



ORA News

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Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association



Mission Statement

The mission of the Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association is to improve the functional outcome of persons with musculoskeletal disability utilizing surgical and non-surgical management.

Message from the President:

David A. Fuller, MD

I would like to begin this brief letter with a special thanks to our immediate past president, Douglas Smith, for his leadership and contributions to the association over the last year. We just recently concluded our annual meeting in Seattle, WA, which was organized and hosted by Dr. Smith. The meeting highlighted the many diverse areas into which our organization reaches. One of the stimulating symposiums during the meeting explored medical education. A clear message was that we as orthopaedic surgeons are not providing musculoskeletal education adequately at multiple levels, beginning with medical student education.

A major goal of our organization is to educate. We seek to share and promote principles of orthopaedic rehabilitation not only to our own members but also throughout the general orthopaedic community. We plan to continue these efforts in the coming year through the publications and research of our members, participation in AAOS committees, and our presentations at specialty day and our own annual meeting. Some of our core topics such as amputation, gait dysfunction, and limb paralysis may not be very glamorous but are nonetheless critical. We hope in the coming year to reach out to broader audiences with the messages of the ORA.

Our organization has shown growth in the recent years and we are excited by our new administrative home at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA. As we add members, we do not want to lose the intimacy and personal relationships that are possible within the ORA. Development of regional and national friends that can provide support with difficult topics will remain one of the many benefits of the ORA. As we grow, the diverse backgrounds of our members will no doubt persist. Our organization's diversity of interests and intimacy is reflected in the patient groups for which we care. Our patients are from all age groups with the broadest range possible of functional needs. We will continue to seek to serve our patients with expertise and compassion.

The AAOS has been very supportive of our efforts in recent years and we look forward to continuing to work with the academy. The academy was very helpful to us by providing CME approval for our annual meeting in Seattle. We continue to be recognized as a major subspecialty organization within the academy and are represented on the Council of Musculoskeletal Specialty Societies. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next gathering on specialty day at the annual academy meeting in Chicago this coming March.

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2006 Specialty Day Meeting Update

Due to the devastation that Hurricane Katrina left in New Orleans, the AAOS Meetings were moved to Chicago IL. Therefore, our ORA Specialty Day Program for 2006 is now scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 25th in Chicago, IL at McCormick Place Convention Center, Room S502 AB.

Dr. Pedro K. Beredjikian will chair the Specialty Day Program this year with emphasis placed on The Denervated Upper Limb, the Amputated Limb and the Iraq War Experience. The program will begin at 7 AM with a continental breakfast followed by a Business Meeting.

Continuing medical education credits will be provided to attendees. This year's program has already been awarded 6 Category 1 credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award.



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2005 Annual Meeting Seattle, Washington

The 17th Annual Meeting of the ORA took place in beautiful Seattle, Washington at the Renaissance Hotel on Friday, September 16th and Saturday, September 17th.

The symposium was Chair by our Dr. Doug Smith and focused on the many diverse areas into which our organization reaches. One of the highlights of the symposiums explored medical education.

Another highlight of the program was the presentation of the Vernon Nickel Award. Joseph R. Lynch, MD from the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, University of Washington was the recipient of the Vernon Nickel Award this year. Joe's paper entitled "Musculoskeletal Workload vs. Musculoskeletal Clinical Confidence among Primary Care Physicians in Rural Oregon" was very well received.

Comments and feedback consistently stated that the meeting was a valuable, educational experience with excellent papers and speakers.

We again were able to afford the attendees continuing medical education credits. This year's program was awarded 9 Category 1 credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award

Thanks for a Great Program Dr. Smith!

Research Awards ~ 2006

The 2006 Jacquelin Perry Award

The recipients of the Jacquelin Perry Award for 2006 are Sudheer Reddy, MD, and Sharat Kusuma. Sudheer and Sharat are residents from the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. Sudheer will have the honor of presenting his paper entitled "Cost-effectiveness of Surgical Intervention for Cerebrospastic Equinovarus Deformity" at the ORA 2006 Specialty Day Program in Chicago.

The 2006 Vernon Nickel Award

The recipient of the Vernon Nickel Award for 2006 is Jain Shen, MD, et al. Jain is a resident in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Wake Forest University. Jain will have the honor of presenting his paper entitled "Bioprotection of Tendon Repair: Use of the Botulinum Toxin A in Achilles Tendon Repair in Rats" at the 18th Annual ORA Meeting in Philadelphia, PA on September 29 & 30, 2006.

The 2007 Award Competition

The Research Committee will once again be soliciting residents and fellows to submit their research papers for the 2007 Award Competition. The Jacquelin Perry and Vernon Nickel Awards are awarded annually. The winner of the J. Perry Award receives \$2,000 for travel expenses to present his paper at the ORA Specialty Day Program. The winner of the V. Nickel Award receives \$1,500 for travel expenses to present his paper at the Annual Meeting of the ORA. The topic of the project must concern the preservation or restoration of musculoskeletal function. Submission should follow the format of the JBJS. The deadline for submission is June 1, 2006.

Submissions should be sent electronically to:

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2005 Business Meeting Report

- Dr. Smith announced that we currently have \$16,159 in the checking account; CDs totaling \$19,234; and \$11,700 in the OREF fund.

COMSS Report

- Dr. Smith announced that he, Dr. Hsu and Dr. Marsolais will be going to the next COMSS meeting in October in Williamsburg. Dr. Marsolais will be there as a representative of the Research Committee for COMSS

Welcome to our new ORA members:

- Roger W. Davis, MD (Pueblo, CO)
- William W. Buckingham, MD, (Jacksonville, FL)
- Craig L. Israelite, MD, (Philadelphia, PA)



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What's New?

Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association Endowment Fund

Established in 2005, the purpose of the Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association Endowment Fund is to provide funding for research and education so that the functional nature of persons with musculoskeletal disability can be improved utilizing surgical and non-surgical methods in their care.

Emphasis will be made on requests related to orthopaedic rehabilitation projects which include all of the traditional orthopaedic subspecialties. This also includes such areas as amputation surgery, prosthetics, orthotics, neuromuscular disorders and the various neurological disorders which defy easy classification. All disciplines are eligible for funding from this fund. Emphasis is placed on interdisciplinary care and priority given to proposals that involve both clinicians and researchers.

If you contribute to the OREF fund, Please consider a certain amount to the ORA Endowment Fund as well.

The Endowment Fund is valued at \$20,000.
The interest will yield us 4-5% annually.

SAVE THE DATE!

2006 ORA Annual Meeting

September 29 & 30, 2006
Zubrow Auditorium
Pennsylvania Hospital
Philadelphia, PA

Board of Directors' Dinner Meeting

Thursday, September 28
6:30 PM
The Fork Restaurant
Philadelphia, PA

ORA Dinner

Friday, September 29
6:30 PM
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Philadelphia, PA

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Specialty Day 2007

February 17
San Diego, CA

2007 ORA Annual Meeting

Hollywood, CA
Dates to be Determined