



STSA News

FALL 2009

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHERN THORACIC SURGICAL ASSOCIATION

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

2

56th Annual Meeting
Guest Speakers

Annual Meeting Highlights

3

Annual Meeting
Schedule of Events

4

Bylaws Revision to be Presented
at Annual Business Meeting

Special Thanks to STSA
Corporate Supporters

INCLUDED IN THIS MAILING

56th Annual Meeting
Registration Form

Annual Business Meeting
Announcement and
Proposed Bylaws Changes

**Register for the
STSA 56th Annual
Meeting by
October 9, 2009
to avoid on-site
registration fees**

Letter from the President

It won't be long until it will be time for us to meet in Marco Island for our 56th Annual Meeting. I invite you to register for this great meeting, if you have not yet done so. The meeting this year promises to be another exceptional educational event. Be sure to arrange your travel for arrival in Marco Island by Wednesday November 4th when the meeting will kick-off with the Surgical Motion Pictures at 8 p.m.



Michael J. Mack, MD

The Postgraduate Program on Thursday morning is an outstanding program with separate sessions for congenital, adult cardiac and general thoracic followed by the acclaimed pro-con debates. The Postgraduate Program will conclude with a timely talk by Edward Verrier, MD, Director of the Joint Council on Thoracic Surgery Education, on how the practicing cardiothoracic surgeon can stay current through training in new technology.

Your Program Committee, chaired by John Ikonomidis, MD and Bryan Meyers, MD, have assembled an outstanding scientific program that includes a great lineup of topics and speakers. The Scientific Sessions will again feature cardiac, thoracic, and congenital breakout sessions on Friday afternoon, and—new this year—transplant, cardiac, and thoracic breakouts on Saturday morning. All sessions have been scheduled to allow plenty of opportunities for thoughtful discussion.

I am especially pleased to announce that Friedrich Mohr, Chairman of the Heart Center Leipzig University, of Leipzig, Germany has accepted my invitation to be this year's President's Invited Speaker. He will also be speaking during the Postgraduate Program on the results of the Syntax Trial. I think he will have some important insights to offer. Irving Kron, MD has agreed to give the Kent Trinkle lecture this year. Irv has a great deal to share regarding resident training at the University of Virginia that, especially in these challenging times, I'm sure will be beneficial to us all. My presidential address, *Excellence and Innovation: Surgical Imperatives*, will conclude the Friday morning session.

New this year, there will be a History Paper presented by Dr. Fred Crawford titled, *Horace Smithy – Pioneer Heart Surgeon*. This inaugural presentation will take place Saturday morning and should not be missed. Other meeting highlights include the Coding Update for 2010 and an Ethics Debate moderated by Dr. Robert Sade where Drs. Anthony Estrera and John Ikonomidis will debate whether the impending loss of insurance coverage is an indication to proceed with complex, expensive surgery. An outline of the 56th Annual Meeting Program is included on page 3 of this Newsletter. I am confident you will find many important sessions relevant to your patients and practice.

There will also be time to enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship that is such a big part of the STSA Annual Meeting experience. Be sure to register in advance for the always popular golf, fishing, and tennis tournaments on Saturday afternoon and I encourage everyone to attend the grand finale of the Annual Meeting—the Awards Dinner and Dance on Saturday evening. You will not want to miss this fun-filled event.

To download a meeting registration form and to secure hotel reservations, visit the STSA Web site at www.stsa.org. Don't forget, the deadline for registration is October 9, 2009, so please send in your forms today.

I look forward to an outstanding 56th Annual Meeting and spending time with you and our colleagues as we enjoy the fellowship and education of the STSA.

Mike

See you in Marco Island!

Guest Speakers



Friedrich Mohr, MD

Friedrich Mohr, MD, a distinguished surgeon from Leipzig Germany, will be the President's Invited Lecturer at the STSA 56th Annual Meeting. Dr. Mohr began his training at the University of Bonn in 1978 and obtained his PhD in Cardiovascular Surgery in 1988. He became

co-director of Cardiovascular Surgery in 1989 and Associate Professor in Cardiovascular Surgery, Georg August University Göttingen, in 1990. In 1994 he was appointed as Professor and Chairman of Cardiac Surgery, University Leipzig and is currently also the Medical Director of the Heart Center. He is a member of multiple international societies and serves on Editorial Boards of several prestigious medical journals. Dr. Mohr will deliver the President's Invited Lecture on Friday morning, November 6 at 10:30a.m.



Irving L. Kron, MD

Each year, in honor of Dr. J. Kent Trinkle's remarkable dedication to student education, an STSA member is selected to describe his or her training program. This year's Kent Trinkle Lecture will be given by **Irving L. Kron, MD**, Professor of Surgery and Chair of the Department of Surgery

at the University of Virginia Health System. Dr. Kron's lecture will provide attendees with the opportunity to learn about his innovations in resident training and should not be missed. He will speak Friday morning, November 6 just before Dr. Michael Mack's Presidential Address.

STSA 56th Annual Meeting Join us in Marco Island!

November 4-7, 2009

Marco Island Marriot Beach Resort

2009 Annual Meeting Highlights

- * Adult Cardiac, General Thoracic, Congenital and Transplant Breakout Sessions
- * Presidential Address by Michael J. Mack, MD:
Excellence and Innovation: Surgical Imperatives
- * Postgraduate Special Session on Retraining in New Technology by Edward Verrier, MD, Director of the Joint Council on Thoracic Surgery Education
- * Coding Session for 2010
- * Ethics Debate: *Is the Impending Loss of Insurance Coverage an Indication to Proceed with Complex, Expensive Surgery?*
- * History Paper presented by Fred Crawford, MD:
Horace Smithy – Pioneer Heart Surgeon
- * President's Invited Lecture by Friedrich Mohr, MD
- * Newly renovated Marco Island Marriott, located right on the beach and offering a wide range of activities for the whole family
- * Golf, Fishing and Tennis Tournaments
- * STSA Annual Awards Dinner and Dance

Experience the rigorous scientific educational programming and the distinctive camaraderie that make the STSA Annual Meeting unique.

Review a detailed program and register online at www.stsa.org, or complete the enclosed registration form. Be sure to register by October 9, 2009.

Please note that there will be an additional \$50 charge for attendees registering on-site.

Activities and Entertainment

There are activities for the whole family at the Marco Island Beach Resort and plenty of opportunities to enjoy the resort's white sand beaches and tropical gulf breezes. The resort's beautiful pool and beach-front location provide numerous options for water sports and relaxation. From "dive-in movies," to scuba diving, to sailing and more, there are endless options for water enthusiasts. Shelling tours, tennis clinics, yoga, and family waterside bingo are just a few of the other activities available to guests at the Marco Island Beach Resort. The

resort's spa is a luxurious and tranquil setting surrounded by beautiful beaches and the peaceful waters of Florida's Gulf Coast. The spa features various pampering treatments, as well as state-of-the-art fitness facilities, and salon services. The resort is also home to one of southwestern Florida's most acclaimed golf courses. The Rookery was designed by Robert Cupp, Jr. and features a blend of native topography and natural water hazards that golfers of all skill levels will appreciate. Begin planning your fun-filled trip to Marco Island with your family today!

Schedule of Events

The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The STSA designates this activity for a maximum of 19.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration
8:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. Surgical Motion Pictures

Thursday, November 5, 2009

6:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
6:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Postgraduate Breakouts:
Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, General Thoracic and Congenital Breakouts
8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Break
8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Postgraduate Pro/Con Debates
10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Postgraduate Special Session:
How Does the Practicing Surgeon Get Retrained in New Technology?
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Break
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Scientific Session A
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break & Visit Exhibits
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. First Scientific Session B

Friday, November 6, 2009

6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration
6:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m. Basic Science Forum
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Second Scientific Session
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break & Visit Exhibits
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. President's Invited Lecturer:
*Friedrich Mohr, MD
Leipzig, Germany*
11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Kent Trinkle Education Lectureship:
*Irving Kron, MD
University of Virginia*
11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Presidential Address:
*Michael J. Mack, MD
Excellence and Innovation:
Surgical Imperatives*

12:00 p.m. All Attendee Luncheon
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Dessert Served in the Exhibit Hall
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Third Scientific Session A:
Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, General Thoracic and Congenital Breakouts
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Break & Visit Exhibits
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Third Scientific Session B:
Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, General Thoracic and Congenital Breakouts
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. STSA Business Meeting:
STSA Members Only
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *President's Mixer

Saturday, November 7, 2009

6:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Registration
6:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall
7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Coding Update: *Update on CPT and Physician Payment Issues for 2010*
7:50 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. Ethics Forum: *Impending Loss of Insurance Coverage is an Indication to Proceed with Complex, Expensive Surgery*
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Fourth Scientific Session A:
Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, General Thoracic and Transplant Breakouts
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break & Visit Exhibits
10:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. History Presentation: *Horace Smithy – Pioneer Heart Surgeon*
10:50 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. Fourth Scientific Session B
11:50 a.m. Program Adjourns
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. *Fishing, Golf and Tennis Tournaments
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. *Awards Reception, Dinner, and Dance

* Ticketed Event

New in 2009, an invited History Paper will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Many excellent papers were submitted and Dr. Fred Crawford's paper titled, *Horace Smithy – Pioneer Heart Surgeon*, was selected for the inaugural presentation. Dr. Crawford will present his paper on Saturday at 10:30a.m. in Marco Island.



STSA extends special THANKS to 56th Annual Meeting Corporate Supporters!

Be sure to visit our corporate supporters in the STSA Exhibit Hall at the Annual Meeting.

Gold Supporters

Medtronic | *Visit Booth 205*



St. Jude Medical | *Visit Booth 301-303*



Silver Supporters

Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc. | *Visit Booth 100*



Maquet Cardiovascular | *Visit Booth 201*



Bylaws Revision to be presented at STSA Annual Business Meeting in Marco Island on Friday, November 6.

The Annual Business Meeting will be held from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Islands A-D, in Marco Island, FL. Members will hear reports and updates from Committee Chairs. Included in the reports will be the Nominating Committee's presentation of a slate of candidates to fill upcoming 2009-2010 leadership positions. Additionally, the Membership Committee will present for election a list of candidates to become new members of STSA. Members attending their first Annual Meeting will also be recognized and presented with a membership certificate. Please note that the Annual Business Meeting is open to STSA members only.

Additionally, two important revisions to STSA Bylaws will be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting this year. The STSA Council recently approved, for consideration of the membership, new language that would allow applicants who have completed a thoracic or cardiovascular research or clinical fellowship in an STSA state or region for at least twelve consecutive months to be eligible for membership.

A second proposed revision would allow the Membership Committee and Council to recommend acceptance of individuals who, despite not meeting membership criteria regarding training, practice, or research in the STSA region, have demonstrated significant involvement with the organization through their participation in the annual meeting, contributions to the scientific program, and service to the organization. After receiving approval by the Membership Committee and the Council, active membership would be contingent upon election by the membership at an annual meeting. These revisions would open membership to a small number of individuals who had formerly not been eligible.

Please refer to the enclosed STSA News insert to read the specific changes being voted on. **Be sure to attend the Business Meeting (members only) on Friday, November 6 at 5:00 pm to cast your vote.**

The Official Newsletter of the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association

633 N. St. Clair Street – Suite 2320
Chicago, IL 60611

Ph: 312/202-5892 — 800/685-STSA (7872)

Fax: 312/202-5829

Email: stsa@stsa.org

Web site: www.stsa.org

STSA News is published twice annually for members of the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association.

Comments may be referred to STSA via stsa@stsa.org.

©STSA 2009.

PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
MICHIGAN CITY, IN
PERMIT NO. 57