

**BERMUDA
2002**

OCTOBER 2-5

It's time already to mark your calendar for our next meeting in Bermuda. This will be the Northeastern's third visit to the Southampton Princess Hotel and Drs. Robert and Thomas Davis are planning wonderful things for us. Dr. Donald Mackay has been named Program Chairman and is already at work on the schedule of events.

The program schedule will allow maximum time to enjoy the wonders of Bermuda with your family.

So plan ahead and join us on the beach!

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Please Welcome Our New Members

New members of the Northeastern Society were voted in at the Annual Business Meeting, Saturday, October 6th, 2001 in Philadelphia:

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Plastic Surgeons in the News

On March 3, 2001 Robert X. Murphy, Jr., MD was one of 50 doctors nationwide to be awarded the AMA/GlaxoSmithkline Emerging Leaders Award. Honorees were selected for their involvement in leadership positions in community, societal, and political/legislative arenas.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...



Robert M. Davis, MD, FACS

The annual meeting of the Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons held in Philadelphia provided a wonderful social and academic scene for the membership of our society. I would like to congratulate Dr. Scott Bartlett, the past President, Dr. Lou Bucky, the Program Chairman, and Dr. Brien Murphy, the local Arrangements Chair, for putting on an outstanding meeting of scientific content, as well as a wonderful social program that I think was well received by all of our membership. The Black Tie Dinner Dance at the Union League provided a fitting finale for what I think was one of our finest meetings.

As your new President, I look forward to our annual meeting to be held in Bermuda in October of 2002. The Program Chairman, Dr. Don Mackay, has already put together an outline of a program that will combine excellent panel discussions, as well as ample time for free-standing papers and the Residents' Competition. This should provide academic stimulus to all of us who attend the meeting. The Social Chairman, Dr. Tom Davis, has put together a social program that I think allows us ample time to enjoy the wonders of Bermuda, as well as to gather socially for our annual dinner dance and the business luncheons. The dinner dance for this year will not be black tie, it will be coat and tie, allowing for a little more informality. I think this would fit in nicely with the ambience of the Bermuda scene.

This year for the first time, we have been able to use the Second Decade Fund to help with the sponsoring of prominent speakers for the annual meeting. I think that the dream that Dr. Bill Little had in forming this Second Decade Fund has come into fruition at this time. We are looking at bylaw changes that will allow the Second Decade Fund to be administered by the Board of Trustees and do away with a separate committee for the Second Decade Fund. I think that the stimulus and the initiation for this by Bill and those who have worked with him on the committee for the Second Decade Fund, has really been an overwhelming success. We need, however, to remember that this fund would need our continued donations so that we may keep it as an asset for our society in the future, and not just let the funds dwindle as we

use them over time. The initiation of the Dr. Eugene Courtiss Memorial Lecture was a resounding success. I think Dr. Gil Gradinger did a wonderful job in summarizing the life and the contributions of Dr. Courtiss, as it applied not only to the whole specialty of plastic surgery, but more particularly to the founding and development of the Northeastern Society. It was a distinct pleasure to have Barbie Courtiss be in attendance with us at this first lecture.

One of my goals as your new President is to involve more people in the actual running of our society, on various committees, and in board positions. We are looking to involve a whole new generation of younger plastic surgeons. I think that we have put together a board structure this year that will serve the society well. I really look forward to working with them and with the membership to provide strong leadership and continued growth of the Society.

It is my feeling from talking to the membership and my experience in attending the sessions at the meeting in Philadelphia, that there was a resurgence of energy and enthusiasm for our society, and for the venue that we provided. I think with the events that preceded our meeting in New York City, Washington DC and Pennsylvania, this was a much needed gathering of the membership. I think we were able to come together in a very significant way to help heal some of the wounds and problems that have occurred in recent months. This is one of the values of a society that is regionally dedicated, such as ours. I look forward to strengthening that in the next year. I would ask the membership to contact me with any suggestions that they would put forward as we plan for the meeting in Bermuda. We are looking into the possibility of changing the venue of our annual meeting from Baltimore to New York in 2003. I think that New York needs us and it would be a great thing for the Society and for the people of New York to have folks like us supporting them in their recovery. I look forward to serving as your President and would welcome any concerns or thoughts that would help the Northeastern Society grow in the coming year.

Robert M. Davis, MD

NESPS Abstract Submission now available ON-LINE!

Please go to www.nesps.org and click on Abstracts

Deadline for submissions is April 20, 2002

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

19th ANNUAL MEETING
October 2-5, 2002
Southampton Princess
Bermuda

20th ANNUAL MEETING
December 4-6, 2003
Marriott Marquis
New York, New York

21st ANNUAL MEETING
December 2-4, 2004
Renaissance Harborplace Hotel
Baltimore, Maryland

Highlights of the October Board and Business Meetings

- President Bartlett announced the first Courtiss Memorial Lecture indicating that support for this Lectureship would be provided by the interest on the Second Decade Fund.
- Beginning in 2002, Allied Health Personnel and employees of NESPS members will be invited to attend the meeting at 50% of the member rates.
- The NESPS audit, required every three years, showed no irregularities in the NESPS accounts.
- A motion was made and passed to raise the dues for 2002 to \$185.
- Membership Chair Robert Murphy reported that there were 40 new members to be voted into the society. Life membership status was requested and approved for Drs. Benko, McGibbon, and Graham. Dr. Tom Davis recommended and the membership approved Honorary Membership for Dr. Gil Gradinger.
- Our external fundraising efforts for this year's meeting netted \$43,000 thanks in large part to Dr. Bartlett's securing a \$10,000 grant from Synthes Maxillofacial. This had never been accomplished before.
- Nominating Committee Chair Jelks presented the slate for 2001-2002:

President - Robert M. Davis, MD	Vice-President - Henry M. Spinelli, MD
Secretary - Kenneth A. Marshall, MD	Treasurer - David Leitner, MD
Member-at-Large - Charles Thorne, MD (02)	Historian - Mark Granick, MD
Member-at-Large - Robert Murphy, MD (03)	

 The President's appointment for Parliamentarian was Dennis Hurwitz, MD
- Nominations were taken from the floor for members of the next Nominating Committee which will include Drs. Ken Shestak, Lou Bucky, and Joe Serletti. The fourth member named by the new Board of Directors is Dr. Craig Dufresne. Dr. Bartlett will Chair the committee.
- By-laws Committee Chair Craig Dufresne reported on a new category of Corresponding Membership. A new By-Law to make this change will be circulated to the members and voted on at the Bermuda meeting.
- Vice-President Davis discussed a proposal from Lippincott making the *Annals of Plastic Surgery* the semi-official journal of the NESPS (so noted on the cover, but not exclusively ours) and offering member subscriptions at reduced rates in trade for free or reduced rate exhibit fees at our meetings. Dr. Davis will respond with the following counter-proposal: (1) agreeing to a reduced fee to be paid by individual members if they wish to receive the journal, (2) requesting the continuation of an annual dedicated issue, (3) offering a reduced exhibit fee of 50% of the official fee in any year, and (4) suggesting that NESPS have representation by two members on the editorial board.
- An on-line abstract submission option for the Bermuda meeting will be offered. We will continue to accept abstracts on paper, and phase this out over a two to three year period.

**Congratulations to our
RESIDENT AWARD
WINNERS**

BASIC RESEARCH

Jian-Wei Xu, MD
Massachusetts General Hospital
and Harvard Medical School
"A Flexible Tissue-Engineered Cartilage Framework
Using Lyophilized Perichondrium As
Pseudoperichondrium".

CLINICAL

W. G. Austen, Jr., MD
Harvard Medical School
"Endoscope Assisted Transaxillary Subpectoral
Breast Augmentation: Indications, Pitfalls, and
Technical Refinements"

- President Bartlett opened the floor for discussion of future meetings. Bermuda is booked for October 2-5, 2002 and will take place at the Fairmont Southampton Princess as in the past. The 2003 meeting in Baltimore will be delayed for one year and moved to early December to avoid as much as possible the competing ASPS meeting in Philadelphia that year. The 2003 meeting will be held in New York City in early December. In light of the September 11th tragedy, it was strongly felt that this would be the NESPS's contribution to help the economy of New York. Dr. Joseph McCarthy volunteered to chair the local arrangements committee for the New York meeting.
- Resident Award Committee Chairman Davis announced that there would be two competition categories this year, and that the winners of the Clinical and the Basic science categories would be announced at the Presidential Dinner on Saturday evening.

Highlights of the 18 Annual Meeting -Tom Davis, MD

We returned to the city of brotherly love, the site of our inaugural meeting in 1984. An auspicious and timely happenstance considering the events of September 11, 2001. The 18th annual meeting of the NESPS was held October 4-6, 2001 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. President Scott P. Bartlett, MD and Program Chairman Louis Bucky, MD provided an outstanding scientific program.

Four instructional courses were offered free to NESPS members on Thursday afternoon prior to the opening reception and repeated Saturday morning. Courses included *Facial Rejuvenation: small incision surgery of the face, neck, and brow* - Joel Feldman, MD; *Comprehensive Use of Botox* - Michael Kane, MD; *Facial Reconstruction* - Peter Cordeiro, MD; and *Current Concepts in Blepharoplasty* - Glenn Jelks, MD.

A welcome reception was held in the Petite Ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Thursday evening. This evening's special ambience was provided by the excellent food and the renewal of friendships. The welcome reception was sponsored by ORGANOGENESIS, INC.

The scientific program was well received and stimulated excellent discussion. Panels included *Lower Lid Surgery-What, Why, When; Rhinoplasty Forum-Case Presentations and Evaluations; Treatment of Sub-Optimal Results in Breast Surgery; and Facial Rejuvenation-Clinical Pearls*. Barry Zide, MD moderated an educational and enjoyable panel called *Chair/Resident Case Comparison-Moh's Defect*.

In President Scott Bartlett's address he shared his experiences and his joys in organizing a Craniofacial team in Poland and his year-to-year experience working with this team.

There were two resident awards for outstanding papers this year; one in clinical and one in basic research (see the box to the left).

Support by our industry colleagues was outstanding this year. Thirty-six companies were represented in the exhibit hall. Many thanks go to Organogenesis for sponsoring the Welcome Reception, to Mentor Corporation for sponsoring the Friday morning coffee break, and to McGhan Medical Corporation for sponsoring the Saturday

morning coffee break. Special thanks go to Synthes Maxillofacial for the generous educational grant they provided for the whole program.

The Presidential reception and dinner-dance was held at the Union League of Philadelphia, the site of our inaugural black tie dinner.

The first Courtiss Memorial Lecture was introduced by Barry Noone, MD and presented by Gil Gradinger, MD. Gil shared with members and guests his long, wonderful friendship with Gene and Barbie. He mentioned that Gene never revised a paper because he was always right the first time. Because of their close association and interest in education, Gil said he and Gene were well qualified to give each other's papers. It was obvious that Gil and Gene shared a unique, warm and trusting friendship. Interestingly, the friendship was initiated by Barbie Courtiss and Sally Gradinger when they met while Gene and Gil were taking their Plastic Surgery boards.

At the business meeting, 40 new members were elected and President Scott Bartlett presented the Society's gavel to incoming President Robert M. Davis. Thank you Scott for a superb year as President.

Thanks also to Brien Murphy for the excellent local arrangements during the 18th Annual Meeting of the NESPS. Those attending shared a special renewal of camaraderie especially considering the tragic events of September 11. Our next meeting will be held at the Fairmont Southampton Princess in Bermuda October 2-5, 2002.



Drs. Scott Bartlett, Gil Gradinger and Robert Davis



Outgoing president Scott Bartlett, MD

Scenes from
Philadelphia



Barbie Courtiss, Scott Bartlett, MD and Gil Gradinger, MD



New Board Members: Drs. David Leitner, Charles Thorne, Ken Marshall, Robert Murphy, Scott Bartlett, Tom Davis and Henry Spinelli



Scott Bartlett, MD passes the presidential gavel to Bob Davis, MD



Scott Bartlett, MD, Clinical Resident Award winner W. G. Austen, Jr., MD & Executive Director Catherine Foss



Past Presidents of NESPS: Drs. Joseph McCarthy, Glenn Jelks, Tom Davis, Harvey Rosen, Joel Feldman, Scott Bartlett, Bill Morain, James May, Bill Little, and Barry Noone