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A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT



Bruce D. Schirmer, M.D.

Dear SAGES Colleagues,

It is a great honor to be serving as the President of the SAGES Education and Research Foundation. I begin my remarks by thanking the rest of the Foundation Board for their dedicated efforts, and especially want to recognize and thank our new Executive Director, Jill Smith, who has expertly taken over this important position. Barbara Berci and BSC Management continue to provide us with impeccable support.

Ten years ago, general surgery had experienced an unprecedented decade of change: laparoscopic surgery had evolved from being just introduced to the standard of care for many commonly performed abdominal operations, and general surgeons realized technology was now an important part of most surgical procedures. By 2000, SAGES had become the absolute and clear leader in surgeon's eyes as characterizing this embracement of technology and its importance.

At the start of the 21st century, the leadership of SAGES had the wisdom to understand that SAGES' unique position as the leader in advanced surgical technology also conferred on it the obligation to maintain a leadership position in surgical education and research. The formation of the SAGES Education & Research Foundation facilitated the ability of SAGES to combine the power of member and industry support for the common goal of supporting high quality educational and research projects. I am quite pleased to confirm today that the vision of those leaders has been realized. The Foundation has been remarkably successful by virtually achieving its initial fundraising goals (\$10 million in donations and pledges) in its first decade. Our newly established goals for the next decade are to repeat the same level of support, allowing twice the level of sponsorship of major projects (which was over \$330,000 this year).

To date, the Foundation has supported the development of one of the key metrics for laparoscopic surgery, the FLS program. This program, now required of all graduating residents, exemplifies what can be done when the expertise of SAGES members is combined with the financial support of industry partners.

The Foundation continues to support many other important efforts. The Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery (FES) program plans to duplicate for flexible endoscopy what FLS has done for laparoscopic surgery. The Global Initiative Project for MIS surgery, MIS trainers for neonatal surgery, and research projects including individual research grants, a Career Development Award, a Career Development Seminar, and support for the COST II study were all funded projects this year. The Foundation also sponsors important awards, such as the Jeffrey L. Ponsky Master Educator Award.

New initiatives we will support this year include five sessions of a weekly NPR radio talk show entitled "The Recovery Room" hosted by Dr. Rick Greene. Broadcasts topics will focus on the importance of MIS and endoscopic procedures in patient care. The Margret Oddsdottir Traveling Fellowship will annually support an individual to attend future SAGES meetings.

Finally, and most importantly, this year the Foundation will be a Diamond Level Sponsor for the World Congress meeting in Washington. This sponsorship **directly benefits** all members of SAGES attending this year's meeting.

Thus far, our industry partners have realized the vision and value of the Foundation, as have many of our SAGES members. I encourage all of you to **rethink what SAGES has meant to your professional careers**, and consider giving back the corresponding **significant** support to propel the Foundation on its way to our new goals. With your support, we can achieve great things. I hope to see you all in Washington for the World Congress.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce Schirmer".

Bruce Schirmer, M.D., SAGES Foundation President



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DR. CAROL SCOTT-CONNER TO RECEIVE PONSKY EDUCATOR AWARD



We are pleased to announce that Carol Scott-Conner, MD, PhD, MBA, has been selected to receive the Jeffrey L. Ponsky Master Educator in Endoscopy Award at the SAGES Foundation Awards Luncheon during the 12th World Congress of Surgical Endoscopy.

The Ponsky Flexible Endoscopy Research Fund was established by the Foundation in 2007 as a tribute to Dr. Jeffrey Ponsky for his outstanding contributions to endoscopy and surgical education, and also as a demonstration of gratitude for his profound influence in so many careers. The Master Educator award recognizes a distinguished SAGES leader who exemplifies Dr. Ponsky's visionary leadership spirit and his dedication to the development and teaching of surgical endoscopy.

Dr. Scott-Conner's lifelong commitment to education and research, and her trailblazing achievements as a scholar and surgeon, embody the qualities that define compassionate greatness. As Chair of Surgery at University of Iowa College of Medicine from 1995 through 2004, she was only the second woman to lead a surgery department at an academic medical center. Currently serving as Professor of Surgery at the University of Iowa's Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, she says, "I am a practicing academic surgeon, a surgeon who teaches others how to become a surgeon,"

She has enriched the world as a mentor to those who have been inspired and impacted by her teachings and by volumes of seminal writings, including eight medical textbooks that have been translated into at least five languages. She proudly describes her books as, "written for students of surgery at all levels from student through practitioner and emphasize surgical anatomy and careful surgical technique. The books live on beyond what you do."

Since joining SAGES in 1984, she has distinguished herself as Vice-President, a member of the SAGES Board of Governors, Chair of the Research Grants Committee, and has made an invaluable contribution as a key figure in the development and growth of the organization.

The legendary Dr. George Berci, SAGES Past President and Director Emeritus, offers the following testimonial to his esteemed colleague: "In the more than 2 decades I've known Carol Scott-Conner, my respect and admiration have grown each year. She is smart, wise (different qualities) modest, a superb surgeon and the consummate teacher. I know. I have taught with her in the O.R. and seen her on the podium. Designating her as the Jeffrey Ponsky Master Educator is absolutely an award well earned and well deserved. It has been my honor to have her as a friend and colleague"

The Awards Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 12:00 - 1:00pm at the Gaylord National Hotel near Washington, DC. If you would like to join us in celebrating Dr. Scott-Conner and the event's other honorees, please visit our website at www.sagesfoundation.org, for additional information.

Contact Jill Smith at 310-437-0544, ext. 114 or jill@sages.org.

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AN AFFORDABLE CALL TO ACTION: THE SAGES EDUCATION & RESEARCH FOUNDATION \$10 CAMPAIGN

Minimally invasive surgery has revolutionized patient care, saving patients from unnecessary trauma, reducing hospitalization time and pain. However, various funding cuts have impacted the future of surgical care. At the same time families and individuals are being asked to support a wide variety of initiatives in our communities. The reduction in resources hampers research progress in minimally invasive surgery, which is why we have developed an affordable call to action that will launch May 15th: **The SAGES Education & Research Foundation \$10 per month campaign**

SAGES has almost 6,000 members and if every member contributes \$10 per month, in addition to other long-term pledges, together we would help raise over half a million additional dollars annually to help support minimal access surgical research and education! No stamps, envelopes, check writing, or trips to the office! In the time it takes you to write a check you can set up a donation on our website. All you have to do is visit the SAGES Foundation website at www.sagesfoundation.org, click on the page that says 'I want to Donate \$10 per month to SAGES Foundation,' have your credit card in hand, and fill out the registration form! Simple as that! Just ask yourself: would I really miss that extra \$10 per month?

If you would like to learn more about the \$10 per month campaign before its launch date, May 15th, 2010, please contact the Foundation office at foundation@sages.org

PROJECT GRANTS

Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery (FES) – Continuing in the successful footsteps of the Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS) program, SAGES is developing the Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery (FES) - a medical education tool that trains surgical residents and surgeons how to perform basic gastrointestinal endoscopy.

FES is designed to address the current need for a standardized, comprehensive curriculum in basic endoscopic surgery. It also serves as an assessment tool that documents both cognitive and technical endoscopic skills. Overall, the program will cover the physiology, fundamental knowledge and technical skills required in basic endoscopic surgery of the gastrointestinal tract. The following components make up FES:

- An interactive web-based didactic curriculum including rich text and illustrations covering seven topics:
 - Technology
 - Patient Preparation
 - Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation/Monitoring/Recovery
 - Upper Endoscopy
 - Colonoscopy
 - ERCP
 - Endoscopic Therapies
- A hands-on component featuring five technical skill modules performed on a computer simulation platform
- An assessment component that will document one's cognitive knowledge and technical and psychomotor skills required in basic endoscopy

The SAGES Foundation's support of FES will be applied toward research and development costs, education consultant fees, simulator module production costs, and staff/administrative time and expenses.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Career Development Award – In 2008 the SAGES Education and Research Foundation funded the first annual Career Development Award. This award provides funding for a young surgeon or surgeon-in-training for the development of critical skills required for their academic career in gastrointestinal and endoscopic surgery. The intent of this award is to delay the start of a faculty role or ongoing residency training for supplemental training/traveling fellowship or intense research time.

This grant provides the awardee with a unique educational opportunity that would not otherwise be available. Awards are conferred on a competitive basis by submission of a grant application, which is reviewed and evaluated by the SAGES Research and Career Development Committee and approved by the Governing Board.

Congratulations to the 2008 and 2009 Recipients:

2008 Recipient: Melina Vassiliou, MD

Title: *Time to NESTLE (NOTES®, Education in Surgery, Travel and Learning Endoscopy)*

2009 Recipient: Ronan Cahill, MD

Institution: European Institute of Surgical Research and Innovation

Title: *"Assurance of Oncological Providence for Localized Resection of Early Stage Colon Cancer by Lymphatic Mapping and Sentinel Node Biopsy."*

DUMP THAT STOCK!

The majority of donors who give to the SAGES Foundation make their contributions in cash. But did you know that gifts of stocks and bonds are also accepted? Within the last two years, more and more donors have been contributing shares of stock rather than cash – a handful even donating *only* in securities. Is this an option for you?

When making gifts of securities, in addition to advancing research and education, donors may also benefit by:

- Receiving a charitable deduction for the market value of the stock;
- Reducing their estate tax, and/or;
- Capital gains tax as there is no sale of the stock.

So the next time you are thinking of selling your stocks or bonds, consider donating them instead. You might find that the future of minimally invasive surgery is a better investment! For questions on how to make stock donations, contact the office at (310) 437-0544 or foundation@sages.org.

NEW INDUSTRY PLEDGES

The SAGES Education and Research Foundation has seen a record number of industry supporters join its circle of friends in 2009. We have seen long-time sponsors return with even larger re-commitments and welcomed brand new sponsors into the fold. We are thrilled to see such a surge of support coming from industry. A great big thank you to **Lifecell (New Donor), Atrium Medical (Renewal), Olympus Medical (New Donor), Synovis Surgical Innovations (New Donor), Karl Storz Endoscopy (Renewal), Stryker Endoscopy (Renewal)** for understanding the vital role the Foundation plays in minimally invasive surgery and supporting our mission!



ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

The 2009 Awards Luncheon benefiting the SAGES Education and Research Foundation was a wonderful success, filling the banquet room with more than 200 guests and some very inspiring moment from the award honorees. Thanks to our supporters, last years Awards luncheon fulfilled expectations again and raised nearly \$40,000 for surgical research and education! In total, the awards luncheon has helped raise over \$90,000 to benefit future minimally invasive research and educational opportunities. For this, we simply cannot thank our supporters enough!

We hope to match that success again with your participation in 2010! The SAGES Education and Research Foundation's fourth annual Awards Luncheon will be held this year on April 14, 2010, between 12:00 - 1:00pm at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland (outside Washington, DC). Each year, the SAGES awards program is presented at the Awards Luncheon, which benefits the SAGES Foundation. The luncheon not only recognizes the progressive work of MIS leaders, but also provides another forum for SAGES members and industry executives to interact socially. With an expected sold out audience, we will be presenting the following awards during lunch:

- Berci Lifetime Achievement Award – Jacques Marescaux, MD**
- Distinguished Service Award – Nathaniel Soper, MD**
- Young Researcher Award – Vivian Strong, MD**
- Researcher in Training Award – Erica Moran, MD**
- Karl Storz/IRCAD Fellowship Award – Basil Yurcisin, MD**
- Jeffrey L. Ponsky Master Educator Award – Carol Scott-Conner, MD**
- Gerald Marks Rectal Cancer Award – Bastiaan Klarenbeek, MD**
- Excellence in Clinical Care Award – Paul Hansen, MD**
- Industry Research Awards**
- The SAGES Education and Research Foundation Grant Awards**

If you would like to attend the event and show your support of the honorees and the SAGES Foundation, contact the Foundation office at (310) 437-0544 ext.114 or email foundation@sages.org. Tickets are \$125 each and tables of ten are available for \$1,100. On-site registration is limited by available seating, so please register in advance. A portion of your purchase is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

On behalf of the SAGES Foundation, we would like to thank those companies who generously supported the 2009 Foundation Luncheon:



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Many SAGES Foundation donors wish to contribute more but do not consider themselves to be major donors or in any position to give "a lot" of money. But many giving options are available now that allow donors to give as generously as possible without feeling financially strapped – such as charitable remainder trusts (CRT).

CRTs are trusts that provide for two beneficiaries. The first beneficiaries are the income beneficiaries, usually yourself or a family member, who receive a set percentage of income from the trust. You and your loved ones will be taken care of for their lifetimes. When all income beneficiaries have passed, the principal of the trust will then be donated to the SAGES Foundation, the second beneficiary. Simple as that.

Those who establish a CRT receive tangible benefits such as reduced estate taxes, elimination of capital gains, and income tax deductions – all while knowing that they have full control over where their funds will be applied charitably. So the next time you are thinking about financial planning for the present and future, consider a CRT and the SAGES Foundation.

For more information, contact the office at foundation@sages.org.

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The number of people who give to the SAGES Foundation grows a little every year. In 2009, we were fortunate to not only have more supporters, but also have long-time dedicated contributors give even more. The Foundation board thanks old friends for giving or pledging again and welcomes new friends to some exciting years ahead of us!

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Boston Scientific	\$150,000
Cook Surgical	\$25,000
Ethicon Endo-Surgery	\$2,000,000
Karl Storz Endoscopy	\$1,756,000
Lexion Medical	\$15,000
LifeCell	\$15,000
Microline Pentax	\$50,000
Olympus Corporation	\$750,000
Richard Wolf Medical Instruments	\$60,000
Simbionix	\$16,000
Stryker Endoscopy	\$550,000
Synovis Surgical Innovations	\$5,000
Taut Medical Products	\$25,000
Tissue Science Laboratories	\$50,000
U.S. Surgical/Covidien	\$1,050,000
W.L. Gore & Associates	\$50,000
NDO Surgical	\$5,000
TOTAL CORPORATE PLEDGES:	\$7,328,000
Total Individual Donations & Pledges to Date:	\$1,074,825
Funds From SAGES to Date:	\$ 978,282
Events	\$ 103,950
TOTAL PLEDGED AND DONATED TO DATE:	\$9,485,057

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES

We are at 94% of our \$10,000,000 goal.

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SAGES FLS Grant	\$115,000	
	\$66,000	(2003)
	\$34,000	(2004)
	\$15,000	(2006)
SAGES Research Grant	\$180,000	
	\$15,000	(2004)
	\$30,000	(2005)
	\$15,000	(2006)
	\$40,000	(2007)
	\$60,000	(2008)
	\$20,000	(2009)
Strategic Retreat	\$ 10,000	(2004)
SAGES FES Seed Grant	\$ 57,500	
	\$ 20,000	(2005)
	\$ 37,500	(2007)
Outcomes Registry Update	\$ 40,000	
	\$ 20,000	(2005)
	\$ 20,000	(2007)
Robotics Guidelines/Consensus Conference	\$ 15,000	(2005)
Global Initiative	\$ 90,000	
	\$ 40,000	(2007)
	\$ 20,000	(2009)
	\$ 30,000	(2009)
Career Development Awards	\$ 60,000	(2008)
Flexible Endoscopy Fellows Courses	\$ 30,000	
	\$ 20,000	(2008)
	\$ 10,000	(2009)
SAGES FES Grant	\$ 84,500	
	\$ 37,500	(2005)
	\$ 47,000	(2008)
Research Grants	\$ 80,000	(2009)
	\$ 60,000	(2008)
	\$ 20,000	(2008)
Development of Minimally Invasive Pediatric Surgery		
Trainers grant returned in the amount of	\$26,118	(2007)
TOTAL FUNDED TO DATE:	\$ 762,000	

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MISSION

The mission of the SAGES Foundation is to advance endoscopic, laparoscopic, and emerging minimal access surgical methods and to maintain the highest possible quality of care by supporting reproducible scientific research, graduate and postgraduate education, and public information.

OUR PURPOSE

The SAGES Education and Research Foundation was founded to be an alternative resource for minimal access surgical research and education. Through focused grant-making, the SAGES Foundation provides institutions, physicians, fellows, and academicians with funding support to create evidence-based standards of practice, develop up-to-date training programs, and carry out long-term research that others will not fund.

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- Educational programs in minimally invasive surgical techniques and procedures
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