FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

82ND ANNUAL SURGICAL UPDATE

GLOBAL SURGERY
AND THE
BURDEN OF SURGICAL DISEASE

PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND
April 30-May 2, 2020
Dear Colleagues,

It is my genuine pleasure to invite you to the 82nd Annual Surgical Update of the International College of Surgeons—United States Section. Our 2020 US Section annual meeting will be held from April 30 to May 2 at the Renaissance Downtown Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island. I also extend a cordial invitation to the members of the American Academy of Neurological and Orthopaedic Surgeons who as our educational partner for the past 15 years, will be joining us for their 44th Annual Scientific Meeting.

The CME portion of our program has been titled, Global Surgery and the Burden of Surgical Disease with some of the planned sessions described on the next page. We will begin our program on Thursday afternoon, April 30th, with a session on Global Surgery that will feature presentations by ICS Fellows as well as invited guests from affiliated NGOs active in humanitarian activities. Special lectures and specialty sessions will also be included during the three-day educational program to provide ample AMA Category 1 CME credit. Providence is not only the capital of Rhode Island, but also home to Brown University and the Warren Alpert Medical School. A number of faculty members from this Ivy League institution are scheduled to join us as invited speakers during our scientific sessions. With relatively close proximity to a number of other well-known and prestigious Northeast educational institutions, the scientific content will surely be exceptional.

Our historic meeting destination is centrally located in New England and near attractive destinations for pre or post-meeting sight-seeing excursions such as Newport, Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket as well as Boston. Providence combines the friendliness of a small town with the culture and sophistication of a big city. The municipality has undergone a dramatic transformation over the past 50 years and has a thriving arts community, vibrant and diverse neighborhoods, fantastic hotels, a renowned restaurant scene and tons of things to do (including the Rhode Island School of Design, whose RISD Museum displays American art and silver). Nearby, 18th and 19th-century homes line the streets of College Hill, which is less than 2 miles from the Renaissance Hotel.

Please watch your mail, email and check our website regularly for updates. Whether you know about Providence and have visited before or if you have never had a chance to visit, this is a perfect opportunity to discover everything there is to do in this historic part of our country. An abundance of activities, fine dining, entertainment as well as top-notch education will all be part of the ICSUS 82nd Annual Surgical Update in Providence next year.

I hope to see you there!

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Renaissance Providence Hotel
April 30-May 2, 2020
$199/night Single or Double Room
Visit www.ficsonline.org/hotel

Planned Meeting & Events

ICS-US Section Business Meetings
Meetings will be held on Thursday, April 30, beginning at 8am.

ICS-US Opening Ceremony/Opening Session
The afternoon of Thursday, April 30.

ICS-US Alliance Business & General Membership Meeting
For members of the Alliance and all spouses, partners and guests of ICS Fellows; this meeting will take place mid-morning on Thursday, April 30.

Welcome Reception
All attendees are invited to participate in our annual welcome reception the evening of Thursday, April 30.

AANOS Business Meeting
Will be held late afternoon on Friday, May 1.

Gala Closing Dinner
Our annual black-tie optional closing dinner will take place the evening of Saturday, May 2. Ticket information will be available in the forth-coming registration brochure.

For more details on these and all other aspects of the program visit www.ficsonline.org/ASU20 and review the forth-coming Registration Brochure which will be in your e-mail and mailboxes in early 2020.
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ROBOTIC SURGERY FORUM
The use of a robotic surgery system enhances precision, flexibility and control during an operation. The surgeon can see the site better compared with traditional techniques. Using a surgical robotic, delicate and complex procedures that may have been difficult or impossible with other approaches can now be achieved. Robotic surgery involves risk and isn't an option for everyone. During this session, participants will learn about the most recent advances and usos of a robotic surgery system in various specialties. A debate format is also planned to present the pros and cons of this 21st century innovation.

TELEMEDICINE SYMPOSIUM
Health care professionals can now use telemedicine tools to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients at a distance using modern telecommunications technology. This healthcare delivery system has changed dramatically in the past 10 years and it is now considered by many as an extremely important aspect of healthcare. This symposium will provide the latest information about how telemedicine is being used in the surgical field.

THE DR. ARNO A. ROSCHER ENDOWED LECTURE
This annual named lecture will be presented for the 12th year in a row at our Annual Surgical Update. Each year our esteemed Dr. Roscher selects a renowned leader in the field of medicine to share their unique experiences and perspective on the profession. Our expert lecturers have always been a compelling part of the program; usually sharing an expertise that illuminates past medical accomplishments and the impact of that history on future advances in our field. The formal announcement of this year’s endowed lecture will be made in a future publication.

THE DR. ANDRE CROTTI LECTURE
Dr. Michel Gagner is a Professor of Surgery and Senior Consultant at the University of Montreal’s Sacré-Coeur Hospital in Canada. Dr. Gagner is one of the earliest pioneers and also one of the most innovative surgeons known for his contributions to laparoscopic and bariatric surgery. As the recipient of the 2020 Dr. Andre Crotti Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession of Surgery he will present: Magnetic Surgery: Is it Ready for Prime Time?.

TRANSPLANTATION
There are challenges with respect to the availability of organs for liver transplantation. This session will address the significant global differences in the availability of deceased and living donors. In addition, the emerging option of laparoscopic living donor transplantation as well as xenograft transplantation will be presented by experts in the field.

GLOBAL SURGERY SYMPOSIUM
The focus of the Global Surgery Symposia will be related to the role of consortia and collaborations in treating the global burden of surgical disease. The approach of many organizations including the Operation Giving Back initiative of the American College of Surgeons, the Team Broken Earth initiative out of Canada, as well as numerous university programs will be presented. Additionally, there will be ample opportunity for discussion including the ICS perspective and role in global surgery.

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION
Surgical Residents and Medical Students who have submitted research manuscripts will participate in this annual contest with the top submissions presenting their research in an oral format. Manuscripts of all the competitors will be judged by a panel to determine who will qualify to make an oral presentation during the Annual Surgical Update. Oral presentations during the program in Providence will also be judged, combining both scores to determine the winners of various prizes (including a cash grand prize). Attendees will be presented with fascinating information by some of the brightest young minds in medicine.

ANNUAL ETHICS FORUM
Reefer Madness and Medical Marijuana: A 21st Century Reality. As more states join the growing collection that have legalized Marijuana, both medical and recreational, emergency rooms are now active clinical laboratories. This session and the planned presentation will be structured to include: discussion of the popular history of the ‘weed’; a review of the written history; Cannabis untold; ‘Reefer Madness’ and its resulting health effects will be defined. Ample time will be scheduled for audience participation as well as debate with the speaker and other members of the audience.

NEUROLOGICAL AND ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY
The United States Section of ICS (ICSSUS) is proud to continue its long standing relationship with the American Academy of Neurological and Orthopaedic Surgeons (the Academy). As such, the Academy has designated the ICSSUS Annual Surgical Update as its Annual Scientific Meeting. Working closely with the members of the Academy to determine professional practice gaps and educational need, ICSSUS planners representing these two major surgical specialties are developing two days of programming that will provide approximately 10 hours of specialty specific credit. These Neurological and Orthopaedic Surgery specialty specific sessions will be presented on Friday and Saturday, May 1st and 2nd. General interest programming will also be available to members of the Academy during the remainder of the meeting to provide approximately 20 AMA Category 1 CME credits in total.
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