; Jerry Doherty as Vice President, Steve Libutti as Recorder, Julie Ann Sosa as Chair of the Membership Committee, Barry Inabnet as Chair of the Committee on Education and Research, and Richard Prinz as SOAC representative. To our entire membership, thank you all for your contributions in support of the LoGerfo Fund (see page 8) which now has surpassed the $100,000 mark and continues to grow.

Finally, thank you all for the honor of being the second President of the AAES from the Medical College of Wisconsin (Stuart Wilson was President in 1991-1992). I look forward to seeing you in Houston; please make every effort to attend what I know will be a spectacular meeting in the great tradition of the AAES.

Douglas B. Evans
President 2010 - 2011

Sunday, April 10, 2011 | 12 Noon
Historical Lecturer:
Pheochromocytoma Resection- Now and Then
Jonathan A. van Heerden, MD

Sunday, April 10, 2011 | 4:30pm
Invited Lecturer:
Major League Baseball – 2011 Economic and Health Related Issues
Allan H. (Bud) Selig, 9th Commissioner of Baseball
On behalf of the University of Pittsburgh faculty and staff, we were sincerely honored to host the 2010 AAES Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh. Colleagues and friends gathered once again, in record number, to see the sites, share information and knowledge, take some free time for golf and tennis activities and to enjoy the city.

Highlights of the meeting included a very well received workshop on Molecular Markers as well as a lively workshop on Establishing and Maintaining an Endocrine Surgery Practice.

The Welcome Reception was held at the nearby historic Heinz History Center, and the final evening included a lovely Gala Reception and Dinner at the Omni William Penn, where guests were entertained by Cello Fury and the presentation of the Oliver Cope Meritorious Achievement Award to the surprised and very happy George L. Irvin, III.

Presentations throughout the week included a state-of-the-art informative lecture and an invited lecture on “The State of the Art of Radionucleotide Imaging and Therapy”, from Dr. A.J.B. McEwan, as well as an excellent Historic Lecture from our own Norman W. Thompson, entitled “The Time Was Right” and a fabulous Presidential Address “Dare to Be Oslerian” from Janice L. Pasieka.
AWARDS

Oliver Cope Meritorious Achievement Award

In April of 1984, the Council of the American Association of Endocrine Surgeons created an unusual achievement award to be given to a Member of the AAES in recognition of their contributions in the field of Endocrine Surgery as an investigator, teacher and clinical surgeon. The first award was given on April 15, 1985 to Dr. Oliver Cope. In giving this award to Dr. Cope, the Council decided that from that day forward the award would be known as the Oliver Cope Meritorious Achievement Award for the American Association of Endocrine Surgeons.

2010 Oliver Cope Award Recipient

George L. Irvin, III, MD
University of Miami


Resident/Fellow Best Paper – Basic Science Award

Paper 12. THYROIDECTOMY WITH NEOADJUVANT PLX4720 EXTENDS SURVIVAL AND DECREASES TUMOR BURDEN IN AN ORTHOTOPIC MOUSE MODEL OF ANAPLASTIC THYROID CANCER

Presenter: Matthew A. Nehs, MD
Authors: Matthew A. Nehs, Sushruta Nagarkatti, Carmelo Nucera, Richard A. Hodin, and Sareh Parangi
Massachusetts General Hospital

Resident/Fellow Best Paper – Paul LoGerfo Clinical Research Award

Paper 6. ROUTINE CENTRAL LYMPH NODE DISSECTION FOR PAPILLARY THYROID CANCER

Presenter: David T. Hughes, MD
Authors: David T. Hughes, Matthew L. White, Paul G. Gauger, Barbra S. Miller, Richard E. Burney, and Gerard M. Doherty
University of Michigan

2010 Annual Meeting Awards

Doug Evans & Janice Pasieka
Janice Pasieka and Norman Thompson

Congratulations to the 2010 AAES RESEARCH AWARD WINNERS

Paul LoGerfo Educational Research Award Winner

Rebecca S. Sippel, MD
University of Wisconsin -Madison
Characterization of Age-Related Changes in the Notch1 Pathway in Well-Differentiated Thyroid Cancers

Interesting Case Award Winner

TERTIARY HYPERPARATHYROIDISM?

Presenter: Lilah Morris, MD
UCLA Endocrine Surgical Unit

Poster Competition Award Winner

Poster 45. ADRENAL VENOUS SAMPLING IN PRIMARY HYPERALDOSTERONISM: STANDARDIZING A GOLD STANDARD

Presenter: Aarti Mathur, MD
Authors: Aarti Mathur, Clinton D. Kemp, Utal Dutta, Smita Baid, Alejandro Ayala, Richard E Chang, Seth Steinberg, Eileen Lange RN, James F. Pingtank, H. Richard Alexander, W. Marston Linehan, Peter A. Pinto, Giao Phan, Marybeth Hughes, Steven K. Libutti, Constantine Stratakis, Electron Kebebew
National Cancer Institute
2011 Annual Meeting

by Nancy D. Perrier

“Houston, we’ve landed.”

We are launched, waiting and looking forward to land a great 2011 meeting in Houston, Texas. Be here for blastoff at noon on Sunday, April 10. The meeting will be held downtown at the Hilton of the Americas. The hotel rooms are reserved at a rate of $200 per night. The venue is located in the heart of the business district with restaurants, theatres, and sporting venues. It is a 30 minute, $44 taxi ride from Bush International Airport. April promises azaleas in bloom and average temperatures from 78°F to 58°F.

Arrangements for golf games or a tour of NASA will be made for Saturday afternoon. For those who love hotdogs, apple pie and Chevrolet, the Astros will be playing a block away from our meeting location. (Marlins and Cubs fans come prepared) The young surgeons social, with Texas hor’dourves and music will take place on Saturday night. Sunday early morning we have plans for a fun run and yoga in the park. A midmorning multidisciplinary panel led by Mira Milas will discuss “What Should I do Next?” and will use audience participation devices to review the current guideline recommendations for the treatment of thyroid cancer. At noon, the official meeting will be set into orbit. The annual historical lecture, delivered by past president Jon van Heerden, case presentations and the scientific session will ensue. The Sunday evening welcome reception and Monday night dinner will provide great venues to meet old friends and make new. The program committee promises academic rigor and scientific inquiry. Pack your boots and don’t forget your stomp. Our state Longhorn or armadillo just might be waiting to greet you!

It’ll be BIG, it’s in Texas.
The Surgical Oncology Advisory Committee [SOAC] of the American Board of Surgery [ABS] met on January 10, 2011. The SOAC consists of representatives of the Society of Surgical Oncology, the American Society of Breast Surgeons and the American Association of Endocrine Surgeons and a number of appointed ABS Directors. In addition to myself there are two other members of the AAES who are members of this advisory council, Dr. Jeffrey Moley and Dr. Mark Evers. Dr. Moley was appointed to represent the SSO and Dr. Evers was appointed as an ABS Director-Representative. The Chairman of the Council is Fabrizio Michelassi. At this January meeting the Council dealt with four items. First, Dr. Michelassi provided a summary update on the progress that has been made under his leadership and that of SOAC, the ABS and the SSO in achieving American Board of Medical Specialties [ABMS] approval for Board certification in Complex General Surgical Oncology for graduates of surgical oncology fellowship. Quite a number of hurdles have been overcome to obtain approval of other ABMS member Board’s who have an interest in oncology including identifying an appropriate curriculum and name for the subspecialty and having the stipulation of no grandfathering. After ABMS approval, the proposal will be reviewed by the Residency Review Committee [RRC]. With this approval there will be a certificate available for graduates of surgical oncology fellowships that have been approved by the RRC who meet the educational requirements.

The second item was maintenance of certification [MOC] which is required for ongoing maintenance of Board certification. The Board has decided to separate continuing medical education [CME] from MOC. You will still have to do CME for licensure and hospital privileging and other requirements. For MOC, the ABS is trying to develop an easy inexpensive method that can be done annually by the diplomats. Right now that way seems to be to have associated organizations and societies select 10-20 articles to be read and two or more questions to be answered with a requirement of 75-80% of the questions being answered correctly each year. The AAES will have to have an active role in this process to help our members achieve their MOC. It was also clear that other organizations are doing much more to help their members get CME, especially the self assessment hours that are required. Options that the AAES can consider include developing questions related to presentations at our annual meeting or questions related to manuscripts published in Surgery. These questions would then have to be graded and again a 75-80% correct score would have to be achieved.

The third activity of SOAC was to review the appropriateness and improve the questions for the certifying [oral] exam of the ABS that deal with oncology, breast and endocrine surgery. SOAC does this for all of the exams that are given by the American Board of Surgery.

The final item was to approve a successor for me since my six year term as the AAES representative to SOAC is nearing completion. A slate of three candidates was submitted for the council’s review. Dr. Christopher McHenry was selected and he will join SOAC as the AAES representative in the coming year. I am sure he will do an excellent job and continue and expand the active participation of the AAES in SOAC and in all Board activities. It has been a pleasure for me to serve the ABS as the AAES representative to SOAC and I would like to thank all of the membership for this privilege.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Prinz, MD
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.

The mission of the Paul LoGerfo Research Award is to enrich 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 hope that this award will help identify and bring recognition to the next generation of leaders in the field of endocrine surgery.

Donations to the Paul LoGerfo Educational Research Fund are 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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The membership committee is pleased to recognize the new members elected into membership at the annual meeting in Pittsburgh, PA last year. They will receive certificates and be recognized in Houston, TX later this spring.

**List of New Members**

### Active Members

- Leaque Ahmed
  Columbia University Medical Center, NY, NY
- Jessica E. Gosnell
  UCSF, San Francisco, CA
- James Lee
  Columbia University, New York, NY
- Christina L. Maser
  UCSF, San Francisco, CA
- Peter J. Mazzaglia
  Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI
- Naris Nilubol
  Mt Sinai Medical Center, NY, NY
- Steven E. Rodgers
  University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL
- Randall P. Scheri
  Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC
- Rebecca S. Sippel
  University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
- Michael R. Starks
  Penboscot Surgical Care, Bangor, ME
- Antonia E. Stephen
  Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
- Stanley Z. Trooskin
  University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ
- Tracy S. Wang
  Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
- Kaare J. Weber
  Mount Sinai Medical Center, NY, NY

### Allied Specialist

- Gary L. Clayman
  MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
- David L. Steward
  University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

### Corresponding Members

- Iihara Masato
  Keio Women’s Medical University, Tokyo, Japan
- Martin K. Walz
  Kliniken Essen-Mitte, Essen, Germany

Since our annual meeting in Pittsburgh, the most junior membership ranks of the AAES have swelled with the creation of the resident/fellow and candidate categories. The membership committee has approved 14 new resident/fellow members, and 14 new candidate members since Pittsburgh; 18 more potential new members in these two categories are in the application pipeline. In part, this growth has been achieved by an initiative whereby letters were sent to all endocrine surgery fellowship directors as well as all general surgery residency directors across the United States, reminding them to encourage their trainees who are interested in endocrine surgery to attend our annual meeting and to apply for membership in the AAES. In addition, we have embarked on a system whereby reminders are sent out to all our resident/fellow members in June, encouraging them to solicit an updated letter of support so that they can be made candidates, thereby maintaining the ranks of our most junior members. Finally, the online application system has been refined, streamlining the process for applicants, their endorsers, and the Membership Committee. The case log submission, in particular, has been standardized to enhance validation. It appears to be working very well.

Attention is now turned to preparing for review of applications for active, corresponding, and allied health membership; the deadline for these submissions is January 31, 2011. After review by the Membership Committee and approval by the Executive Council, names of applicants recommended for election to membership will be voted on at the AAES 2011 annual business meeting in Houston, TX. Those elected will be presented with certificates at the 2012 AAES annual meeting in Iowa City, IA.

Many thanks to Electron Kebebew and Nancy Perrier for their industry and service this year on the Membership Committee, and to Nonie Lowry, director of association management, for the continued improvement and support of the online application system, and all that it takes to put together the application packets for the Membership Committee. Review of all applications has now been assumed by the Membership Committee and its chair, thereby offloading the multitude of responsibilities of the AAES Secretary and hopefully allowing Dr. Angelos to capture a few additional minutes of well-deserved rest!

The membership application process for all categories is handled online at http://www.endocrinesurgery.org/members/members.htm. Questions about applications can be directed to the AAES administration headquarters at telephone: 913.402.7102, or by email at: information@endocrinesurgery.org.

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AACE Liaison Report

by Martha Zeiger

I am very excited to announce that the second annual meeting of Endocrine Surgery University will occur March 3rd and 4th at the Mayo Clinic. We are very grateful for AACE's help in organizing this, procuring grants, and providing us with their knowledge and expertise running similar educational programs. Special thanks goes to Amy Bruns, Beverly Hastings, Hossein Gharib, and AACE CEO, Don Jones. We are well on our way to receiving corporate sponsorship and hope to be able to fund and continue this wonderful educational experience every year for our fellows. This year we have also opened up one position for an international fellow to attend and James Lee from Sydney, Australia was chosen among several international applicants.

We also plan to continue our productive and rewarding relationship with AACE by sponsoring an endocrinology fellow, Dr. Neha Malhotra from Nassau University Medical Center to attend our AAES annual meeting in Houston. Dr. Malhotra was chosen among several applicants. Finally, I would like to announce my replacement as the AAES liaison to AACE, Nancy Perrier, who will take on this position after the AACE annual meeting this year. It has been a great pleasure and honor to serve in this capacity for AAES over the past 6 years. I believe the relationship has proven to be rewarding both personally and for AAES as a society and I am confident Nancy will do an outstanding job as liaison in the future.

Martha Zeiger

Fellowship

by Allan Siperstein

• AAES members now direct 18 different fellowships in endocrine surgery, located in the US, Canada, and Mexico

• The endocrine surgery fellowship Match in September of 2010 involved 28 candidates for 20 spots in 18 programs, with many applicants of superb caliber. Match results were again announced within 2 days.

• The 2011 Match for the fellowship spots starting July 2012 will again be completely online. Please watch the AAES website for updates.
The December 2010 issue of Surgery reflects the outstanding job performed by all of the presenters at the 2010 AAES Annual Meeting.

This year we published 31 of the 34 papers accepted for podium presentation along with Discussions reflecting the always animated exchanges for which our meeting is famous. In addition, Surgery published three invited Editorials, the AAES Presidential Address and a Summary Statement from the Workshop on Molecular Markers in Thyroid Cancer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the reviewers, the program committee, Nonie Lowry and especially Thereasa Rich for all of their hard work that made the December issue possible.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the Editors and Editorial Staff of Surgery for making my job as Recorder a pleasure. We are already starting the process of lining up reviewers for the accepted abstracts for the 2011 Annual Meeting. If you would like to participate in the review process, please contact us. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Houston in April.

Steve Libutti

The American Association of Endocrine Surgeons

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We welcome your feedback on the site!

Norman W. Thompson
In Memoriam

Brown Dobyns Chardon, OH
Timothy Harrison Rumford, RI
Jeffreys Macfie Greenville, SC
William Remine Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
Richard Schwartz Lexington, KY
William Snyder, III Dallas, TX

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