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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:

*Pedro K. Beredjiklian MD*

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I would like to first take this opportunity to thank Dr. David A. Fuller for serving as President of the ORA for the past two years. Dr. Fuller has done an excellent job with our Organization. His commitment and leadership is very much appreciated. His tireless efforts in recruiting more members and encouraging them to participate in all aspects of the ORA will make this a tough act to follow.

Secondly, I would like to state that it is my honor to serve as President for this organization. I believe this year will be a rewarding experience as we strive to continue to increase the membership and improve the educational content of our meetings.

Thirdly, I would like to thank Drs. William Brien and John Hsu for Co-chairing and hosting our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at Cedar Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles on September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. This was an excellent meeting and very well received by all in attendance.

Drs. Brian Sennett and Lawrence Wells will be Co-chairing our upcoming Specialty Day Program in San Francisco on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The focus of the meeting will be on sports medicine as it relates to adults and adolescents. Also to be presented at this meeting is the Jacqueline Perry Award winning paper entitled "Orthopaedic Management Improves the Early Rate of Osteoporosis Treatment after Hip Fracture" by Dr. Matthew E. Oetgen. Dr. Oetgen is currently a resident from Yale University.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in advance for your interest and support in helping to make my tenure as President of the ORA a success. To reiterate Dr. Fuller's sentiments, I would also like to encourage all members of the organization to assume an active role in the membership growth for our organization. The value of orthopaedic rehabilitation to patients and to the Academy continues to be of great importance. Please join me in this effort.

Pedro K. Beredjiklian, MD

#### **2007 ORA Annual Meeting**

Dr. William Brian and Dr. John Hsu hosted the 18th Annual Meeting of the ORA which took place at Cedar Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA this past September. Dr. Hsu was kind enough to give a few of us a tour of the city of Los Angeles and Hollywood.

The BODs' Dinner Meeting took place the evening before in the Hat n Hare Pub located at the Magic Castle. This was followed by a Séance!

On Friday evening, we held another dinner at the Magic Castle for members of the Board and a few attendees attending the meeting.



# ORA News

## Research Awards 2008

### *The 2008 Award Competition*

The Research Committee chaired by Dr. Byron Marsolais selected the winners of the Jacquelin Perry and Vernon Nickel Awards for 2008. The recipient of the J. Perry Award was Dr. Matthew E. Oetgen for his paper entitled "Orthopaedic Management Improves the Early Rate of Osteoporosis Treatment after Hip Fracture." Dr. Oetgen is currently a resident at Yale University. He will receive \$2,000 for travel expenses to present his paper at the ORA Specialty Day Program in San Francisco on March 8, 2008. The recipient of the V. Nickel Award was Nicolas O. Noiseux for his paper entitled "The Effect of Sitting Pressure on Ischial Blood Flow in spinal Cord Injured Patients vs. Non-Injured Controls." Dr. Noiseux receives \$1,500 for travel expenses to present his paper at the Annual Meeting next September 2008.

## REMINDER

### *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 \$21,521.

## *2007 Financial Report*

- Checking Account - \$20,059.63
- CDs totaling \$10,552.98
- OREF Fund - \$5,700

## *OREF Report*

### **OREF 2007 Annual Campaign.**

If you've already made a gift for 2007, please accept my gratitude and join me in encouraging our colleagues to do the same. You can make a contribution to the Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association (ORA) through the 2007 Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF) Annual Campaign. OREF has made it easy for our members to contribute and support the mission of ORA. Please click on the button below and make your 2007 contribution now through a secure online link — [www.oref.org/ora](http://www.oref.org/ora)

## *SAVE THE DATE!*

**2008 ORA Specialty Day Program**  
Saturday, March 8, 2008  
San Francisco Convention Center  
San Francisco, CA

**2008 ORA Annual Meeting**  
September 12 & 13, 2008  
Philadelphia, PA

## *BOS Report*

Dr. Marsolais stated that there are several positions available on BOS Committees and that the Academy wants three representatives from each organization represented on these committees: Research, Education and Advocacy. Dr. Hsu is already on the Education Committee and Dr. Marsolais is still on the Research Committee but not as the Chair.