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ASRM Annual Meeting set to begin in Toronto

Society members and their guests are expected to arrive soon in Toronto, site of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery, Sept. 21-23. This year's meeting will be held at the Sheraton Centre Toronto.

Local hosts Drs. Ron Zuker and Brian Boyd welcome meeting participants to Canada's largest city and capital of Ontario province. Considered by many the heart of North America, Toronto is listed as a major center of commerce, industry and medical research.

Located at the north shore of Lake Ontario, Metro Toronto features a bustling harbor, internationally ac-

claimed arts and sports facilities, vibrant multicultural communities, and some of the finest shopping and dining in the world.

Toronto's highlights include a theater market—one of the world's largest—with nearly 40 live productions every

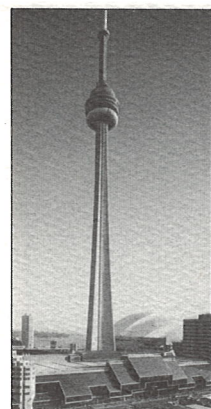


As seen from Lake Ontario, Toronto's lights reflect the vibrancy of a worldclass city. Members attending ASRM's Sixth Annual Meeting can expect a first-rate event.

month. Other attractions include the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Metro Zoo, the Ontario Science Centre, the Roy Thomson Hall for Music, McLaughlin Planetarium and the Eaton Centre (a shopper's paradise).

Spouses and guests of registrants are encouraged to explore the city's many highlights during their stays. Toronto's highly rated transit system provides a direct link to locations throughout the city. Recommended excursions include visits to the McMichael Canadian Art Collection and the Royal Ontario Museum.

A spouse hospitality room will be open Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., to provide additional information on Toronto's attractions.



CN Tower

Roster information, photos requested

The 1991 pictorial membership roster is scheduled for printing shortly after the annual meeting in Toronto. ASRM members who have not yet submitted a completed listing *with photograph* are urged to do so immediately. Listings submitted without photos will be placed at the end of the roster. Photographs and listings should be sent to:

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Finding the time for progress

From the President

Time is relentless. It doesn't pause and can't be reversed. It leaves its effect everywhere, and in some instances, it is the reason for progress. The efficient use of time is everyone's concern, and to the microsurgeon, it is an important catalyst. If a microsurgeon can save 10 minutes doing a micro-repair, he might be able to do another case or repair some additional structures for assurance. During the average replant of a digit with six micro-repairs, this could save one to two hours. Multiples thereof are readily apparent.

The time factor was and is a driving

force behind many efforts to improve our techniques and technology. However, how well I remember the admonishment of one of my mentors when he said: "It's not how fast a surgeon you are that's important. It's how good a surgeon you are." I completely agree with him, but as I look to the next century, I hope it will be embarrassing to describe the good old days of lengthy microsurgery and the unchanging, mechanical way we repaired things. It's exciting to realize that the person who will make it embarrassing is probably being influenced by one of us and is looking for encouragement, guidance and challenges. Are we helping that person?

I hope baseball, golf, fishing, vacationing and replants have made summer short but exciting for everyone. Your society's committees, council members and central office have been planning for the Annual Meeting. If you haven't registered, you may still want to. The meeting is in Toronto at the Sheraton Centre, Sept. 21-23. It immediately precedes the American Society for Surgery of the Hand's Annual Meeting.

Wayne Dyer, a noted author, has stated: "only the insecure strive for security." With that philosophy in mind, this year's program will try some new program ideas. I encourage you to read the preview articles in this issue. Hani S. Matloub, MD, and the Program Committee have worked very hard to develop an exciting and innovative program.

The Executive Council has approved a contract with Associated Management Services to help us coordinate our activities. Kim Restivo is the AMS account executive responsible for supplying support to our society. She and other staff members are learning about the society and have already provided essential help in solving some difficult problems.



Allen L. Van Beek, MD

Recently, the society was audited by the Internal Revenue Service. Because we have an educational mission, our tax-exempt status was approved. On behalf of the society, a hearty thanks to Drs. James B. Steichen, Ralph T. Manktelow, Robert C. Russell, Joseph E. Kutz, H. Bruce Williams, Foad Nahai, James

Nunley, Graham Lister and their staffs for the extra time they spent gathering the necessary information. All of it was put together on short notice and resulted in a favorable determination by the IRS.

In selecting the Founders Lecturer for the Annual Meeting, I have broken from tradition somewhat. The speaker is not a world-renowned microsurgeon, but he does have a world-renowned voice. It's the voice of CBS Radio correspondent Andy Lightbody. When I first asked him in April if he would give us his insight regarding the Hubble telescope and technology in the 90s, it seemed exciting and appropriate. In fact, since the Hubble is not clearly "focused," perhaps it is even more appropriate to hear his insight on this topic.

The business meeting of the society will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22. Please plan to attend. Future meeting sites, new officers, members and bylaws will be voted on. Members have been sent copies of the proposed bylaws changes and new-member slate.

This year's social program includes a welcoming reception, and the annual banquet will be in the CN Tower. Ronald M. Zuker, MD, and J. Brian Boyd, MD, have been instrumental in developing the social program and local arrangements.

Our hosts in Toronto and at the Sheraton Centre are eager to please and entertain you. The Annual Meeting program promises to stimulate and educate you.

Reconstructive Microsurgery

The mission of the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery is to promote, encourage, foster and advance the art and science of reconstructive microvascular surgery; and to establish a forum for teaching, research and free discussion of reconstructive microsurgical methods and principles among members.

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Scientific program adds new dimension

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery opens Friday, Sept. 23, at the Sheraton Centre Toronto, with registration beginning at noon.

Arranged by Hani S. Matloub, MD, chairman of the Program Committee, this year's meeting is expected to be both innovative and exciting. In addition to two new mini-symposia, the meeting will feature a wide selection of instructional courses, discussion groups and scientific sessions.

Registrants are encouraged to bring slides to assist with questions during open exchange portions of the program. A videotape room will be open on Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., with instructional tapes available for viewing.

MINI-SYMPOSIA

Premiering in this year's scientific program are two, three-hour mini-symposia scheduled for Friday afternoon, 3-6 p.m.

A symposium on *Peripheral Nerve Surgery* will be presented by Susan E.

Mackinnon, MD, of Toronto. It will cover recent advances in the basic and clinical sciences that can significantly improve surgical results and functional recovery. Discussions of clinical advances will:

- Describe nuances in techniques that have afforded important advances in surgical results.
- Identify possibilities for improvement in functional recovery.

Discussion of basic science advances will:

- Describe advances in the understanding of neuroregulation, repair and regeneration.
- Evaluate the potential for using advanced understanding of neuroregulation to improve functional recovery after peripheral nerve surgery.
- Illustrate how advances in comprehension of neuroregulation can lead to better understanding of treatment failure.

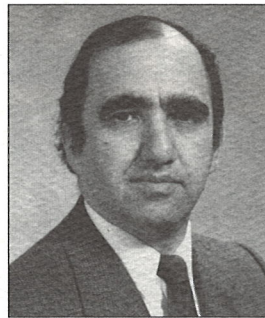
Presented by Robert D. Acland, MD, the *Blood Vessel* symposium will be a structured, but highly informal, no-platform discussion open to members and guests. It will cover the entire spectrum of small-vessel surgery from lab studies to clinical applications. Featured topics will include:

- New anastomotic devices;
- Progress in thrombosis research;
- New and improved flaps;
- Progress in prefabricated flaps;
- Salvage techniques and more.

Participants should come prepared to contribute their own knowledge and share latest findings, thoughts, opinions and slides.

BUSINESS MEETING

The annual member business meeting will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 22. Members are encouraged to attend and vote on the



Hani S. Matloub, MD

1990-91 slate of society officers, as well as new members and proposed changes to the bylaws.

EXHIBITS

Companies displaying the latest microsurgical equipment will be in the Ballroom Center, adjacent to the scientific session room. Breaks and lunches will be held in this room to

allow easy access to the booths. Exhibits will be open from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m. on Sunday.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The opening reception for the meeting will be held on Friday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the exhibit area at the Sheraton. Registration and exhibits will also be open.

The Presidential Reception and Banquet will be held on Saturday, 7:30-11 p.m., at Toronto's CN Tower—the world's tallest free-standing structure.



Unique—Toronto invites visitors to explore its streets and discover a truly unique city. Pictured are Toronto's City Hall and Nathan Phillips Square. (Photos courtesy of Metro Toronto Convention & Visitors Association.)



Shopping—An architectural wonder and shopper's dream, the Eaton Centre features more than 360 shops and restaurants. The multilevel structure is part of the largest underground complex in North America.

MEETING AT A GLANCE

Friday, September 21

7-8 a.m. Council breakfast and meeting
8-11 a.m. Committee meetings
11 a.m. Council meeting
12 p.m. Registration
Speaker slide-review room open
3-6 p.m. Nerve symposium
3-6 p.m. Vascular symposium
6:30-8:30 p.m. Welcome reception in Exhibit Hall

Saturday, September 22

7-8 a.m. Instructional courses
101A-104A
Discussion Group A
7:30 a.m. Registration opens
8:10-11:30 a.m. Scientific sessions 1-2
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Founders Lecture
12:15-1:30 p.m. Luncheon in Exhibit Hall
1:30-4:15 p.m. Scientific sessions 3-4
4:30-5:30 p.m. Members Business Meeting
Video Session
7:30-11 p.m. President's Reception and Banquet

Sunday, September 23

7-8 a.m. Instructional courses
105B-109B
Discussion Group B
7:30 a.m. Registration opens
8:10 a.m.-12 p.m. Scientific sessions 5-6
12-1:30 p.m. Luncheon in Exhibit Hall
1:30-5:30 p.m. Scientific sessions 7-8
5:30 p.m. Meeting adjourns

Technology editor selected to deliver Founders Lecture

Andy Lightbody, aerospace and high technology editor for *CBS Radio*, will deliver the Founders Lecture at this year's Annual Meeting in Toronto. His topics include the \$1.5 billion Hubble space telescope and technology in the 90s.

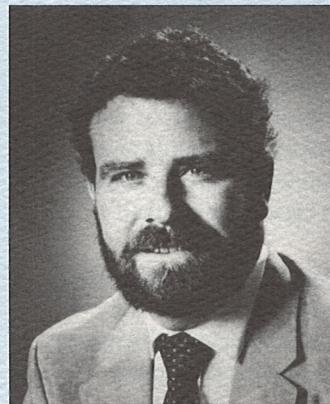
After a rather jinxed launch and a shaky start, Lightbody says the Hubble telescope is on its way to becoming the premier telescope of all time. Capable of imaging distant objects with great clarity and definition, Hubble is sure to rewrite many of the books on theories of the universe, he says.

Heard by nearly 68 million people each week on national *CBS Radio*, Lightbody describes himself as a long-time "Hubble-ite." He was present at Cape Canaveral when the shuttle lifted off with the telescope, and he greeted it on its return to Edwards Airforce Base.

Lightbody's presentation will include a slide show of rare photos that illustrate how the telescope was made, launched and put in space. He will also show some of the first images Hubble returned to earth, as well as artists' conceptions of what scientists hope to find.

In addition to the "nuts-and-bolts" of the world's most expensive telescope, Lightbody will share personal anecdotes and comments from the people who built the craft, and who "continue to bite their fingernails in anticipation of making the sophisticated telescope an operational reality."

Recipient of the 1989 Golden Mike Award, Lightbody has written and reported regularly on the military, commercial and general aviation, aerospace, defense contractors and geo-politics. Meeting participants are encouraged to attend with spouses and guests.



Andy Lightbody

Bylaws Committee proposes changes

The ASRM Bylaws Committee completed extensive revisions of the society's constitution and bylaws this summer. The proposed changes have been mailed to members for review prior to the Annual Meeting in Toronto.

Members will vote on the new bylaws at the Annual Members' Business

Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Questions on the changes should be directed to:

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Chairman
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(514) 933-7730

Council approves contract for management services

The Executive Council of ASRM decided this summer to sign a contract with Associated Management Services Inc. (AMS), a support service specializing in association management.

A subsidiary of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, AMS was selected to coordinate the society's business functions as well as maintain membership records and provide complete support for annual meetings and Executive Council functions.

Kim Restivo, an account executive with AMS, has been assigned to represent the society and will serve as the contact person for all support

services. Several of her duties include coordination of standard procedures relating to membership, finance, annual meeting arrangements and promotion, council and committee directives and other miscellaneous projects.

Working closely with the Executive Council and Program Committee, AMS staff played an integral role in planning this year's Annual Meeting, including site selection and meeting logistics, as well as the production and distribution of registration materials and



Kim Restivo

a preliminary program.

In addition to providing various support services to ASRM, AMS serves as a central office for the society. Members in need of additional information on society activities, meeting arrangements or membership requirements should contact Kim Restivo at:

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Membership jewelry now available

Members of ASRM can now order society recognition jewelry in the form of lapel pins, tie tacks, charms and necklace or bracelet accessories.

Mark your choices on the order form provided and send with a check or money order made payable to the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery. Orders should be sent to ASRM, 444 E. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005.

ASRM Jewelry Order Form

	Gold Filled	10K Solid Gold	14K Solid Gold
Tie tack	\$32.75	\$95.75	\$123.75
Lapel Pin	\$32.75	\$95.75	\$123.75
Charm	\$32.75	\$95.75	\$123.75
Necklace			
Accessory	\$22.50	Send to: ASRM 444 E. Algonquin Road Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005	
Bracelet			
Accessory	\$28.45		

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. All orders must be pre-paid.

Attendance

The society wishes to remind its active members that they must attend at least one of every three annual meetings to maintain their status. If you need to know your attendance record, please contact the secretary's office:

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ASRM calendar of meetings...

October 24-28, 1990

International Conference: Biomedical Horizons of the Leech, Charleston, S.C. Contact: Access Conferencing, (800) 942-9114, P.O. Box 482, Charleston, S.C., 29402. Sponsor: Biopharm USA Ltd.

June 16-21, 1991

World congress for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Congress Exhibition Palace, Madrid. Contact: Secretariat of the 10th Congress; 455 10 88, Central de Congresos S. A., Avenue General Peron, 26, 28020, Madrid, Spain. President: Dr. Benito Vilar-Sancho. Sponsor: International Confederation for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

June 23-28, 1991

11th Congress of the International Microsurgical Society, Rhodes, Greece. Contact: Panayothis Soucacos, MD, Chair-

man, Euro Conference Center, Tower of Athens, Bldg B, Office No. 604, 2-4 Messogion Ave., GR 115 27 Athens, Greece.

September 15-21, 1991

International Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery, Munich, Germany. Contact: Prof. H. Edgar Beimer; 089-41-402171, Dept. of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, Surgical Center, Technical University at Munich, Klinikum Rechts der Isar, Ismannsauer Strasse 22, D. 8000, Munich, 80, Germany.

September 28, 1991

Combined ASRM and European Microsurgery Meeting, Orlando, Florida. Contact: ASRM, 708-228-8375, 444 East Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005. Sponsor: American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery.

September 29-30, 1991

American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery 7th Annual Meeting, The Peabody Orlando, Orlando, Florida. Contact: ASRM, 708-228-8375, 444 East Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005. Sponsor: American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery.

October 1-2, 1991

Ninth Annual Residents and Fellows Hand Surgery Conference, Orlando, Florida. Contact: Gail Gorman; 303-755-4588, 3025 South Parker Road, Suite 65, Aurora, Colorado 80014. Sponsor: American Society for Surgery of the Hand.

October 2-5, 1991

American Society for Surgery of the Hand 46th Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida. Contact: Gail Gorman; 303-755-4588, 3025 South Parker Road, Suite 65, Aurora, Colorado 80014. Sponsor: American Society for Surgery of the Hand.

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