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# RECONSTRUCTIVE MICROSURGERY

## Keeping the Future Bright

**J**anuary is just around the corner and Boca Raton awaits you. Looking forward to the 2010 Annual Meeting we have a great location with easy access for national and international guests in Boca Raton, Florida. The Program Committee is committed to making the ASRM meeting a continued success and to provide you with quality education in an effective format.

The 2010 Annual Meeting will showcase provocative panel topics, new breakout sessions, improved poster presentation format and an increase in discussion time for all sessions. The previous instructional course format has been replaced by sessions titled "Concurrent Breakout Panels" which are designed to provide a more intimate experience amongst the panelists/instructors and the audience as well as extended quality and

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Charles Butler, MD

quantity of discussion. The Program Committee reviewed close to 300 quality abstract submissions this year of which 119 will be presented. This year the Program Committee identified 2 out of the 300 submission as outstanding papers which will be presented along with the AAHS and ASPN outstanding papers on Saturday morning.

We look forward to bringing back the overly successful Best Case/Best Save session as well as the Master Series in Microsurgery. We are honored

to have our invited speakers Paul Farmer, John Fildes, Susumu Tamai and Yur Ren Kuo share their successes and experiences with us. New this year is a Young Microsurgeons Group session where young microsurgeons will present complex and challenging cases followed by an interactive discussion of management options with Senior Discussants. The meeting will conclude with a session endorsed by the American Society for Reconstructive Transplantation addressing a clinical update in Reconstructive Transplantation: "Where Do We Stand".

Join us for the 2010 Annual Meeting which has a longstanding tradition of presenting cutting edge topics in microsurgery applicable to the clinician as well as the researcher. See you at the Boca Raton Resort and Spa in January. [RM](#)

*The 2010 Annual Meeting  
Program at a Glance can be  
found on page 6*



# Microsurgery – A Small World

just returned from Modena where the Italian Society of Microsurgery conducted their twenty-third national congress. This congress brought thought leaders in the field of microsurgery from Japan, Korea, the EU and the United States to discuss major topics such as replantation, composite tissue transfer, breast surgery and experimental microsurgery. Hosted by Professor Roberto Adani the 3 day meeting exemplified what we do best in our specialty. The cross cultural interactions allowed all of us as microsurgeons to learn from each other. Through multiple plenary sessions, abstract presentations focused on a wide range of topics both instructional and informational. Such is similar to this newsletter. This venue allows us to communicate new ideas and keep our society abreast as to what is innovative. I would encourage all of you, as we did in Italy, to utilize this venue as an opportunity to convey information and instruction. I would also encourage all of



**Gregory R. D. Evans, MD**

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you to sign up for the micromee-ting in Boca Raton. The meeting will be spectacular and will allow us again to share common strategies in microsurgery. [RM](#)

## RECONSTRUCTIVE MICROSURGERY

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

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## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

*By David W. Chang, MD, FACS*

The 26th annual meeting of the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery (ASRM) is scheduled to be held at the beautiful Boca Raton Resort & Club, Boca Raton, Florida from January 9 to 12, 2010. The President is Dr. William A. Zamboni and the Program Chair is Dr. Charles E. Butler and the meeting is surely to be a tremen-

dous success as in the past years. The meeting will started on January 9th with a combined American Association of Hand Surgery (AAHS)/American Society for Peripheral Nerve (ASPN)/ASRM day. The AAHS/ASPN/ASRM Joint Presidential Keynote Lecturer will be Dr. Paul Farmer, a medical anthropologist and physician from Harvard University. The Masters Series in Microsurgery, "Disasters of the Masters" will once again be organized by Dr. Lawrence Gottlieb this year. On January 10th, the Godina Lecture will be given by Dr. Yur-Ren Kuo, from Taiwan. On January 11th, the Buncke lecture will be given by one of the fathers of microsurgery,

Dr. Susumu Tamai from Japan, on "Forty Years of Research and Clinical Practice in Reconstructive Microsurgery: A Review of My Tenure at Nara University". Also, the President's Invited Lecture will be given by Dr. John Fildes on "National Trauma Data Bank, Acute Care Surgery and Regionalization of Trauma Care". The meeting will end on January 12th with the final session on "Clinical Update in Reconstructive Transplantation". The meeting promises to be educational and fun. Please join us in Boca Raton, Florida from January 9-12, 2010. [RM](#)

# ASRM: Investing in Our Youth and Research

It is with great pleasure that I communicate with my friends and colleagues the members of ASRM as your President. The past nine months have been full of activity as we are moving forward with the initiatives laid out at the first of the year. The ASRM Mid-Year Council Meeting was held in August. This was a very productive meeting as action was taken on several important items that I will outline in this letter.

As I emphasized in my Spring/Summer Presidential Report, the establishment of a Young Microsurgeons Group (YMG) was considered a priority initiative by me with the support of the ASRM Council. An YMG ad hoc committee was formed and lead by Michael Klebuc and several key young members of our Society. Through this communication the committee gave feedback to the council on issues they felt were important. Gene Deune, By-Laws Committee Chairman, then put together a set of by-laws to make the Young Microsurgeons Group Committee a formal standing committee within ASRM.

I'm very pleased to report that Council voted unanimously in support of the new YMG committee and the by-laws that will govern this committee. I look forward to the membership ratifying the by-laws at the Business Meeting in Boca Raton. The committee will consist of a total of nine members including both candidates and young members in practice for less than eight years after finishing formal training. The Chairperson for the YMG committee will be appointed by the President. YMG will have their own separate meeting to discuss issues important to them, the first meeting of which will occur in Boca Raton.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



William Zamboni, MD

*I'm very pleased to report that Council voted unanimously in support of the new YMG committee.*

The charges of the committee are to:

1. Enhance the voice and representation of younger members
2. Provide a nominee for one of the two junior members at large for ASRM Council.
3. To appoint an YMG member to the Godina Committee.
4. YMG will have a representative work with the Chair of the Master Series to give input and provide ideas for Master Series presentations and content.
5. This committee will provide the Scientific Program Chair with instructional course subjects that would be specific to their membership.
6. The YMG will have a representative on the Microsurgery Fellowship Committee.
7. The YMG will organize social gatherings to foster interactions

and exchanges between junior and senior members.

This year an YMG group reception will take place on Saturday 5-6 PM immediately preceding the ASPN/ASRM group reception. The intent is to have this replace the mentoring luncheon from previous years giving young members exposure to senior leadership in a relaxing atmosphere. It is my hope that this investment in YMG will pay dividends to ASRM in the future. While new membership numbers look good again this year, the ratio of candidate to active applications is 2 to 1. It is critical to the future of ASRM that the conversion rate from candidate to active be strong.

Along the lines of investing in our youth, I am pleased to announce the first Medical Student Annual Meeting Travel Scholarship a new initiative endorsed by ASRM Council. We all know that early exposure to exciting specialty fields in medicine can influence the career choice for medical students. And what could be more exciting than microsurgery and complex reconstruction? The qualifying criteria and application is now posted on the ASRM website under annual meeting scholarships. While one scholarship is available this year, I'm hopeful that this program can be expanded in the future.

The primary research initiative of 2009 is the new partnership between ASRM and the PSEF in offering the first ASRM/PSEF Combined Pilot Research Grant. The Council voted to support this grant by committing \$5,000 from our research fund to be matched by the PSEF for a combined \$10,000 grant. This became official through an MOU between ASRM and PSEF that I signed as ASRM

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## President's Letter

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President in September. The grant can be clinical or basic science in the area of reconstructive microsurgery. For the convenience of ASRM members a link to the application website can be found on the ASRM website by clicking on ASRM/PSEF Combined Grant listed under Current ASRM News on the home page. I would encourage as many submissions as possible from ASRM membership. Please remember the deadline for submissions is December 15, 2009. It is important that funding continue not only for this grant, but also for additional grants in future years. To this end, the ASRM endowment committee has been reactivated under the leadership of the committee chair Scott Levin in order to secure future funds through tax deductible donations.

Every year an important ASRM initiative is the participation in public awareness safety campaigns which were again a big success this year. ASRM partnered with other key societies in three campaigns: 1. consumer fireworks safety 2. dog bite prevention and 3. lawn mower safety. The latter informational release titled "when lawn mowers attack" was particularly successful as it was picked up by several media outlets throughout the country. At one point this year I Googled ASRM and my name since I gave a quote in the press release for lawn mower safety and over 20 citations came up with a number of media outlets which had picked up the story. To view the article, go to the ASRM website under ASRM News.

This was a record year for endorsements and participation from ASRM members in a number of national and international meetings. The history of ASRM collaboration with other Societies defines the spirit of our organiza-

tion. I would like to thank the ASRM members who participated in the following meetings as well as the organizations that invited our members: 1st Mayo Clinic Symposium in Reconstructive Surgery; Stephen Mathes Reconstructive Symposium; 5th Congress of the World Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery; 8th Annual Duke Fresh Cadaver Flap Dissection Course for Reconstructive Surgery; Santa Fe Breast Surgery and Body Contouring Symposium; Quality Medical Publishing Reconstructive Surgery Symposium; and the First Atlanto Pacific Microsurgery Conference in Modena Italy of which I had the privilege of participating in and would like to acknowledge Roberto Adani (Italian Microsurgery Society President) and Giorgio De Santis (President Elect) for putting on a spectacular meeting. Please look forward to the 10th Congress of the European Federation of Societies for Microsurgery that will be held in Genova Italy May 2010 as Bruno Battiston is asking for participation from ASRM members. Please contact Peter Neligan who is putting together a list of ASRM faculty for the EFSM meeting.

Finally I would like to invite all of you to the legendary Boca Raton Resort for the 25th annual meeting of the ASRM January 9-12, 2010. Chuck Butler and the Program Committee have put together a very high quality scientific meeting which will be complimented by a fun Social program. We have outstanding keynote speakers this year including world renowned medical anthropologist Paul Farmer MD, PhD as the AAHS/ASPN/ASRM Joint Presidential Keynote Lecturer. Yur-Ren Kuo MD, PhD will give the Godina Lecture, the distinguished Buncke Lecture will be given by Susumu Tamai MD,

PhD, and my friend and colleague John Fildes, Chair of the ACS Committee on Trauma, will give the Presidents Invited Lecture on Acute Care Surgery and Regionalization of Trauma Care. Two new social activities will include a New Member Breakfast, and YMG Group Reception which I anticipate will be popular gatherings. The popular Master Series "Disasters of the Masters" will again be chaired by Larry Gottlieb and Mike Zen will chair the always entertaining Best Case Best Save session which has been returned to an evening social format. Lastly don't forget about the ASRM/ASRT Clinical Update on Reconstructive Transplantation which will take place Tuesday afternoon January 12, 2010. So long for now and I'll see you all in Boca Raton. [RM](#)

### ASRM FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS

#### 2010

##### JANUARY 9-12, 2010

Boca Raton Resort & Spa  
Boca Raton, FL

#### 2011

##### JANUARY 15-18, 2011

Ritz Carlton Cancun  
Cancun, Mexico

#### 2012

##### JANUARY 14-17, 2012

Red Rock Casino Resort Spa  
Las Vegas, NV

## Exceptional Invited Speakers



### Buncke Invited Lecturer Susumu Tamai, MD, PhD

The Harry Buncke Lectureship has been created with the support of the California Pacific Medical Center to honor Dr. Buncke's remarkable contributions to the field of microsurgery. Dr. Harry Buncke has played a major role in the development of our specialty and has helped develop several microsurgical laboratories across the globe. He has influenced countless residents and fellows as well as numerous department chairs throughout the world. It is with great appreciation that we are able to honor Dr. Harry Buncke with his lectureship due funding provided by the California Pacific Medical Center. It is our pleasure to introduce Susumu Tamai, MD, PhD as the 2010 Buncke Lecturer.

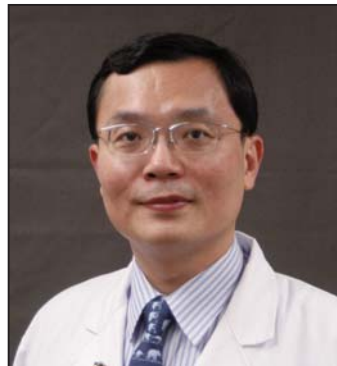
### “Forty Years of Research and Clinical Practice in Reconstructive Microsurgery; A Review of My Tenure at Nara Medical University”

Two Clinical experiences of replanting and revascularizing incompletely amputated thighs in human beings in 1958 and 1959 taught us that “an amputated limb could be replanted only if the main vessels were successfully anasto-

mosed after cleansing and debridement of the wounds, as early as possible after the injury”.

These were the spark that touched off an extensive project of experimental surgery on limb replantation. Thereafter, this project continued until 1980, a 20 year period. In 1960, after the report of Jacobson's microvascular anastomosis, we introduced this technique for our experiments on free muscle transplantation in dogs. This work culminated in the world's first replantation of an amputated thumb in 1956. Since then, our microsurgical research and clinical practice in limb/digit replantations and free tissue transfers developed significantly during the next 30 years of my practice.

[RM](#)



### Godina Lecture: Yur-Ren Kuo, MD, PhD, FACS

“Marko Godina was distinguished by his tireless energy, his impeccable logic, his boundless optimism, and his constant good humor and courtesy” - G. Lister

It is these qualities that are sought after in choosing the ASRM Godina Lecturer, honoring Dr. Marko Godina, an unrivaled leader and innovator in reconstructive microsurgery whose life was tragically cut short

at the young age of 43. Established by the trustees of the Marko Godina Fund, this distinguished lectureship highlights a young, upcoming microsurgeon who has demonstrated leadership, innovation and ongoing commitment to our field in the best traditions of Dr. Godina. It is a pleasure to introduce Yur-Ren Kuo, MD, PhD, FACS as the 2009 Godina Traveling Fellow. [RM](#)

### AAHS/ASPN/ASRM Joint Presidential Keynote Lecture: Paul Farmer, MD, PhD

Dr. Farmer is a medical anthropologist and physician and holds an M.D. and PhD from Harvard University. He is Maude and Lillian Presley Professor of Social Medicine in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, where he is also Chair, and a founding director of Partners In Health, an international non-profit organization that provides direct health care services and undertakes research and advocacy activities on behalf of those who are sick and living in poverty. Dr. Farmer's work draws primarily on active clinical practice and focuses on community-based treatment strategies for infectious diseases in resource-poor settings, health and human rights, and the role of social inequalities in determining disease distribution and outcomes. He is Chief of the Division of Global Health Equity at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) in Boston, and served for ten years as medical director of a charity hospital, L'Hôpital Bon Sauveur, in rural Haiti. Dr. Farmer is a leader in global health. [RM](#)



**25th Annual Meeting  
of the American Society  
for Reconstructive  
Microsurgery**

**January 9–12, 2010**

**Boca Raton Resort & Spa  
Boca Raton, Florida**

**Saturday, January 9, 2010**

- 6:30–7:00am** Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
- 7:00–8:00am** AAHS/ASPN/ASRM Instructional Courses
- 201 Congenital Hand Differences: How I Do It  
*Amit Gupta, MD, Chair*  
*David Netscher, MD; Dorit Aaron, MA, OTR, CHT*
- 202 Endoscopic Cubital and Carpal Tunnel Release  
*M. Ather Mirza, MD, Chair*  
*Daniel Nagle, MD; Tyson Cobb, MD*
- 203 Advances in Brachial Plexus Paralysis Reconstruction  
*Susan Mackinnon, MD, Chair*  
*Gregory Borschel, MD; Ida Fox, MD*
- 204 Current Approaches to Functional Muscle Transfer to the Extremity Following Nerve Injury  
*Neil F. Jones, MD, Chair*  
*Allen Bishop, MD; Milan Stevanovic, MD; Gregory Dumanian, MD*
- 205 Intraoperative Neurophysiology  
*David Houlden, PhD, Chair*  
*Leo Happel, PhD; Allen Van Beek, MD*
- 206 Obstetric Brachial Plexus Lesions  
*Martijn Malessy, MD, Chair*  
*Willem Pondaag, MD, Chair*
- 8:15–9:15am** AAHS/ASPN/ASRM Joint Panel: Partial Nerve Injuries Are Never Easy  
*Allen Van Beek, MD, Moderator*  
*Susan Mackinnon, MD; Peter Amadio, MD; Thomas Trumble, MD; L. Scott Levin, MD; Christine Novak, PT, MS, PhD(c)*
- 9:15–9:30am** Break with Exhibitors



- 9:30–9:45am** Presidents Welcome  
*Nicholas B. Vedder, MD, FACS, AAHS President*  
*Howard Clarke, MD, ASPN President*  
*William Zamboni, MD, ASRM President*  
*Michael McGuire, MD, ASPS President 2009-2010*
- 9:45–10:45am** AAHS/ASPN/ASRM Joint Presidential Keynote Lecture  
*Paul Farmer, MD*
- 10:45–11:45am** AAHS/ASPN/ASRM Joint Outstanding Papers
- 11:45–12:45pm** Young Microsurgeons Group Committee Meeting
- 12:00–5:00pm** ASRM Master Series in Microsurgery: “Disasters of the Masters”  
*Lawrence Gottlieb, MD, Chair*  
*Phillip Blondeel, MD – Breast/Perforator*  
*Eyal Gur, MD – Facial Paralysis*  
*Michael Neumeister, MD – Hand & Upper Extremity*  
*Michael Klebuc, MD – Lower Extremity*  
*Peter Neligan, MD – Head & Neck*  
*Julian Pribaz, MD – Face*  
*Milan Stevanovic, MD – Functional Muscle for Upper Extremity*
- 5:00–6:00pm** Young Microsurgeons Group Reception (Invitation Only)
- 6:00–8:00 pm** ASPN/ASRM Welcome Reception

## 2010 PROGRAM-AT-A-GLANCE

### Sunday, January 10, 2010

- 6:30–8:00am Breakfast with Exhibitors**
- 6:30–7:00am New Member Breakfast**
- 7:00–7:10am ASRM Presidential/Program Chair Welcome**  
*William A. Zamboni, MD, ASRM President*  
*Charles E. Butler, MD, ASRM Program Chair*
- 7:10–7:15am New Member Welcome**  
*Peter C. Neligan, MD, ASRM President-Elect*
- 7:15–8:15am ASRM Concurrent Scientific Paper Presentations**  
**A-1: Breast**  
**A-2: Extremities/Misc.**
- 8:15–9:15am ASRM/ASPN Panel: You Accidentally Cut a Nerve—Now What Do You Do?**  
*Paul Cederna, MD, Moderator*  
*Keith Brandt, MD; Gregory Evans, MD, FACS; Jonathan Cheng, MD*
- 9:15–9:35am Break with Exhibitors**
- 9:35–10:50am ASRM Panel: Young Microsurgeons Group**  
 Complex Case Presentations: Does Experience Change What You Do?  
*William A. Zamboni, MD, Moderator*  
 Junior Panelists  
*Rob Whitfield, MD – Head and Neck*  
*Steven Kovach, MD – Lower Extremity*  
*Michel Saint-Cyr, MD – Hand*  
*Liza Wu, MD – Breast*  
 Senior Panelists  
*Gregory Evans, MD – Head and Neck*  
*Randy Sherman, MD – Lower Extremity*  
*William Pederson, MD – Hand*  
*Phillip Blondeel, MD – Breast*
- 10:50–11:45am ASRM Concurrent Scientific Paper Presentations**  
**B-1: Head and Neck**  
**B-2: Breast Outcomes**
- 11:45–12:15pm Lunch with Exhibitors**
- 12:15–1:00pm Godina Lecture**  
*Yur-Ren Kuo, MD, PhD, FACS*
- 1:15–2:30pm ASRM Concurrent Break Out Panels**
- 401 Tracheoesophageal Reconstruction  
*Peirong Yu, MD; Hung Chi Chen, MD; Gregory Reece, MD*
- 402 Surgical Options, Techniques and Outcomes for Post-Operative Extremity Lymphaedema  
*David Chang, MD; Ming-Huei Cheng, MD; Isao Koshima, MD; Scott Sullivan, MD*
- 403 Advances in Soft Tissue Reconstruction of the Lower Extremity Defects  
*L. Scott Levin, MD, FACS; Lawrence Colen, MD; A. Lee Dellon, MD; Raymond Dunn, MD*
- 404 Alternative (Non-Abdominal Based) Perforator Flap Breast Reconstruction  
*Steven Kronowitz, MD; Joshua Levine, MD; Moustapha Hamdi, MD, PhD; Michael Zenn, MD*
- 2:30–2:50pm Break with Exhibitors**
- 2:50–4:05pm ASRM Concurrent Break Out Panels**
- 405 Refinements in Mandibular Reconstruction  
*Howard Langstein, MD; Giorgio De Santis, MD; Matthew Hanasono, Joseph Disa, MD*
- 406 Reconstruction of Complex Abdominal Wall Defects  
*Donald Baumann, MD; Charles E. Butler, MD; Gregory Dumanian, MD; Milan Stevanovic, MD*
- 407 Revising Free Flap Breast Reconstructions: Techniques to Optimize Outcomes  
*Phillip Blondeel, MD; Pierre Chevray, MD, PhD; Joan Lipa, MD, MSc, FRCS; Robert L. Walton, MD, FACS*
- 408 Current Options and Techniques for Vascularized Bone Flaps for Extremity and Pelvic Reconstruction  
*J. Brian Boyd, MD, FRCS, FACS; Allen Bishop, MD; David Chang, MD; L. Scott Levin, MD, FACS*
- 4:15–6:15pm Best Case/Best Save Programming**  
*Michael Zenn, MD, Moderator*
- 7:00–10:00pm Presidential Dinner (invitation only)**

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### Monday, January 11, 2010

- 6:30–8:30am Breakfast with Exhibitors**
- 6:30–7:00am Past Presidents Breakfast**  
(Invitation Only)
- 7:00–8:15am ASRM Concurrent Break Out Panels**
- 409 Advances in Perforator Flap Head and Neck Reconstruction  
*Peter C. Neligan, MD; Stefan Hofer, MD; Steven Morris, MD; Julian Pribaz, MD*
- 410 Optimizing Efficacy in Microsurgical Breast Reconstruction in Academic and Non-Academic Practices  
*Keith E Brandt, MD; Frederick J. Duffy, MD; Gabriel M. Kind, MD; Joseph M. Serletti, MD, FACS*
- 411 Reconstruction of Extremity Sarcoma Defects  
*E. Gene Deune, MD; Michael Sauerbier, MD, PhD; Justin Sacks, MD; Hans Steinau, MD*
- 412 Vaginal and Perineal Reconstruction  
*Jeffrey Friedman, MD; Charles E. Butler, MD; Hooman Soltanian, MD; Christopher Salgado, MD*
- 8:30–9:45 am Panel: Advances in Head and Neck Reconstruction**  
*Peter Neligan, MD, Moderator*
- Virtual Planning, Intra-operative Navigation and the Use of 3-D Modeling for Midface Reconstruction  
*Roman Skoracki, MD*
- Free Bone Flap Reconstruction of the Facial Skeleton  
*Eduardo Rodriguez, MD*
- Use Non-Standard Perforator Flaps for Head and Neck Reconstruction  
*Fu Chen Wei, MD, FACS*
- Management of the Difficult, Irradiated, Reoperative Neck  
*Peirong Yu, MD*
- 9:45–10:05am Break with Exhibitors**
- 10:05–11:15am ASRM Concurrent Scientific Paper Presentations**  
**C-1: Extremities**  
**C-2: Head and Neck**
- 11:15–12:00pm Buncke Lecture**  
*Susumu Tamai, MD, PhD*
- “Forty Years of Research and Clinical Practice in Reconstructive Microsurgery; A Review of My Tenure at Nara Medical University”

**12:00–12:30pm Lunch with Exhibitors**

**12:30–1:15pm Presidents Invited Lecture**

*John Fildes, MD*

“National Trauma Data Bank, Acute Care Surgery and Regionalization of Trauma Care”

**1:15–2:15pm ASRM Concurrent Scientific Paper Presentations**

**D-1: Breast**

**D-2: Nerve and Torso**

**2:15–2:30pm Break with Exhibitors**

**2:30–3:15pm Presidents Address**

*William A. Zamboni, MD*

**3:30–4:45pm ASRM Concurrent Break Out Panels**

413 Cutting-Edge Solutions for Facial Paralysis  
*Michael Zern, MD; Eyal Gur, MD; Michael Klebuc, MD; Ronald M. Zuker, MD, FRCS*

414 Soft Tissue Reconstruction of Spinal Defects  
*Joseph J. Disa, MD; Melissa Crosby, MD; Donald Baumann, MD*

415 Microsurgical Advances in Hand and Forearm Reconstruction  
*Michael W. Neumeister, MD; Gunter Germann, MD; Michael Sauerbier, MD; Milan Stevanovic, MD*

416 Management of Partial Mastectomy Defects: Indications, Timing and Techniques  
*Elisabeth Beahm, MD; Neil A. Fine, MD, FACS; Moustapha Hamdi, MD, PhD; Aldona J. Spiegel, MD*

**5:30–6:30pm Godina Alumni Reunion**  
(Invitation Only)

**6:30–8:30pm ASRM Social Event**

### Tuesday, January 12, 2010

**7:00–8:00am Business Meeting**

**7:00–8:00am Breakfast**

**8:00–9:15am ASRM Concurrent Break Out Panels**

417 Risk, Benefit, Cost Effectiveness and Outcomes of Face Transplants  
*Maria Siemionow, MD, PhD, DSc; Lawrence Gottlieb, MD; Elliot Rose, MD; Robert L. Walton, MD, FACS*

418 Rationale Approaches to Perforator Selection in Abdominal-Based Flap Breast Reconstruction  
*Michel Saint-Cyr, MD, FRCS (c); Steven Kronowitz, MD; Alanna Rebecca, MD; Gedge Rosson, MD*



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	419 Advances in Sternal and Chest Wall Reconstruction <i>David H. Song, MD; Scott Oates, MD; Dennis Orgill, MD</i>		
9:30–10:45am	<b>ASRM Concurrent Scientific Paper Presentations</b> <b>E: Basic Science</b>		
10:45–12:00pm	<b>Panel: Hot Topics in Breast Reconstruction</b> <i>Joseph M. Serletti, MD, Moderator</i> Breast Reconstruction and Radiation Therapy <i>Steve Kronowitz, MD</i> Pre-Operative Perforator Mapping <i>Maurice Nahabedian, MD</i> Adjunctive Fat Grafting for Revising Autologous Breast Reconstruction <i>Roger Khouri, MD</i> Comparative Outcomes of Non-abdominal Based Free Flap Breast Reconstruction <i>Robert Allen, MD</i>		
12:30–2:00pm	<b>Council Meeting</b>		
1:00–5:35pm	<b>ASRM Clinical Update in Reconstructive Transplantation: Where Do We Stand</b> <i>David Mathes, MD, Chair</i>		
1:00–1:10pm	<b>Introduction</b> <i>Welcome: Stefan Schneeberger, MD</i>		
1:10–1:40pm	<b>Keynote Address: Pioneering Transplantation—What It Takes</b> <i>Raimund Margreiter, Innsbruck, Austria</i> <i>Stefan Schneeberger, MD, Chair</i> Establishing a CTA Program: An Interactive Discussion <i>Linda Cendales, MD, Chair</i> <i>L. Scott Levin, MD, Chair</i>		
1:40–1:55pm	<b>The IRB: Help or Hurdle</b> <i>Vijay Gorantla, MD</i>		
1:55–2:10pm	<b>Screening and Selecting the Right Patients for CTA</b> <i>Christina Kaufman, MD</i>		
2:10–2:25pm	<b>Complications in Reconstructive Transplantation: What Now?</b> <i>Laurent Lantieri, MD</i>		
2:25–2:50pm	<b>Roundtable Discussion</b>		
2:50–3:00pm	<b>Break</b>		
		3:00–3:15pm	<b>Clinical Update on Clinical CTA Program—Update in the US</b> <i>Maria Siemionow, MD, Chair</i> <i>David Mathes, MD, Chair</i>
		3:00–3:15pm	<b>Louisville Hand Transplant Program Update</b> <i>Warren Breidenbach, MD</i>
		3:15–3:30pm	<b>Pittsburgh Hand Transplantation Program Update</b> <i>W.P. Andrew Lee, MD</i>
		3:30–3:40pm	<b>Cleveland Clinic Facial Transplantation Program Update</b> <i>Maria Siemionow, MD</i>
		3:45–3:55pm	<b>Brigham Facial Transplantation Program Update</b> <i>Bohdan Pomahac, MD</i>
		3:55–4:15pm	<b>Break</b>
		4:15–5:35pm	<b>Scientific Paper Presentations: F</b> <i>Justin Sachs, MD, Moderator</i> <i>Eduardo Rodriguez, MD, Co-Moderator</i>
		4:15–4:40pm	<b>Technical Aspects of CTA Transplantation</b> <i>Joseph Serletti, MD, Chair</i> <i>Robert Walton, MD, Chair</i> <b>Technical Issues in Hand Transplantation</b>
		4:40–4:55pm	<b>The Hand Transplant Donor Operation</b> <i>Rodrigo Banegas, MD</i>
		4:55–5:10pm	<b>The Hand Transplant Recipient Operation</b> <i>Kodi Azari, MD</i> <b>Technical Issues in Facial Transplantation</b>
		5:10–5:20pm	<b>The Facial Donor Operation</b> <i>Risal Djohan, MD</i>
		5:20–5:35pm	<b>The Facial Recipient Operation</b> <i>Julian Pribaz, MD</i>
		5:35–5:45pm	<b>Closing Remarks <a href="#">RM</a></b>

**MEDICAL STUDENT ANNUAL MEETING SCHOLARSHIP**

This year the ASRM is implementing a scholarship program to assist medical students that want to attend the annual meeting. This scholarship covers the costs associated with meeting registration and 3 night's hotel lodging at the host hotel. Travel and additional expenses are the responsibility of the student or institution.

**INTERNATIONAL HARDSHIP SCHOLARSHIP**

The ASRM is offering a scholarship opportunity to surgeons from underdeveloped countries that are experiencing financial hardship. The scholarship covers the registration fee for attendance to the annual meeting and to the events included in the standard registration fee. It will be up to the recipient to cover the additional expenses including transportation and lodging.

**MILITARY DISCOUNT ON ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION**

The AAHS, ASRM and ASPN are offering those who are active in the US Military a discounted rate to attend the upcoming 2010 Annual Meeting in Boca Raton, Florida. Please see website for details.

**DUES**

Membership dues are now due for 2010. Payments may be made online or by check. Invoices were mailed to all members. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Snider at the Central Office 312-456-9579.

**BEST CASE AND BEST SAVE SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE DECEMBER 1, 2009. SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS.**

**ASRM/PSEF Combined Research Grant**

Submissions due December 15, 2009. Please visit web site for more details.

**UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS**

The ASRM will be participating in the 10th Congress of the EFMS and 1st International Meeting of Microsurgical Societies taking place May 20 – 22, 2010 in Genova, Italy. For more information please visit <http://www.studioprogress.it/Genova2010/index.htm>.

If you are interested in attending or participating in this meeting, please contact Krista Greco at [kristagreco@isms.org](mailto:kristagreco@isms.org). [RM](#)

**AAHS/ASRM Day at the Links Golf Tournament**



being held in conjunction with the ASRM/AAHS/ASPN Annual Meeting

**Saturday, January 9, 2010**

Tee times: Shotgun start at 12 pm  
Cost: \$220.00 per player Tickets are non-refundable.  
Nike Rental Clubs: \$91/must be arranged in advance to guarantee availability.

Another memorable golf experience unfolds at the Boca Raton Resort and Club. This year's format is a Shamble, and promises a challenge. Each member of your foursome hits a tee shot. The best drive of the team is selected, and all players play their own ball out from that point. We're looking forward to seeing you on tournament day, and will pass on more detail and instructions in your welcome packet. Greens fee, lunch, transportation and golf course gratuities included.

To sign up or for more information, call 312-456-9579.