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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Joseph E. Losee, MD

Dear Colleagues:

We are just weeks away from the 29th Annual Meeting on September 27 to 29, 2012 at the InterContinental Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts.

This year we have altered the schedule slightly and eliminated programming on Sunday to allow attendees to return to the families sooner or enjoy the rest of the weekend in Boston. The program begins on Thursday afternoon with a panel on International Surgical Missions and closes with our Welcome Reception and Poster Competition in the Exhibit Hall. We continue to offer four Maintenance of Certification lectures on Friday and Saturday morning prior to the first sessions. We also have two industry symposia this year. LifeCell will hold a luncheon symposium on Friday afternoon and Allergan Academy will once again hold a dinner symposium on Friday evening.

This year's program includes the major topics in the field of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. They include the sub-specialties of craniofacial and head and neck surgery, breast surgery, aesthetic surgery, and general reconstructive surgery. Papers presented will address; the goal of obtaining symmetry in unilateral breast reconstruction, the feasibility of microsurgical facial reanimation in children, up-regulation of pleiotrophin in patients with macrodactyly, and advances in cutaneous

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Editor's Corner



Brian S. Glatt, MD, FACS

Dear friends and colleagues:

We are looking forward to another very successful annual meeting this year in Boston! Joe Losee and Peter Taub have put together an outstanding overall meeting including a fantastic scientific program balanced with plenty of social activities for catching up with colleagues and friends and making new ones. The NESPS annual meeting is always a special event – large enough to provide adequate diversity but small enough to maintain a certain intimacy in that no one practices so far

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gene therapy. The abstracts were accepted from over twenty-five member and non-member institutions throughout the country. Through this wide range of topics presented, the expanse of our specialty is emphasized and reflects the creative, innovative, and thoughtful work being conducted by our colleagues.

Please join me on Saturday evening for the President's Dinner Dance. This year's event will be black tie only and will feature the Andrew Thielen Big Band. Songs include Big band, swing, jazz, pop, motown, rock, light country, disco and love songs. They play the greatest songs of yesterday and today all with the tremendously powerful sound of three trumpets, three trombones, four saxophones, piano, bass, guitar and drums. Plus they carry a minimum of two

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but sometimes use three or four singers. The evening is sure to be a memorable one. Special thanks are extended to the NESPS Scientific Program Committee, chaired by Peter J. Taub which included David Low, Steven Baker, Alan Matarasso, Howard Langstein, Dale Vidal, Richard Zienowicz, Alexis Hazen, Liza Wu, Jeff Ascherman, Dan Delvecchio, Deepak Narayan, Vu Nguyen, Steve Warren, Alex Au, Steve Kovach, Jesse Taylor, Ray Dunn, and those we may have unintentionally omitted. Their timely reviews and relevant comments of the numerous abstracts that were submitted shaped the flavor of the meeting.



We look forward to seeing you in Boston!

Register for the Meeting

View the Preliminary Program

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NORTHEASTERN SOCIETY OF PLASTIC SURGEONS

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 22, 2011

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, Florida

Call to Order and Welcome

President Joseph Disa, MD welcomed everyone to Amelia Island and called the 28th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons to order at 12:10 pm on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Dr. Disa appointed Drs. Brian Glatt and Peter Taub as Tellers to collect and compile the membership ballots. The Parliamentarian, Dr. Brian Glatt, declared a quorum present.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 30, 2010

Annual Business Meeting

Dr. Disa indicated that the minutes of the October 30, 2010 Annual Business meeting had been distributed and asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

It was VOTED to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2010 Annual Business meeting as distributed.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Joseph Serletti, Secretary, reported that the membership continued to grow. The current membership totaled 578 comprised of 379 Active, 103 Life, 28 Candidate, 6 Associate, 5 Honorary and 57 Resident members.

The following members have requested transfer to Life Fellows status and this slate has been approved by your Board:

Stephen A. Brown, Clinton, CT

The following members have requested resignation and this has been approved by your Board:

William M. Swartz, Springfield, MA

Dr. Serletti also requested a moment of silence for the members that had passed away since the 2009 Annual Meeting:

Courtland L. Harlow, Kingston, MA

D. Ralph Millard, Jr., N. Miami, FL

Dr. Serletti reported that the NESPS had received applications for membership from 26 applicants including 17 for Active membership and 9 for Candidate membership. Each of these prospective members has met all of the NESPS qualifications and requirements for membership. In accordance with our By-Laws, all prospective members were presented to the Board. Based on Board recommendation, they are included on the membership ballot. He thanked Membership Chair, Jeffrey Ascherman, for his excellent work as well as the members for their vigorous efforts to continue to seek out the highest and best-qualified candidates for NESPS membership.

Report of the President

Dr. Disa reported that NESPS continued to raise funds for the Second Decade Fund. The NESPS Second Decade Fund was inaugurated 16 years ago by Dr. Bill Little to support the educational efforts of the NESPS. In the past the fund has allowed us to 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. Dr. Disa acknowledged the contributors to the fund and thanked them for support and urged others to pledge their support of the fund.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. John Giroto presented the Society's financial status noting Assets of \$245,261 with \$115,013 in the Operating Ac-

count and \$130,248 in investments at UBS. With total revenue through September 30, 2010 equaling \$175,050 and expenses totaling \$97,129 with the addition of \$8,079, the financials reports recognized a surplus of \$86,001.

It was VOTED to approve the report of the Treasurer.

Report of the Tellers

Dr. Disa reported that all applicants for membership were elected into the membership Class of 2011. Newly elected members for the Class of 2011 are:

Active Members

Michael Baumholtz, Pennsylvania
 Matthew Bonanno, New York
 Bernard Chang, Maryland
 Kambiz Jacob Cohen-Kashi, New York
 Thomas Davenport, New York
 Joseph Dayan, New York
 Caroline Glicksman, New Jersey
 Lorelei Grunwaldt, Pennsylvania
 Jeffrey Gusenoff, New York
 Ryan Hoffman, Pennsylvania
 John Ingraham, Pennsylvania
 L. Scott Levin, Pennsylvania
 Maria LoTempio, New York
 Andrew Salzberg, New York
 Stephen Sullivan, Rhode Island
 Helena Taylor, Rhode Island
 Tito Vasquez, Connecticut

Candidate Members

Jose Christiano, New York
 Brian Cohen, New York
 Tara Huston, New York
 Sharef Jandali, Connecticut
 Nilton Medina, Massachusetts
 Nima Patel, New York
 Ivona Percec, Pennsylvania
 Thomas Samson, Pennsylvania
 David Yan, Connecticut

Report of the Program Committee

Dr. Babak Mehrara reported that registration this year consisted of 62 members, 18 non-members, 71 residents, 11 guests and 3 allied health professionals. There were 171 abstracts received for this year's program and the Program Committee was able to accept 87 for inclusion in the program. We accepted as many abstracts as possible to be as inclusive as possible as well as increase attendance. We attempted to select the best science while including as many geographical areas as possible. Dr. Mehrara thanked the members of the Program Committee for their hard work.

Dr. Disa thanked Dr. Mehrara and the Program Committee for their hard work and attention to detail in putting together this year's excellent program.

Bylaws Committee Report

Dr. Joseph Losee, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, reported that proposed bylaw amendment had been distributed in the Fall Newsletter. He summarized the amendment stating that sponsor of membership applicants would no longer be required to submit a formal letter of endorsement to complete the membership application. The amendment will allow for a check box on the online application for the sponsor to confirm a candi-

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date's professional competence and moral and ethical standing rather than writing a letter.

It was VOTED to approve the bylaw amendments.

Nominating Committee Report

Dr. Donald Mackay, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Nominating Committee had prepared a slate recognizing both service and regional representation on the Board for 2011 – 2012 as follows:

- President: Joseph E. Losee
- Vice President: Joseph M. Serletti
- Treasurer: Raymond M. Dunn
- Secretary: Patrick Sullivan
- Historian: John Giroto
- Member-at-Large: Stephen B. Baker (1 year term)
- Member-at-Large: Jeffrey A. Ascherman

It was VOTED to approve the slate as presented.

Dr. Disa called for nominations to the Nominating Committee for next year. The following people were elected:

- Brian S. Glatt
- T. Shane Johnson
- Peter Taub

Future Meetings

Dr. Disa announced that the 29th Annual Meeting of the NESPS will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts on September 27-30, 2012.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Society.

New Business

Dr. Disa introduced Dr. Joseph Losee, the new President of the Society and presented him with the official gavel. Dr. Losee thanked the membership for the privilege of serving as President of the Northeastern Society. Dr. Losee thanked Dr. Disa and presented him with the Presidential Plaque.

There being no further business to come before the membership, Dr. Losee adjourned the meeting at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph M. Serletti, MD
Secretary

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away from each other either. It is one of the events that I most look forward to each year. I want to once again thank the

program directors and chairmen who contributed to the program roundup for our newsletter, which helps keep us up to date on the various happenings and changes within our member programs. I consistently receive positive feedback from members regarding this section, and its success is due to your active participation. I look forward to seeing you all in a few weeks in Boston – and get some rest beforehand! With Dr.

Losee and Dr. Taub at the helm, it promises to be a busy and fulfilling few days.

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Thank you to our industry partners for their support of the NESPS Annual Meeting.

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- Sientra
- TEI Biosciences
- Tri-Medics
- ZELTIQ Aesthetics

PROGRAM ROUND-UP

Georgetown University Hospital Department of Plastic Surgery

Program Director: Stephen B. Baker, M.D., DDS

We are proud to announce that John Barbour, M.D. will be joining our faculty with plans to split his time between Georgetown University Hospital and Washington VA. He will also be joining Catherine Hanna as new dedicated academic fulltime VA faculty to enhance our VA rotation. Eduardo Rodriguez, M.D. welcomed our residents to rotate at Shock Trauma last year, even allowing one of our residents to participate in a face transplant. Dr. Ed Rodriguez lectured to our program on the topic of face transplantation, and Joe Dayan, an alumnus, presented his experience with microvascular lymph node transfer including the first case in NYC he did in November 2010. Rich Hopper, M.D. from Seattle Children's Hospital visited the residents here as the ASMS visiting professor this year; and Scott Barlett from the University of Pennsylvania gave an outstanding presentation for the annual Millard Lectureship. We are proud to announce that Vineet Mehan received the outstanding teacher award from the chief residents and Praful Ramineni received the 2012 outstanding teacher award from the residents. Each year we have three residents graduate. Derek Masden is currently a hand fellow at Union Memorial Hospital; he plans to join an academic practice after completion of his fellowship. Jesse Goldstein is currently a craniofacial fellow at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and plans to join an academic plastic surgery group as a craniofacial surgeon. Mitch Seruya did a two year fellowship in craniofacial as well as pediatric hand/micro in Melbourne, Australia and is planning to return to Children's National Medical Center in Washington DC as full time faculty.

Harvard University

Program Director: Michael J. Yaremchuk, MD

This year Jessica Erdmann-Sager, M.D. joined Brigham and Women's Foxboro site; and Peter Kim, M.D. joined the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Dr. Tony Holmes and Dr. Joseph McCarthy were the plastic surgery residency visiting professors at Harvard. Dr. Joseph McCarthy will also be the first speaker this year for the Inaugural Goldwyn Lectureship. Over the past year Samuel Lin, M.D. won the American Association of Plastic Surgeons Academic Scholar Award. We have 6 residents graduate each year from our program. Raul Cortes will be completing a fellowship in California, Randall Craft will be entering a practice in Arizona, Doug Helm will be completing a hand fellowship in Massachusetts, Dzifa Kpodzo will be completing a breast fellowship in Georgia, Christian Vercler will be completing a craniofacial fellowship in Michigan, and Tormod Westvik will enter a practice in Norway.

News from the Section's Programs

Johns Hopkins/University of Maryland

Program Director: Richard Redett, M.D.

Dr. Scott Lifchez has become our associate program director, and Dr. Sheri Slezak has taken over as the chief of plastic surgery at University of Maryland. We welcome new faculty at the University of Maryland, including Dr. Rachel Bluebond-Langner and Dr. Yvonne Rasko and we have started a hand surgery fellowship. W.P. Andrew Lee has received several grants for his research on mesenchymal stem cell therapy for nerve regeneration and immunomodulation after composite tissue allotransplantation, reconstructive transplantation for devastating upper limb trauma (congressional), and for AFIRM: hand transplantation for reconstruction of upper limb trauma (EI-1). Notable awards this past year include the 2012 AAPS/Furnas Academic Scholarship Award and the ASMS/MSF Basic Science Research Award, both won by faculty member Chad Gordon; 2012 Basic Science Research Award, 4th annual Johns Hopkins/University of Maryland Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Symposium, 2011-12 St. Andrew's Episcopal School Young Alumnus of the Year award, and 2011 Transplantation Society Travel Award for the 10th Meeting of the International Hand and Composite Tissue Allotransplantation Society, Atlanta Georgia, all won by one of our residents Gerhard S. Munding; lab fellow, Garbriel Brat won the Hardesty Award for Best Poster Presentation at the PSRC 2012; and Sashank Reddy, current resident won the Johns Hopkins Department of Plastic Surgery resident research award this year for Best Clinical Research, which was also accepted for presentation at the Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons Annual Meeting this September. Graduating this year are Lori Howell, who is doing a craniofacial fellowship at Stanford; Jeff Feiner, who is joining a practice in Orlando, FL; and Matt Stanwix who is going into private practice in Richmond, VA.

Lehigh Valley

Program Director: Robert X. Murphy, Jr., M.D.

Christian Subbio, M.D. returned to join our faculty in July 2011. Dr. Subbio graduated from the plastic surgery residency at Lehigh Valley Health Network in June 2010 after completing the combined-format program. He then completed a one year microvascular fellowship in Rochester, NY. Nicholas Vedder, M.D. will be the visiting professor at Lehigh Valley Health Network for the IVY Society meeting in March 2013. We have two recent graduates; Christian M. Blaine is entering private practice in Long Island, NY, and Brian Bradow will be completing a microsurgery fellowship at Ohio State University.

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PROGRAM ROUND-UP

News from the Section's Programs

University of Massachusetts

Program Director: Douglas Rothkopf, M.D.

This year we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the UMass plastic surgery residency program. Residency alumni from the past four decades joined our founding chairman, Robert L. Walton, M.D., and present residents and faculty to mark the occasion. The plastic surgery conference room was dedicated to Dr. Walton for his lifelong commitment to excellence in patient care, research, and teaching. Our last two independent residents will be graduating in June 2013, as the integrated residency begun in July 2008 supplants it. Lastly, we are pleased to announce that our integrated program recently received five year accreditation from the RRC.

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Program Director: Peter Cordeiro, M.D.

We are proud to announce that Babak Mehrara received funding for an NIH R01 grant, exploring mechanisms of fibrosis in post surgical lymph edema. He also received a PSF grant along with Peter Rubin to set up a nationwide registry for fat grafting for breast reconstruction and aesthetics. Also this year, Joe Disa has been elected to the board of the American Board of Plastic Surgery. Each year we have four residents graduate from our program. Robert Bajnrauh plans to enter private practice in Phoenix, Arizona; Dino Ravnic will be entering private practice in Long Island, New York; Karly Kaplan plans on taking a position at Kaiser Permanente in Sacramento, California; and John Fernandez will enter a private practice in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Mount Sinai Medical Center

Program Director: Lester Silver, M.D., MS

Starting in 2013, our training program will be cleared to convert to an integrated program. We had our annual Barsky Lecture, delivered by Dr. Chuck Butler; and Dr. Arun Gosain will be hosted as a visiting professor courtesy of the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons. We are proud to announce that Dr. Lester Silver was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the New York Regional Society of Plastic Surgery, and Dr. Peter J. Taub was elected Chair of the 2014 Plastic Surgery Research Council. We currently graduate two residents per year from our program. Dr. Aravind Pothula will be heading to St. Louis with Dr. Susan Mackinnon for a hand fellowship at Washington University; and Dr. George Xipoleas will be at New York Eye and Ear Infirmary for an aesthetic surgery fellowship.

Nassau University Medical Center, Long Island Plastic Surgical Group

Program Director: Roger L. Simpson, M.D., MBA, FACS

We have had several new additions to our faculty this year. Josh Zuckerman, M.D. joined us after completing plastic surgery at Brown University and completing a fellowship for Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery at NYU. Noel Natoli, M.D. comes from training in plastic surgery at Penn State and also did a fellowship for microsurgical breast reconstruction at the University of Pennsylvania. Brian Pinsky, M.D. will be joining our faculty after doing his plastic surgery at Mount Sinai, and a fellowship at UCLA for hand and upper extremity surgery. This year Kavin Shah, M.D., MPH joined us as Director of Clinical Trials and Research and our program has begun to introduce our residents to clinical trial experience. The residency program is now three years in length, and we are planning a resident rotation to Stony Brook University Hospital later this year. This year the John Knowles Swinburne Memorial Lecture was given by Scott Levin, M.D. of the University of Pennsylvania. The annual Nassau Surgical Society Plastic Surgery Clinic Day in December will be headed by Laurence Glickman, M.D., hosted by Tim Marten, M.D. of San Francisco and Jeff Janis, M.D. of Dallas as visiting professors. Our visiting professor for December 2012 will be Rollin Daniel, M.D. Some of our graduating residents contributed to scholarly activity such as "Ultrasound Guided Lateral Femoral Cutaneous Nerve (LFCN) Block: Safe and Simple Anesthesia for Harvesting Skin Grafts in BURNS, published by Dr. Shteynberg. Another graduated resident, Dr. Gonzalez published "Quality of Life after Breast Reduction: A 10 Year Retrospective Analysis Utilizing the Breast Q Questionnaire: Does Breast Size Matter?" in Annals of Plastic Surgery. Another one of our graduates, Dr. Melendez, published "Live Online Video Interviews Dramatically Improve the Plastic Surgery Residency Application Process" in PRS. This year we have four residents graduating. Marco Gonzales, M.D. is planning to enter private practice in El Paso, TX; Mark Melendez, M.D., MBA is doing a fellowship for microsurgical reconstruction at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD; Alex Shteynberg, M.D. entered private practice in Brooklyn, NY; and Roman Bernstein, M.D., Burn Fellow is going to re-enter general surgery as a PGY3.

New Jersey Medical School – Plastic Surgery Residency

Program Director: Edward Lee, M.D.

Edward Lee, M.D. moved from private practice to join the NJMS faculty and was appointed as program director in January
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News from the Section's Programs

2012. Earl Fleegler, M.D. remains part of our faculty, but moved his clinical practice solely to the VA Medical Center. This year, Dr. Anne Mosenthal was named Interim Chair of the Department of Surgery. Our program has recently participated in several events and we also had guest speakers at our affiliated hospitals. Dr. W.P. Andrew Lee presented at Hackensack University Medical Center, and Dr. Julian Pribaz and Dr. Foad Nahai presented at St. Barnabas Medical Center. Dr. Lily Daniali was awarded this year for Best Basic Science Poster at the New Jersey Society of Plastic Surgeons. Each year we have two residents graduate from our program. Cindy Wei graduated and started at Memorial Sloan Kettering's micro surgical fellowship, and Ruth Celestin graduated and started aesthetic fellowship at Lennox Hill. Craig Pastor will be graduating from our program in 2013 and has been accepted for a hand surgery fellowship at Stony Brook; and Brenon Abernathie will also be graduating in 2013, and has also already been accepted for a hand surgery fellowship at New York University. Our program is transitioning from a six year combined format program to a six year integrated residency program. We are proud to announce that our first PGY1 integrated residents, Dr. Laurel Karian and Dr. Alexis Lanteri, joined our program in July 2012.

New York Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical College, Columbia University Medical Center

Program Director: Robert Grant, MD

Within the past year, David Otterburn, M.D. has joined our faculty. We have also changed to an integrated program. We have had several promotions within our program. Dr. Ascherman was promoted to professor of clinical surgery, Dr. Robert Grant was promoted to clinical professor of surgery, and Dr. Jason Spector to associate professor of surgery. Joseph Serletti was a visiting lecturer this year. 2012 has been a productive year for both the Cornell and Columbia campuses. At the Columbia campus, Dr. June Wu continues her research on hemangiomas with a K08 grant. Dr. Christine Rhode secured a NIH KM1 award for innovative Mentoring and MPH Education in research and scientific excellence in comparative effectiveness research. She is also actively studying the use of pulsed electromagnetic field therapy for pain control after TRAM flap breast reconstruction, data which will be shared at the upcoming northeastern meeting. Dr. Jeff Ascherman is the principal investigator for the multicenter U.S. trial of the aerofoam tissue expander, a remote control, patient controlled device for breast reconstruction. At the Cornell campus, Dr. Jason Spector has had multiple papers presented at most of the national and regional meetings throughout the past year including the Northeastern, ASPS, ASRM and the plastic surgery research council. He continues his research in tissue engineering with a focus on microcircuits and capsular contracture. Dr. Mia

Talmor continues her outcomes research in breast reconstruction. Dr. Dave Otterburn is also performing clinical outcome research in breast reconstruction and the use of preoperative imaging in DIEP reconstructions. Each year we graduate three of our residents. Stephanie Malliaris will be attending a hand fellowship, Lara Devgan is entering a private practice, and Whitney Burrell will be attending a microsurgery fellowship. We have had three recent graduates as well. Melissa Doft is now in a private practice in New York City, Shweta Parakh joined an academic group practice in western Massachusetts, and Kristen Parker entered a fellowship with Susan Mackinnon at Washington University of St. Louis in nerve reconstruction and microsurgery.

Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery Department of Plastic Surgeon New York University Langone Medical Center

Program Director: Pierre B. Saadeh, M.D.

We have recently added to our faculty Vishal Thanik, M.D., a graduate of the IRPS residency and our hand fellowship. The institute moved this year to a new location designed by the department, at 307 East 33rd Street which includes state of the art facilities for clinics, research, and education. We were honored to host Dr. Rod Rohich, chairman of the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center, as well as the editor-in-chief of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, as the Kazanjian Visiting Professor in Plastic Surgery last November. Lisa F. Schneider, one of our chief residents, won 2nd place at the New York Regional Society Resident Competition for her presentation "Global Experience and use of CAD-CAM Modeling for Facial Reconstruction." Another chief resident of ours, Katie Weichman, won 4th place in a resident poster competition at AAPS for her project "Antibiotic Selection for the treatment of infection complications of implant based breast reconstruction." Each year we have four residents graduate. Keith Blechman, M.D. is currently a microsurgical fellow at MD Anderson; Steve Levine, M.D. is currently one of our micro fellows at NYU; Lawrence Draper, M.D. is also in a micro surgical fellowship at NYU; and Vishal Thanik, M.D. has joined the faculty practice at IRPS in hand and plastic surgery.

Penn State Hershey, Division of Plastic Surgery

Program Director: Timothy Shane Johnson, M.D.

Last year Dr. Bahman Guyuron of Case Western Reserve University, Dr. Joseph Losee of the University of Pittsburgh and Dr. Warren Garner of USC were visiting professors. This year Dr.

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PROGRAM ROUND-UP

News from the Section's Programs

Nicholas Vedder of the University of Washington will be a visiting professor with us. J.M. Ingraham and H.P. Ehrlich received a grant from the American Foundation for Surgery of the Hand; and T.S. Johnson, B.F. Michelotti, and R.M. Hauck, M.D. received grants from the American Association for Hand Surgery. Several members of our program have won awards over the past year. Donald R. Mackay, M.D. won the Faculty Award for Leadership/Mentorship in Surgery, Timothy Shane Johnson, M.D. won the Faculty Award for Professionalism/Humanism in Surgery, and Sebastian Brooke won Best Clinical Research Paper, Plastic Surgery Research Council, Ann Arbor Michigan in June 2012. Our program graduates two residents per year. Brandon Reynolds, M.D. is starting a private practice in his hometown of Las Vegas, Nevada and Theodore Foley, M.D. is joining a local private practice group Leber and Banducci Plastic Surgery, Ltd.

Division of Plastic Surgery, University of Pennsylvania

Program Director: Benjamin Chang, M.D.

Ines Lin, M.D. is welcomed as a new hand surgeon in our division after completing a hand fellowship at the Mayo Clinic, following our plastic surgery residency program. In December 2011, Don Mackay, M.D. was a speaker at the Ivy Lecture and Fernando Molina, M.D. was a speaker at the Whitaker Lecture in May 2012. This year, Mark Constantian, M.D. will be speaking at the Whitaker Lecture and John Persing, M.D. will be speaking in May 2013. Each year we graduate three residents from our program. Andrew Newman, M.D. will be joining the faculty at Temple University. Theresa Wang, M.D. will be completing a microsurgery Fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering; and Alexander Gougles, M.D. will complete a microsurgery Fellowship at the University of Washington in Seattle. This year our residency was awarded five years of accreditation with no citations by the ACGME. We are also in the process of becoming an integrated program; however we will still maintain one independent position.

University of Pittsburgh

Program Director: Joseph E. Losee
Associate Program Director: Vu T. Nguyen

On June 29, 2012 we inaugurated the new department of plastic surgery, in addition to bestowing the UPMC Endowed Chair in plastic surgery to J. Peter Rubin. We also have had some new additions to our facility including T. Orguz Acarturk, M.D.; Spencer Brown, PhD; Jeffrey A. Gusenoff, M.D.; Sandeep Kathju, M.D.; Mario Solari, M.D.; Alexander Spiess, M.D.; Dawn Wang, M.D.; and Kia Washington, M.D. The Sixteenth Ross H. Musgrave lecturer was Julian J. Pribaz and will be followed this

year by our own J. William Futrell. This year's visiting professor for our annual Resident Research Day was Geoffrey C. Gurtner. We also inaugurated a new visiting professorship honoring the memory of Dr. Lisa Vecchione, with the inaugural lecturer being Dr. Barry Grayson, to be followed next year by Henry Kawamoto. In addition to ongoing NIH R01 grant support for Drs. Rubin, Marra and Cooper, and an ARMV/DOD grant for Dr. Gorantla, this year Dr. Losee received NIH R01 grant support for the study of ear disease in cleft palate patients. We are also proud to announce that Dr. Joseph Losee was appointed to the Board of the American Board of Plastic Surgery as well as being elected President Elect of the American Council of Academic Plastic Surgeons. Some of our residents also received awards this year. Alex Rottgers received the Paul Black Junior Investigator Award, awarded at the 69th Annual Meeting of the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association. Jonathan Keith was awarded 2012 Stephen Kroll fellowship in Gent, Belgium. Darren Smith won Best Paper at AO North America 2012 Challenges in Fracture Care Across Disciplines. At the annual meeting of the Robert H. Ivy Society, Darren Smith won for Best Overall Presentation, Meghan Quigley won for the Best Basic Science and Zoe Maclsaac won both second place Clinical and second place Basic Science presentations. We are proud to announce that for the ninth consecutive year we successfully defended the Ohio Cup at the annual meeting of the Ohio Valley Society of Plastic Surgeons, with award recipients including Rami Zanoun for Best Overall Paper, Darren Smith for Best Clinical Paper, and Zoe Maclsaac for second Best Basic Science. Each year we are approved to graduate three of our residents through the integrated pathway and two residents via the independent pathway. Julio Clavijo will be entering private practice in Pittsburgh; Jerrod Keith plans to be assistant professor at the University of Iowa; and Galen Wachtman will be completing a hand fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh.

Temple University Plastic Surgery Residency Program

Program Director: Chris Tzarnas, M.D.

Andrew Newman, M.D. joined the plastic surgery faculty in July 2012. The offices for faculty at Temple were moved once again. We graduate two residents from our program per year. Azra Ashraf, M.D., MPH will be doing a fellowship in breast and microsurgery at Beth Israel New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston, MA and Michael Friel, M.D. has selected a fellowship in craniofacial surgery at Indiana University.

SUPPORT THE NESPS ENDOWMENT FUND

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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. We 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.

Your gift is greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged in the NESPS donor rolls at the 2012 Annual Meeting this fall. You can make your donation online in the Members Only section of the NESPS website: www.NESPS.org

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