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NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the annual meeting of AGOS approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to, once again, thank the fellowship for allowing me to serve as President and the Officers for their contributions toward making the program a success and for their efforts throughout the year. The Executive Group consisting of the Officers and President-Elect Gibbs have been meeting on a monthly basis via telephone conferencing. We have had a busy year getting the budget back on track, assuring that the backlog of candidate papers that resulted from canceling the meeting as a result of 9/11 is presented and fine tuning the Website. I refer you to each of the Officer reports for more detailed description of the activities.

Once again we had a record number of submissions for the Charles A. Hunter Jr. Award and candidate papers. Although initially, we thought we would have to run simultaneous sessions, we find that we are able to accommodate all the papers without simultaneous sessions. The result is that we have a number of candidate papers that will be given on Saturday morning. To this end, I want to make a special request to the members to make every effort to stay throughout Saturday morning to afford the candidates for membership an opportunity to present their papers to a reasonable size audience.

Additionally, this year the Price Oration will be given on Saturday morning at nine o'clock. Our Price Orator is Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Immediate Past Director General of the World Health Organization. Her topic is: Women's Health: An International Perspective.

Diversity of viewpoints, diversity of backgrounds, including gender and ethnic differences all contribute to the vitality and are essential to the long-term success and well-being of our discipline. While we have made some gains, our overall progress in reaching gender diversity in leadership positions and of racial and ethnic diversity in general has been somewhat modest. Therefore I have chosen as an overarching common focus of the 2004 Annual Meeting, increasing diversity in our discipline. I have invited Molly Carnes, MD, MS, Professor, UW Department of Medicine, to address gender diversity in leadership positions. A panel of AGOS Members, lead by Steven Gabbe MD, will address increasing diversity among our medical students, residents and faculty.

In closing, I wish to thank our officers, Secretary Eberhard Mueller- Heubach, Assistant Secretary Ferguson and Treasurer Resnik, and our Administrative Director, Ericka A. Jones, all of whom have worked diligently throughout the year. Their assistance has been invaluable.

Again, I urge each of you to stay through the Saturday morning program not only for the Price Oration that will be at nine o'clock but also, for the candidate papers.

Looking forward to seeing you at The Sagamore!

Best Wishes,

Gloria E. Sarto,
President, AGOS

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PRELIMINARY 2004 MEETING PROGRAM
American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society (AGOS)
September 9-11, 2004
Sagamore on Lake George, Bolton Landing, New York

Thursday, September 9, 2004

7:45 a.m.	Welcome	11:35 a.m.	"Health Care Utilization and Health Status in Diabetic and Normal Pregnancy" Wanda K. Nicholson, M.D., M.P.H. AAOGF – American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Scholar at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
8:00 a.m.	1. "Fetal Cheek-to-Cheek Diameter in the Prediction of Mode of Delivery" Jacques S. Abramowicz, M.D.*, Chicago, IL DISCUSSANT: Richard L. Berkowitz, M.D.	11:55 a.m.	Break
8:30 a.m.	2. "The Role of Ultrasound in the Detection of Early Stage Epithelial Ovarian Carcinoma" David A. Fishman, M.D.*, New York, N.Y. DISCUSSANT: John R. Van Nagell, M.D.	12:00 Noon	PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS "Of Disparities and Diversity: Where Are We?" Gloria E. Sarto, M.D., Ph.D.
9:00 a.m.	3. "Obstetrical Outcomes in Women with 2 Prior Cesareans: Is VBAC a Viable Option?" George A. Macones, M.D.*, Philadelphia, PA DISCUSSANT: Jay D. Iams, M.D.		
9:15 a.m.	4. "The Fibronectin Receptor α_5 Integrin Subunit Is Up-Regulated by Cell-Cell Adhesion Via a Cyclic AMP-Dependent Mechanism: Implications for Human Trophoblast Migration" Christos Coutifaris, M.D., Ph.D.*, Philadelphia, PA DISCUSSANT: Linda C. Giudice, M.D., Ph.D.	7:30 a.m.	AGOS Business Meeting
9:30 a.m.	5. "Benign Gynecologic Conditions Among Participants in the Breast Cancer Prevention Trial" Eva Chalas, M.D.*, Stony Brook, N.Y. DISCUSSANT: Benjamin E. Greer, M.D.	8:00 a.m.	AAOGF Business Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Break	8:30 a.m.	GUEST LECTURE "Women in Academic Leadership Positions: Institutional Transformation Required" Molly L. Carnes, M.D., M.S. Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison
10:45 a.m.	6. "Telomere Length Predicts Embryo Fragmentation Following In Vitro Fertilization – Toward a Telomere Theory of Reproductive Aging in Women" David L. Keefe, M.D.*, Providence, RI DISCUSSANT: Joe Leigh Simpson, M.D.	9:15 a.m.	CHARLES HUNTER AWARD PAPER "Programmed Syndrome of Hypermnatremic Hypertension in Ovine Twin Lambs" Michael G. Ross, M.D., M.P.H., Mina Desai, Ph.D., Catalina Guerra, D.V.M., Shengbiao Wang, M.D. Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of California, Los Angeles, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, CA
11:15 a.m.	"Regulation of Angiogenesis in Ovarian Cancer" Angeles Alvarez-Secord, M.D. AAOGF – Burroughs Wellcome Scholar at Duke University, Durham, N.C.	9:45 a.m.	Break
		10:00 a.m.	7. "Correlation of Cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) and Aromatase Expression in Human Endometrial Cancer: Tissue Microarray Analysis" Jeffrey M. Fowler, M.D.*, Columbus, OH DISCUSSANT: Andrew Berchuck, M.D.
		10:30 a.m.	8. "Screening Candidate Genes for Mutations in Patients with Hypogonadotropic Hypogonadism Using

Friday, September 10, 2004

- Custom Genome Resequencing
Microarrays"
Lawrence C. Layman, M.D.*, Augusta, GA
DISCUSSANT: Eli Y. Adashi, M.D.
- 11:00 a.m. 9. "RU-486 Inhibits Expression of
Lysophosphatidic Acid Induced
Glycodelin"
Ana A. Murphy, M.D.*, Atlanta, GA
DISCUSSANT: Robert N. Taylor, M.D.,
Ph.D.
- 11:30 a.m. PANEL DISCUSSION
"Increasing Diversity in Obstetrics and
Gynecology"
Steven G. Gabbe, M.D., Chair
Henry W. Foster, Jr., M.D.
Jennifer R. Niebyl, M.D.

Saturday, September 11, 2004

- 8:00 a.m. 10. "Mechanotransduction Related to
Acute Shortening Is Dependent on
Prostaglandins in Myometrium from
Pregnant Women"
William W. Hurd, M.D.*, Dayton, OH
DISCUSSANT: Mark Phillippe, M.D.
- 8:30 a.m. 11. "Metabolites of Progesterone and the
Pregnane X Receptor: A Novel Potential
Pathway Regulating Uterine Contractility
in Pregnancy"
Bryan F. Mitchell, M.D., M.S.C.E.*,
Edmonton, AB
DISCUSSANT: Michael G. Ross, M.D.,
M.P.H.
- 9:00 a.m. JOSEPH PRICE ORATION
"Women's Health: An International
Perspective"
Gro Harlem Brundtland, M.D., M.P.H.
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. 12. "The Effects of Progestins on Bone
Density and Bone Metabolism in
Postmenopausal Women: A Randomized
Controlled Trial"
James H. Liu, M.D.*, Cleveland, OH
DISCUSSANT: Rogerio A. Lobo, M.D.
- 10:45 a.m. 13. "The Epidemiology of Threatened
Premature Labor – A Prospective Cohort
Study"
John M. Thorp, Jr., M.D.*, Chapel Hill, NC
DISCUSSANT: Steve N. Caritis, M.D.

- 11:15 a.m. 14. "Assessment of Resident Surgical
Skills: Is Testing Feasible?"
Barbara A. Goff, M.D.*, Seattle, WA
DISCUSSANT: Daniel L. Clarke-
Pearson, M.D.
- 11:45 a.m. 15. "Is a Change in the Vaginal Flora
Associated with an Increased Risk of
Preterm Birth?"
J. Christopher Carey, M.D., Phoenix, AZ
DISCUSSANT: Robert L. Goldenberg, M.D.

Social Activities

Thursday, September 9, 2004
Spouses Breakfast
9:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 9, 2004
AAOGF 75th Anniversary Celebration/ Welcome Reception
6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 10, 2004
President's Reception
6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 10, 2004
President's Black Tie Banquet
7:30 p.m.

AGOS TO FORM UNDER A NEW NONPROFIT STATUS

James E. Ferguson, III, Assistant Secretary, AGOS

As announced at last year's business meeting I would like to remind all Fellows of the following:

The Council of the Society has given consideration to the prospect of causing the Society to merge with and into a newly formed nonprofit corporate entity to take advantage of certain benefits of the nonprofit corporate structure, including (a) limitation of certain liability, (b) the ability to rely upon modern nonprofit corporate statutes, and (c) the ability to take advantage of more modern procedural provisions (for instance the ability to hold meetings by teleconference and to provide certain information by facsimile and electronic format). After due consideration, the Council has determined it is in the best interest to cause the Society to merge into a newly formed Michigan nonprofit corporation and recommends adoption of resolutions creating a Michigan non-profit membership based corporation and merging the existing New York unincorporated association into the newly formed Michigan non-profit corporation.

In accordance with the Bylaws and Constitution of the Society, notice is being given of the proposed action to be voted upon at the 2004 annual meeting.

Best wishes,
James E. Ferguson, III
Assistant Secretary, AGOS

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY MUELLER-HEUBACH

Our preparations for the 23rd Annual Meeting at the Sagamore on Lake George, Bolton Landing, New York are almost complete. This is a gorgeous location in upstate New York on a beautiful lake. We will have a full program with 15 candidate papers for presentation which have been accepted by the Program Advisory Committee. This above average number will help to reduce the backlog of candidates approved for presentation. In addition, there will be the Charles A. Hunter, Jr. Prize Thesis award and two AAOGF Endowment scholar presentations. Our Price Orator will be particularly prominent this year: Gro Harlem Brundtland, M.D., M.P.H. She is the immediate past Director-General of the World Health Organization and former Prime Minister of Norway. She holds an M.D. degree from Norway and a M.P.H. degree from Harvard.

I wish to thank all the officers of the Society, Council members, Committee members and Fellows who have worked diligently for this meeting. My special thanks to the administrative staff, Ms. Ericka A. Jones, Administrative Director, AGOS and AAOGF and Ms. Robin T. Shoaf for their exceptional work on behalf of the Society.

We have received applications for thirteen potential members (one via the alternate pathway). Please return the enclosed Fellowship Application Listing with your comments to my office. I ask that all Fellows refer to the December 2003 newsletter regarding the guidelines for and responsibilities of Mentors/Sponsors for AGOS Fellowship, Fellowship Candidates, and Manuscript Submission Criteria. Please pay attention to the proposed by-laws changes in this newsletter. These will be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting. Take advantage of our website (www.agosonline.org) which contains a wealth of information about our Society. Please notify our office in Washington of any change in your mailing or e-mail address.

My sincerest thanks to those who have worked so hard on behalf of the important activities of the Society. I look forward to seeing all the Fellows and their guests at the Annual Meeting at the beautiful Sagamore on Lake George.

Respectfully submitted,



Eberhard Mueller-Heubach, M.D.
Secretary, AGOS

AGOS SECRETARY'S UPDATE

Eberhard Mueller-Heubach, M.D.

Attendance Requirement for Active Members:

As stated in the By-laws, an active Fellow who does not attend an annual meeting for three consecutive years will be dropped from Fellowship unless he or she offers an excuse satisfactory to the Society. Therefore, if you cannot attend and desire the Council to excuse your absence, please write to the Secretary of AGOS.

REPORT FROM THE INTERIM COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 2, 2004

The Interim Council Meeting was held on May 2, 2004 at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- President Sarto reported on the theme of this year's annual meeting: disparities in women's health care. A site visit to the Sagamore on Lake George in Bolton Landing, New York was very successful. It was felt that this is a beautiful facility which is very well suited to host our annual meeting.
- Treasurer Resnik reported on the financial situation of AGOS which has been very tight at the end of 2003. Strict budgeting for this year's meeting will be necessary. Mechanisms to authorize and control expenses were discussed and will be enforced.
- Assistant Secretary Ferguson reported on the change in corporate status to a 501 3(c) corporation which had been presented at the 2003 Business Meeting. This change will be voted on by the membership at this year's Business Meeting.
- AAOGF President Elias pointed out that this year will be the 75th anniversary of AAOGF and the welcoming reception at this year's annual meeting will be sponsored by AAOGF.
- AAOGF Secretary-Treasurer Mennuti reported a current fund balance of about \$10.5 million which allows the Foundation to continue support of its existing programs namely the AAOGF scholars, the Hunter Prize, the Price Orator and the travel awards. Michael Mennuti was thanked for his superb service as Secretary-Treasurer for seven years. Thomas Moore will be the next Secretary-Treasurer. New members of the Endowment Fund Committee are Setsuko Chambers and Nanette Santoro replacing John Boyce and Linda Giudice who were thanked for their service.
- Charles Lockwood, Chair of the AAOGF Endowment Fund Committee, reported on the two incoming scholars: Donna Neale (SMFM-AAOGF Award) will study mechanisms underlying trophoblast apoptosis in preeclampsia in the laboratory of Dr. Gil Mor at Yale. Virginia Winn (ABOG-AAOGF Award) will examine the role of cyclo-oxygenase expression in the differentiation of trophoblasts in the laboratory of Susan J. Fisher, Ph.D. at UCSF.

• Future meeting dates and locations: September 29 – October 1, 2005 – The Empress Hotel, Victoria, British Columbia; September 14-16, 2006 – The Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, VA.

• Assistant Secretary Ferguson reported the deaths of the following Fellows: James T. Bradbury, Celso-Ramón García, , Robert H. Messer, J. George Moore, Equinn W. Munnell, Richard W. Stander and Luther M. Talbert. Assistant Secretary Ferguson is collecting memorials for these past Fellows for publication in the program book.

Membership Status after the Council Meeting of May 2, 2004:

Active Members	206
Life Members	130
Honorary Members	42 (Foreign 21, US and Canada 21)
Total	378

• The Nominating Committee (Eli Y. Adashi, M.D., Chair) submitted the following slate for vote at the Annual Business Meeting:

President-Elect:	Eberhard Mueller-Heubach, M.D.
Treasurer:	Robert Resnik, M.D.
Secretary:	James E. Ferguson, II, M.D.
Assistant Secretary:	Linda C. Giudice, M.D.
Council:	E. Albert Reece, M.D. (2004-2007)
Program Advisory Committee:	Katharine D. Wenstrom, M.D. (2004-2007)

Life Membership:

Council approved the requests of the following four members to be moved to Life Membership:

Owen Richard Depp, III
Stanley A. Gall
Thomas J. Garite
Raymond H. Kaufman

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES

The current by-laws of AGOS do not state a term for the at large member of the Finance Committee. The appointment and the term of the two at large members of the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee are also not stated. The following by-laws changes which are in bold italicized letters are proposed and will be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting on September 10, 2004:

Section 5 – Finance Committee: The Finance Committee shall consist of the Secretary of the Society, the Secretary-Treasurer of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation, an additional Council member who will serve as the Chair of the Finance Committee, and an at large member and other individuals selected by a unanimous vote of Council. The Chair of the Finance Committee will be appointed by the AGOS President. His/her term shall coincide with his/her term on Council. ***The term of the at large member and other individuals shall be three years.***

The Finance Committee shall receive prospective annual budget proposals from the Treasurer, review receipts, expenditures and deviations from the budget no less than twice a year prior to each Council meeting. In addition, the Finance Committee will evaluate the reserve funds and the investments of the Society, all of which shall be subject to review and consent of the Council. The Chair of the Finance Committee is expected to report the findings of the Committee at the Council meetings.

Section 6 – Strategic Planning and Advisory Committee: The Strategic Planning and Advisory Committee shall consist of the prior Past-President, who will be serving as the Chair of the Committee, the Past-President, the current President, the President-Elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer and two at large members ***appointed by Council. The term of the at large members shall be two years and staggered allowing for the selection of one new member each year.***

The Strategic Planning and Advisory Committee will conduct strategic planning for the Society and will evaluate other issues as requested by the sitting President or his/her Council. Committee will also consider candidates proposed for active fellowship by the alternative mechanism and will forward its recommendation to the Council for final action.

2004 FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS

The following candidate applications have been received and will be considered by the Fellowship Committee in September. Please write to the Secretary regarding any information (pro or con) that could assist the Fellowship Committee with its decision. Please return the enclosed Fellowship Application Listing Form with comments. The form should be returned to Eberhard Mueller-Heubach, M.D., Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1066 or Fax (336) 716-6937.

Ronald David Alvarez	Charles Levenback
James Maxwell Austin, Jr.	John M. Malone, Jr.
Richard R. Barakat	Alan M. Peaceman
Paul D. Blumenthal	Robert M. Silver
Sarah Kilpatrick	Catherine Y. Spong
John W. Larsen	Hugh S. Taylor

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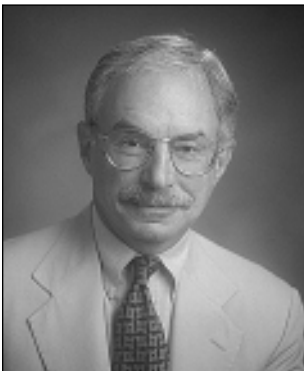
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- 2004 Meeting Registration Information
- AAOGF Scholar Award Application
- 2002 & 2003 Abstracts

AAOGF Scholar Submission Deadline:

- August 15, 2004

INTRODUCING PRESIDENT-ELECT RONALD S. GIBBS, M.D.



Ronald S. Gibbs, M.D.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you our President-Elect. So often we know something about a person, but we don't know who they are. At other times, we know who they are, but do not know very much about them. Hopefully, by introducing our President-Elect, to you, I will accomplish both of these objectives.

A native of Philadelphia, Dr. Gibbs entered Drexel University, Philadelphia in 1961 where he received a B.S. in Chemistry. He earned his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School Of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA in 1969. In 1969, Dr. Gibbs traveled to Hartford, Connecticut for an internship in Medicine, before returning to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania for a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Gibbs served in the Military as Chief of Gynecology Service, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC. From 1976-1989, he was on the faculty of the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas, where he advanced from an Assistant Professor to Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Gibbs joined the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Obstetrics and Gynecology Department as Chairman in 1989 where he presently resides. He holds the E. Stewart Taylor Chair in

Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr Gibbs is Subspecialty Certified in Maternal-Fetal Medicine. His clinical interests are in infectious diseases in obstetrics and gynecology and high-risk pregnancy. Dr. Gibbs research interests include infectious diseases, especially an interest in prevention of premature births. He has served as a consultant to National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Centers for Disease Control, and March of Dimes.

Dr. Gibbs has served our discipline in numerous capacities. He has served as President of the Infectious Disease Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology; Council Member, Society for Gynecologic Investigation; Member, Residency Review Committee; Committee on Practice Bulletins and Clinical Review Panel, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; and Examiner, Director and Treasurer, American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. His contributions to the American Gynecologic and Obstetrical Society have been great. He served our Society as Council Member, Assistant Secretary and Secretary. Clearly our Society will be in the hands of someone who knows it extremely well.

He has been married to Jane H. Gibbs for 38 years. Their two children, Stuart and Suzanne, have each gotten married within the past year. Dr. Gibbs is an enthusiastic hiker and enjoys history and cartography.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Ronald Gibbs. We are fortunate to have him as President-Elect of the American Gynecologic and Obstetric Society.

AAOGF PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Sherman Elias, M.D.



Sherman Elias, M.D.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (AAOGF). The AAOGF was incorporated in 1929, to serve as a mechanism to support the Annual Joseph Price Oration and then to establish an annual prize award for a manuscript presented at the meeting. The resources of the Foundation were enhanced significantly by bequests from the estates of Dr. James Kennedy in 1996, Dr. Walter Dannreuther in 1969, Dr. J. Bay Jacobs in 1989, and Dr. Henry L. Darner in 1996. The Burroughs Wellcome Fund helped support the Foundation for many years. Most recently, the Foundation of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Inc. and the Foundation of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine have generously contributed co-sponsorship of AAOGF Scholars. The primary focus of the AAOGF is the support of research training scholarships for individuals pursuing an academic career in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

To celebrate our Diamond Anniversary, the AAOGF will be sponsoring the opening reception at the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society Meeting on September 9, 2004 at the Sagamore. We hope that all of the members of AGOS will join us in this celebration and consider a special gift to the Foundation to mark the occasion.

The AAOGF Scholarship Program continues to be highly successful. Drs. Angeles Alvarez-Secord from Duke University and Dr. Wanda Nicholson from Johns Hopkins University both successfully completed their scholarship in June, 2004. There are currently five AAOGF Fellows:

Kristine Y. Lain, M.D. – 2002-2005

American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology/AAOGF Scholar
University of Pittsburgh

Michael House, M.D. – 2003-2006

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine/AAOGF Scholar
Tufts-New England Medical Center

Charles Lee Caperton, II, M.D. – 2003-2006

American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology/AAOGF Scholar
University of Texas Health Sciences Center

Virginia D. Winn, M.D., Ph.D. – 2004-2007

American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology/AAOGF Scholar
University of California, San Francisco

Donna M. Neale, M.D. – 2004-2007

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine/AAOGF Scholar
Yale University School of Medicine

We wish to thank Dr. Linda Guidice and Dr. John Boyce for their service on the AAOGF Endowment Fund. New members of the Committee are Dr. Setsuko Chambers and Dr. Nanette Santoro.

On behalf of the AAOGF, I wish to thank Dr. Michael Mennuti who will be ending his second term as Secretary-Treasurer of the AAOGF at the 2004 Annual Meeting. Dr. Mennuti has done an outstanding job shepherding the finances of the Foundation during difficult economic times. He has been a highly dedicated and hard-working officer and member of the Board of Trustees.

The AAOGF once again has sponsored and awarded four travel awards for the 2004 Meeting. This year's winners are:

J. Bay Jacobs Award - David Chelmow, M.D., Tufts-New England Medical Center

James W. Kennedy Award - Omid Khorram, M.D., University of California, Los Angeles

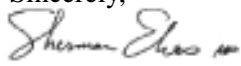
Henry L. Darner Award - Deborah Krakow, M.D., Cedars Sinai Medical Center

Walter T. Danreuther Award - Robert M. Silver, M.D., The University of Utah

These awards for \$2,000 each are intended to cover travel expenses and the AGOS Meeting registration fee. The recipient's home Department must provide any balance of support required for attendance. Applicants were required to be in an academic position for at least six years and have a primary appointment at a medical school department of obstetrics and gynecology in North America, and be at the assistant or associate professor level. Awardees are not active candidates for membership in the AGOS. In addition to individual travel awards, a named AAOGF travel award in perpetuity can be established for \$20,000. Congratulations to our 2004 Travel Award winners!

Finally, it is a privilege for me to serve as the President of the AAOGF. I look forward to our future in fulfilling our core missions: 1) to enhance knowledge in the field, 2) to encourage transmission of current knowledge, and 3) the recruitment of talented individuals into obstetrics and gynecology.

Sincerely,


Sherman Elias, M.D.
President, AAOGF

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2004 AGOS Annual Meeting is Near.
September 9-11, 2004

The 2004 AGOS meeting location will be at the Sagamore in beautiful Lake George, NY. More information was included in your meeting registration packets.

About the Sagamore.....



The Sagamore is situated in the Adirondack Mountains on a private island on Lake George. Here the common pressures of everyday life give way to the welcome pleasures of a tranquil and beautiful setting. Restored and updated, this historic island resort combines the activities and comforts you desire today with luxury and service reminiscent of the past. Some of the features of the Sagamore include:

- 350 guest rooms and suites
- Donald Ross designed golf course
- European style spa and fitness center
- Tennis and racquetball (indoor and outdoor)
- Boating, sailing and fishing charters
- Marina and Private Beach
- Swimming Pool (indoor)
- Six restaurants
- Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding and ice skating

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