

Message from Dr. Jacobs

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to the 78th Annual Surgical Update of the International College of Surgeons-United States Section. Our conference will be held from June 16 to 18 at the Somerset Inn located in Troy, Michigan. I also extend a warm welcome and invitation to the members of the American Academy of Neurological and Orthopaedic Surgeons who will once again be joining us for their 40th Annual Scientific Meeting.

Faculty from high quality health care institutions such as the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, the Beaumont Health System and the St. John Providence Health System will provide a tremendous learning experience for participants. The topics covered will focus on Complex Surgery in a Minimally Invasive Era and explore how minimally invasive surgical (MIS) procedures can be utilized in complex surgeries and in many cases provide better outcomes. In addition, participants will learn how to decide if and when MIS approaches for a variety of clinical health issues are appropriate.

This activity will provide unique continuing education for the general surgeon and surgical specialist as well as present both multidisciplinary and specialty specific educational opportunities. As you can see on the following pages, we are planning a high quality program, which will begin with a special keynote lecture on Thursday by Dr. Mark Orringer, Professor of Thoracic Surgery at the University of Michigan. **We also welcome Dr. Jonathan Epstein from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania on Friday who will present the Dr. Arno Roscher Endowed Lecture.** I am extremely delighted that Dr. Michael Sarr from the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota has also agreed to participate and will present the Dr. Andre Crotti Lecture on Saturday.

Other distinguished faculty members have also agreed to participate. You may note that speakers are more geographically diverse this year than in the past. They hail from not only the United States and the Troy area, but countries like Germany, the Czech Republic, Serbia, Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong and Australia from where our ICS World President, Professor Yik-Hong Ho, will travel to be with us and participate in our Global Surgery session on Saturday afternoon.

I encourage you to review the program in the pages that follow and note that we have streamlined the information published in this brochure to continue our previously stated efforts to reduce our carbon footprint by utilizing electronic publishing through our website, www.FICOnline.org. Speaker affiliations and select biographies are available online for review and I encourage you to visit our website often for updates about the program as well as to register for the meeting.

The Troy area will provide a perfect opportunity for sightseeing, dining, entertainment and of course education. I invite you to be part of the ICSUS 78th Annual Surgical Update in Troy this June.
Plan to join us!

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