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A new channel for members

This is the inaugural issue of *Reconstructive Microsurgery*, which we hope to publish on a biannual basis. The society has decided to print a newsletter so that it can improve and promote communication between its officers, committee members and membership. Its goal, very simply, is to inform its readers about what is happening in the society.

Each year's winter newsletter will contain information concerning the previous year's annual meeting, a list of new officers and committee structures, the names of new members, and future abstract deadlines. There will also be a letter from the immediate past president describing his year in office and a message from the current president outlining his priorities for the coming year.

The summer issue will be devoted to news about the upcoming meeting, including a calendar of events, agendas and locations. There will be a list of courses and expert sessions to be offered at the meeting, as well as highlights of the social events and spouse program.



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Future issues will also carry news of committee activities and announcements. Items to note in *this* issue include a message from the nominating committee, a reminder of the attendance requirements for our active members and a call for abstracts (see the enclosed submission form).

We hope to encourage input from the entire membership throughout the year for the newsletter. Any messages or photographs that might be of interest to the membership should be submitted to the secretary's office. Please let us know what you want to read in your newsletter.

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Members face challenges in the '90s

From the President

The 1990s will be a decade of change and new challenges in many spheres. Those challenges will present new opportunities to our society. The size of our society, coupled with the creativity of our members, presents us with the chance to experiment, be innovative, and excel.

It is a privilege and challenge to begin this decade in a leadership role for the society, and I thank the membership for entrusting me with this role. However, success in the '90s will require active participation by all of our members.

During my tenure, I ask the membership

to support changes in the annual meeting, become involved in the society, and continue efforts to attract all active reconstructive microsurgeons to become members of our society. We have the opportunity to explore innovative and new program ideas and it will require your support and input to be successful. Numerous ad hoc Committees will be established to help with future planning. Public relations and media events will require additional work from our membership.

Hani Matloub, MD, is formulating a new annual meeting structure with some distinct new twists. Most of these changes have been suggested by you. Some of the changes will be:

- A three-hour mini symposium concentrating on recent information and techniques will be held. These will include basic-science specialists when helpful. A survey for mini-symposia registration projections will be mailed soon. Your responses are crucial to the



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formation of a successful program.

- Open-floor discussion, including the use of limited slides, will be reinstated, and the period for commentary expanded. There will also be a limited number of invited commentators. Start saving exciting cases or information now!

- Instructional courses

will focus on specific topics but encourage participant involvement through the use of case illustration, problems or complications. The faculty for the courses will involve past and new instructors.

Past presidents Drs. Strauch, Urbaniak, Kutz, Williams and Steichen can be proud of their accomplishments in beginning and organizing ASRM in the 1980s. Your Executive Council is committed to continuing this tradition and striving for innovation and excellence in the 1990s.

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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Society issues call for abstracts

The Program Committee for the Sixth Annual Meeting has issued a call for abstracts. This year, in addition to formal paper abstracts, the society will offer videotape and poster sessions as well.

Included in this issue is a copy of the form for abstract submissions. The President's office can supply additional forms if necessary (612) 588-0593.

Directions stated on the form must be followed if your abstract is to be considered. As a reminder:

1. Indicate which author is the presenter and which is to receive all correspondence.
2. Abstracts must be typed within the margins of the box marked on the abstract form. Abstracts that are larger than the box will be returned.

3. Abstracts must be reproduced using a typewriter or letter-quality printer.

4. Do not indicate authors' names or refer to any institutions in your abstract.

5. Send abstracts plus seven (7) additional copies to:

Hani S. Matloub, MD
ASRM Program Chairman
Medical College of Wisconsin
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
9200 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53226

The deadline for receipt of abstracts is March 15, 1990. The society's Sixth Annual Meeting will be held at the Sheraton Centre, Toronto, Ontario, September 21-23, 1990.



Reception--Dr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Wolff from Louisville, Ky. with Dr. Ueli Buchler from Bern, Switzerland (right) at the President's Reception in Seattle.



Honored--Past presidents James R. Urbaniak, M.D. (left) and Ueli Buchler, M.D. (right) holding presidential plaques presented by the society in Seattle.

1989 in review . . . Baltimore to Seattle

My year as president has been a very active and productive time for our society. We have been fortunate to have elected officers and Executive Council members who have donated their time so unselfishly.

Our goals for the year were to strengthen the organization of the society; to standardize activities, procedures and services; to engage in forward planning and future direction for the society; and to present an annual meeting that would be interesting, informative and well attended.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ACTIVITY

Because of the many decisions and the large amount of planning that needed to be completed this year, the Executive Council held two all-day meetings--including the first formal mid-year meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., in April, and the second council meeting in Seattle in September. Many projects that were in existence for several years were implemented.

RECOGNITION JEWELRY

After many years of searching for the correct company to design and manufacture society-recognition jewelry, the na-

tional firm of Herff Jones, Inc., was selected for this task. They have produced medallions and pins of excellent quality.

At the annual meeting in Seattle, the presidential medallion of office was worn for the first time. It will be passed to each president, as his official badge of office, following elections at the annual meeting. Official recognition plaques for each of the past presidents were also presented at the society banquet in Seattle. Meanwhile, the society membership pin is now available for members to purchase. Samples of the jewelry are pictured in this issue.

ACCOUNTING FIRM

The certified public accounting firm of Kimmerling, Myers and Co., of Indianapolis, Ind., was selected to prepare the society's annual reports and financial statements.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The society had previously contracted with National Professional Management



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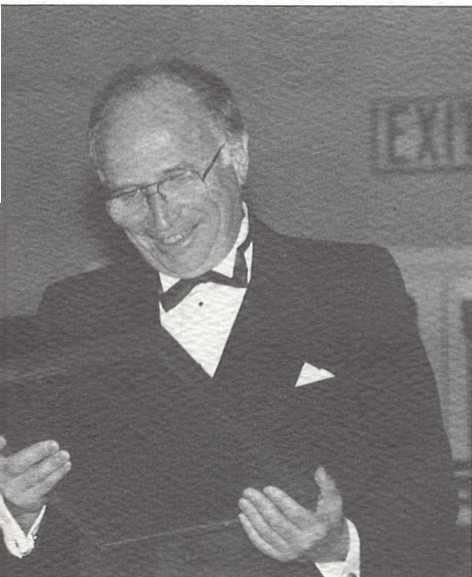
Corporation to serve as the executive office for the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery. This contract was terminated in September by mutual agreement during the annual meeting in Seattle. The Executive Council is evaluating a number of firms to replace it.

COMSS

After thorough evaluation, the Executive Council decided that the society would apply for membership in the Council of Musculo-Skeletal Societies (COMSS). The application is currently being prepared.

FINANCE

Graham D. Lister, MD, treasurer of the society, has performed an outstanding job and has dedicated many, many hours to organizing and evaluating the financial status of the society. He has provided excellent advice and direction for the Executive Council and the society. The financial statement presented at the annual meeting demonstrated a continued healthy financial performance.



D, and Berish Strauch, MD, (right) with their
Seattle.



Conversation--Dr. and Mrs. Allen L. Van Beek from Minneapolis, Minnesota with Mrs. Su
Min Tsai from Louisville, Kentucky (left) at the President's Reception.

INFORMATION

It was recommended that the society would benefit from a list of reconstructive microsurgical training programs as well as a pictorial roster of the society membership. Robert C. Russel, MD, our secretary, has been working on this throughout the year. Members who wish to be included in the roster must send their forms and photographs to Dr. Russell immediately. Those with questions should call (page 6).

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

The Membership Committee, chaired by Allen L. Van Beek, MD, was actively involved in soliciting applications for membership and did an excellent job in evaluating the applications that were submitted this year.

The Bylaws Committee, chaired by Bruce Williams, MD, re-evaluated our entire Constitution and Bylaws and will be submitting proposed changes to the members for their evaluation and approval at the annual meeting in Toronto. This will be the first complete and thorough re-evaluation of our original Constitution and Bylaws since it was approved by the initial society membership. This committee is also preparing a procedural manual.

A Forward Planning Committee was instituted this year for the first time in the society's history. Chaired by Andrew J. Weiland, MD, the new committee evaluated many topics and provided important suggestions for the future direction of the society.

The Program Committee, chaired by James Nunley, MD, did an outstanding job in selecting 53 papers for presentation from the 150 abstracts submitted for our annual meeting. The meeting was organized to add three concurrent panels on the first morning, in addition to six instructional courses on the second day. The preparation and organization of the annual meeting by the Program Committee ensured its great success.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 1989 annual meeting was held Sept. 11-12 in Seattle, Wash., at the excellent facilities of the Seattle Sheraton Hotel and Towers.

The meeting was attended by 283 registrants--our largest meeting to date--representing an increase of almost 50 registrants over the 1988 meeting.

The society was privileged to have Mr. G. Ian Taylor of Melbourne, Australia as

the presidential guest for this meeting. His Founder's Lecture titled "The Angiosomes of the Body: Explained, Expanded and Explanted," was an outstanding and stimulating presentation.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Many projects that were initiated during this year will be brought to reality in the near future with the goals of providing better communication and improved services to the society membership. Many of the projects that you should see this year include:

1. The selection of a new executive management firm and establishment of a central office for the society.
2. The production of this society newsletter on a regular basis.
3. The publication of a pictorial roster of the society membership.
4. The compilation of microsurgical training programs.
5. The society will continue to encourage better representation in the society from surgeons actively involved in reconstructive microsurgery who are not members of this society. The society encourages applications from surgeons in all

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centers involved in reconstructive microsurgery, including those involved in clinical surgical activity as well as university training programs.

6. The day prior to our 1991 annual meeting in Orlando, Fla., is being scheduled for a combined American and foreign microsurgical program. We will invite our foreign colleagues to participate in this one-day program so that their ideas and favored techniques can be discussed in the United States.

7. Based on the responses and evaluations we have received following the meeting in Seattle, Dr. Van Beek, Dr. Matloub and the Program Committee are working on providing an even better and improved 1990 meeting for the society in Toronto.

It has been my pleasure to have served as the fifth president of this society. I know that I was fortunate to have served on the previous Executive Councils under the direction and guidance of Drs. Bob Strauch, Jim Urbaniak, Joe Kutz and Bruce Williams. I wish to sincerely thank the members of last year's Executive Council and all of the committee members and members of the society who have worked so hard to help the society continue to grow, prosper and provide useful direction and worthwhile information in the field of reconstructive microsurgery.

James B. Steichen, M.D.
President, 1989

Nominations Requested

The Nominating Committee for 1990 invites members of the society to submit their suggestions and thoughts concerning future officers of the society. A vice president, secretary and council member will be elected in September at the Annual Meeting in Toronto. Please send your suggestions to:

James B. Steichen, MD
Nominating Committee Chairman
Indiana Center for Surgery and
Rehabilitation of the Hand
P.O. Box 80434
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Society recognition jewelry is available as lapel pins, tie tacks, or pendants. For further information on ordering society jewelry or ties, please contact the secretary's office: Robert C. Russell, MD, Southern Illinois University, School of Medicine, P.O. Box 19230, Springfield, IL. (217) 782-8872.

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Chicago, Illinois

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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