

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2011



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**SURGICAL EDUCATION WEEK
APDS/ARCS/ASE Annual Meeting
March 20-24, 2012
Hilton San Diego, Bay Front Hotel**

The 2012 ARCS Annual Meeting will be held in San Diego, CA.

Rising 30-stories above the edge of San Diego Bay the Hilton San Diego Bayfront hotel is downtown San Diego’s newest waterfront hotel. It is a large and beautiful 4-star hotel. Fusing a dynamic waterfront location, sun and sea-inspired design and casually sophisticated vibe, this hotel offers an immersion into the essence of the city’s unique coastal culture and lifestyle.

The hotel is adjacent to the San Diego Convention Center, across the street from PETCO Park, home of the San Diego Padres and minutes from the San Diego International Airport. It is a short walk from downtown’s Gaslamp Quarter and East Village, and many entertainment and recreational amenities as well as world-class shopping and dining.

Each room has upgraded amenities’ with a large work desk and wireless and wired high speed internet. Also in every room are plasma TVs with HDTV. The bathroom has enough vanity space to spread out and make yourself at home.

Look forward to seeing you in San Diego!.....*ARCS Executive Committee*

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Message From The President



The hustle and bustle and madness of interview season is here again. Yes, I must admit, although our lives are like the movie "Ground Hog Day", it never ceases to amaze me how interview season creeps up on me. Hopefully, you will be able to take a moment from applications, invitations, confirmations, meet and greets, interviews, and, oh yeah, the holidays, to just sit back, breath and read our Newsletter.

The ARCS Executive Committee has been working tirelessly throughout the year trying our best to create an informative and educational conference in San Diego. Our most recent planning session was in San Francisco in conjunction with the American College of Surgeons' 97th Annual Clinical Congress. What a great committee!!! Although we have been working short-handed for the past 2 years, we managed to accomplish all of our goals. Thank you to each member of my committee!

The Executive Committee once again presented at the ACS Clinical Congress. Lillian Figueroa did a wonderful job in coordinating the session, "Interviewing, Selecting and Preparing for Surgery Residency: A Special Program for Medical Students." A special thank you to Kim Agretto who began this wonderful tradition several years ago.

Stephanie Rowe has been our ARCS representative for SCORE and Linda Shaffer has been our ARCS representative on the APDS Program Committee. I am proud of the accomplishments ARCS has made, especially of our relationship with the APDS and the ACS. At the same time, I am mindful that we must continue to improve and strive for continued excellence. With this thought in mind, the Executive Committee reviewed all of the evaluations from our Boston meeting as well as the report from the Curriculum Committee. The suggestions and recommendations we receive from these sources are invaluable.

We received an overwhelming number of excellent abstracts and it was truly hard to choose which presentations to accept, but by the end of our 2 ½ days of meetings, we were able to come up with a spectacular program. We believe that you will not be disappointed with our choices.

At our 2012 conference, we will have five Professional Development Sessions, including a well needed presentation on "Professional Burnout". We will again have speakers from the NRMP and ACS Fundamentals of Surgery. Our New Coordinators Workshop will be held on Monday, March 19, 2012 in two, 2 ½ hour sessions separated by a lunch, thus alleviating the information overload and boredom that comes from 5 continuous hours of lectures.

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ARCS registration will open on Monday, March 19, 2012 at 9:30 AM followed by our New Coordinators Workshop which will begin at 11:00 AM and adjourn at 5 PM. The Association of Residency Coordinators in Surgery will run a full conference agenda beginning on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 7 AM and ending on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at noon. I am extremely happy to report that the Executive Committee received an abundance of applications to join the committee and we are thrilled with our choices. The 2012 Executive Committee will once again have a full complement of members.

In keeping up with Sandy DelCoglin's special awards, this year we will have a door prize to be given out on the last day of our conference. Winner must be present to collect. We will also have a special award given to the newest coordinator.

And finally, after being on the committee for the past 5 years, I can honestly say that I have a new found respect and admiration for all of the past Steering Committee members. For all of the hard work and time consumption, I must admit that this has been an eye opening, gratifying and overall great experience. I feel like I have grown professionally and personally in leaps and bounds and would encourage all of you to be part of the committee.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in March. Until then, wishing all of you a happy, healthy and prosperous holiday season and a successful Match! If you have any questions, suggestions or require further information, please feel free to contact me at donna.guinto@jefferson.edu.



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97th ACS Clinical Congress October 24, 2011

INTERVIEWING, SELECTING, AND PREPARING FOR SURGERY RESIDENCY: A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS



Residency program administrators, program directors, and surgical residents presented a special program to prepare medical students for mastering the interview process. The course covered surgical residency programs: community vs. university, resident characteristics, work hour requirements, researching programs prior to interview, the interview process, interview questions – first and lasting impressions, and professionalism. An overview of the NRMP guidelines, Residency Advisory program, and how to prepare the NRMP list were discussed. In addition, surgical skills for residency training was presented. Students had the opportunity to hear the experiences of a PGY-2 resident and two graduate chief residents discuss balancing being a spouse and surgical resident. The presentation concluded with a question-and-answer session.

The ARCS Executive Committee participated in the presentation and was responsible for the distribution and collection of the evaluations. An average of 180 students attended the session and the feedback results were very positive. The following is a list of the presenters and panelists:

- Mary Burda, Toledo, OH
- Sandy DelCoglin, C-TAGME, Newark, DE
- Lillian Figueroa, C-TAGME, New Haven, CT
- Mark Friedell, MD, FACS, Orlando, FL
- Frederick Giberson, MD, FACS, Newark, DE
- Donna Guinto, C-TAGME, Philadelphia, PA
- Tahir Jamil, MD, R2 Resident, Toledo, OH
- John Kairys, MD, FACS, Philadelphia, PA
- Jennifer Knight, MD, Morgantown, WV
- Matthew Loos, MD, Morgantown, WV
- Geoffrey Nadzam, MD, FACS, New Haven, CT
- Linda Shaffer, C-TAGME, Morgantown, WV
- Kyla Terhune, MD, Nashville, TN

Stephanie Rowe, Nashville, TN—distributed/collected program evaluations.

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**97th ACS Clinical Congress
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ACS Presentation Panel

The program was sponsored by the American College of Surgeons, Association of Program Directors in Surgery, and the Association of Residency Coordinators in Surgery.

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New Coordinators Workshop

At the Executive Committee planning meeting in San Francisco, some fresh ideas surfaced. Evaluations from the past year were reviewed, and the majority of the people that attended the New Coordinators Work Shop last year wanted a longer, interactive workshop. The format this upcoming year will be a little different than past years. The New Coordinators Work Shop is scheduled for Monday, 3/19/2012 as follows:

- 11:00 am to 1:30 pm
- Lunch on your own 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
- 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

When completing the registration form, please remember to check the box on the form stating you will be attending the NCWS.



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Mentor - Mentee Program

The Mentorship Program was started a number of years ago to provide support to new coordinators of less than 3 years with more seasoned coordinators of greater than 3 years. If you are a new coordinator please join us in San Diego for the new coordinators workshop and there will be a sign up sheet at the registration table for both mentors and mentees. We encourage all seasoned coordinators to participate in this very vital support system.

Surgical Council on Resident Education – SCORE UPDATE

New to the portal is a user-friendly listing of all of the text resources, listed first by textbook, then by individual chapters licensed to SCORE. You can now easily navigate directly to the text resources, without having to access them via the modules. You can find this new feature under "text resources" on the "Other resources" area of the home page.

All of the "broad" diagnoses/conditions, "essential common" and "essential uncommon" operations are on the portal. Approximately 125 modules in the "complex" and "focused" categories are under development now and will be posted to the portal in upcoming months; these topics are generally more suitable for senior residents and should be a great addition to the portal. (Thank you to many of you PDs on this listserve who are serving as authors for these! If anyone would like to help, please send me an email!)

The patient care curriculum outline is updated for the current academic year and is accessible at "surgicalcore.org" in either PDF or Excel format. Hard copies are also being mailed from the Board office.

SCORE usage remains robust and subscription rates are high. It continues to be a work in progress, with new material being added on an ongoing basis and new improvements being planned and executed on a regular basis. Please don't hesitate to provide suggestions for improvement on the "give feedback" icon on the bottom right corner of every portal webpage, or via direct email to me.

There was a panel on "Making the Most Out of SCORE: Perspectives from General Surgery Program Directors and Residents" during the ACS Clinical Congress, Monday Oct 24, 4:15-5:45. This panel discussion allowed us to share 'best practices' with plenty of time for discussion and input from the audience.

As always, please be in touch with me if you have any questions/concerns/suggestions/desire to author for SCORE!

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - *The advancement of skills or expertise to succeed in a particular profession, esp. through professional associations.*

It is ARCS's goal to increase competence, performance, improve and broaden the coordinator's knowledge and skills and develop the personal qualities required in their professional lives.

The following Professional Development lectures are scheduled for the spring meeting in San Diego, CA.

- Professional Burn Out
- Utilizing a Team Approach to Manage Multiple Specialties
- The Coordinators as Educators: Breaking the Barriers
- How to Develop an Effective Evaluation
- Job or Career

Each Professional Development lecture will require you to sign an attendance sheet and complete an evaluation with your name and address. Certificates will only be sent to attendees that have attended the lecture/s and completed an evaluation.

The Professional Development lectures can be used toward initial certification or as part of the requirements of continued certification for TAGME. (Keep your certificate in a safe place as you are required to submit a copy for certification).

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Are you a member of ARCS?

The Association of Residency Coordinators in Surgery (ARCS) is a professional organization established as an educational resource, a method for encouraging the exchange of ideas, and a support network for persons in the position of managing surgery residency programs. ARCS is supported by the Association of Program Directors in Surgery (APDS). To become a member of ARCS, you must be an Associate Member of the APDS.

To apply for membership the process is simple. The application is available online at the APDS/ARCS website www.apds/arcs.org. Requirements are a letter of support from your Program Director and a copy of your curriculum vitae. All documents must be submitted to:

APDS/ARCS Headquarters Office
6400 Goldsboro Road, Suite 450
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Please join us welcoming the following new members of ARCS. The following coordinators were approved for membership at the October 2011 American College of Surgeons Meeting in San Francisco.

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TAGME UPDATE:

The TAGME Spring Assessment is just around the corner. The application window for the Spring assessment closes Wednesday, November 30, 2011.

If you are planning to sit for certification please go to the TAGME website at www.tagme.org for information and application materials.

Spring assessments sites are posted on the TAGME website main page. Please note that not all assessment sites are "Open" sites.

National Board of Certification

Training Administrators of Graduate Medical Education

THE ARCS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKED VERY HARD IN SAN FRANCISCO, CA TO PUT TOGETHER AN APPEALING AND MOTIVATING PROGRAM FOR THE UPCOMING 2012 MEETING!

We hope that you will be able to join us in San Diego, California. We also want to wish all of you a happy and safe holiday season! Stay warm and we look forward to seeing you in the spring.

