Global And Rural Surgery: Two Sides of the Same Coin

June 24-26, 2021
Minneapolis, Minnesota
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 2021 US Section annual meeting will be held from June 24-26 at the InterContinental Airport Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I also extend a cordial invitation to the members of the American Academy of Neurological and Orthopaedic Surgeons who as our educational partner for more than 15 years, will be joining us for their 44th Annual Scientific Meeting.

The CME portion of our program has been titled, Global and Rural Surgery: Two Sides of the Same Coin with a preliminary program now available on FICS Online. We will begin our educational activity on Thursday afternoon, June 24th, 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. Minneapolis is not only adjacent to St. Paul, the capital of Minnesota, but also home to the University of Minnesota School of Medicine and only a short distance from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. A number of faculty members from these institutions, as well as other quality Medical Schools in the upper Midwest, are scheduled to join us as invited speakers during our educational sessions. I am pleased to tell you that the scientific program is shaping up nicely and will be available very soon.

Our meeting venue is conveniently located and actually connected to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. From the InterContinental you will be only a short shuttle ride away from the Mall of America. This venue is a destination in and of itself and attracts millions of visitors each year.

Please watch your mail and email for updates. You should also visit our website regularly as this will be your primary source of information related to our conference. Whether you know about Minneapolis 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 beautiful part of our country.

I hope to see you there!

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President, United States Section
International College of Surgeons
The following sessions are being planned for the 82nd Annual Surgical Update in Minneapolis this June. Presentations may include the listed general topics. Specific dates and times have not yet been finalized.

GLOBAL SURGERY AND SURGICAL MISSION WORK
• A Philippines Success Story
• Surgical Challenges from the developing world
• The Jamaican Map
• The Expansion of Surgical Care Services
• Capacity Building and Cancer Care
• Rotation during General Surgery Residency
• GI Tumor Board in a Developing Country
• A Resident’s Guide to Volunteering Internationally
• Operation Giving Back
• A Career in Global Surgery

CLINICAL TELEMEDICINE AROUND THE WORLD
• Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic
• Northern America: Where Do We Stand?
• Southeast Asia: Examples of Public Private Partnership
• South America, Africa, Australia and New Zealand
• The Balkans and Cabo Verde: Tales from Two Continents

GENERAL PLENARY SESSION
• Endorectal Advancement Flap
• Metastatic Melanoma
• Post-hepatectomy biliary complications
• Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy in Severe Cholecystitis
• Management of Lower Extremity Tibial Arterial Disease
• Incision and Surrounding Soft Tissue Management
• Bariatric Surgery: the Swiss Experience
• Outcomes for Pediatric Transplant Recipients

THE ANDRE CROTTI LECTURE
Surgical Learning Requires.... Assessment!
David Farley MD, Tower, Minnesota, Emeritus Professor of Surgery, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

MANAGING TRAUMA
• Trauma Recidivism
• Disparities in Trauma Care
• Communication Between Critical Access Hospitals and Regional Trauma Centers
• Economic Effects During the COVID Pandemic

COVID-19: LESSONS LEARNED
• Domestic violence and COVID 19
• COVID-19 and What it Means for Global Surgery
• COVID 19 Pandemic Response
• Novel Surgical Response to the Pandemic
• Surgical Outcomes and COVID-19

RURAL SURGERY: TRAINING AND IN PRACTICE
• Shortfalls of General Surgical Training for Rural Surgery Practices
• Colon Cancer Care in the Rural Community
• Rural Surgical Training in the US
• Training a Rural General Surgeon
• Challenges in Rural Surgical Practice
• Trauma Training for Optimal Outcomes in Rural Settings
• Role of Simulation in Surgical Training
• Role of a Rural Surgeon in Managing Burn Patients

PHYSICIAN WELLNESS AND ETHICS
• Success Factors for Retirement
• Surgical Resident Wellbeing
• Building Well-Being Into Culture
• Lifestyle Medicine
• Plagues and People
• Ethical Considerations of a Pandemic

SPECIAL LECTURE BY THE ICS WORLD PRESIDENT
The Role of 3D Printing in Hepatobiliary Surgery: Challenges and Opportunities
Georgios Tsoulfas MD, PhD, Thessaloniki, Greece
Associate Professor of Surgery, Department of Transplantation Surgery, Aristotle University
**Preliminary CME Program (continued)**

**INFLUENCE OF ROBOTIC SURGERY AND TECHNOLOGY IN GLOBAL AND RURAL SURGERY**
- Robots in weight loss surgery
- Endoscopic Myotomy in Gastrointestinal Motility Disorders
- Conversion of a Surgical Practice from Laparoscopic to Robotic Surgery
- Adopting New Robotic Technologies for Hernia Repair
- New Therapies for Management of GERD
- Robotic Surgery in Pancreatic Cancer

**ANNUAL RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION**
- Outcomes of Pancreatic Cyst
- Management of Sternoclavicular Joint Infection
- Lung Cancer in Young Adults
- Definitive Closure of a Ballistic Shotgun Injury
- Postoperative complications of mandible reconstruction
- Intracranial Hemorrhage and Blunt Splenic Injury
- Re-utilization of Surgical Tools from Developed Nations
- Neurosurgical Thoracolumbar Wound
- Gastric Band Erosion Resulting in Bowel Obstruction
- Procedural Healthcare Simulation in Low and Middle-Income Countries
- Surgical training programs across rural Africa
- Primary cardiac angiosarcoma
- Azygous Vein Injury from Blunt Force Trauma
- Rectus sheath hematoma
- Mechanical Small Bowel Obstruction
- Complex traumatic pelvic ring fractures

**AANOS SESSIONS**
- Diffuse Idiopathic Skeletal Hyperostosis (DISH) and Acute Cervical Spinal Cord Injury
- The Live Cadaver Model
- Laboratory Surgical Training utilizing the Human Anatomy Under Life-Like Conditions
- Integrating Pain in Spine Practice
- Know your Plastic (Orthopedics)
- Stem Cell Therapies: Facts or Fiction?
- Cerebellar Arteriovenous Malformations: Treatment Strategy
- MIS Expandable Interbody Cages
- Surgical therapies for glioblastoma

For the latest information on planned sessions and updates to the CME program Visit: www.ficsonline.org/ASU21

**Planned Meeting & Events**

**Thursday, June 24**

**ICS-US SECTION BUSINESS MEETINGS**
Meetings will start at 8am.

**ICS-US OPENING CEREMONY AND OPENING SESSION**
Will convene at approximately 3:00pm (watch meeting materials for the final schedule).

**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.

**WELCOME RECEPTION**
All attendees are invited to participate in our annual welcome reception on Thursday evening.

**Friday, June 25**

**AANOS BUSINESS MEETING**
Will be held 4:30-6:00 pm Friday afternoon.

**Saturday, June 26**

**GALA CLOSING DINNER**
Our annual black-tie optional closing dinner will take place Saturday evening. 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/ASU21 and review the forth-coming Registration Brochure which will be in your e-mail and mailboxes in early April.
COVID-19 AND THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Covid-19 pandemic is currently the first thing on everyone’s mind. While progress is being made, and we expect many if not most attendees will be fully vaccinated before our meeting convenes, on June 24 we are continuing to carefully monitor the situation and will take action as necessary to ensure the safest environment for all participants.

Our location is connected directly to the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport via a skybridge and in fact there is a TSA Checkpoint available to Intercontinental Guests into the airport seven days a week beginning at 4:45 am to 6 pm daily, on the third floor. Carry-on luggage only, guests with checked bags may utilize the free airport shuttle and main terminal TSA checkpoints.

Guests will be able to arrive & depart without even stepping outside if they choose! For those attendees with checked-bags there is a free airport shuttle to transport you to the hotel’s front doors.

We are working closely with the hotel to plan for socially distanced room set-ups, to prepare menus and food offerings that limit guest interaction with common implements and consulting with a certified Pandemic Compliance Advisor to ensure that we are doing everything we can to present an environment that is as safe a meeting space as we can make it for all involved.

For the latest information on Minneapolis’ Covid status visit the Minneapolis Convention and Visitor Bureaus website at: https://www.minneapolis.org/covid-19-health-safety/

OUR MEETING HOST:

INTERCONTINENTAL - MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL AIRPORT HOTEL
JUNE 24-26, 2021
$159/NIGHT SINGLE OR DOUBLE ROOM

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Call: 1-888-424-6835
Alert the reservationist you are booking as part of ICS-US 82nd Annual Surgical Update or use Group Code: z33

Online: www.ficsonline.org/hotel.

You may cancel without penalty up to 48 hours prior to arrival. Cancellations made less than 48 hours prior to arrival will be charged one night’s room and tax.

NOTE: There is also an InterContinental hotel in St. Paul; MN, please use the link above to ensure you book your stay with the correct hotel.