From the President

Kevin R. Loughlin, M.D.

Change—that’s a word that we have heard a lot in the last few months. The real question is what will be the character of the change or changes that appear to be coming. It certainly seems that the new President and Congress are committed to some fundamental changes in healthcare delivery. It is imperative that physicians have input into the details and mechanisms of any healthcare changes that occur, and I ask you to read Peter Tiffany’s column on page 4 of this issue of The Highlighter regarding UROPAC. UROPAC is our voice on Capitol Hill and I urge you to support UROPAC with a contribution and to attend the AACU-AUA meeting in March in Washington, D.C.

Speaking of change, there appears to be increasing pressure by insurance carriers for urologists to demonstrate “proficiency” in certain uroradiologic procedures. To anticipate this change, we are in the process of organizing a Town Meeting next month where there will be “hands on” ultrasound training with certification. In addition we are planning an ultrasound course during the annual Section meeting in Washington, D.C. in September 2009. Each course will probably only be able to accommodate 20 participants, so please register early.

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From the Secretary

E. Ann Gormley, M.D.

The 77th Annual Meeting of the New England Section of the AUA was a great success with more than 200 physicians, allied health professionals, industry supporters, spouses, and guests. The beautiful Rio Mar Beach Resort and Spa in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico was a wonderful venue and provided a relaxed environment for the meeting. The scientific program included an exceptional variety of podium and poster presentations, panels, state-of-the-art lectures, videos and invited lectures.

The program began with two concurrent AUA courses; one focused on bladder cancer and the other on an anatomic approach to prostatectomy/cystectomy. The addition of the AUA courses has become a welcomed tradition over the last several years and we hope to continue to offer these innovative sessions.

We were pleased to have Anthony Atala, M.D., from Wake Forest University School of Medicine, present the Wyland Leadbetter Lecture. Dr. Atala spoke on “Regenerative Medicine: New Approaches to Health Care.” In addition, two invited lectures rounded out the program.

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Despite the downturn in the economy, I want to assure you that the Section finances are stable. Several years ago, the Board of Directors voted to hire a professional financial manager, Joel Blau of Mediqus Asset Advisors, Inc. to serve as an advisor regarding Section finances. This move was prescient as his guidance regarding diversification of investments proved to be beneficial during this turbulent period. Our treasurer, Mark Plante, continues to work closely with Mr. Blau.

I would also like to inform you that plans are well underway for the Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. As the year progresses, we will announce the details of the scientific program and the venues for the social programs, but I ask you to mark your calendars for September 24-27, 2009 for what promises to be an enjoyable and educational meeting.

As the New Year begins, I want to wish you and your families peace and health in 2009.

--Kevin R. Loughlin, M.D., MBA
President

2008 Max K. Willscher Resident Research Award Winners

1st Place
Pierre J. Mendoza, MD
Boston Medical Center
“Age and Voiding Complications as a Function of Surgeon Experience with Holmium Laser Enucleation of the Prostate”

2nd Place
Daniel M. Kaplon, MD
The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
“A Comparison Between Anterior and Posterior Routes of Seminal Vesicle Dissection During Robotic Prostatectomy: The Posterior Approach May Shorten Operative Times in Glands Larger than 50cc”

3rd Place
Mohummad M. Siddiqui, MD
Massachusetts General Hospital
“Sensitivity of Voided Urine Cytology and CT Urography in Isolated Upper Tract Transitional Cell Carcinoma”

New Members

The following were approved for membership at the 2008 Annual Meeting

Active Membership
Sandy Mei Chin, MD
Greenwich, CT
Howard Ipanza Miller, MD
Cumberland, RI
Arthur P. Mourtzinos, MD
Burlington, MA
Joseph Frank Renzulli, II, MD
Saunderstown, RI
Andrew A. Wagner, MD
Boston, MA

Associate Membership - Fast Track
Adam B. Hittelman, MD
Hamden, CT
Edward George Myer, MD
Wethersfield, CT
Jeremy David Kaufman, MD
Trumbull, CT
Katherine S. Rhee, MD
Hartford, CT

Affiliate Membership
Sandra Marlene Gaston, PhD
Cambridge, MA

Membership Transfers
James Mandell, MD
Boston, MA (Transfer from Northeastern Section)
Ali Moinzadeh, MD
Burlington, MA (Transfer from Northeastern Section)
Vernon M. Pais, Jr., MD
Lebanon, NH (Transfer from Southeastern Section)
1. Do you realize that only 12% of urologists made a contribution to UROPAC in the 2008 election cycle?

2. Do you realize that the AACU through the State Society Network (SSN) now works with state societies like MAPU to intervene on important state/local issues?

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5. The AACU/AUA needs all of our members to contribute to UROPAC!!

We MUST do better than 12%!!
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Internationally renowned James Maas, Ph.D., from Cornell University, talked about the importance of sleep during the aptly named “Everything You Need to Know About Sleep, But Were Too Tired to Ask.” Neil Rofsky, M.D., Harvard Medical School, presented “Prostate MRI – New Techniques and New Opportunities.” State-of-the-art lectures addressed a variety of issues including BPH, issues on Capital Hill, neurogenic bladder, prostate cancer, and an update on the present state of NIH grants. Robert Eyre, M.D. focused his presidential address on “Open Radical Prostatectomy: Can it be Saved?”

Town Meetings

Our Section Town Meetings will be resuming in 2009. The first will be a unique Ultrasound Training Course which will be held in Boston on February 21, 2009. Should this program be successful, we will look toward offering a similar program at the September Annual Meeting in Washington. For more details on the Ultrasound Training Course, please visit the New England Section website, www.neaua.org. Additional Town Meetings are being planned. Announcements will be sent via e-mail.

NE AUA Awards

The New England Section was pleased to present the 2009 Practicing Urologist Research Award to Thomas Schwaab, M.D., Ph.D. from Concord Urology in Concord, New Hampshire. In addition, the Post Residency Research Grant was awarded to Richard N. Yu, M.D., from Children’s Hospital in Boston.

2009 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the 78th Annual Meeting of the New England Section of the AUA in Washington, DC. Anurag K. Das, M.D., Jim C. Hu, M.D., and Shahin Tabatabaei, M.D., Co-Chairs of the 2009 Scientific Program Committee are gearing up for September 24 - 26, 2009 and Jeffrey A. Ranta, M.D., Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee are planning a variety of activities to enhance your visit to the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, DC. Please check the NEAUA website (www.neaua.org) for updates and information on the meeting as it becomes available.