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## Special points of interest:

- AGOS Annual Meeting will be held September 27-29, 2007
- News from the Interim Council Meeting
- Meet President-Elect William Droegemueller, MD

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The annual meeting of AGOS will take place at the Chicago Renaissance Hotel, September 27-29, and I hope you have sent in your registration already or will do so soon. Please stay at this hotel, as we will be penalized if we do not fill the room allocation. Please invite guests—all guests are welcomed.

We have worked hard to organize a superb program for this year. We will have two types of presentations for membership, the traditional peer-reviewed manuscripts, and the new type — state-of-the-art review.



Our Joseph Price Orator will be Gautam Chaudhuri, who will present the topic "Hormone Therapy in Cardiovascular Disease: The Estrogen Paradox". We will have two panel discussions. One will be on Cesarean Delivery on Maternal Request, chaired by Mary D'Alton, and the other will be on Advances in Genetics, chaired by Joe Leigh Simpson. My presidential address is entitled: "The Pharmaceutical Industry: Friend or Foe?"

Chicago offers many entertainment opportunities. There will be a historical boat tour available, and evening theatre shows "Wicked" and "The Color Purple" will be playing. I would like to thank all the officers and committee members for their hard work, especially our Secretary, Jef Ferguson, our Treasurer, Bob Resnik, and our Administrative Director, Cassandra Larkins. I look forward to seeing you in Chicago.

Jennifer Niebyl, MD  
AGOS President

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## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY FERGUSON



Preparations for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society at the Renaissance Hotel in Chicago are well under way.

This is an exciting location at the edge of "The Loop" in the heart of downtown Chicago and affords spectacular views of the city, lake, and river. The hotel is located a few blocks from Millennium Park and the shops

along the Magnificent Mile. President Niebyl has arranged what promises to be a dynamic presentation by Dr. Gautam Chaudhuri, Joseph Price Orator, from UCLA. The meeting will also feature what promises to be two excellent panel presentations. Dr. Mary D'Alton will moderate the panel on "Cesarean Delivery on Maternal Request - Update from the State of the Science" and Dr. Joe Leigh Simpson will moderate the panel on "Advances in Genetics". Social opportunities will abound and **dress for this year's President's banquet will be black-tie optional.**

I wish to extend my gratitude to all of the officers of the Society, council members, committee members and Fellows who have worked so diligently in preparation for this meeting. My special thanks to Ms. Cassandra Larkins, Administrative Director AGOS and AAOGF, our administrative staff, and Ms. Margaret Lyle, for their exceptional work on behalf of the Society. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to other members of the Program Advisory Committee including Drs. Niebyl, D'Alton, Darney, Wenstrom, Goldenberg and Roberts and (in advance) to members of the Fellowship Committee who will meet in Chicago including Drs. Mueller-Heubach, Fox, Goff, D'Alton, Peterson, Cain, Ramin and Schlaff.

This has been a busy year for the Society. We have received applications from ten potential new members. I ask that all members review the enclosed fellowship application listing and return by email or fax a signed form in which you identify yourself to my office with any comments you might have. Additionally, within this newsletter please review the proposed By-Laws change. We will vote on these at the Annual Business Meeting on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. As change is the only constant in the universe, please be certain to notify our office in Washington, DC of any changes to your mailing or email address.

Again, my sincere thanks to all of those who have worked so hard on behalf of the important activities of the Society throughout the year and especially as we prepare for our Annual Meeting. I look forward to seeing all of the Fellows and their guests at the Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. **I would also like to encourage all members to invite several guests.**

Respectfully submitted,

James E. (Jef) Ferguson, II, MD  
Secretary, AGOS

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

**The American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society**

**2007 Annual Meeting**

**Thursday, September 27 - Saturday, September 29, 2007**

**See page 8 for details**

## AGOS WEB SITE UPDATE

I would like to encourage all of our members to explore our AGOS web site. Our navigation bar on the side of each page offers easy accessibility to the various pages available there. Our home page entitled "Introduction" has information about the governance, annual business meetings as well as hot links to hotels where future AGOS meetings will be held. Additionally you will find information related to upcoming events. There are links to lists of current officers and council members as well as representatives and the membership of important committees. The "History" section includes information about officers

of the AGOS and the parent organizations (AGS and AAOG). As the result of recent efforts, the list of Joseph Price Orators and Hunter Thesis Prize award winners are complete. The link "Member Profiles" enables members (only) to determine current contact information about active, life and honorary fellows as well as view the *In Memoriam* statements. There is a "Links" option to access other pertinent organizations; a section that provides information about the AGOS staff, and an "Abstracts" section in which the current abstracts, presented at the most recent Annual Meeting, as well as those from

previous meetings are posted. Finally, there is a section which provides useful information about the AAOGF. Those applying for Foundation Scholarships can download application materials. Recently we configured the web site so that potential applicants for AGOS can also download application materials. We welcome your feedback and suggestions. Remember your email is your user name and your password is your six digit AGOS number. If you have any questions please contact Margaret Lyle at [margaret.lyle@uky.edu](mailto:margaret.lyle@uky.edu).

## Annual Meeting Preliminary Program

Thursday, September 27, 2007:

7:45  
Welcome

8:00-8:30  
Kimberly Gregory, MD, MPH\*  
*"Clinical risk factors associated with poor vaginal birth after cesarean (VBAC) outcome"*  
Discussant: Don Dudley, MD

8:30-9:00  
Pasquale Patrizio, MD\* *"Gene expression profiling of human oocytes at different maturational stages and after in vitro maturation"*  
Discussant: Alan DeCherney, MD

9:00-9:30  
Richard Barakat, MD\* *"Is there a therapeutic benefit to regional lymphadenectomy in the surgical treatment of endometrial carcinoma?"*  
Discussant: Ronald Alvarez, MD

9:30-10:00  
Richard Leach, MD\* *"Diminished survival of human cytotrophoblast cells exposed to hypoxia/reoxygenation injury and associated reduction of heparin-binding EGF-like growth factor"*  
Discussant: Phyllis Leppert, MD, PhD

10:00-10:30 Break

10:30-12:00  
Panel Presentation: *"Cesarean delivery on maternal request: update from the state of the science"*  
Mary E. D'Alton, MD, moderator

12:00-12:10 Break and seating

12:10-1:00  
Joseph Price Oration – Gautam Chaudhuri, MD, PhD *"Hormone therapy in cardiovascular disease: the estrogen paradox"*

Friday, September 28, 2007:

7:30-8:00  
AGOS Business Meeting

8:00-8:30  
AAOGF Business Meeting

8:30-9:00  
Stephen Plaxe, MD\* *"Epidemiology of low-grade serous ovarian cancer"*  
Discussant: Benjamin Greer, MD

9:00-9:30  
Lee Learman, MD, PhD\* *"Reliability and validity of reflection exercises for obstetrics and gynecology residents"*  
Discussant: Barbara Goff, MD

9:30-10:00  
Charles A. Hunter, Jr. Prize Thesis Award *"Cost effectiveness analysis of annual screening tests for patients at high risk of endometrial cancer"*  
Laura J. Havrilesky, MD

10:00-10:30 Break

10:30-11:00  
John Larsen, MD\* *"Group B streptococcus and pregnancy"*  
Discussant: Ronald Gibbs, MD

11:00-11:30  
John Yeh, MD\* *"Protection against cisplatin induced ovarian damage by the antioxidant sodium 2-mercaptoethanesulfonate (mesna) in female rats"*  
Discussant: Michael Diamond, MD

11:30-11:50  
Virginia D. Winn, MD, PhD – ABOG/AAOGF Endowment Scholar Lecture *"Prostaglandin effector functions during human cytotrophoblast differentiation"*

11:50-12:00 Break and seating

12:00-1:00  
Presidential Address: Jennifer R. Niebyl, MD, *"The pharmaceutical industry: friend or foe?"*  
Followed by Reception

Saturday, September 29, 2007:

8:00-9:30  
Panel Presentation: *"Advances in genetics"*  
Joe Leigh Simpson, MD, moderator

9:30-10:00  
William Andrews, MD, PhD\* *"Early preterm birth: Association between in utero exposure to acute inflammation and severe neurodevelopmental disability at 6 years of age"*  
Discussant: Jay Iams, MD

10:00-10:30 Break

10:30-11:00  
Alan Bocking, MD\* *"Prediction of preterm birth in symptomatic women using decision tree modeling for biomarkers"*  
Discussant: George Macones, MD

11:00-11:30  
Mark Pearlman, MD\* *"Fetal outcome in motor-vehicle crashes: effects of crash characteristics and maternal restraint"*  
Discussant: George Saade, MD

11:30-12:00  
James Segars, MD\* *"Mechanical homeostasis is altered in uterine leiomyoma"*  
Discussant: Robert Casper, MD

12:00-12:30  
Anil Sood, MD\* *"Impact of vessel maturation on anti-angiogenic therapy in ovarian cancer"*  
Discussant: Stephen Rubin, MD

\* Candidate for AGOS Membership

**The reservation  
cut-off date is  
Wednesday,  
September 5, 2007  
make your  
reservations soon**



**Renaissance  
Chicago Hotel**

**SPECIAL EVENTS****THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2007**

**BREAKFAST SOCIAL**  
For spouses/significant others of members and guests

**JOSEPH PRICE ORATION**  
12:10 pm – 1:00 pm  
All members, spouses/significant others, and guests are invited to attend

**WELCOME RECEPTION**  
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
All members, registered spouses/significant others, and registered guests are invited to attend

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2007**

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  
All members, spouses/significant others, and guests are invited to attend

**TOAST TO THE PRESIDENT**  
Following the Presidential Address  
All members, spouses/significant others, and guests are invited to the Presidential Toast

**PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION**  
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**PRESIDENT'S BANQUET**  
Black Tie Optional  
8:00 pm – 11:00 pm  
All members, registered spouses/significant others, and registered guests are invited to attend

## INTRODUCING PRESIDENT-ELECT: WILLIAM DROEGEMUELLER, MD



It is my pleasure to introduce our President-Elect to you. William Droegemueller is Clinical Professor and Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He served as chairman of the department from 1982 until 1996.

Dr. Droegemueller is a 1960 graduate of the University of Colorado Medical School in Denver, Colorado. After

completing his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Colorado, Dr. Droegemueller became a faculty member serving as an Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and was named Professor and Vice-Chairman in 1976. In 1977 he was named Professor and Associate Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Arizona Health Sciences Center in Tucson, Arizona. In March of 1982 was named Professor and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Throughout his career in academic medicine he has received numerous teaching awards. In 1988 he received the Silver and Gold Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Colorado Medical Alumni Association. He was awarded the Association of Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics Wyeth-

Ayerst Career Achievement Award at the 1999 APGO annual meeting. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists named Dr. Droegemueller as the recipient of the 1999 Distinguished Service Award. In May 2000 Dr. Droegemueller was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

Nationally, Dr. Droegemueller served as the Director of Evaluation for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1988 through 2006. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the American Board of Medical Specialists from 1995 to 1998 and served as a member of the National Board of Medical Examiners from 1994 to 2000. From 1985 to 1987 Dr. Droegemueller was the Chairman of the Council on Residency Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology and was President of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics in 1989. In 2002 he was named Chairman of the Berlex Foundation Board of Trustees.

Dr. Droegemueller's editorial responsibilities include editor of PROLOG 1981-1986 and Associate Editor of *Gynecology and Obstetrics*, 1981-1994. From 1991-1995 he was the OB/GYN consultant for the 26<sup>th</sup> edition of *Stedman's Medical Dictionary*. He has served as Associate Editor of the *Obstetrical and Gynecological Survey* since 1984 and was Associate Editor of *Obstetrics and Gynecology* from 1986 through 1997. The fourth edition of his textbook, *Comprehensive Gynecology*, was published in May 2001. He has written over 100 journal articles and chapters.

We are indeed most fortunate to have an individual of the stature of Dr. Droegemueller lead our society next year.

**The American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society**  
**2007 Annual Meeting**  
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Jennifer Niebyl, MD  
 AGOS President

## 2007 MEMORIALS

**Hugh R. K. Barber, MD**  
 New York, NY

**Henry C. Frick II, MD**  
 New York, NY

**John Isaacs, MD**  
 Maywood, IL

**Sir John Dewhurst, MD**  
 Middlesex, ENG

**Dr. Giorgio Pardi**  
 Milan, Italy

**Howard Judd, MD**  
 Los Angeles, CA

**William J. Dignam, MD**  
 Los Angeles, CA

**Samuel S. C. Yen, MD**  
 La Jolla, CA

## AGOS SECRETARY'S UPDATE

### *James E. (Jef) Ferguson, II, MD*

#### 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 7, 2006

The Interim Council Meeting was held on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the San Diego Marriott Hotel during the Annual Clinical Meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologist in San Diego, CA.

- In her report President Niebyl discussed the composition of panel discussions which would be added to this year's Annual Meeting. She indicated that the first would relate to "Cesarean delivery on maternal request" and would be chaired by Dr. Mary D'Alton. The second would be entitled "Advances in genetics" and would be chaired by Dr. Joe Leigh Simpson. President Niebyl reported on this year's upcoming annual meeting. The site visit by Dr. Niebyl and Ms. Cassandra Larkins to the Renaissance Hotel in Chicago went very well. Dr. Niebyl indicated that she was pleased with the facilities and that the large and small conference rooms were nice, the small conference rooms had pleasant views of the river and that the meal that they were served was quite good. President-Elect Droegemueller suggested that a special letter/email be sent to the members to address the adverse effect of room attrition if members do not stay at the Renaissance Hotel and explain the financial consequences to the Society of members not staying at the hotel.
- Secretary Ferguson reviewed the papers submitted by candidates to be presented at the upcoming annual meeting as well as applications to become a member. He also discussed the tentative program for the meeting and candidates eligible to present in 2008.
- Assistant Secretary D'Alton provided indicated six members had died since the last Annual Meeting. These included Dr. Barber (Active Fellow) as well as Drs. Dignam, Frick and Yen (Life Fellows). Honorary Fellows Sir Jack Dewhurst and Georgio Pardi have also died.
- Treasure Resnik reported on the financial situation of AGOS. A decision was made to exempt NIH employees from the \$200 pre-meeting registration fee as it conflicted with Government policy. There was discussion as to whether individuals in the Society could elect to not subscribe to the Journal if the annual dues statement was provided such that the dues to the Society were separated from the journal subscription fee of \$50.
- Ms. Larkins then gave an update on room block negotiations with the Renaissance and La Costa. It was suggested that the number of room nights committed to be the minimum required to qualify for the economy of not paying for meeting rooms and the like.
- AAOGF President Elias indicated that the AAOGF would develop and distribute to information on how bequests can be made to the AAOGF and naming AAOGF as a beneficiary of their IRAs. Additionally there is a unique opportunity this year through which members can make contributions without incurring any tax liability. The 2007 Scholars Retreat will be hosted by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Duke University. President Elias indicated that he would serve one more year as president.
- AAOGF Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Moore reported that there was a capital campaign with a goal to raise an additional \$2,000,000. He indicated it was the desire to use these monies to increase the scholarship stipends by 15%.
- Dr. Charles Lockwood reported for the AAOGF Endowment Fund Committee Report. He indicated that Dr. Michael House had garnered an RSDP to continue his training he also indicated that Drs. Virginia Winn and Donna M. Neale would both

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## Secretary's Update

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graduate this June. Additionally he briefly updated the progress of the current 2nd year and incoming scholars

- The Nominating Committee (Past President Mueller-Heubach, Chair), submitted the following slate for vote at the Annual Business Meeting:

President-Elect – James E. (Jef) Ferguson, II, MD

Secretary – Mary E. D'Alton, MD

Assistant Secretary – Larry Copeland, MD

Treasurer (by extension) – Robert Resnik, MD

Member of Council– Setsuko Chambers; MD

Program Advisory Committee – Sara Berga, MD

- During Old and New Business Council discussed two requests sent by Dr. Norman Gant that the Society pick three names to return to the Board from which the Board would select one as a corporate representative from AGOS. It was decided that the names of Drs. Ferguson, Karlin and Runowicz would be returned. The second request was for two names to be submitted by the Society for potential membership on the Board to succeed Dr. Roy Nakayama who is the current at-large corporate member of the Board. After some discussion, Council endorsed Dr. Sara Berga and it was suggested that President Niebyl and President-Elect Droegemueller should select another individual.

### Life Membership:

Council approved the request of the following members to be moved to Life Membership pending review of the files and ensuring they meet the criteria outlined in the by-laws:

William Creasman

Rudolph P. Galask

Wesley C. Fowler, Jr.

Jouko K. Halme

William Hoskins

Richard L. Sweet

### Status of the Fellowship as of April 25, 2007.

Active:	210
Life:	139
Honorary:	<u>41</u>
Total:	390

## 2007 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 James E. (Jef) Ferguson, II, MD, Office of the Chairman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Kentucky College of Medicine, 800 Rose Street, Room C375, Lexington, Kentucky 40536 or Fax (859) 257-1305

Robert Coleman

Florence Haseltine

Randall Hines

Karen Lu

Errol Norwitz

Ingrid Nygaard

Lee Shulman

Robert Silver

Judith Wolf

Jerome Yankowitz

## Members

**Please complete and  
return the attached  
Fellowship Application  
Listing Form**

**Fax (859) 257-1305**

**FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION LISTING FOR 2007**

The following individuals have been proposed as candidates for fellowship in the *American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society*. The Fellowship Committee, at its meeting in September, will consider their application. Your comments on the suitability of these candidates for fellowship will be of great assistance to the Fellowship Committee in its deliberations. Please include your feedback in the comment column beside the name of each candidate with whom you are familiar. *Please note that you must identify yourself in the "AGOS Member completing this form" section for your input to be considered by the Fellowship Committee. Please return this form to James E. (Jef) Ferguson, II, MD, Secretary, AGOS, Office of the Chairman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Kentucky College of Medicine, 800 Rose Street, Room C375, Lexington, KY 40536 or Fax (859) 257-1305.*

FELLOWSHIP NOMINATIONS	MENTORS	COMMENTS
Robert Coleman	David Gershenson Benjamin Greer	
Florence Haseltine	Alan DeCherney Isaac Schiff	
Randall Hines	Bryan Cowan Paul McDonough	
Karen Lu	David Gershenson David Mutch	
Errol Norwitz	John Repke Peter Schwartz	
Ingrid Nygaard	James Scott Ronald Gibbs	
Lee Shulman	Michael Socol Raul Artal	
Robert Silver	James Scott Ware Branch	
Judith Wolf	David Fishman David Gershenson	
Jerome Yankowitz	John Repke Jay Iams	

**Name of  
AGOS Member  
completing form  
(please print):**

\_\_\_\_\_ **signature**

### 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 significant 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 three 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 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
7. Candidates must have attended at least one AGOS Meeting as a guest.

### FELLOWSHIP CANDIDATE GUIDELINES

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

- Two AGOS Fellows must propose an applicant, write letters of support and act as mentors/sponsors.
- Scholarly contributions representing the scholarships of education, discovery and integration (quantity and quality of publications, especially first-authored publications in peer-reviewed journals and books, including chapters that represent major integrative scholarship. Educational scholarship can be represented by such documents as innovative educational developments, publication of key books, curricula, etc.). Achievement as recognized by securing extra-mural funding from agencies such as the NICHD, NCI, CDC, CIHR, MOD and the like. Independence is required for all of the above as well as the likelihood of future academic/scholarly contributions.
- National prominence such as service as an Editor or on Editorial Boards of peer-reviewed journals; membership on site visit teams for national funding agencies, e.g. NICHD, NCI, CDC, CIHR, MOD; regular participation in peer-review activities for national funding agencies (see above) and/or professional peer-reviewed journals; convening/organizing programs at national or international meetings of significant professional organizations; selection for membership in appropriate selective, prestigious national or international academic/scholarly professional organizations; elected leadership role in prestigious regional or national or international academic/scholarly professional organizations; honors or awards from prestigious national or international academic/scholarly professional organizations. Significant leadership or committee service to prestigious national or internal organizations; academic leadership positions (e.g. Dean, Chairmanship or Division Director).
- Letters of Evaluation (letters from two mentors describing in detail the strengths of the candidate).
- Comments from two Fellows who are asked to review the candidate's application and signed input from the general membership as requested.

## CRITERIA FOR MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION

- 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.
  - 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.
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- 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.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS FOUNDATION  
PRESIDENT'S UPDATE -- SHERMAN ELIAS, MD**

In its commitment to support the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society (AGOS), the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (AAOGF) has provided \$25,000 to support the educational activities of this year's AGOS meeting in Chicago. This grant is in addition to the AAOGF funding of the Joseph Price Oration, the Travel Awards, and the Hunter Prize Paper Award.

The AAOGF has distributed to members of AGOS information on how they can make bequests in their wills to the AAOGF and name the AAOGF as a beneficiary of an IRA. In addition, Life Members who are age 70-1/2 or older, were provided with information about a unique opportunity that exists through 2007 for a charitable IRS rollover of up to \$100,000 from an IRA to a public charity (i.e., AAOGF) without incurring any tax liability. We encouraged members of AGOS to consider these options as their legacy to the future of our specialty. This will be discussed further at the business meeting in Chicago.



Under the very capable chairmanship of Dr. Charles Lockwood, the Endowment Fund Committee continues to oversee our Scholars' Program. We are most appreciative of our partnerships with the Foundation of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG), Inc. and the Foundation for the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) in support of our Scholars' Program. This year's Scholars' Program was hosted by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Duke University. The Scholars' Program fulfills an important need for our specialty as evidenced by a record number of applications this year.

I wish to express my thanks to the following individuals for their hard work and dedication to the AAOGF:

James M. Roberts, MD (Vice President), Thomas R. Moore, MD (Secretary/Treasurer), Charles J. Lockwood, MD (Chair, AAOGF Endowment Fund Committee), and ex-officio members: Jennifer R. Niebyl, MD (President, AGOS), and William Droegemueller, MD (President-Elect, AGOS). In addition, I wish to thank the members of the AAOGF Endowment Fund Committee, Donald J. Dudley, MD, Michelle Follen, MD, Ph.D., Norman F. Gant, Jr., MD, John E. Buster, MD, Setsuko K. Chambers, MD and Nanette F. Santoro, MD. A special thanks to our Administrative Director, Ms. Cassandra Larkins.

It is a privilege for me to serve as President of the AAOGF, and I look forward to further opportunities and achievements for our Foundation in the future.

Sincerely,

Sherman Elias, MD  
President, AAOGF

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Save the Date

**The American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society**

**2007 Annual Meeting**

**Thursday, September 27 - Saturday, September 29, 2007**

The American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society will hold its Annual Scientific Meeting at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel, Thursday, September 27- Saturday, September 29, 2007. Dr. Gautam Chaudhuri from the University of California, Los Angeles will be the 2007 Joseph Price Orator. His topic will be "Hormone therapy in cardiovascular disease: the estrogen paradox," combining basic science and clinical applications. The meeting will also feature two excellent panel presentations: Dr. Mary D'Alton will moderate the panel on "Cesarean Delivery on Maternal Request - Update from the State of the Science" on Thursday and Dr. Joe Leigh Simpson will moderate the panel on "Advances in Genetics" on Saturday.

**MEETING REGISTRATION**

The 2007 meeting registration fee is \$350 for members; \$450 for invited guests of members; and an additional registration fee of \$100 for a spouse or significant other accompanying a member or a guest to the meeting. Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to the AGOS office by **Friday, September 7, 2007**.

**PLEASE NOTE: If you paid the pre-meeting registration fee of \$200, please remember that you are only required to pay the balance of \$150 to register for the meeting (plus the \$100 registration fee for a spouse or significant other).** The meeting registration fees cover all meeting materials and social events.

Each member of AGOS is strongly encouraged to invite colleagues in the discipline to the AGOS Annual Meeting. Invited guests registration fees are outlined on the enclosed AGOS Meeting Registration Form.

**HOTEL RESERVATION**

Rooms have been reserved at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel at a group rate of \$224 per night, single/double for guestrooms. To make your reservations, please contact the Renaissance Chicago Hotel, 1 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601, Phone: 1-800-228-9290 or 1-312-372-7200. **Please make sure you identify your affiliation with the AGOS 2007 Annual Meeting and give the dates of the meeting when you reserve your room.** Please support the organization by staying at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel. AGOS has contracted with the hotel to reserve a specific number of rooms for meeting participants. If we are unable to fill the room block, AGOS will be financially responsible for all unused rooms. The reservation cut-off date is **Wednesday, September 5, 2007**, so we encourage you to make your reservations as soon as possible.