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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

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This letter marks the beginning of spring as well of the conclusion of my second one year term as President of the ORA. I am pleased to report that the experience in leading this Organization has been a rewarding one and one in which I have had the opportunity to learn and grow.

The Specialty Day Program this past year, in San Diego, was the first time we had a half day format. Our Topic for Specialty Day was targeted as a Board Review and covered Principles of Gait and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation. The Jacqueline Perry Award for 2007 was presented to Harish Hosalkar and was very well received. The award winning presentation, SPLATT – Long term outcome / changes in fixation techniques provided a unique perspective on this procedure with information that was valuable and applicable to all in attendance. Dr. Douglas Smith, Past President of the ORA, gave a terrific presentation on Upper Extremity Amputations and Innovations. His talk included video clips displaying state of the art techniques with myoelectric upper extremity prostheses. These along with the other presentations helped us to achieve our educational goals and helped make Specialty Day a success.

With the Academy Meeting behind us our focus is now on our 18th Annual Meeting. The upcoming meeting will be in Los Angeles, California on September 28-29. Our host, Dr John Hsu, has been working to assure that our meeting, location and social programs will be top shelf.

It is my pleasure to announce and to welcome Pedro Beredjiklian, MD as the incoming President for the ORA. Dr. Beredjiklian is an Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Beredjiklian's practice is in hand surgery and he is considered one of the rising stars in the field. We are indeed fortunate to Dr. Beredjiklian's assume the leadership position for our organization.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity thank everyone for their interest and support in helping to make my time as President a success. 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.

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2007 ORA Annual Meeting

The 18th Annual Meeting of the ORA is scheduled for Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30, 2007 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Harvey Morse Auditorium in Los Angeles, California. This year's meeting will be chaired by Drs. John Hsu and William Brien.

The BODs' Dinner Meeting will take place the evening before (9/27/07) in the Séance Room at the Magic Castle in Hollywood, CA.

A dinner on Friday evening, 9/28/07 will also take place at the Magic Castle in the main dining room.

Hotel accommodations are available at the following hotels: Sofitel Hotel, Orlando Hotel, Four Season and Crowne Plaza. All are within walking distance and/or taxi ride.



ORA News

Research Awards 2008

The 2008 Award Competition

The Research Committee chaired by Dr. Byron Marsolais is currently soliciting residents and fellows throughout the country 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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Welcome New Member

- Helen M. Horstmann, MD
(University of Pennsylvania)

2007 Financial Report

- Checking Account - \$21,062.37
- CDs totaling \$10,016.60
- OREF Fund - \$9,200

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 \$20,000. The interest will yield us 4-5% annually.

BOS Report

Dr. Marsolaris once again reiterated that he is stepping down as Chair of Research for BOS. His primary position with BOS was to look at and review all research that is going on with each society. The Academy appoints his replacement.

They have a specific protocol; however, we can recommend someone for this position and that there are several positions available with BOS. If anyone is interested, please apply.

SAVE THE DATE!

2008 ORA Specialty Day Program

Saturday, March 8, 2008
San Francisco Convention Center
San Francisco, CA

2008 ORA Annual Meeting

September, 2008
Philadelphia, PA