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HIGHLIGHTER

October, 2005

From the President

Peter C. Albertsen, M.D.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the New England Section of the American Urological Association, I would like to invite you to attend the 74th Annual Meeting of the Section to be held at the Fairmont Southhampton Princess Hotel in Southhampton, Bermuda from November 2-6, 2005. This year we have joined with the Northeastern Section of the AUA to create an exciting and innovative scientific and social program that will appeal to a wide audience.

This year we have modified the traditional program format to include more state of the art lectures and panel discussions. We have invited guest professors and experts from within the Sections to discuss controversial topics in several areas of urology. Dr. Freddie Hamdy, an international expert on prostate cancer from Sheffield, England, will deliver the Wyland Leadbetter Memorial lecture. Other invited speakers include Drs. Gopal Badlani from Long Island Jewish Medical Center, Michael Droller from Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City and Margaret Pearle from UT Southwestern in Dallas who will speak to us on female urology, bladder cancer and stones. Several other experts from the New England Section and the Northeastern Section will

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From the Local Arrangements Chair

William Bihrlé, M.D.

Greetings,

It's hard to believe six years have passed since the New England and Northeastern Sections joined intellectual forces on the podium, fought fiercely at the Beach Olympics, and matched wits at celebratory receptions and banquets. This November our Section returns to the pink shores of Bermuda, the newly refurbished Fairmont Princess to be exact, eager to share research and renew friendships with our Northeastern colleagues.

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From the Secretary

Kevin R. Loughlin, M.D.

The joint meeting with the Northeastern Section is all set for November 2-6, 2005. Dr. Albertsen and the Scientific Committee have put together an outstanding program and Dr. Bihrlé and the Local Arrangements Committee have organized a wonderful schedule of social functions. This is a meeting that everyone should put on their calendar.

In addition to the Section meeting in Bermuda, we are continuing to arrange town meetings throughout the Section. Dr. Harvey Fineberg of the Institute of Medicine spoke on "The Electronic Medical Record" to the Eastern Massachusetts district and Joe Olivo spoke on "The Case For Supergroups" to both the Vermont and Western Massachusetts districts. Finally, Dr. Joseph Wagner lectured on "Robotic Prostatectomy" to the Rhode Island district. We are planning on holding more town meetings in the remaining districts throughout November and December after the meeting in Bermuda. If anyone has a particular topic or speaker that they would like to hear, please let me know.

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**Northeastern & New England Sections of the American Urological Association
Joint Annual Meeting / November 2-6, 2006 / Southampton, Bermuda**

SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

SLOTKIN LECTURER

Margaret S. Pearle, MD

The Role of Diet in Calcium Stone Disease

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

WYLAND LEADBETTER LECTURER

Freddie C. Hamdy, MD

*Searching the Evidence in Prostate Cancer -
An Update from the UK*

Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, England

INVITED SPEAKERS

Gopal Badlani, MD

Use of Biomaterials in SOI/POP

Long Island Jewish Medical Center

Michael Droller, MD

*Thoughts on the practical management of high risk
"superficial" bladder cancer*

Mount Sinai Hospital

INDUSTRY SPONSORED SYMPOSIA

**Effective Treatment of Men with OAB:
Shifting the Paradigm**

Supported by a grant from Pfizer, Inc.

**Health Implications of Urogenital Disease: A Focus
on Overactive Bladder**

Supported by a grant from Ortho Women's Urology

Industry Breakfast Symposium II

Supported by a grant from Sanofi-Aventis Oncology

Clinical Effectiveness of OAB Management

Supported by a grant from Watson Pharmaceuticals

Prostate Cancer

Supported by a grant from Sanofi Oncology

POSTER SESSIONS

Prostate Cancer

Moderators: D. Robert Siemens, MD
Vincent P. Laudone, MD

Incontinence and Female Urology

Moderators: Jerzy B. Gajewski, MD
E. Ann Gormley, MD

Basic Science, Renal Cancer and Bladder Cancer

Moderators: Jonathan I. Izawa, MD
John D. Seigne, MD

Video Session I - Laparoscopy

Moderators: Anil Kapoor, MD
Ingolf A. Tuerk, MD

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

**Prostate Cancer: Laparoscopic/Robotic vs.
Observation vs. Brachytherapy**

Moderator: Peter C. Albertsen, MD

Panelists: Yves Fradet, MD
Freddie C. Hamdy, MD

Female Urology: TVT vs. TOT

Moderator: Sender Herschorn, MD

Panelists: Gopal Badlani, MD
John J. Smith, MD

Stones: Controversies in Stone Disease

Moderator: John D. Denstedt, MD

Panelists: Stephen P. Dretler, MD
Margaret S. Pearle, MD
Joseph W. Segura, MD

**BPH: Minimally Invasive Therapies vs. Medical
Therapy**

Moderator: Kevin Loughlin, MD

Panelists: Mostafa M. Elhilali, MD
Curtis J. Nickel, MD
Richard K. Babayan, MD

**Point Counter-Point Case Discussion: Renal Cell
Cancer Thermal Therapy/Cryo versus Partial vs.
Observation**

Moderator: Steven J. Shichman, MD

Panelists: Michael A. S. Jewett, MD
John A. Libertino, MD
Stephen E. Pautler, MD

**Stump the Professors:
Difficult Cases from the Community**

Gopal Badlani, MD
Michael Droller, MD
Freddie C. Hamdy, M.D
Margaret S. Pearle, MD

DEBATES

**Pediatric: Is Deflux the Appropriate Treatment
for Reflux?**

Moderator: Steven G. Docimo, MD
Pro: Antoine E. Khoury, MD
Con: David A. Diamond, MD

PODIUM PRESENTATIONS

Pediatrics

Moderators: Steven G. Docimo, MD
David A. Diamond, MD

Infertility, Impotence, BPH and Stones

Moderators: Michael E. Moran, MD
Mark K. Plante, MD

OPTIONAL TOURS

Nonsuch Island

Thursday, November 3, 2005 7:45 AM: Depart Fairmont / 12:30 PM: Depart Dockyards
In 1951, the Cahow, a bird that was thought to have been extinct for more than 300 years, had been re-discovered on Nonsuch. Since that discovery, the island has become a global example of ecological restoration. Enjoy the history and a tour of the various habitats, with much discussion of the Cahow bird.

COST: \$78.00 per person

(A portion of this fee goes to the Nonsuch Island Preservation Fund)
Access to the Island requires some agility. There are also several flights of stairs and the terrain is quite rough in places. Sneakers are suggested.



The craggy coastline of Nonsuch Island.



A typical Bermuda rooftop.

Watlington Waterworks

Friday, November 4, 2005 - 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Enjoy breakfast while learning about Bermuda's unusual water needs and one of the island's distinctive architectural styles, the stepped rooftops that catch and sanitize the water. Find out some interesting facts about Bermuda's rainfall.

COST: Complimentary (Registration Required)

Artist in All of Us

Friday, November 4, 2005 - 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Private watercolor workshop with local artist Diana Amos, an award winning artist renowned for her depiction of unique Bermuda architecture, vistas and flowers. The workshop will take you through basic drawing and get you painting in no time. Workshop includes signed 5" x 7" lithograph.

COST: \$75.00 per person



Bermuda's Botanical Gardens.



The famous Crystal Caves.

Spelunking in Bermuda

Saturday, November 5, 2005 - 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

A tour guide will educate guests on the historical sites on the winding drive to the eastern end of the island-home of the crystal and fantasy caves. Guests will hike and meander, or "spelunk" into the caverns and learn about the stalagmites and stalactites.

COST: \$50.00 per person

SOCIAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

WELCOME RECEPTION ~ Beach Terrace & Cabana

Thursday, November 3 - 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

BEACH OLYMPICS ~ Fairmont Beach

Friday, November 4 - 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

FUN NIGHT ~ Dockyards

Friday, November 4 - 6:00 PM - Boat Departs

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION & BANQUET

Saturday, November 5 - 7:30 PM – 11:30 PM

GOLF TOURNAMENT ~ Port Royal Golf Course

Thursday, November 3 -- 1:00 PM: Shotgun Start
\$180.00 pp (Includes Green Fees, Golf Cart, Shuttle Service, Boxed Lunch & Prizes) Golf Clubs & Shoe Rentals are not included but can be arranged. Registration Required.

CROQUET TOURNAMENT ~ Great Sound Lawn

Thursday, November 3, 2005 - 1:30 PM
\$50.00 pp (Includes Instructor, Equipment & Beverages)
Dress is all white - English rules of croquet apply

NEW ENGLAND SECTION of the AMERICAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Highlights of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, March 19, 2005

Report of the President

The Board reviewed the evaluations from the 2004 Annual Meeting in Amelia Island. It was agreed that, for the future, meeting attendees must complete these evaluations to receive CME credits, since they are critical to the Board for future planning.

Dr. Albertsen reported that he has worked closely with Dr. John Denstedt, President of the Northeastern Section in planning the Joint meeting in 2005. This year's program will be different from previous years, with more diverse and interactive sessions. Morning plenary sessions of panel discussions, point-counterpoint debates and guest speakers will be followed by concurrent topic-driven sessions, derived from the abstracts selected. This will encourage greater audience participation and allow subspecialty interests, such as pediatrics, to host a concurrent session.

Sunday will include a brief morning session, allowing attendees sufficient time to travel home and encouraging attendees to stay over through Saturday evening for the President's Banquet.

During the site visit in October, the social program was developed to include a joint Past President/Board dinner held at La Coquille, a Thursday evening welcome reception on the lawn of the Fairmont, the traditional Beach Olympics, and a Friday night "Fun at the Dockyards" evening where attendees and guests would have the opportunity to tour the grounds of the dockyards at the far end of the island. Dr. Brian Jumper will chair the joint golf tournament at Port Royal and Dr. Albertsen will oversee a first-ever croquet tournament on the lawn of the Fairmont Southampton. Saturday would be capped with the traditional black-tie President's Banquet.

There will be a featured guest speaker on Wednesday evening, Jack Smith, former Prime Minister of Bermuda, and a guest speaker on Saturday, Mr. Alan Paris, Director of the Underwater Institute.

The Board agreed to host a new website, www.neaua.org, which will now include a password-protected members' only area, automatic member data update, online meeting registration, online dues payment, a town meeting section, newsletter pages, a career page, a listing of award and grant opportunities, and a listing of urology programs in the Section.

Report of the Secretary

Current membership includes 346 Active, 191 Senior, 23 Associate, 3 Honorary, 12 Affiliate and 61 Candidates for a total of 636.

Dr. Loughlin provided a report on the 2005 Town Meetings. He reported that the Western Massachusetts Town Meeting had focused on "supergroups," and had been extremely well-attended and so successful that the speaker was being considered for the Vermont Town meeting later in the year. Dr. Brian Jumper informed Board members that the Maine Town Meeting had drawn an audience of two-thirds of all urologists in the state (an unprecedented audience), and had spurred the urologic community to encourage state legislators to adopt new legislation. Town Meetings continued to attract Section members who do not necessarily attend either the AUA Annual Meeting or the Section Annual Meeting; Section members appreciated the opportunity to convene on a local level.

Membership Changes

Transfer into the New England Section

Marc A. Hodroff, MD	Portland, Maine
Paul A. Merguerian, MD	Lebanon, New Hampshire
Martin G. Sandra, MD	Boston, Massachusetts
Russell G. Sarver, MD	Berlin, Vermont
Joseph Wagner, MD	Hartford, Connecticut

Requests for transfer to Senior membership

Sidney R. Katz, MD	Nashua, New Hampshire
David H. Kauder, MD	Lynn, Massachusetts
George D. Kornitzer, MD	Newton, Massachusetts
Henry A. Lewis, MD	Santa Fe, New Mexico
Vernon M. Pais, Sr.	Boston, Massachusetts
Robert A. Rodner, MD	Manchester, Connecticut

New Associate Members

Fernando A. Ferrer, MD	Hartford, Connecticut
Daniel C. Jaffee, MD	Providence, Rhode Island
Anthony Kim, MD	Waterbury, Connecticut
Christina Kim, MD	Hartford, Connecticut
Dinesh Singh, MD	Hamden, Connecticut
Shahin Tatabaei, MD	Boston, Massachusetts

Report of the Treasurer

Dr. Eyre distributed the budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2004 and the proposed budget for 2005. The Section had a total of \$666,158 in assets; annual receipts of \$408,578; disbursements totaled \$410,553.

Dr. Eyre presented a report regarding Section Travel Grant Awards and it was agreed that a formal policy and firm amounts will be set for the 2006 Annual Meeting. There was agreement that the Resident Prize Awards should be continued in their present form.

Report of the By-Laws Committee

There are several proposed amendments to the AUA By-Laws: a proposal to elect joint new members at the time of a Section's annual meeting; a clarification of requirements for foreign medical graduates; changes to the provision regarding how to fill vacancies on the Nominating Committee; removal of the Graduate Medical Education Committee; deletion of the Audio-Visual Committee; removal of the Health Policy Survey and Research Committee; clarification of the terms of the Publications Committee; and composition of the Audit Committee.

Reports of Representatives to the AUA

AUA Board of Directors

Dr. Roth summarized the AUA-AFUD reorganization, which would consolidate the two groups and streamline the mission of the AUA Foundation. The AFUD will be formally dissolved, and the AUA Board of Directors elected as the new Board for the AUA Foundation. The changes had been implemented for better management and increased fiscal responsibility.

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The AUA continued to experience excellent financial health, and the Investment Committee recently experienced very divisive discussions involving reallocation of investment funds so that 10% were placed in hedge funds. The AUA has created a standing Audit Committee composed of members of the AUA Board of Directors to audit AUA finances with the help of an outside auditor, absent the presence of AUA staff.

The AUA Nominating Committee nominated Dr. Lawrence Ross for President-Elect, Dr. Joseph Segura for Secretary-Elect, and Dr. William Gee for Treasurer.

AUA Investment Committee

Dr. Eyre reported that the annualized total return of 7.27% was slightly less than the custom benchmark of 7.82%.

Old Business

Pediatric Urology CAQ

Dr. Anthony Caldamone provided a written update which Dr. Albertsen supplemented by indicating that the ABU was proceeding with application for a CAQ, and that he served on the committee formulating the written report to submit to the ABMS. He indicated that it was a matter of time before the matter reached the ABMS, and then the process would be governed by the ABMS timetable.

Leadership Program Update

Dr. Mark Plante submitted a letter thanking the Section for providing him with the opportunity to serve in the AUA Leadership Program and reported an incredibly positive experience. The Section's second representative to the Leadership Program, Dr. Liam Hurley, had also voiced similar enthusiasm and thanks.

Policy on Interactions with Industry

Dr. David Green presented a first draft of a proposed policy on NE-AUA Industry Relations and welcomed thoughts, comments and suggestions. The policy had been formulated to comply with the strictest standards found in the ACCME guidelines as they applied to commercial support. Discussion ensued regarding the scope of the proposed policy and whether some of the parameters were too harsh.

It was noted that academic urologists had a somewhat different relationship with industry than their private practice counterparts, and this needed to be taken into consideration. Provisions relating to disclosure were also discussed. It was agreed that the proposed industry relations policy should be referred to the Judicial and Ethics Committee for review and comment at the time of the November Board meeting in Bermuda.

Update on 501(c)(6) Corporation

Dr. Green reported that he had continued to explore the possibility of creating a 501(c)(6) corporation for the New England Section, as a (c)(6) would be able to conduct more socioeconomic activity than the existing (c)(3) entity. He met with Attorney Mike Pretl of the AUA, and Attorney Pretl indicated that it would not be difficult to create a new corporate entity. A committee comprised of Drs. Green, Eyre and Loughlin was appointed and charged with working with AUA and Section staff to create a new (c)(6) corporation to undertake socioeconomic activities. Once a corporation was formed, the Section leadership will determine a structure and strategic plan, which would include required committees and governance.

New Business

AUA Nominating Committee

Dr. David Green was recommended for the vacant seat on the American Board of Urology, Dr. Mark Plante or Dr. Liam Hurley was recommended to serve on the American College of Surgeons Advisory Council for Urology, and to support reappointment of the current representatives to the American Medical Association, the AMA House of Delegates, and the Resident Fellow Section. It was agreed to recommend that Dr. Mark Plante be elevated from alternate to delegate to the AUA Young Physicians' Section.

Report of the Historian

Dr. Mark Sigman, newly appointed Historian of the Section, reported that the AUA wants to assemble a list of Section Award Winners. The AUA Museum would be featuring an exhibition on Civil War Medicine.

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Northeastern & New England Sections of the American Urological Association
Joint Annual Meeting
November 2-6, 2005

The Northeastern & New England Sections of the American Urological Association will be hosting their 2005 Joint Annual Meeting at the Fairmont Southampton, Bermuda on November 2-6, 2005. For registration and additional meeting information, [click here](#).

Research Award Program
The New England Section of the American Urological Association, in an effort to further its mission in the area of research and education, is once again offering two research awards that will be given on an annual basis to members or candidate-members of the New England Section of the AUA. These awards--a Post Residency Research Grant and a Practicing Urologist Research Award--are funded through an unrestricted educational grant offered by Astellas Pharma US. Awards of up to \$10,000 are available. [More...](#)

Resident Prize Essay Awards
Prizes will be awarded to residents in Residency Training Programs in each Section. Awards will be presented on Saturday evening, November 5th, during the President's Banquet.

From the President

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serve as panel members and lecturers to discuss a wide variety of contemporary issues.

Drs. Steven Shichman and John Taylor have worked diligently along with their Northeastern co-chair Dr. Hassan Razvi to create an exciting scientific program. This year we have changed our format to include both podium presentations and poster presentations. Two sessions will run concurrently from 10 AM to mid-day on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings, covering major areas such as laparoscopy, cancer, stones, pediatrics and female urology. This will allow members to select topics of particular interest and to increase the dialogue between audience and presenters.

Bill and Mary Bihrlle, along with my wife Pam, have worked diligently to create a social program that will appeal to everyone. Early November is an ideal time to visit Bermuda. The days are still warm enough to lounge in the sun and go for a swim. In addition to the usual beach activities, we are planning several novel events including the infamous "Beach Olympics" pitting the athletic skills of the New England Section against the Northeastern Section. We need your help to retain the championship and win the tug-of-war! Brian Jumper, our president-elect, will organize the golfing activities for those who would rather stay away from these premier athletic contests.

We have also planned several evening events. On Thursday night we will gather for an opening reception on the beach. On Friday night we will sail away to the western tip of the island known as the Dockyards for an evening strolling around the park enjoying the numerous exhibits and feasting on a variety of dinner selections. On Saturday night we will gather in the hotel for the traditional banquet.

We hope you will consider joining us in Bermuda. Bring the family and become re-acquainted with colleagues from around New England and the Northeast. In addition to earning CME credits, you will return home smarter, happier and more relaxed! Register now so that you won't be left behind. See you in Bermuda!

Join us for the Rematch of the Beach Olympics on Friday at 2:00 p.m.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



FUTURE MEETINGS of the NEW ENGLAND AUA

September 28-October 1, 2006
Rhode Island Convention Center &
The Westin Providence
Providence, Rhode Island

September 26-30, 2007
World Trade Center &
The Seaport Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts

From the Local Arrangements Chair (continued from page one)



Presidents Albertsen and Denstedt, assisted by their Program Committees, promise a stimulating and somewhat intriguing scientific program, highlighted by clinically relevant panel discussions and esteemed guest participants.

But, oh the venue! As if the natural beauty and gracious old-world hospitality of Bermuda were not sufficiently enticing, Pam Albertsen and Mary Bihrlé have constructed an appealing social and activity program, eclectic and diverse in scope. Sandwiched between Thursday evening's Welcome Reception and Saturday's President's Banquet, Friday's Fun Night takes us by boat to the Dockyards where, surrounded by the stolid remains of British naval glory, we frolic with dolphins, meander through brig-housed maritime museums, and sup at parade-ground based food stations. May the meteorological gods be with us on this one!

The optional activity and tour package covers the spectrum of Bermudian uniqueness with an emphasis

on the educational. Visit Nonsuch Island, 15 acres of ecological restoration, spelunk among the stalagmites of saltwater caverns, discover the artist within but don't miss Allan Rance's breakfast seminar on the miracle of fresh water on a parched perch of volcanic rock.

On the sports front, Brian Jumper, as usual, leads the links while President Albertsen, in a nod to Edwardian gentility, will check your "whites" at the first inter-sectional Croquet Tournament. Each of these events has been planned for Thursday so as not to conflict with Friday afternoon's main event, the third (or maybe the second) New England-Northeastern Beach Olympics, an event so hotly contested that rumor has it the BBC may send a beat reporter.

Pimms punch, anyone?



Secretary's Report (continued from page one)

We would like to get the membership's feedback on future annual meeting sites. The venues for the next two meetings have been decided and are listed on the previous page.

Following is a list of potential sites for the 2008 meeting and beyond. Please indicate your top three choices (1st – 5 points, 2nd – 3 points, 3rd – 1 point) and return to the section office, via fax: (978) 524-8890 or drop us an email at neaua@prri.com.

VENUE	1st, 2nd, 3rd choice	VENUE	1st, 2nd, 3rd choice
The Balsams, New Hampshire	_____	Newport, Rhode Island	_____
The Sagamore Resort, New York	_____	Kiawah, South Carolina	_____
New York City	_____	Charleston, South Carolina	_____
Washington, D.C.	_____	Bermuda	_____
Boston, MA	_____	London, England	_____
Providence, RI	_____	Dublin, Ireland	_____
Mohegan Sun, Connecticut	_____	Paris, France	_____
Quebec, Canada	_____	Other European Venues (specify):	_____
Montreal Canada	_____	Caribbean Venues (specify):	_____
Toronto, Canada	_____	Florida Venues (specify):	_____
Hartford, Connecticut	_____	Other Venues (specify):	_____