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HIGHLIGHTER

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The President's Corner

Dear Colleagues,

My election as President of the New England Section of the American Urological Association has been one of the highlights of my urologic career. My move to Boston in 1979, although serendipitous, was due to the efforts of two individuals to whom I am forever thankful. The late Edwin M. Meares, Jr., M.D., Chair of Urology at Tufts University School of Medicine and my friend, John A. Heaney, M.D., (Past President, NEAUA), then also at Tufts, both gave me the opportunity to pursue urologic residency training in Boston. John and I have long professional and academic associations as fellow graduates of the School of Medicine, Trinity College, Dublin University in Ireland, faculty at Tufts and holders of the Presidential Office of the NEAUA.

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From the Secretary

Our goal in the past year has been to provide more services to the members of the Section. Several initiatives have been undertaken to achieve this goal. Seven regional "town meetings" have been completed. Please see page 7 of this issue of the Highlighter for a review of the topics that were presented and the success of these meetings. We ask that you send suggestions for future topics to the NE AUA Office (E-Mail: neaua@prri.com)

We have also organized the Section website to transmit information more conveniently and quickly to the membership. We urge you to visit the website at www.auanet.org/NewEngland. We are currently updating the postal and e-mail addresses of section members. This updated address list will be mailed to all members.

We have also started a "Job Postings" section in the Highlighter, which is free of charge to all Section members. We invite any members either offering or seeking urologic positions to contact Lorraine O'Grady (978-927-8330 or lorraine@prri.com) at the Section's office to place your ad in the next issue.

The Highlighter has been expanded to 4 issues per year. If you have any topics that you would like covered in future issues, please contact me at (617) 732-6326 or KLOUGHLIN@PARTNERS.ORG.

Finally, Dr. Sant and the scientific committee have planned a very exciting annual meeting in the beautiful Laurentian region of Quebec. All Section members are encouraged to attend and the utilize the travel information provided on page 5.) We all look forward to a great meeting in Quebec.

Kevin R. Loughlin, M.D.

2003 Annual Meeting

September 11th -14th / Fairmont Tremblant Hotel
Quebec, Canada

For additional information, visit the NE-AUA website:

www.auanet.org/NewEngland

NEW ENGLAND SECTION of the AMERICAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Highlights of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, March 15, 2003

Report of the President

Dr. Sant welcomed Dr. Brendan M. Fox, Section designee for President-Elect of the American Urological Association in 2003 and an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. Dr. Sant reported that Dr. Arthur Smith of New York had accepted his invitation to serve as the 2003 Leadbetter Lecturer, and Dr. Raja Khauli of Lebanon will be a guest speaker.

Discussion regarding the proposed Resident Travel Grants, offered for the first time in 2003, resulted in the need for a distribution plan, and a committee was organized to formalize application criteria and guidelines.

Report of the Secretary

Current membership statistics: 344 Active, 177 Senior, 45 Associate, 2 Honorary, 13 Affiliate and 57 Candidate members for a total of 638 members. Requests for transfer into the New England Section:

J. Keith Bleiler, MD
Falmouth, Massachusetts
Jodi K. Maranchie, MD
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dr. Loughlin reported on several initiatives taken to enhance the benefits of membership in the New England Section. The first was the expansion of the Section Newsletter from 2 to 4 issues. The two additional issues will focus on practice-based articles rather than on Section news, and all newsletters will contain a calendar of upcoming urologic events and meetings, as well as job listings.

Dr. Loughlin reported on the 2003 Town Meetings, yet another way that the Section provided value to the members. Holding these meetings within each state allows the organizers to tailor the meeting to matters of local interest. Following each Town Meeting, attendees have been e-mailed a survey asking them to rate the program, the speaker, and give their opinion of the Town Meeting initiative and recommendations for future topics. The January 21st Town Meeting held in Newton had been very well received.

The Section has secured a \$20,000 grant from Bayer Corporation for the publication of the New England Section history and the publication parameters will be revised to produce the history within this budget. Board members congratulated Dr. Loughlin on his efforts and thanked Historian Dr. Peter Albertsen for his offer of assistance to Dr. Loughlin.

Report of the Treasurer

Total assets of the Section were recorded at \$667,341. On the Income Statement, receipts for the year totaled \$389,731, versus disbursements of \$266,797, for a net surplus of \$122,934.

Reports of Representatives to the AUA

AUA Audio Visual Committee

There was a significant increase in the number of audio-visual abstracts submitted for consideration at the AUA Annual Meeting.

AUA Board of Directors

Dr. Roth summarized highlights of the Board's February 2003 meeting including the new AUA Building and the benefits that members would receive from the increased space and efficiency of the new facility. He reported that the AUA's Socioeconomic program remained strong, and that AUA legal staff was monitoring a number of ongoing issues such as the Young Antitrust claim against the ACGME, as well as the TAP Pharmaceuticals investigation. The AUA has begun to explore its relationship with AFUD, as concerns had been raised that AFUD was not providing sufficient feedback to the AUA given its participation.

AUA By-Laws Committee

Dr. David Green summarized recommended changes to the AUA By-Laws. The "stately minuet" rotation of officers being chosen by the Sections had finally been codified in the By-Laws, and the most significant change involved provisions that had been enacted to prevent floor presentation of a rogue candidate at the AUA Annual Business Meeting. The AUA Nominating Committee will now have the advance authority to accept or reject the officer nominee from the Section, and that nominee will be presented as part of the Nominating Committee's report when presented for ratification at the AUA's Annual Business Meeting.

AUA Journal of Urology Editorial Board

Dr. Loughlin indicated a continuing decrease in lag time between submission of a manuscript to the Journal of Urology and disposition, as well as between acceptance and publication. He also indicated that the blinded review issue was effectively dead, as both the Journal Editor and the AUA President believe that unblinded manuscripts are the better format.

AUA Investment Committee

Dr. Eyre indicated that the AUA employee retirement fund accounts were now fully divested and under separate management, that the jury was still out on the performance of the new investment company, and that the AUA was continuing to look at various methods of diversification.

Section Committee Reports

Long Range Planning Committee

The Committee recommended the appointment of an ad hoc Investment Review Committee to establish investment guidelines for the Section and to create an educational endowment fund to support residency programs and the educational activities of the membership. The Committee was subsequently asked to make specific recommendations with regard to potential uses of Section funds in enhancing the educational mission of the Section.

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Highlights of the Meeting

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Residents Research Committee

The Committee submitted a set of recommendations for administering the Scientific Research Awards which would be offered by the Section and which had been made possible by a grant from Yamanouchi. The Board agreed that the research funds should not be exclusively available to young academic researchers and that the Section should consider a practicing urologist award as well.

Local Arrangements Committee

The Section is planning to hold the Board/Past Presidents' Dinner offsite at a restaurant in Mont Tremblant and is investigating various venues for the Friday evening Attendee Reception.

Scientific Program Committee

Dr. Roth noted that the 2002 Annual Meeting had been one of the Section's finest programs in years and that great effort should be made to keep up the standard for coming meetings.

Socioeconomics Committee

Board members reviewed a series of emails between Dr. Jeffrey Dann, Chair of the Socioeconomics Committee, Dr. Sant and Dr. Ralph Blair of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care regarding an article in Boston magazine regarding outcomes of radical prostatectomy surgeries at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. It was agreed that a response to the article was warranted and the Section will ask the AUA to review the issue, particularly as the AUA had a stated goal of working toward an educated patient population. Dr. Sant will work with Drs. Green and Roth in preparing a letter to present to the AUA.

Recommendations to AUA Residents Committee

The Section had been asked by the AUA to name a representative and an alternate to the newly established AUA Residents Committee. It was agreed that the offer will be communicated to all Program Directors in the Section so that they could recommend potential residents; Dr. Sant and Dr. Martyn Vickers will then confer to make final recommendations.

The NE AUA Administrative Office Has Moved!

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E-mail addresses remain the same. Please make a note and pass this along to your secretaries, assistants, and any other personnel who may have reason to contact the office.

JOB POSTINGS



Connecticut

Busy four-person urology group in Southern Connecticut seeking a new associate. Practice associated with academic medical center and a community teaching hospital. Competitive compensation package and early partnership opportunity. Send CV to: Urology Group, PC, 874 Howard Avenue, New Haven, CT 06519

If you have a position to fill, are looking for an associate, or are interested in a urology position, you can take advantage of this service and reach your colleagues throughout the region. And remember, the newsletter is also posted on the NEW ENGLAND AUA website: www.auanet.org/NewEngland for increased exposure. Please e-mail your "classified ad" to: Lorraine O'Grady / lorraine@prri.com

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11-14, 2003 • FAIRMONT TREMBLANT, MONT TREMBLANT, CANADA

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 22ND, 2003

REGISTER On-Line at the NE-AUA website: www.auanet.org/NewEngland

Session I: ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION AND INFERTILITY

Moderators: Irwin Goldstein, MD and Mark Sigman, MD
This session is supported through an unrestricted educational grant provided by Lilly Icos

Session II: PEDIATRICS

Moderators: Pamela Ellsworth, MD and Fernando A. Ferrer, MD

Session III: PROSTATE

Moderators: Richard K. Babayan, MD and Liam J. Hurley, MD

Session IV: BLADDER/KIDNEY

Moderators: Harris E. Foster, Jr., MD and John J. Smith, MD
This session is supported through an unrestricted educational grant provided by Pharmacia

Session V: LAPAROSCOPY (Part 1)

Moderators: Gennaro A. Carpinito, MD and Raja B. Khauli, MD

Session VI: LAPAROSCOPY (Part 2)

SPEAKERS

WYLAND F. LEADBETTER MEMORIAL LECTURER

"Urologic Surgery in the 21st Century-
Endourology and Laparoscopy"

Arthur D. Smith, MD

Professor and Chair, Department of Urology
Long Island Jewish Medical Center
New Hyde Park, NY

What the Urologist Needs to Know about PDE 5 Inhibitors for the Treatment of ED: Facts and Fiction

Irwin Goldstein, MD, Boston, Massachusetts

This speaker is supported through an unrestricted educational grant provided by Bayer

BPH TREATMENT GUIDELINES

Richard K. Babayan, MD, Boston, Massachusetts

This speaker is supported through an unrestricted educational grant provided by Merck

LHRH Reimbursement: AUA Update

William Gee, MD, Lexington, Kentucky

Contrast Enhanced Prostate Biopsy

Leonard Gomella, MD

Professor and Chairman, Department of Urology
Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA

Evolution of Laparoscopic Urologic Surgery Overseas - Lessons Learned and Future Directions"

Raja B. Khauli, MD
Beirut, Lebanon

IPANEL: Unusual Cases, Problems and Solutions

Moderator: Arthur D. Smith, MD
Panel: Peter N. Tiffany, MD, Brian Saltzman, MD

Poster Session 1: Friday, September 12

BASIC SCIENCE – BLADDER

Poster Session 2: Saturday, September 13

BASIC SCIENCE – MISCELLANEOUS

SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

Industry-Sponsored Breakfast Symposia

Friday, September 12, 2003 - 6:30 a.m.

BPH and LUTS: Alphabet Soup or Real Concerns for Aging Men

Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim

Saturday, September 13, 2003 - 6:30 a.m.

Sponsored by Aventis

Saturday, September 13, 2003 - 6:30 a.m.

Sponsored by Eli Lilly / Boehringer Ingelheim

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, September 12th – 1:00 pm

\$120.00 pp (Includes Green Fees, Golf Cart, Shuttle Service & Boxed Lunch) Golf Clubs & Shoe Rentals are not included but can be arranged. Registration Required.

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Shuttle Information

NOTE: The information which appeared in the recent preliminary program is incorrect.

Shuttle Service to and from Montreal's Dorval International Airport and the Fairmont Tremblant can be arranged through the concierge desk at the hotel. Contact Christian Gagnon @ 819-681-7682. **The cost is dependent on the number of persons using the service. The deadline for reservations is September 1, 2003.** The shuttle fee is non-refundable unless cancelled 7 days prior to your arrival.

EXCHANGE RATE

As of 7/31/03, the US dollar was worth \$1.40.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Hartford, Connecticut

(Estimated Driving Time: 7 hours and 30 minutes)

Take 91N to Lebanon, NH. Pick up 89N to the Canadian Border

From Portland, Maine

(Estimated Driving Time: 7 hours)

Take Rt. 302 across to North Conway, NH. Pick up Route 93N in Franconia Notch, NH. Pick up Route 2 West in St. Johnsbury, VT to Mt. Pelier. Pick up 89N to the Canadian Border.

From Boston, Massachusetts

(Estimated Driving Time: 7 hours)

Take 93N to 89N to the Canadian Border.

From Salem, New Hampshire

(Estimated Driving Time: 7 hours)

Take 93N to Concord. Pick up 89N to the Canadian Border.

From Providence, Rhode Island

(Estimated Driving Time: 8 hours)

Take 95N to 495N to 93N to 89N to the Canadian Border.

From Burlington, Vermont

(Estimated Driving Time: 3 hours and 30 minutes)

Take 89N to the Canadian Border.

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(list current as of July 31, 2003)

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

LINDSEY A. KERR, M.D., director of the Vermont Continence Center at Green Mountain Urology in Colchester, Vt., has been elected as a new member of the Society for Women's Health Research's Board of Directors. The Society is the nation's only non-profit advocacy group whose sole mission is to improve the health of women through research.

Kerr brings leadership experience to her new position; she is a current board member and a past national spokesperson for the National Association for Continence, and is a past-president of the Society of Women in Urology. She also is a member of the American Association of Clinical Urologists and the American Urological Association.

Her research includes work in the areas of urinary incontinence, interstitial cystitis, and differences between men and women with bladder cancer. She currently is a co-investigator of a National Institutes of Health-funded research project focusing on the biological and familial aspects of urinary incontinence.

PAMELA I. ELLSWORTH, M.D., has been appointed as Chief of Urology in the Department of Surgery at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. She will continue to serve as Director of Pediatric Urology.

WILLIAM BIHRLE, III, M.D., formerly of the Lahey Clinic, has accepted a position as Chief of the Urology Section at the White River Junction Veterans Administration Hospital and Associate Professor of Surgery at Dartmouth Medical School.

ALAN B. RETIK, M.D., has been named Surgeon-In-Chief at Boston Children's Hospital. He will continue as Chief of Urology at Boston Children's Hospital in addition to his new responsibilities.

MARC CENDRON, M.D., has assumed his new position as a pediatric urologist at Boston Children's Hospital. He was previously at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

MICHAEL W. McDONALD, M.D., of Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates is a Major in the U.S. Army Reserves. Mike has recently been called up to active duty. Thank you, Mike for serving our country during these perilous times.

SHAHIN TABATOBAEI, M.D., Staff Urologist at Massachusetts General Hospital was one of the lead authors of an article published in the June 19th issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. The article was entitled, "Noninvasive Detection of Clinically Occult Lymph Node Metastases in Prostate Cancer."

The President's Corner *(continued from page one)*

The 72nd Annual Meeting of the NEAUA beckons us to Mont Tremblant in Quebec, Canada. I welcome you to this exciting and scientifically invigorating meeting. Harris E. Foster, M.D. and John P. Long, M.D. (Scientific Program Committee Co-Chairs) have put together an eclectic and balanced scientific program. Arthur D. Smith, M.D., from New York will give the Annual Wyland Leadbetter Memorial Lecture entitled "Urologic Surgery in the 21st Century – Endourology and Laparoscopy", Raja B. Khaul, M.D., from Beirut, Lebanon, a former member of our Section, will give an invited lecture on "Evolution of Laparoscopic Urologic Surgery Overseas – Lessons Learned and Future Directions" and Leonard G. Gomella, M.D., from Thomas Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia will address "Contrast Enhanced Prostate Biopsy."

In addition, William Gee, M.D. will provide an AUA Update on "LHRH Reimbursements" and State-of-the-Art Lectures will be given by Section members, Irwin Goldstein, M.D. on "PDE5 Inhibitors and Erectile Dysfunction" and Richard K. Babayan, M.D., on "BPH Treatment Guidelines".

Mark K. Plante, M.D. and the Local Arrangements Committee have done a superb job in putting together an exciting social and entertainment program including golf on Friday afternoon and a "themed" outdoor reception on Friday evening. The Annual Banquet on Saturday evening will be complimented by a special modern dance performance by the Eliza Miller Dance Company from New York.

We are also honored to have with us in Quebec, our own Brendan M. Fox, M.D., President-Elect, AUA representing the AUA and Peter Giusti, M.D., (Executive Director, AFUD) representing the American Foundation for Urologic Diseases (AFUD).

Again this year, there is a full complement of corporate sponsors and exhibitors. Aurelie Alger, J.D., Executive Director, NEAUA and her staff have done an outstanding job in organizing this meeting and arranging corporate sponsorships. We thank our sponsors for

their continued support.

My wife Kathleen and I look forward to seeing you in Mont Tremblant, Quebec for the 72nd Annual Meeting, September 11-14, 2003.

Grannum R. Sant, M.D.

TOWN MEETINGS: A Success

In an effort to increase the value of membership in the New England Section and to reach out to all members of the Section, the New England Section's Board of Directors developed and hosted a series of Town Meetings. These meetings focused on a particular topic and were held throughout the winter and spring in various cities across the Section

"We were extremely pleased with the reaction to the Town Meeting initiative," said Kevin Loughlin, MD, NE-AUA Secretary. "We had hoped that this would bring members together and provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas. And the members around the Section really responded." More than 100 members attended the series of 7 meetings. "The feedback we received was very positive and we received a number of great ideas for future meetings. The Board is looking forward to continuing the Town Meetings in the fall," concluded Dr. Loughlin.

Several meetings focused on practice related issues, such as malpractice, coding, Medicare and insurance, while other topics focused on more scientific and clinical issues. (A complete list of topics and speakers appears at right.) Speakers were selected in each area and offered their experience and expertise to meeting attendees. We encourage your comments and recommendations for topics and speakers for the next round of Town Meetings.

"How to Avoid Being Sued For Malpractice And What To Do If You Are"

William Dailey, Esquire and John Ryan, Esquire, Boston

"New Coding Issues for 2003"

Mike Ferragamo, M.D., Clinical Urologist, Mineola, New York

"Practicing Urology in a Litigious Climate"

Seth E. Bowerman, Esquire, David E. Carroll, Esquire,
John Foley, Esquire
Providence, Rhode Island

"How to Negotiate with the Health Insurance Industry"

Michael A. LaFond, Esquire, Concord, New Hampshire

"Cryotherapy of the Kidney and Prostate"

Daniel Rukstalis, M.D., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"Federal Medicare and Tort Reform: A Policy Prospective"

House Representative Richard E. Neal, Washington, D.C.

"The Wreckage of the Medicare Fee Schedule: Financial Survival in the 21st Century"

William Gee, M.D., Lexington, Kentucky

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If any Section member has an issue he or she would like considered by the NEAUA Board of Directors for possible comment and action, please contact your state representative.

FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE NE AUA

September 11-14, 2003

Fairmont Tremblant Hotel / Quebec, Canada



The Fairmont Tremblant is located at the base of Mont Tremblant in the magnificent Laurentian region of Quebec. Embedded in the mountainside, the village of Mont Tremblant features French-inspired architecture that evokes the charm of old Quebec City, with pitched rooftops, corrugated shingles, old-fashioned chimneys and a U-shaped design opening onto a public square – a meeting place and public crossroads for the villagers.



September 8-13, 2004

Ritz Carlton Resort
Amelia Island, Florida

November 2-6, 2005

Joint Meeting with NS-AUA
The Southampton Princess
Bermuda

September 28-October 1, 2006

Rhode Island Convention
Center and the Westin Providence
Providence, Rhode Island



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