



THE AMERICAN GYNECOLOGICAL & OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellows:

Let me first welcome our newly elected AGOS fellows:

Mark Johnson, M.D., Philadelphia, PA
Sarah Kilpatrick, M.D., Ph.D., Chicago, IL
Charles Levenback, M.D., Houston, TX
John Malone, M.D., Detroit, MI
Brian Mercer, M.D., Cleveland, OH
Laurel Rice, M.D., Charlottesville, VA

Yoel Sadovsky, M.D., St. Louis, MO
David Seifer, M.D., Holmdel, NJ
Catherine Spong, M.D., Bethesda, MD
Hugh Taylor, M.D., New Haven, CT
Louis Weinstein, M.D., Philadelphia, PA

Our 2005 Annual Meeting at the Empress Hotel in Victoria, British Columbia was a great success. Past President Ronald S. Gibbs, M.D. presided over an excellent program. His presidential address "The Art of Discovery" was an inspired presentation of discovery across the globe and in our specialty. His guest lecturer Eoin Trevelyan addressed the topic "Academic Leadership in Obstetrics and Gynecology" in his usual succinct manner. The Joseph Price Oration "Human Fetal Growth and Development: Fifty Years of Discoveries" was given by Giorgio Pardi, M.D. from Milan, Italy, a leading investigator in this area. Dr. Pardi was elected to honorary fellowship in AGOS. A panel discussion "Ensuring Tomorrow's Clinician Investigators" addressed one of the most important issues facing academic obstetrics and gynecology at the present time.

In follow up to this panel discussion, AGOS has established a working group led by Past President Gibbs to pursue this issue further on a broader scale. This working group has communicated by conference call and e-mail and distilled essential "bullet points" regarding this critical issue. A retreat involving stakeholders in obstetrics and gynecology research is in the planning stages.



Eberhard
Mueller-Heubach, M.D.

AGOS Council decided at the meeting on Saturday, October 1, 2005, to survey the AGOS fellowship regarding various important issues which concern the future of our Society. With input from Council, I have developed a survey which will be sent to you by e-mail as well as regular mail within the next few weeks. Please take a few minutes to respond to this survey so that the Society can evolve along the desires of its fellows and remain contemporary in future years.

Our next AGOS Annual Meeting will be held September 14-16, 2006 at The Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Virginia. Dr. Wolfgang Holzgreve from the University of Basel, Switzerland will be the 2006 Price Orator. His topic
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AGOS Officers

Eberhard Mueller-Heubach, M.D., President
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E. Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D, MBA (2004-2007)
Member-At-Large
Joanna M. Cain, M.D. (2005-2008), Member-At-Large

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James M. Roberts MD, Vice President, AAOGF
Thomas R. Moore, MD, Secretary-Treasurer, AAOGF
Charles J. Lockwood, MD, Chairman, AAOGF Endowment
Fund Committee

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Membership after Council Actions September 2005

Active	205
Life	142
Honorary	<u>42</u>
Total	389

ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1, 2005 Fairmont Empress Hotel, British Columbia, Canada

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society was held at the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, September 29-October 1, 2005. Physician registrants (members and guests) numbered 149. The total number of attendees including members, guests, and spouses was 233. The over-arching theme of the meeting pertained to research in Obstetrics and Gynecology and

support and mentoring for young physician investigators. On Friday, September 30, 2005 President Ronald S. Gibbs delivered his presidential address titled "The Art of Discovery." On Saturday, October 1, 2005 a panel discussion was held. It was entitled "Ensuring Tomorrow's Clinician Investigators" and was moderated by Dr. James Roberts with Drs. Linda Giudice, Lockwood, and Driscoll as discussants. Both the presidential address and the panel discussion provided important insights and suggested actions to be taken to strengthen investigation in academic departments of obstetrics and gynecology. Another highlight of the meeting was the Joseph Price oration of Giorgio Pardi, M.D. from the Mangiagalli Hospital in Milan, Italy. His topic was "Human Fetal Growth and Organ Development: Fifty Years of Discoveries." The program also featured the following special presentations:

President's Guest Lecture

"Academic Leadership in Obstetrics and Gynecology"
Eoin Trevelyan, D.B.A.
Harvard School of Public Health

AAOGF Endowment Scholar Lectures

"Intracellular Adhesion Molecule Concentrations
in Women who Smoke During Pregnancy"
Kristine Lain, M.D., M.S.
American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology/
AAOGF Scholar at University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, PA
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

September 30, 2005 Assembly and Welcome

President Ronald S. Gibbs called the meeting to order on September 30th at 7:45 am. He welcomed the members and guests and thanked the individuals who have been instrumental in organizing the meeting. President Gibbs then introduced the newly elected members of Society. He welcomed the recipients of the travel awards to the meeting:

James W. Kennedy Award

Henry L. Galan, M.D.
Associate Professor
Dept. of Ob/Gyn, University of Colorado
Health Sciences Center

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will be "Genetic Communication between Fetus and Mother: Short-Term and Long-Term Consequences". Colonial Williamsburg will be a most attractive and easily accessible venue for our meeting. Put the date on your travel schedules and plan to bring talented colleagues from your department as guests to Williamsburg.

I wish to thank the officers of the Society, the Council of AGOS and our staff for their dedication and hard work. My special thanks to our tireless Secretary Jef Ferguson and our Administrative Director Cassandra Larkins.

To you and your families I send my very best wishes for the new year.

Sincerely,



Eberhard Mueller-Heubach, M.D.
President
The American Gynecological and
Obstetrical Society

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Henry L. Darner Award

Vivian E. von Gruenigen, M.D.
Department of Ob/Gyn
MacDonald Women's Hospital
The University Hospitals of Cleveland

J. Bay Jacobs Award

Barak M. Rosenn, M.D.
Department of Ob/Gyn
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center

Walter T. Danreuther Award

Patrick S. Ramsey, M.D., MSPH
Assistant Professor
School of Public Health
University of Alabama at Birmingham

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the fellows who died during the past year:

Nicholas S. Assali	George B. Maughan
Hervy E. Averette	George W. Morley
Georganna Seegar Jones	Claude Villee

Secretary Ferguson also provided a personal welcome and overview of the meeting and associated events.

News from Council:

- The operations of the Society were facilitated by monthly conference calls of an executive group of AGOS officers:
 - AGOS President (Ronald S. Gibbs, M.D.)
 - AGOS President-Elect (Eberhard Mueller-Heubach, M.D.)
 - AGOS Secretary (James E. Ferguson, II, M.D.)
 - AGOS Assistant Secretary (Linda C. Giudice, M.D., Ph.D.)
 - AGOS Treasurer (Robert Resnik, M.D.)
 - AGOS AAOGF Administrative Director (Cassandra Larkins)
- The AGOS website (www.agosonline.org) is fully operational with "public and membership-only" access.
- The transition of AGOS from an Unincorporated Association to a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Corporation was completed and voted upon favorably by the fellows at the 2004 Business Meeting.
- Officers of ACOG, CUCOG, SGI, SMFM, ASRM and SGO were invited to attend the annual scientific meeting at their own expense.
- The following members requested transfer to Life

Fellowship and were approved by council:

Richard C. Boronow, John G. Boyce, Stephen L. Curry, Howard D. Homesley, Robert B. Jaffe, Thomas H. Kirschbaum, Robert S. Neuwirth, Rudy E. Sabbagha, James S. Scott, Edward E. Wallach.

- The twenty-fifth annual meeting of AGOS will be held at the Kingsmill Resort and Conference Center, Williamsburg, VA, September 14-16, 2006.
- AGOS Council will construct a questionnaire and distribute it to membership to solicit important feedback pertaining to our society.
- Council approved a modest dues increase of \$50 per year due to the tight financial condition of the society.

NEWS FROM THE BUSINESS MEETING ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

- President Gibbs welcomed the members to the Business Meeting and thanked the officers and committee members for their hard work.
- Treasurer Resnik gave a report on the finances of the Society. He indicated that due to the cancellations to attend the meeting by many fellows that the Society would likely have the expense of a significant room attrition penalty.
- President Gibbs gave the president's report. He explained a need for a modest dues increase which was \$50 per year.
- President Gibbs recognized Beth Karlan, M.D. who completed a three year term as a Council member as well as Linda Giudice, M.D., PhD, who completed a one year term as Assistant Secretary.
- Secretary Ferguson presented two proposed bylaws changes. The first bylaws change pertained to Article I, Section 2B. It was suggested that the sentence that previously read "if the paper is accepted by the Program Advisory Committee, the candidate will be invited to give a fifteen minute presentation followed by five minutes for formal discussion and ten minutes for questions from participants and response from the candidate" be changed to "if the paper is accepted by the Program Advisory Committee, the candidate will be invited to give a presentation followed by five minutes for formal discussion and ten minutes for questions from participants and response from the candidate". The second bylaws change pertained to Article II, Section 5. The first sentence previously read "after twenty-five years as an active Fellow of this Society or its predecessors, a member shall automatically become a life fellow". It was suggested that it be changed to read "after twenty-five years as an active Fellow of this Society or its predecessors, a member may become

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- a life fellow". Membership voted to approve the suggested bylaws changes.
- President Gibbs reviewed the AGOS criteria for manuscript submission for membership.
 - President Gibbs gave the nominating report for Dr. Gloria Sarto. The slate recommended was unanimously approved.
 - Eberhard Mueller-Heubach, M.D. was then recognized for his many previous contributions to AGOS and installed as the 2005-2006 President.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Nominating Committee consisted of Gloria E. Sarto, Past President as Chair, along with Beth Y. Karlan, David Gershenson, Irwin Merkatz, and James Roberts. The Committee presented the following slate:

President-Elect: Jennifer Niebyl
 Secretary (by extension): James E. Ferguson, II
 Assistant Secretary: Mary D'Alton
 Council Member: Joanna M. Cain (2005-2008)
 Program Advisory Committee:
 Robert Goldenberg (2005-2008)

HOW TO BECOME AN AGOS FELLOW

Two AGOS Fellows must propose an applicant, write letters of support and act as mentors/sponsors.

Candidates should be leaders in academic obstetrics and gynecology with national prominence, good character, high ethical standing and recognized ability as a teacher and clinician. Evidence of research and scholarly activity is important and includes at least 20 publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Candidates must have attended at least one AGOS Meeting as a guest.

Applications are due by May 1st of each year.

Candidates are reviewed by the Fellowship Committee and evaluated for scholarly contributions, national prominence, letters of evaluation from the two mentors, comments from three AGOS Fellow Reviewers and input from AGOS fellows.

Candidates approved by the Fellowship Committee and Council are invited to present a paper at the Annual Meeting. The candidate's material, manuscript, and presentation are very important in the evaluation for fellowship.

The submitted paper will be evaluated by the Program Advisory Committee and, if approved for presentation, will be discussed by Council after the presentation. If approved by Council the candidate will then be

voted on by the entire fellowship regarding his/her acceptability into AGOS.

The process will take about 18 months.

Candidate papers presented at the Annual Meeting will be submitted for publication to the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION TO FELLOWSHIP

1. Candidates should be of good character and high ethical standing.
2. Personal popularity, the holding of high office and political influence are not, in themselves, qualifications for Fellowship.
3. A candidate for membership must demonstrate evidence of scholarship in the specialty. A criterion of scholarship would be 20 or more publications in peer-reviewed journals. An unusual exception to this criterion will be considered.
4. Candidates should furnish six reprints of his/her most significant contributions to the literature for review by the Fellowship Committee.
5. Publications related to teaching are to be considered an asset in the same category as publications related to clinical research. High quality teaching is, in itself, not a sufficient qualification, since this attribute is considered as implicit as clinical ability.
6. The candidate's material, manuscript, and presentation to the organization are very important in the evaluation for membership. The material should be original and will be reviewed by five reviewers prior to presentation. Alternatively, a "state-of-the-art" review on a focused topic that encompasses the previous or current work and expertise of the candidate may be submitted. A "state-of-the-art" review needs to be a systematic review of a specific focused question with a comprehensive literature search and objective presentation of the results. The manner in which the thesis is presented and the response to the discussion(s) will all be critically reviewed. **SPONSORS/MENTORS SHOULD COUNSEL THEIR CANDIDATES ON THE TOPIC AND QUALITY OF THE THESIS PRIOR TO PRESENTATION.**
7. Sponsors/mentors are encouraged to invite their candidates and potential candidates to attend the Annual Meetings so that the membership can become better acquainted with them.

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8. Candidates are advised not to seek letters of support other than those from the sponsor/mentor and co-sponsor/co-mentor.

GUIDELINES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MENTORS/SPONSORS OF CANDIDATES FOR AGOS FELLOWSHIP

1. The mentor/sponsor should review the criteria for fellowship before submitting a candidate's name for consideration. The candidate should be a leader in academic obstetrics and gynecology to include national prominence, good character and high ethical standing, recognized ability as a teacher and clinician. Evidence of research and scholarly activity is important and includes at least 20 publications in peer-reviewed journals. When one of the mentors is from the candidate's parent institution, then the other mentor should be from a different institution.
2. The candidate's material, manuscript, and presentation to the organization are very important in the evaluation for membership. Please counsel the candidate on the importance of an appropriate topic and the importance of the quality of the study in his/her area of expertise. If there are any questions about this, feel free to consult with the President or Secretary of AGOS. The paper can be clinical or basic science but must be original work performed by the candidate, not previously presented. Alternatively, a systematic "state-of-the-art" review may be submitted. With rare exception, this requires that the candidate be first author on the paper. The paper will be reviewed by five reviewers prior to presentation and for publication in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*. The study design should be adequate, and the manuscript should be well written. The mentor/sponsor should review the paper well in advance to provide suggestions, and should review the candidate's presentation and slides to help him/her anticipate potential questions or problems before his/her final presentation to fellows of the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society. Finally, the mentor/sponsor should not submit a candidate's name for consideration if unable to attend the meeting at the time he/she presents the paper.
3. Mentors/Sponsors are encouraged to invite their candidates and potential candidates to attend the annual meetings so that the membership can become better acquainted with them.
4. Mentors/Sponsors are required to write a letter of support for the candidate.
5. Members of the AGOS Council cannot sponsor candidates.
6. Applications are due by May 1st each year.

7. Candidates must have attended at least one AGOS Meeting as a guest.

GUIDELINES - CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL PROMINENCE

1. Membership on Editorial Boards of peer-reviewed journals;
2. Membership on site visit teams for national funding agencies, e.g. NIH, NCI, CDC;
3. Regular participation in peer-review activities for national funding agencies and/or professional journals;
4. Convening/organizing programs at national meetings of professional organizations;
5. Selection for membership in appropriate national professional organizations;
6. Elected leadership role in regional or national professional organizations;
7. Honors or awards from national professional organizations.

CRITERIA FOR MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- Candidates for fellowship in the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society must submit an original scientific paper.
- The manuscript must be submitted in the format of the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*.
- The candidate for fellowship need not be the first author; however, if not, the author should be the last (senior) author.
- The manuscript must be on a clinical or basic science research topic that is original and not the review of work by others.
- The manuscript should ordinarily be expected to include a testable hypothesis.
- The manuscript should ordinarily be expected to include a well-defined control group and have a reasonable number of observations.
- The manuscript should ordinarily be expected to have analysis of results with valid statistical methods.
- The manuscript should be considered among the candidate's best research works.
- Alternatively, a "state-of-the-art" review on a focused topic that encompasses the previous or current work and expertise of the candidate in the field may be submitted.

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- Candidates selecting a “state-of-the-art” review should provide a detailed historical review of their own work with a description of their specific research questions, their research methodologies and the specific outcomes that were assessed.
- A comprehensive scholarly review of the literature describing the work of others in the area of study with a description of sources should place the candidate’s own work into context.
- Criteria and quality assessment of studies included in the review should be clearly described.
- Results of studies should be presented objectively with assessment of study quality. Study results should be related to each other to provide a current understanding of the body of work under review.
- Implications for future investigation should be delineated.

Occasionally, candidates may consider submission of papers that do not fit these guidelines (e.g. ethical or historical topics). In such rare instances the candidate should send a letter outlining the project to the Secretary who will submit it to the Program Advisory Committee for review. The Secretary will then provide feedback from the Program Advisory Committee to the candidate regarding the suitability of the intended submission.

CANDIDATE SCORING GUIDELINES FOR THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Fellowship Committee will use the following guidelines to determine if candidates meet the requirements for membership. To standardize this process, a scoring system is being used as noted below:

1. Scholarly contributions (quantity and quality of publications, especially first-authored publications in peer-reviewed journals and books and funded research). 55 Points
2. National prominence (holding membership in prestigious and selective societies, committee membership or office in national or regional organizations, independence). 35 Points
3. Letters of evaluation (letters from the two mentors/sponsors describing in detail the strengths of the candidate). 5 Points
4. Comments from spontaneous input from members as requested in the newsletter. 5 Points

Total points 100. Candidates should, in general, have at least 75 Points, exclusive of comments from general membership.

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2006 AGOS Annual Meeting will be held at the Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, Virginia, September 14-16, 2006!

Kingsmill Resort is located near historic Williamsburg in Virginia on the banks of the James River. The resort provides complimentary transportation to Colonial Williamsburg – a restored 18th-century town with costumed guides. There are also many shopping venues to choose from in the area, including Merchants’ Square and outlet malls.

The Resort is one of the top golf vacation resorts on the East Coast with four golf courses and a golf academy. The three 18-hole championship courses and a nine-hole Par-3 course can accommodate players of all ability levels. The Woods Course has wide fairways and deep ravines. The River Course is known for its sharply elevated greens and views of the James River. The Plantation Course, designed by Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay, offers a challenging and beautiful layout for players of all abilities.

The Kingsmill Tennis Club offers 15 courts, including seven Fast-Dry clay and two Deco-Turf all weather courts. Tennis services include a match making service, instruction, equipment rentals, complimentary court times and complimentary tennis clinics for Kingsmill Resort guests.

The Spa at Kingsmill offers therapeutic massage, seaweed and paraffin body treatments, facials and a full service salon. Guests can choose from full and half-day spa packages with healthy low calorie lunches.

Nearby airports include Richmond, Norfolk and Newport News/Williamsburg international airports. Car rental is available at these airports. Alternatively, Amtrak offers a service to Williamsburg.

Registration packets and more information on the 2006 meeting will be mailed in early June. We look forward to seeing you at the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Virginia!

LETTER FROM THE AGOS SECRETARY

James E. Ferguson II, MD

Our annual scientific meeting at the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada was a great success. My thanks go to all officers, Council members, fellows, presenters, discussants, panelists and the AAOGF fellow for their presentations and contributions to this success. I would also like to extend my special thanks to members of two very important committees: the program advisory committee and the fellowship committee. The program advisory committee spent a significant amount of time in reviewing the candidate papers submitted for the meetings. The group included Drs. Gibbs, Ferguson, Giudice, Noller, Runowicz, Wenstrom and Roberts. Additionally the fellowship committee carefully reviewed applicants and the wealth of material that accompanied each application. The committee included Drs. Sarto, Ferguson, Giudice, Branch, Casper, Follen, Berga, Peterson, and Cain. Further, I am especially indebted to our staff who contributed so much to this meeting: Cassandra Larkins, Sabrina Stephens, Marion Johnson all deserve our appreciation. There were eleven candidate paper presentations. Following the meeting the council approved all eleven and I am happy to report that all candidates were approved by the membership and notified, along with their sponsors, by November. In addition, Dr. Giorgio Pardi who was our distinguished Joseph Price Orator was elected to honorary membership.

We would like to ask the fellows of AGOS to carefully review the enclosed guidelines for mentor/sponsors for AGOS fellowship as well as the fellowship candidate guidelines as an effort is made to identify potential candidates. Please request and submit electronic applications by May 1, 2006 to our administrative office (clarkins@acog.org). Also, please note that an age of less

than fifty is no longer required for candidates. Of importance are the guidelines for manuscripts which now include a "state-of-the-art" review on a focused topic as an alternative to the traditional manuscript submission. Specific guidelines for preparation of a "state-of-the-art" review are enclosed.

Enclosed with this mailing is an announcement for the Charles Hunter Award Paper. Please post this announcement in a prominent location in your department and encourage as many young investigators as possible to compete for this prestigious award. Also enclosed is an announcement for the AAOGF Travel Awards for the 2006 AGOS Annual Meeting. These Awards are designed to support the attendance at our annual meeting of promising young academicians in our specialty.

Finally, I would like to ask that as many fellows as possible make plans to attend the annual meeting scheduled for September 14-16 at the Kingsmill Resort and Conference Center in Williamsburg, VA. Please invite your young faculty members and colleagues so that they might be exposed to the important role our society plays in furthering academic obstetrics and gynecology and also that they might have an opportunity to enjoy the warm collegiality of our membership.

Respectfully Submitted,



James E. Ferguson, II, M.D.
Secretary

Call for Papers

The American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society

For the
Charles A. Hunter, Jr., Prize

THESIS AWARD
Of
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF OBSTETRICIANS
AND GYNECOLOGIST FOUNDATION

Any Obstetrician-Gynecologist, other than a Candidate for Fellowship in the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society (AGOS) is eligible for the Award.

Fellowship in AGOS is not required.

The work must be exceptional in basic or clinical research, not previously presented or published, and make a major contribution to our discipline. If accepted by Council, the paper **must** be published in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology. The paper cannot be submitted to any other journal for publication.

The **deadline** to submit Papers is April 15, 2006

The winner will be recognized at the 2006 AGOS Annual Meeting to be held at Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, Virginia
September 14 – 16, 2006

The winning author will receive an Honorarium of \$2,000 plus travel expenses.

Instructions for manuscript preparation can be found at
<http://www.agosonline.org> > announcements > Hunter Prize Thesis Award

Please submit the completed manuscript by email or disk to:

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AAOGF PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Sherman Elias, M.D.



Sherman Elias, M.D.

The primary mission of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (AAOGF) continues to be the support of research training scholarships for individuals pursuing academic careers in Obstetrics and Gynecology. The AAOGF also supports the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society (AGOS) through funding

of the Joseph Price Oration, the Hunter Prize Paper Award, and the President's Travel Awards. In addition, the AAOGF has helped support participation of special guest speakers, such as Eoin Trevelyn, DBA, Harvard School of Public Health, who spoke at the 2005 AGOS Meeting in Victoria, British Columbia.

With our highly valued partners, the Foundation of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG), Inc., and the Foundation of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM), we proudly announce our newest scholars:

Laura J. Havrilesky, M.D.

2006-2007 ABOG/AAOGF scholarship award

Assistant Professor
Duke University Medical Center
Title: *"Primary Prevention of and Reduction of Mortality from Ovarian Cancer"*

Mentor: Evan Myers, M.D.
Associate Professor and Chief
Division of Clinical & Epidemiological Research
Department of Ob/Gyn
Duke University Medical Center
Durham, NC

Francine H. Einstein, M.D.

2006-2007 SMFM/AAOGF scholarship award

Assistant Professor
Department of Ob/Gyn & Women's Health
Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montifiore Medical Center
Title: *"Visceral Fat and the Metabolic Alterations of Glucose Homeostasis in Pregnancy"*

Mentor: Nir Barzilai, M.D.
Director of the Institute of Aging Research
Diabetes Research and Training Center
Professor, Dept of Medicine and Molecular Genetics
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Bronx, NY

Under the very capable leadership of Dr. Charles Lockwood, our Scholars Program continues to be a tremendous success. This was recently highlighted in the following article: Pion GM, Hammond CB, *The American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation Scholars Program: Additional Data on Research-related Outcomes*, Am J Obstet Gynecol 2005; 193:1733-9. In this review of the experience of our scholars, Pion and Hammond found that between 1984 and 1997, 88% of former scholars held faculty appointments, and 40% of these positions were in institutions that were more research-intensive than the medical degree-granting institutions of the fellows. Slightly more than half of former fellows competed for NIH research funding, with 22% being awarded at least one ROI grant. Fellows produced almost 900 articles. The AAOGF is proud of the accomplishments of our Scholars.

The 2005 Scholars Retreat was held at Yale under the direction of Dr. Gil Mor.

This activity is one of the highlights of our program. Scholars present progress reports on their research to each other and guest faculty, network, and develop life-long collaborations and friendships.

At the last Annual Meeting elections were held for leadership positions on the Board of Trustees of the AAOGF. I wish to congratulate Dr. James M. Roberts, who was elected for a second three-year term as Vice President, and Dr. Charles J. Lockwood, who was elected for a second three-year term as Chair of the Endowment Fund Committee. In addition, I wish to thank the other members of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Eberhard Mueller-Heubach, and Dr. Jennifer R. Niebyl, as well as the members of the AAOGF Endowment Fund Committee, Dr. Donald J. Dudley, Dr. Michele Follen, Dr. Norman F. Gant, Dr. John E. Buster, Dr. Setsuko K. Chambers and Dr. Nanette F. Santoro. A special thanks to our Administrative Director, Ms. Cassandra Larkins.

It is a privilege for me to serve as President of the AAOGF. I look forward to future opportunities for our Foundation to support the academic goals of our specialty to benefit women's health.

Sherman Elias, M.D.
President, AAOGF

AAOGF Trustees

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AAOGF TRAVEL AWARDS TO 2006 MEETING OF AGOS

The American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (AAOGF) and The American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society (AGOS) are pleased to announce that AAOGF will provide four travel awards of \$2000.00 each to be used for the AGOS Annual Meeting to be held at The Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, VA, September 14-16, 2006. The home Department of each recipient must agree to provide the balance of support required for attendance.

Guidelines For Eligibility:

- **Full-time academic faculty position for at least 3 years. Fellowship years are not counted toward the 3 year requirement.**
- **Primary appointment in a Medical School Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in North America.**
- **Assistant or Associate Professor level.**
- **Not an active candidate for membership in AGOS.**
- **CV indicating progressive scholarly productivity, substantial promise for future academic/scholarly contributions, and potential for membership in AGOS.**
- **Recipients must commit to attend the entire meeting including all of the scientific sessions.**

Application Packet MUST Include:

- **Letter of proposal by a member of AGOS.**
- **Accompanying letter from the candidate's Department Chair indicating that the balance of support will be provided by the Department.**
- **Three copies of current CV (including any prior and current grant support).**
- **Applicants must register for the meeting in advance. Registration fees will be deducted from the award and the balance of the award will be sent to the recipient prior to the meeting.**

**Deadline for Application Submission:
May 1, 2006**

Mail or email to:
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