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Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons

NEWSLETTER

September, 2010

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Donald R. Mackay, MD, FACS

Dear Colleagues,

This will be the last newsletter before our Annual Meeting in Washington DC.

We hope to stimulate an exciting exchange of ideas in our Nation's capital. We have had a record number of abstract submissions. Shane Johnson and the Program Committee have had a difficult task selecting presentations from over 180 high quality submissions.

We have added 4 Maintenance of Certification (MOC) presentations that will allow our members to use as credit towards their MOC requirements. This is the first time that a regional society has done this. We hope to make this a regular part of our Annual Meeting. Please see page 5 for additional information.



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Editor's Corner



Brian S. Glatt, MD, FACS

Welcome to the first all electronic version of the NESPS Newsletter. From this point forward, you will be receiving this publication in electronic format only, as proposed by your Board and voted on by the membership. While many of you will print out this PDF and read it in hard copy (as I admittedly still do with such documents), many others may save some trees and utilize the luxury of reviewing our newsletter from any computer terminal you may be at. You will find the content has otherwise remained the same.

The highlight remains our "Program Roundup", where we try to keep our members up to date on what is happening at the plastic surgery programs within the Northeastern Region. The success of this Section remains entirely dependent on program director participation, and I once again thank those who took the time to contribute their program's information.

In addition, you will find updated information and details about the upcoming Annual Meeting at the Ritz Carlton in Washington, D.C. in October. As always, the NESPS Annual Meeting promises to be a fantastic educational event; Dr. Mackay and Dr. Johnson have put together an outstanding program which I urge you to review on the NESPS website: www.nesps.org.

I hope you plan to attend in October and I look forward to seeing many of you and catching up in D.C.



# PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2010

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Registration**

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2010

6:30 am – 5:00 pm **Registration**

6:30 am – 8:30 am **Continental Breakfast**

7:00 am – 7:15 am **Welcome Remarks**  
Donald R. Mackay, MD  
T. Shane Johnson, MD

7:15 am – 7:30 am **ABPS Update**  
R. Barrett Noone, MD

7:30 am – 8:30 am **Panel 1: Update on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Melanoma**  
Moderator: Rogerio Izar Neves, MD

8:30 am – 9:30 am **Session I: Resident Competition**

1. Rejuvenation of the Aging Jawline: A Comprehensive Approach
2. The Evolution of Mandibular Distraction: Device Selection
3. A Defect Oriented Approach to Utilizing the Myocutaneous ALT in Head and Neck Reconstruction: Review of 146 Cases
4. Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Outpatient Elective Hand Surgery: A Retrospective Chart Review of 8,850 Cases
5. Inkjet-based Bio-patterning to Spatially Control Osteo- and Angiogenesis
6. Elimination of Radiation Induced Capsular Contracture by Blocking TGF-Beta Signaling
7. Elucidating the Link Between Reactive Oxygen Species and p53: The Pathway Behind Impaired Diabetic Wound Healing
8. Targeted Inhibition of T-cell Inflammation Can Prevent and Treat Lymphedema by Reducing Fibrosis

9:30 am – 10:00 am **President's Address**  
Donald R. Mackay, MD

10:00 am – 10:30 am **Coffee Break**

10:30 am – 11:25 am **Session 2: Craniofacial / Pediatrics**

9. Dermal Fat Grafts in the Management of Severe Craniofacial Infections
10. The Management of Sagittal Synostosis with Endoscopic Craniectomy and Post-operative Helmet Molding Therapy
11. An Algorithm for the Application of Furlow Palatoplasty to the Treatment of Velocardiofacial Syndrome Associated Velopharyngeal Insufficiency
12. Fronto-facial Symmetry in Unilateral Coronal Synostosis: Fronto-orbital Advancement vs. Endoscopic Suturectomy/ Helmet Therapy
13. Abnormal Response to FGF2 in Calvarial-Derived Cells from Craniosynostotic Rabbits
14. The Aesthetic Secondary Rhinoplasty Following Nasal Reconstruction with the Primary Cleft Lip Repair
15. Muenke Mutation (FgfR3P244R) Causes Premature Ossification of Basicranial Synchondrosis Cartilage and Shortening of the Cranial Base in a Knock-in Mouse Model
16. Autologous Auricular Cartilage Engineering Using Fibrillar Collagen in an Ovine Model

11:30 am – 12:30 pm **Eugene Courtiss Memorial Lecture**  
*Message vs. The Messenger*  
J. William Little, MD

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm **Lunch - ASPS Advocacy Symposium**

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm **Panel 2: Composite Tissue Allotransplantation**  
Moderator: Joseph E. Losee, MD

2:30 pm – 3:25 pm **Session 3: Research**

17. Salvage of Enteric Tissue after a Period of Critical Ischemia: Diminution of Oxidative Stress via Treatment with Hydrogen Sulfide
18. Live On Line Video Interviews Dramatically Improve the Plastic Surgery Residency Application Process
19. The Reconstructive Matrix: A New Paradigm in Reconstructive Plastic Surgery
20. Pharmacologic Pre- and Post-Conditioning with Hydrogen Sulfide Protects Against Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury in Diabetic Tissue

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21. Multipotent Umbilical Cord Blood-Derived MSCs Induce Neovascularization of a Large PCL-Beta TCP Bone Construct Implanted in Nude Mice
22. Topical CXCR3 Silencing Mitigates Angiostasis Associated with Radiation Injury
23. Fat Grafting Promotes Neovascularization and Alleviates Fibrosis in a Murine Burn Model
24. Morphology and Gene Expression Changes in Rat Achilles Tendon Aging

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm **Coffee Break**

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm **Session 4: Bullet Papers I**

25. Use of the Arterial Coupler for Free Flap Breast Reconstruction
26. The Pedicled Robertson Reduction Mammoplasty: A Safe Option for Gigantomastia
27. The Aesthetic Mastectomy Utilizing a Non Nipple- Sparing Portal Approach
28. Breast Reduction Prior to Massive Weight Loss: Satisfaction with Current Breast Contour
29. Impact of Increasing Compliance with Restraint Devices on Facial Fractures and Fiscal Implications for Plastic Surgeons
30. Nipple-Areolar Sparing Mastectomy via an Inframammary Fold Incision for Patients with Scarring from Prior Breast Surgery
31. Use of the Vascularized Free Fibula Graft with an Arteriovenous Loop for Fusion of Cervical and Thoracic Spinal Defects in a Pediatric Population
32. Noninvasive Venous Ablation via a Hand-Held, Battery-Operated, High Intensity Focused Ultrasound Device
33. Trans-Sternal Titanium Fixation Bars: An Initial Experience with 20 Patients
34. Solving the Question of Protection: Hydrogen Sulfide Confers Protection from Ischemia Reperfusion Injury via Activation of the JAK-STAT Pathway
35. Alarmin Expression Is Induced By Acute Lymphedema and Necessary for Early Lymphangiogenesis
36. SS-31: A Mitochondrial-Specific Therapy that Provides Significant Protection against Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury in Muscle In-vitro and In-vivo

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm **Welcome Reception**

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2010

6:30 am – 5:00 pm **Registration**

7:00 am – 9:00 am **Continental Breakfast**

7:00 am – 8:00 am **Maintenance of Certification (MOC)**

8:00 am – 8:55 am **Session 5: Aesthetic**

37. Current Trends in Vaginal Labioplasty: A Survey of Plastic Surgeons
38. Transconjunctival Retroseptal Lower Eyelid Blepharoplasty with Treatment of the Lid Cheek Junction While Avoiding Ectropion

39. Presentation of Results after Facial Rejuvenation as Side-by-Side Animated Videos
40. Brow Lifting and Forehead Rejuvenation: Proven, Effective, and Reliable Treatment
41. Office-based Aesthetic Surgery Utilizing General Anesthesia: How Safe Is It? Analysis of 2579 Consecutive Cases In A Single Center
42. Incidence of Complications from International Surgery Tourism: Results of the Members Survey
43. Maximizing Aesthetics and Safety in Lower Extremity Contouring: The Circumferential Thigh Lift and Vertical Extension Circumferential Thigh Lift
44. The Use of Human Acellular Dermal Matrix for the Correction of Secondary Deformities after Breast Augmentation

9:00 am – 9:55 am **Session 6: Hand / Microsurgery**

45. The Modified Silverskiold Tendon Repair is Stronger than the MGH and Modified Kessler Repairs
46. Upper Extremity Peripheral Nerve Reconstruction: An Algorithm For Injury Classification And Repair Techniques
47. Lower Extremity Microvascular Reconstruction Outcomes Using an Anastomotic Venous Coupler Device
48. Reconstruction of Complex Total Parotidectomy Defects Using the Free Anterolateral Thigh Flap with Adjacent Nerve and Fascia Grafts
49. Do 2 Free Flaps Put the Patient at More Risk? Comparing Patient Characteristics and Complications in Unilateral and Bilateral Autologous Free Flap Breast Reconstruction
50. Adductor Magnus Perforator Flap Revisited: An Anatomical Review and Clinical Applications
51. Use of an Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) Circuit as a Bridge to Salvage a Major Upper Extremity Replant in a Critically Ill Patient
52. Endothelialization and Microsurgical Anastomosis of Constructs Containing Sacrificial Polymer-Derived Vascular Channels: Advancement Toward the Creation of Surgically Relevant Tissue Replacements

10:00 am – 10:30 am **Coffee Break**

10:30 am – 11:25 am **Session 7: Clinical**

53. Incidence of Melanoma in Pigmented Lesions Biopsied by Shave Technique
54. Comparison of Intraoperative Methods to Predict Mastectomy Skin Flap Necrosis: Preliminary Results of a Prospective Clinical Trial
55. Visual Data Integration in Computer Graphics-Based Planning for Facial Transplantation
56. Frontal Sinus Repair through a Frontalis Rhytid Approach
57. Vertical Reduction Mammoplasty for Severe Mammary Hypertrophy
58. Revisiting the Latissimus Dorsi Flap: A Potential First-Line Option Breast Reconstruction
59. Outcome of the Smile in Facial Paralysis Reanimation - An Objective Evaluation of Post Surgical Results
60. Is Plastic Surgery A Luxury Good? An Economic Analysis of Income Elasticity of Demand for Commonly Performed Plastic Surgery Procedures

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11:30 am – 12:30 pm **Founders' Lecture**  
*Surgeons, Innovation, and Industry:  
 Balancing Competing Interests*  
 Mary H. McGrath, MD

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm **Annual Business Meeting  
 & Luncheon**

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm **Panel 3: Fat Grafting to Maximize  
 Aesthetic and Reconstructive  
 Outcomes**  
 Moderator: Louis P. Bucky, MD

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm **Session 8: Bullet Papers II**

61. Spontaneous Reanastomosis of Cutaneous Capillary Lymphatic Vessels after Tissue Transfer
62. Genomic Analyses Identify New Locus and Gene in Non-Syndromic Microtia
63. Pharmacologic Pre-conditioning with Hydrogen Sulfide Mitigates Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury via a Xanthine Oxidase-Mediated Pathway
64. A Novel Collagen Based Scaffold for Neo-auricular Cartilage Formation and Possible External-ear Reconstruction
65. Development of a Transgenic Mouse Model of Age-Related Wound Healing
66. Salvage of the Acutely Ischemic Flap: Pharmacologic Post-Conditioning with Hydrogen Sulfide Prevents Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury in Muscle When Delivered After the Onset of Ischemia
67. Postoperative Drain Care and Showering Following Immediate Breast Reconstruction: A Survey of Common Practices Among 650 ASPS Members
68. Does Delayed Reconstruction Affect Lymphedema? Another Viewpoint
69. Racial and Socioeconomic Disparities in Reduction Mammoplasty: An Analysis of Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS) Database
70. The Length-Control Suture: A New Method for Prevention of Hypertrophic Scars and Dog-Ears
71. Chondrocyte-based Repair of Articular Cartilage to Subchondral Bone
72. Prospective Assessment of Medical and Psychiatric Comorbidities in the Massive Weight Loss Population Prior to Body Contouring Surgery

6:00 pm – 11:00 pm **President's Reception and Dinner**  
 Cosmos Club

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2010

7:00 am – 12:00 pm **Registration**

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Continental Breakfast**

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Maintenance of Certification (MOC)**

9:00 am – 10:00 am **Panel 4: Aesthetic Treatment  
 of the Jawline**  
 Moderator: Charles Thorne, MD

10:00 am – 10:55 am **Session 9: Breast**

73. Tissue Oximetry Monitoring in Microsurgical Breast Reconstruction Decreases Flap Loss and Improves Rate of Flap Salvage
74. Complication Reporting and Cost Analysis in 75 Consecutive Cases of Single-Stage Implant Reconstruction with AlloDerm: Single Surgeon Series
75. Post-mastectomy Breast Reconstruction after Previous Lumpectomy and Radiation Therapy: Analysis of Complications and Satisfaction
76. Mammographic Changes After Stem Cell Supplemented Fat Transfer to the Breast Compared With Changes After Breast Reduction: A Blinded Study
77. Closer to an Understanding of Fate - The Role of Vascular Complications in Free Flap Breast Reconstruction
78. Does Post-Operative Radiation Increase Complications or the Need for Revision Surgery in Patients Undergoing Immediate Free Flap Breast Reconstruction?
79. Delayed Pedicled TRAM versus Free Flap for Breast Reconstruction: Comparison of Outcomes
80. Breast Cancer Recurrence Following Postmastectomy Reconstruction Compared to Mastectomy with No Reconstruction

11:00 am **Presidents' Award  
 Meeting Adjourns**

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**Allergan Academy**  
**Thursday October 28**  
**Ritz Carlton Hotel**

**7:00 p.m. Reception**  
**7:30 p.m. Dinner Presentation**

**Moderators: William Adams, MD**  
**Louis Bucky, MD**

***Presentation will focus on capsular contracture and improving outcomes in breast aesthetics.***

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**Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Sessions at NESPS Annual Meeting**

The NESPS will hold four (4) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Sessions during the Annual Meeting. Participation in these sessions will credit towards your MOC requirements.

Two sessions will be held on Saturday, October 30 from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and two sessions will be held on Sunday, October 31 from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Please watch your mail and check the NESPS website [www.nesps.org](http://www.nesps.org) for the announcement of the topics to be presented.

Sign up will be available on-site at the Registration Desk at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Washington, DC. In order to enhance the learning experience, attendance will be limited at each session and attendees may only sign up for one session. We urge you to select your preferred topic and sign up immediately when you arrive in Washington, DC.

**Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons**

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

October 28-31, 2010 ♦ The Ritz-Carlton ♦ Washington, DC



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**SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**

# PROGRAM ROUND-UP

*News from the Section's Programs*

## Cooper/UMDNJ

Program Director: **Martha S. Matthews, MD**

**Yuan Liu, MD** has joined our faculty over the past year. We have received 5 year continuing accreditation with no citations and a commendation from the Plastic Surgery RRC and have been approved for an extension to a 3 year independent format. **Rita Sadowski, MD** and **Yuan Liu, MD** won the Best Poster award (clinical) at the 2010 New Jersey Society of Plastic Surgeons Annual Meeting in April.

We currently graduate one resident per year, and our chief resident this year, **Rita Sadowski, MD** plans to practice in hand and plastic surgery. Our most recent graduating resident, **Steven Rottman, MD** is currently doing a breast/cosmetic surgery fellowship with **Scott Spear, MD** in Washington, DC.

## Georgetown University Hospital

Program Director: **Stephen Baker, MD, DDS**

**Jeannie Le, MD** is our new hyperbaric medicine physician within the Department of Plastic Surgery. Her responsibility will be to oversee the use of four new hyperbaric chambers located within the wound clinic.

We have had several notable speakers visit within the past year. In May 2009 **David Hidalgo, MD** gave the Sixth Annual Millard Lectureship and in May 2010, **Paul Manson, MD** gave the Seventh Annual Millard Lectureship. Ground Rounds was given by **William M. Kuzon, MD, MSc, PhD, FRCS (C), FACS** in 2009 and by **Bryant Toth, MD, FACS**, as well as **Steven L. Moran, MD** in 2010.

We currently graduate three residents per year from our program. **Ali Al-Attar, MD** will be heading to New York for the Manhattan Ear and Eye Throat Hospital Aesthetic fellowship with **Sherrell Aston, MD**; **Mark Clemens, MD** will be at MD Anderson for a microsurgery fellowship; and **Ethan Larsen, MD** will also be pursuing a microsurgery fellowship at the University of Washington with Dr Nelligan.

## Harvard Plastic Surgery Residency Program

Program Director: **Michael J. Yaremchuk, MD**

**Julian J. Pribaz, MD** has stepped down as program director after 13 years; **Michael J. Yaremchuk, MD** came on board as program director on July 1, 2010.

This summer, **EJ Caterson, MD** is joining the faculty at BWH and **Jason Cooper, MD** is joining the faculty at MGH. Both are Harvard Plastic Surgery graduates.

Within the past year, we completed a Strategic Planning process, and have initiated a number of curriculum changes for AY 2010-2011. The Harvard Plastic Surgery Residency Program has instituted "The Harvard Visiting Professor," which will be a yearly event rotating amongst the institutions comprising the residency. BWH will sponsor the first lecture in combination with the Joseph Murray Lecture and have chosen **Chris Attinger, MD** who will present at General Surgery Grand Rounds on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Notable awards this past year include **Julian J. Pribaz, MD** winning the Buncke Microsurgery Award.

We had six graduates from our program this past year. **Brian Andrews, MD** will be pursuing a craniofacial Fellowship at UCLA and **Branko Bojovic, MD** will be at Johns Hopkins also doing a craniofacial fellowship. **Rodney Chan, MD** is joining the Burn Unit at a Military Hospital in San Antonio Texas; **Jason Cooper, MD** will be joining the faculty/staff at MGH and North Shore; **Tristan Hartzell, MD** will be doing a hand fellowship at UCLA; and **Simon Talbot, MD** will be staying in Boston at BIDMC for a hand fellowship as well.

## Lehigh Valley Health Network

Program Director: **Robert X. Murphy, MD**

The Lehigh Valley Hospital is now called Lehigh Valley Health Network. We graduate one resident per year. In June 2010, this was **Christian R. Subbio, MD**. He is completing a one-year Microvascular Fellowship at Vega Aesthetic & Reconstructive Surgery in Rochester, NY.

## Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Program Director: **Lester Silver, MD**

**Philip J. Torina, MD** joined our faculty on July 1, 2010. He is a former resident of ours who then completed a fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering in New York. We have added another resident per year to our program and now have a complement of 2 residents per year.

Over the past year we have hosted **Maria Siemionow, MD** for the 2009 Barsky/Hoffman Lectureship speaker. The 2010 speaker for this program was **J. Peter Rubin, MD**. The 2010 ASMA traveling professor was **Frederick Menick, MD**.

**Joshua Lampert, MD** won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize at the Resident Night papers-Presentation of the New York Regional Society held at the New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Lampert, our graduating chief resident, will be heading to Miami, Florida for a craniofacial surgery fellowship with **S Anthony Wolfe, MD**.

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# PROGRAM ROUND-UP

*News from the Section's Programs*

## Nassau University Medical Center/ Long Island Plastic Surgical Group

Program Director: Roger L. Simpson, MD, MBA

This has been a very professionally satisfying year for our program. We began the year with a full 5 year continuation of accreditation by the RRC. The program has expanded to 3 years in length beginning with those residents starting in 2011. We are in the process of expanding our complement of residents as we are adding new quality rotations to the residents' experience.

We graduated 3 residents in June 2010. **Bobby Najera, MD** will be doing a Fellowship in reconstructive microsurgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin before settling into private practice in Dallas, Texas. **Bryan McIntosh, MD** will begin private practice in plastic and reconstructive surgery in Seattle, Washington. **Karoline Nowillo, MD** has begun a Fellowship in reconstructive microsurgery at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Institute.

**James Grotting, MD** from the University of Alabama will be our 2010 Visiting Professor in December. **Geoff Hallock, MD** was our Visiting Professor at the annual John K. Swinburne Memorial Lectureship this past spring.

Among our resident presentations and awards, **Bobby Najera, MD** received a first prize at the 2010 Senior Residents' Conference in Los Angeles for his presentation entitled "The Internal Autologous Bra." **Christopher Low, MD** presented his research on the correlation between ultrasound findings and clinical assessment of pressure related ulcers at the 2010 Plastic Surgical Research Council in California. **Alex Shteynberg, MD**, our first year resident, received a corporate grant to continue his burn research concerning patient positioning and outcomes. He presented his work at the June Congress of the International Society of Burn Injuries in Istanbul. **Karoline Nowillo, MD** presented her paper on reconstruction of areolar defects using rotational flap closure, at the Miami Breast Cancer Conference in the spring 2010.

Proud additions to our faculty include **Mike Dobryansky, MD** from Cleveland, who joined us in 2009. **Tommaso Addona, MD** from Mount Sinai joined our faculty also in 2009. **Jerry Chang, MD**, currently in Boston, will be our latest addition to the faculty in September.

## New York-Presbyterian Hospital

Program Director: Robert T. Grant, MD, MSc, FACS

The Division announces publication of its Lange Series textbook entitled 'Cosmetic Surgery' from McGraw-Hill, edited by **Robert Grant, MD** and **Connie Chen, MD**, with contributions from the entire faculty and Graduate Staff

**Melissa Doft, MD** won first prize in the Annual NYAM Resident's night poster competition

Our 2010 graduates are **Brian Cohen, MD** who will pursue an NYEEI Aesthetic Fellowship and **Nik Vendemia, MD**, who will be participating in an Aesthetic fellowship with **Grant Carlson, MD** in Orange County, California.

## Penn State Hershey

Program Director: Donald Mackay, MD

Associate Program Director: Shane Johnson, MD

The Penn State program has now graduated 60 residents and has grown to 8 full time clinical faculty, including our PhD 'star' **Paul Ehrlich, MD** leading our wound healing research effort. **Tom Samson, MD** completed a fellowship in Craniofacial Surgery at "Sick Kids" in Toronto and joined our faculty in July. Tom completed his residency with us at Hershey in 2009. **John Ingraham, MD** has also joined our faculty. John completed his plastic surgery residency at the Scott and White clinic in Temple Texas and then completed a Hand Fellowship with Andy Lee in Pittsburgh. **Charles Verheyden, MD** was a visiting Professor in April and spoke on Ethics and Mission work. **Mimis Cohen, MD** will be visiting us in January 2011.

**Rogério Neves, MD**, who heads the surgical Skin Oncology and Melanoma group at Hershey, was co-PI on a NIH grant with Gavin Robertson in Pharmacology to study "theranostics" the concept of novel therapies coupled with more accurate diagnosis in melanoma. **Randy Hauck, MD** is head of the combined Plastic Surgery/Orthopedic Hand Surgery service and is planning to set up our first fellowship in Hand surgery.

Several members of our program have won awards over the past year:

**John Mesa, MD** won the best paper award at the NESPS meeting in Charleston in September in the clinical category for the presentation on Orbital expansion for anophthalmia.

**Ted Foley, MD** won first prize for the best Resident research paper presentation at Penn State Hershey's Resident Research Day.

**Ted Foley, MD** and **Sebastian Brook, MD** both won teaching awards from the Medical Students making it 2 out of 6 total awards that went to Plastic Surgery.

**Don Mackay, MD** won the Distinguished Educator award at the Penn State Hershey College of Medicine.

Our program graduates two residents per year. **John Mesa, MD** will be heading to Ann Arbor, Michigan for a craniofacial fellowship with **Steve Buchman, MD** and **Noel Natoli, MD** is heading to a Microsurgery Fellowship at Penn with **Joe Serletti, MD**.

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# PROGRAM ROUND-UP

*News from the Section's Programs*

## University of Pittsburgh

Program Director: **Joseph E. Losee, MD**  
 Assoc Program Director: **Vu T. Nguyen, MD**

Within the last year, we've added one new faculty member, making a total of 22 full-time clinical and research faculty members. **Anand Kumar, MD**, has joined the faculty at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Dr. Kumar was formerly the Division Chief of Plastic Surgery at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

The Division recently underwent a scheduled ACGME site visit following a 5-year accreditation period. We're pleased to announce that we've once again been awarded a 5-year cycle of accreditation for our Integrated, Independent, and Hand residency programs. Our visiting professors for the year included **Fu-Chan Wei, MD** for the annual Musgrave Lectureship and **William Kuzon, MD** for the annual Resident Research Day.

We have three basic science research laboratories in tissue regeneration, composite tissue allotransplantation, and craniofacial biology which continue to gain momentum. **Joseph Losee, MD** received IRB acceptance for the Face Transplantation program. Under the leadership of **Andrew Lee, MD**, the Hand Transplant program successfully performed its (and the nation's) second bilateral hand transplant on February 11, 2010, including the transplantation of a total forearm/above-elbow allograft.

Members of our program have won many various awards this year:

### OVSPS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Basic Science Presentation – **Galen Wachtman, MD** (lab fellow)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Clinical Presentation – **Wesley N. Sivak, MD** (R1)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Basic Science Poster – **Han Li, MD** (lab fellow)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Basic Science Poster – **Rami Zanoun, MD** (lab fellow)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Clinical Poster – **Sanjay Naran, MD** (R1)

### Ivy Society

- George Manstein, MD** Award (Best Overall) – **Robert Sucher, MD** (lab fellow)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Clinical Presentation – **Sanjay Naran, MD** (R1)

The program is accredited to graduate 4 residents per year. However, with the recent changes in the Integrated and Independent programs, we graduated three chief residents this year. **Tae Chong, MD** will be joining the academic faculty at UT Southwestern; **Roe Rubinstein, MD** will be pursuing a hand fellowship at UCLA, and **Ian Valerio, MD** will be joining the academic faculty at National Naval Medical Center,

Bethesda, MD. Our microsurgical fellow, **Damon Cooney, MD** is planning to join the academic faculty at SIU; **Alexander Lin, MD**, our craniofacial fellow is joining the academic faculty at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, St. Louis, MO.; our hand fellow, **John Ingraham, MD** will be joining the academic faculty at Penn State University; and **Jonathan Toy, MD**, our body contouring fellow, is joining the academic faculty at the University of Edmonton.

## University of Rochester Plastic Surgery

Program Director: **Howard N. Langstein, MD**

The Division of Plastic Surgery has undergone significant changes since it was founded in 1946. The First Annual Alumni Weekend will be held October 22 and 23, 2010. The purpose of the First Annual Alumni Weekend is to provide an educational conference that demonstrates the latest in scientific research and techniques in the field of plastic and reconstructive surgeries. The conference will also allow participants to understand the evolution of these technologies and advances throughout the decades, including how resident training has evolved and progressed at the University of Rochester.

The Division of Plastic Surgery First Annual Alumni Weekend is also an opportunity to honor **Robert M. McCormack, MD** who served as the Chair of the Plastic Surgery Division for thirty-three years. During his career, he educated more than 50 plastic surgical residents and countless medical students. The Division of Plastic Surgery is proud to welcome their alumni back for an exciting and educational weekend!

Some of our current research projects include a PSEF Research Grant – Studying the effects of radiation and growth factors on capsular contracture in a mouse model.

Our current residents are **Robert Shaw, MD** PGY5; **Ronald Bossert, MD** PGY5; **Greg Lakin, MD** PGY5; **Emily Beers, MD** PGY4; **Marissa Matarrese, MD** PGY4. Our recent graduates are **Anthony Perrone, MD** who is doing a hand fellowship at Harvard and **Hani Sbitany, MD** who is pursuing a microvascular reconstructive surgery fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania.

## Temple University Plastic Surgery Fellowship

Program Director: **Chris D. Tzarnas, MD**

**Michael Baumholtz, MD** joined the plastic surgery faculty as Assistant Professor in Surgery this recent academic year. New offices for patients and plastic surgery faculty at Temple were completed. We graduate two residents from our program per year. This year, **Carlos Medina, MD** will be entering private practice in Miami, FL and **Mark Tseng, MD**, will be starting a private practice in Seattle, WA.



**President’s Message** (continued from page one)

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We are especially fortunate to have Bill Little give the Courtiss Memorial Lecture. Bill was a personal friend of Gene’s; the lectureship means a great deal to him. And as you all know from the quality of Bill’s presentations, we are in for a real treat.

Mary McGrath, an NESPS Past President, is our Founder’s Lecturer this year and will be talking on “Surgeons, Innovation, and Industry: Balancing Competing

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Interests.” Mary will share her unique insight into the effects of legislation and government oversight on the innovation that has been a hallmark of American Medicine.

Bill Little has managed to secure the Cosmos Club as the site for the President’s Dinner Dance. We are going to take the opportunity of the 30<sup>th</sup> October to have a masked ball. This will be a night to remember. Your President will be honoring his Scottish roots (or possibly Halloween if you see the state of his legs!) by wearing the kilt.

I hope to see all of you in Washington.

Sincerely  
Donald R. Mackay, MD, FACS

**NOTICE OF 2010 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

The 2010 NESPS Annual Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 30, at 12:30 pm during the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

All members are encouraged to attend, however, only Active and Life Members may vote.

The following bylaw change will be presented for vote:

**ARTICLE IX, SECTION 2. SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

~~The Scientific Program Committee shall consist of five (5) or more Active Members appointed by the President. This Committee shall develop and supervise the scientific program for the Annual Meeting as directed by the Board of Directors.~~

The Scientific Program Committee shall consist of a Chair appointed by the President and Co-Chair appointed by the Vice President. In addition, it shall consist of up to 15 Active Members serving 3-year staggered terms. The President shall appoint up to five new members each year to replace those whose terms are expiring. This Committee shall develop and supervise the scientific program for the Annual Meeting as directed by the Board of Directors.

**Proposed Slate of Officers for 2010-2011**

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## SUPPORT THE NESPS ENDOWMENT FUND

Dear NESPS Member:

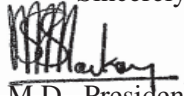
The NESPS Second Decade Fund was inaugurated 15 years ago by Dr. Bill Little to support the educational efforts of the NESPS. In the past, the fund has allowed us to develop the Spring Workshop, support the annual Eugene Courtiss Memorial Lecturers and fund the President's Awards at our Annual Meetings. This fund has also helped the NESPS weather the current economic recession.

With the NESPS financial state stable, the Board has initiated another fundraising campaign to support the Endowment Fund and has asked Dr. Lou Bucky to lead this effort. It is the Board's goal to raise \$100,000 over the next five years. In the future, the Endowment Fund could be used to secure the Spring Workshop, invite and help fund premier lecturers to the NESPS Annual Meeting to enhance the quality of the meetings, jointly fund research projects in the Northeast with the PSEF or support a Northeastern traveling fellowship for a young faculty to acquire new skills and help advance their career. I would be very interested to hear the membership's thoughts on other creative ideas for the Endowment Fund that can set the NESPS apart as a leader in regional plastic surgery societies.

If you have supported the Endowment Fund in the past I thank you for your contribution and ask that you continue your support. If you have not yet sent in your contribution I urge you to support the Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons with a tax deductible gift at the Supporter level of \$100, the Bronze Circle level of \$500, the Silver Circle level of \$1,000 or the Golden Circle level of \$2,500. Your gift is greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged in the NESPS donor rolls at the 2010 Annual Meeting this fall. You can make your donation online in the Members Only section of the NESPS website: [www.NESPS.org](http://www.NESPS.org).

Thank you very much for your commitment to the Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons and I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC this October.

Sincerely,



Donald Mackay, M.D., President  
Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons

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