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President's Corner

Ratna Ranjan, MD

I want to send a warm welcome to all of you from the beautiful and scenic Upper Peninsula of Michigan! We are totally buried under sparkling white snow but our hearts are as warm as can be! I am pleased to serve as 2011 President of the Alliance for the United States Section of the International College of Surgeons, and want to welcome all of you to this special organization. I want to thank all of you for electing me as your president for this year and I will do my best to serve on the board.

I want to say a little to introduce myself to those who don't know me up close. I was born and educated in India including medical school. I was married in India and came to this country with my husband, in 1981. I completed training in Internal medicine in India and training in Pediatrics in the USA. I practiced emergency medicine for many years and at present I am a federal government employee and work as a physician at the Iron Mountain VA Hospital. We have two sons who are 27 and 26 years old respectively. Having one son in Berkeley, CA and one in Boulder, CO; I stay busy travelling across the country, at work and with other extended family and of course, friends.

It feels like we met in Denver only last month but nearly a year has passed by already and we are in deep into planning for our next big event; the 73rd Annual Surgical Update of the International College of Surgeons-United States Section in gorgeous Portland, Oregon. I hope you are all planning to attend this outstanding meeting and experience everything Portland has to offer. Over the years, by attending the meetings and the Alliance, I have created many treasured memories and lasting friendships, in which I invite you all to experience.

I do look forward to seeing you, and your family and friends at the various Alliance and College events. It is always a special time to reconnect at our yearly meetings; to catch up on everyone's activities throughout the year and plan for the future of the Alliance.

Being an active part of the International College of Surgeons - United States Section, means we are offered a wonderful opportunity to create lasting friendships and wonderful memories please plan to join us in Portland this year, to make sure you can take advantage of these opportunities.

Sincerely,

Ratna Ranjan, MD
2011Alliance President

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Alliance Stipend Opportunity Announced

The United States Section Alliance serves a multitude of functions; primarily to support the United States Section through contributions to the Continuing Medical Education program. In addition, it offers social opportunities for the families of our section members at the Annual Meeting and throughout the year. The Alliance has also sought opportunities to increase awareness of the College by offering support to outside organizations that have missions in keeping with those of the International College of Surgeons-US Section. In the recent past, contributions have been made to the Red Cross for disaster relief; a Medical Student Stipend program was created to give students the opportunity to attend the Section's Annual Meeting, the Alliance has even hosted an event at a children's hospital to entertain the patients.

At the last board meeting in Denver, a request was made for support to be given to a medical mission to Honduras. This year we invite any member of the Alliance who knows of or is part of a group that would like to be considered for a grant, to apply for the 2011 Alliance Stipend.

If you know of a group involved in humanitarian work, medical missions, or even a medical student seeking support for a project, you may apply for this stipend by submitting an application form. Download the complete instructions and application form from the Alliance page of www.ficsonline.org/stipend. **All applications must be received by May 1**. The Alliance Executive Committee will review applications and vote at its June 8, 2011 meeting in Portland.

Please keep in mind; the ideal organization/project should have some connection to medicine, surgery, or humanitarian relief. The maximum amount available for any grant is $1,000.

Finally, the Alliance Board will reserve the right not to make a grant if there are no applications, or if an application fails to meet the guidelines as outlined in the application materials.

Please contact Maggie Kearney, Alliance Liaison at 312.787.1662 or mkearney@ficsonline.org if you have any questions.

Members in the News

Meghna Ramiah, (yellow sash) one of our younger Alliance members, poses with Everett McCorvey, Director, UK Opera Theater, and her friends before participating in the nationally televised Opening Ceremonies of the World Equestrian Games.

The games, held last September in Lexington, KY, marked the first time the games were held outside of the EU and in the US and were attended by such notables as Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain. Congratulations Meghna!

Alliance Silent Auction Returns

Following the success of last year's Silent Auction fundraiser, the Alliance will once again host a Silent Auction at the 73rd Annual Surgical Update in Portland OR. Any Alliance members attending the meeting are asked to bring an item to donate. Items should be something easily packed for air travel, and be of a quality that you would be willing to purchase yourself at a similar auction. Last year items ran the gamut from artwork, jewelry, a quilt, even cigars and sports paraphernalia were on offer and sought after by bidders.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to donate an item, please contact Maggie Kearney, Alliance Liaison prior to May 1, to make arrangements for your item to be included in the headquarters shipment to Portland.

Of course, if you are unable to make a donation for auction, your support of the effort by making a bid and or purchasing an item is equally vital to the success of this fundraiser.

Last year's efforts raised over $4,000 for the Alliance, and marked one of the most successful fundraiser's of the last decade. We hope with your support to surpass that milestone this year.

ALLIANCE PORTLAND ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY — ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING — JUNE 8, 9:00-10:30 AM

Please join us to discuss Alliance plans for the Annual Meeting and beyond. Topics will include future leaders, recruitment, fundraising, the 2011 Stipend Review, and current & future social activities for the Alliance. If you have ever wondered what the Alliance is or does, then this meeting shouldn't be missed.

WEDNESDAY — WELCOME RECEPTION — JUNE 8, 6:00-7:00 PM

Our first evening in Portland begins with a cocktail reception. Join us to reconnect with old friends and meet members you may not have encountered before. You'll still have time to head out on the town to sample offerings at one of the many excellent restaurants located within walking distance of the hotel.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY — ALLIANCE SILENT AUCTION — JUNE 9-11

The Alliance Silent Auction returns this year. Items will be on display near the registration desk. Bids may be placed throughout the meeting. Final bids will be placed at the New Fellows Reception on Friday evening and winners will be announced before the Gala Dinner. Be sure to attend the complimentary reception to get in a final bid, and pick up your winning items. Items not taken home with the winner, will be subject to shipping charges in addition to the final bid amount.

THURSDAY — TEA PARTY, MOVIE DISCUSSION — JUNE 9, 2:00 PM

Join other Alliance members and meeting attendees for a casual afternoon tea, and movie viewing. All are welcome to attend, reconnect with old friends and get to know new members. A movie or two will be viewed and those interested may take part in a guided discussion of the themes, plots, and motivations of the characters. ***There is no ticket fee, however you must pre-register.***

THURSDAY — EDDIE MAY'S MURDER MYSTERY DINNER — JUNE 9, 6:00 PM

You'll just die laughing while dining and playing with a host of hilarious characters, all part of Eddie May Mysteries, North America's longest running murder mystery dinner theater troupe. Join us for a private dinner and show at Kell's Irish Bar & Restaurant in Downtown Portland. ***Tickets must be ordered in advance. $69 per person. ON-site tickets will not be available. You must have a ticket to be admitted.***

SATURDAY — ROSE PARADE VIEWING PARTY — JUNE 11, 8:00 AM

The Grand Floral Parade is the crown jewel of the annual Rose Festival, anticipated annually by both locals and festival guests. In 2011 the parade will offer an extravaganza of the Rose Festival's theme, 'Carnival of Roses,' displaying the colors, variety and excitement of a mardi gras style carnival celebration. Join us Saturday morning outside the Hilton in a reserved viewing area to enjoy the parade as it passes by. ***Participation is complimentary but is limited to the first 15 reservations.***

SATURDAY — UNITED STATES SECTION CONVOCATION — JUNE 11, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

All attendees, families, friends and guests are invited to attend this hallmark event, the 73rd Annual Convocation of the US Section. Brimming with splendor and pageantry, this impressive ceremony includes the formal induction of New Fellows and this year's Honorary Fellow into the College. Join us in this celebration of the College, all of its Fellows, and their accomplishments. ***We do ask guests to proceed directly to the Ballroom and take their seats by 6:20pm so that the ceremony can start on-time.***

SATURDAY — NEW FELLOWS RECEPTION — JUNE 11, 7:30 PM-8:00 PM

Immediately following the Convocation and Presidential Recognition Ceremony, this reception will afford you the opportunity to meet your National Section and International Officers, provide you with the opportunity to meet your newest colleagues from coast to coast, and of course, honor our incoming President and Honorary Fellow. The Alliance Silent Auction will conclude at this event, be sure to attend to pick up your winning bids. ***All attendees are encouraged to attend.***

SATURDAY — GALA DINNER — JUNE 11, 8:00 PM

We end our meeting and our week together as we started it; in Fellowship, join us as we come together for one last event before we bid farewell until next year. We are pleased to present the 'sound of the Portland Rose festival' with a private performance from the Choncords Chorale Group, who will perform the concert they have created in conjunction with the 2011 Rose Festival activities. Black Tie attire is optional. ***Tickets should be ordered in advance. $125 per person.***

73rd Annual Surgical Update of the ICS-US

Spouse/Partner or Guest Supplement Registration

June 8-11, 2011

Spouses/Partners and Guests that will participate in any aspect of the meeting such as; Breakfasts, Coffee Breaks, Lunches or Alliance Activities need to register for the Supplement Registration. This category is not appropriate for physicians who will attend CME Sessions; those persons need to register as an attendee on this form. Alliance social events are ticketed separately as indicated below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Registration*

Please use this form to order tickets for yourself. Please DO NOT order tickets here if they were already purchased on the ICS Meeting Registration Form. If you are concerned, please contact Maggie Kearney to double check which tickets have already been purchased.

Supplement Registration ❑ $150

***(Please use one form for each individual registration)**

Thursday June 9, 2011

Alliance Tea and Movie afternoon . . . . . Complimentary x ____

Eddie May's Murder Mystery Dinner . . . . . $69 x ____ = _____

Saturday, June 7, 2008

Rose Parade Viewing Party.....Complimentary x ____

Closing Dinner Gala..... $ 125 x ____ = $_____

Total Due: $_____

Payment Information

❑Check Enclosed (payable to ICS-US Section) ❑ Master Card ❑ Visa ❑ American Express

Credit Card Number: /__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/ Expiration Date: /___/____/

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