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Next month, thousands of surgeons from throughout the world will meet under one single roof. They will exchange ideas in the forums, the hallways, and the streets of San Francisco, as well as in restaurants and cafes. They will reveal to one another new surgical techniques, and will discuss newly discovered substances and medications. They will also present breakthrough studies that help us translate our knowledge into tangible patient benefits. Friends will meet and greet "long-time-no-see" friends. Aspiring resident surgeons will meet the authors of the studies and textbooks they have been reading for years, and researchers will

establish new and promising research collaborations.

It is that special time of the year, the 97th Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons, October 23-27.

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● RAS-ACS Business Meeting

Plan to attend the ACS-RAS Business Meeting prior to the October 23 debate noted here. Your contribution is essential for the voice of surgical residents across the country to be heard.

Saturday, October 22, 2011

- RAS Executive Council Meeting
- Officers, Advisory Council Representatives, Committee Chairs
- 3:00–5:00 pm
- Hilton, Union Square 1 and 2, 4th floor

Sunday, October 23, 2011

RAS Annual Meeting—Open to all ACS Resident and Associate Fellow Members

Election of Secretary, Committee Formation, Presentation to Essay Contest Winner

Come and volunteer to serve on a committee; share your ideas

Continental breakfast included

9:00 am–12 noon

Moscone West, 2010

● Mark Your Calendars for the Medical Student, Resident, and Associate Fellow Sessions During the Clinical Congress

Medical Student Program, Luncheon & Orientation

11:30 am–12:30 pm

Moscone South, 102

12:30 –4:00 pm

Moscone South, 103

RAS Symposium/Debate

What Is the Future of Surgery: Autonomous Professionals or Stuck as Employees?

1:00–4:00 pm

Moscone West, 2007–2009 (see complete agenda at end of newsletter)

Monday, October 24, 2011

Special Program for Medical Students

Interviewing, Selecting, and Preparing for Surgery Residency

9:45 am–12:00 noon

Moscone South, 103

Surgery Resident Program

10:00 am–4:00 pm

Moscone North, 130–131

Medical Student Program, Session II

12:30–6:00 pm

Moscone North, 120–123

Volunteering: Making Service Happen

2:30–4:00 pm

Moscone West, 3020–3022

Making the Most Out of SCORE

4:15–5:45 pm

Moscone North, 132–133

Cardiothoracic Surgery in the Future: Technology Overview for Residents and Medical Students

Monday, October 24, 2011

5:30–9:00 pm

This course will introduce surgery residents and medical students to conventional and less invasive procedures that are available to cardiothoracic surgeons today and provide information about new technologies and the integrated cardiothoracic surgery training programs.

Register by clicking:

<http://www.facs.org/clincon2011/registration/index.html>

The \$25 fee includes dinner.

For more information, contact dmarquis@sts.org or 312-202-5813.

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

RAS Town Hall Meeting

Do Practicing Surgeons Also Need Duty Hour Rules?

7:00–7:45 am

Moscone North, 134

Medical Student Education: Where Are the Teachers and the Time?

8:00–9:30 am

Moscone North, 130–131

Spectacular Cases from Residents

8:00–11:15 am

Moscone South, 103

I Think I Might Get Sued! Now What?

4:15–5:15 pm

Moscone West, 3020–3022

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

When Are You Off the Learning Curve? Graduating Residents and Experienced Surgeons Doing New Things

7:00–7:45 am

Moscone North, 135

Surgical Jeopardy

8:00–11:15 am

Moscone West, 3014–3018

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Women in Surgery: Are We Doing Our Part to Improve Diversity?

7:00–7:45 am

Moscone North, 135

For more info on RAS events at the Clinical Congress, contact Peg Haar at phaar@facs.org, or check the Clinical Congress website: <http://www.facs.org/clincon2011/index.html>

☛ **Don't miss your colleagues' presentations of their 2011 Excellence in Research Award-winning abstracts in the following Surgical Forum sessions:**

Monday, October 24:

Alimentary Tract I (9:45 am–1:00 pm), Eric Kubat, MD

Targeted Therapies (9:45 am–1:00 pm), Masayuki Nagahashi, MD, PhD

Surgical Oncology I (11:30 am–1:00 pm), Michele L. Babicky, MD

Urology and Reproductive Surgery I (2:30–5:45 pm), Matthew D. Sorensen, MD

Vascular Surgery (2:30–5:45 pm), Caroline C. Yadlowiec, MD

Tuesday, October 25:

Immunity, Transplantation, and Tissue Engineering (8:00–11:15 am), Allison L. Speer, MD

Orthopaedic and Neurological Surgery (8:00–11:15 am), Aaron W. James, MD (ORT)

Plastic Surgery I (8:00–11:15 am), Jerry S. Chen, MD

Quality, Outcomes, and Costs I (12:45–4:00 pm), Elise H. Lawson, MD

Biomarkers/Genetic Determinants of Disease and Outcomes (2:30–5:45 pm), Richard C. Webb, MD

Wednesday, October 26:

Progenitor Cells and Cell-Based Therapies (8:00–11:15 am), Jason P. Glotzbach, MD

Cardiothoracic Surgery II (2:30–5:45 pm), Melissa H. Coleman, MD
Surgical Education II (2:30–5:45 pm), Sonal Arora, MD, PHD, MRCS

Geriatric Surgery (4:15–5:45 pm), Daniel Wu, MD

Thursday, October 27:

Critical Care III (8:00–11:15 am), Evie Carchman, MD

● Excellence in Research Awards Presentation/Surgical Forum dedication:

The Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems invites surgical residents to support their colleagues at the 2011 Excellence in Research Awards presentation. Fifteen abstract authors have been selected for this award based on the following criteria: originality of the concept, contribution to the field, quality of the methodology, and impact of the science. The awards will be distributed after the abstract presentations in the Quality, Outcomes, and Costs I session on Tuesday, October 25, 12:45–4:00 pm. Immediately following the awards presentation, the Committee will honor Erik W. Fonkalsrud, MD, FACS, by dedicating the 66th Volume of the Surgical Forum to him for his consummate contributions as a surgeon, investigator, mentor, and leader during the past 50 years. O. Joe Hines, MD, FACS, will offer introductory comments, followed by Dr. Fonkalsrud.

● Town Hall meetings of interest to surgical residents:

Tuesday, October 25, 7:00–7:45 am

“Do Practicing Surgeons Also Need Duty Hour Rules?”

“Grant Writing Update: From Ks to Rs to VA Grants”

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“Women in Surgery: Are We Doing Our Part to Improve Diversity?”

For more information about the Surgical Forum program, contact Kathy Matousek directly at 312-202-5336, or via e-mail at kmatousek@facs.org.

● **Invitations to Surgery Residents:**

Medical Student Program Surgical Residents Reception

Monday, October 24, 4:45–5:45 pm

When you were a medical student, did you ever feel unsure about which direction to take your career and where to get straight answers about residency training? Perhaps you were drawn to a surgical specialty but needed to learn more about it and what to expect. As you know, this information is vitally important in making the right career decisions. Would you be willing to share some of your experiences and insights with medical students who are investigating careers in surgery? We invite you to join the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Division of Education for an informal reception on Monday, October 24, during the ACS Clinical Congress in San Francisco, CA. You can help participants in the ACS Medical Student Program gather vital career information.

Medical Student Program Poster Session Judge

We are currently seeking several residents to serve with faculty surgeons to judge a medical student poster session on Monday, October 24, from 3:30–4:45 pm. During this session, students will have the opportunity to present research in such educational areas as basic science and clinical investigations. Last year we received a total of 117 abstracts, and 40 of those abstracts were selected to compete. There will be a first, second, and third place winner for each category announced, and awards will be presented to the winners on Tuesday. The informal reception for residents and medical students will take place immediately following the poster session from 4:45–6:00 pm. We cordially invite you to attend either or both of these events, which will be held at the Moscone Center in San Francisco, CA.

RSVP to Krashina Hudson at khudson@facs.org if you would like to be a judge and if you will be attending the reception for residents.

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“What Is the Future of Surgery: Autonomous Professionals or Stuck as Employees?”

The 2011 RAS-ACS Debate will take place on October 23 at the 2011 Clinical Congress in San Francisco.

Join in the discussion of the future of surgery: Will surgeons retain independence in their day-to-day practice, or will they become contracted staff of large integrated health systems or health care delivery networks, thus subject to multiple levels of management? What are the advantages of current practice models? Are there advantages to an employer-employee model health care delivery system? Will today's surgeons want to practice in the work environment of the future?

ACS Fellows will moderate and debate this topic along with the winners of the Issues Committee Essay Competition. Be there for what is to be a highly charged discussion! Bring your questions to ask the panel.

Moderator: **Philip R. Corvo, MD, MA, FACS**

Surgeons as Employees: **Demetrius Litwin, MD, MBA, FACS**

Kerianne H. **Quanstrum Holman, MD, MSc**

Essay Competition Winner

Surgeons as Autonomous Professionals: **Robert C. Moesinger, MD, FACS**

Ronald Derrick Collier, MD

Essay Competition Winner

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