



# American Gynecological & Obstetrical Society

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## A Message from the President

Plans for the AGOS' Annual Meeting at Napa Valley's Silverado Resort are now complete. I am confident that the academic and social programs scheduled will be appealing to all our fellows' diverse interests.

The evolution in program format is also now finalized, and therefore there will be no formal candidate papers this year. The Program Committee has selected topics and panel discussions which are both timely and of interest to all of our members, with most of the presentations being made by AGOS members. In addition, two "career" research summaries by highly successful formal fellows and supported by the Foundation will be featured, as well as two papers that will be presented by graduating fellows.

The Joseph Price Oration will be given by Dr. Jerrold Olefsky, Distinguished Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean for Scientific Affairs at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine. His presentation, "Inflammation: The Key to Insulin Resistance and Diabetes Mellitus", should provide attendees with new insights into the pathogenesis of this disease.

This year's Hunter Paper will be presented by Dr. Mitchell Besser, Director of the 'Mothers2Mothers' program in Africa. This program, which Dr. Besser started, has made enormous contributions to de-stigmatizing HIV/AIDS among pregnant women and has resulted in a marked decrease of HIV transmission to newborns. He has received an award from Oxford



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University for Social Entrepreneurship and the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Service Award. In 2009, he received the Presidential Citizenship Citation from the White House.

Napa Valley is a beautiful, exciting area to visit, with much to see and do whether you are a wine enthusiast or not. Also, October's comfortable seasonal temperatures are perfect for planning indoor and outdoor activities alike. Please note, there will be NO BLACK TIE events this year. Cocktail attire is acceptable.

Please mark your calendars to join us at the Silverado and make your reservations early. We look forward to seeing you, our colleagues, again in October!



Robert Resnik, MD  
President, AGOS

## A Message from Secretary D'Alton



As first communicated by AGOS leadership this past May, I am pleased to provide an update on our recent partnership with the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists (SGO). SGO was contracted to provide full professional management services for the Society, beginning with this year's Annual Meeting in Napa, California. Nearly four months into our transition, SGO and AGOS are working diligently together to transfer a host of support services over to SGO by January 1, 2011.

Overseen by Mary Eiken, SGO's Executive Director and select members of her staff, SGO has begun providing a full range of management services to AGOS membership, including management of our Annual Meeting, yearly dues processing, internal and external communications, and general website maintenance. In just the short time with AGOS, SGO has already been extremely valuable with several components of planning our Annual Meeting and our bi-annual member newsletter.

Looking back to when I first took over as Secretary for the organization almost three years ago, I realized it was a time of transition for the Society. I set the goal of working with Executive Council, AGOS President, Dr. Resnik and past presidents to move AGOS into a more robust infrastructure, one not permanently residing within the Secretary's office. My academic office and staff, particularly Lama El Dana, have provided me and the membership at large an enormous amount of support thru this process.

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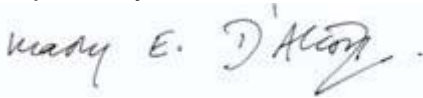
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During this transitional period, we continue to ask for our members' patience and understanding as we finalize all remaining facets of AGOS operations. As promised, I have included the following list of SGO staff (located on the adjacent column in this newsletter) who will contribute to the daily work of AGOS moving forward. Please feel free to contact them directly with any questions you may have related to AGOS matters. We will continue to provide more information as it becomes available.

It has been a privilege to serve the Society as Secretary during this transition and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this year's Annual Meeting, hosted by President Resnik.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary E. D'Alton, MD  
Secretary

## 2010 Annual Meeting ~ Schedule at a Glance

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2010

**7:45 a.m.**-- Assembly and Welcome-- Robert Resnik, MD

#### FIRST SCIENTIFIC SESSION

**8:00 a.m.**-- Charles A. Hunter Prize Thesis "Preventing Mother to Child Transmission of HIV - Closing the Gaps"  
- Mitchell J. Besser, MD

**9:00 a.m.** -- AAOGF Career Speaker - Hugh S. Taylor, MD

**9:30 a.m.** -- "Mammography Guidelines-Hiding Behind a "Smokescreen"- Carolyn D. Runowicz, MD

**10:30 a.m.** -- Panel Presentation:"Cutting Edge Advances in the Management of Obstetrical and Gynecological Hemorrhage"  
- Gary D.V. Hankins, MD, Luis Pacheco, MD, Thomas Herzog, MD

**12:15 p.m.** -- Joseph Price Oration -"Role of Inflammation and Anti-Inflammatory Treatment in Insulin Resistance"  
-Jerrold M. Olefsky, MD

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### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2010

**7:30 a.m.** -- AGOS Annual Business Meeting

## A Reminder to all AGOS Members



Each year, AGOS takes note in honor of our members who have passed in our Annual Meeting program book. If you are aware of the passing of an AGOS colleague or past member, please remember to share this information.

To make certain all are included and properly acknowledged, we ask that you contact Assistant Secretary Dr. Larry Copeland via email at:

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or with AGOS Executive Director Mary Eiken at:  
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## Coming in September...



The 2010 AGOS Fellowship applicants, along with their mentors will be posted to the AGOS website this coming September. The guidelines which the Fellowship Committee follows to determine candidates will also be included in the posted materials.

**8:00 a.m.** -- AAOGF Annual Business Meeting

SECOND SCIENTIFIC SESSION

**8:30 a.m.** -- AAOGF/SMFM Endowment Scholar Lecture  
"Novel Regulation of Fetoplacental Vascular Blood Flow by Estrogen Receptor-Beta (ESR2)" - Emily Su, MD

**9:00 a.m.** -- "Cerebral Palsy: The Detection of Fetal/Neonatal Neuroinflammation with Molecular Imaging and its Treatment with Nanotechnology"- Roberto Romero, MD

**9:45 a.m.** -- "Update in Perinatology"- George A. Macones, MD

**10:45 a.m.** --"Inside the FDA: the Panel of Drugs for Women"  
- Sandra Carson, MD

**11:15 a.m.** -- AAOGF/ABOG Endowment Scholar Lecture  
"MicroRNAs as Gene Regulators in the Function of the human Endometrial Epithelium" - Satu Kuokkanen, MD, PhD

**12:00 p.m.** -- Presidential Address: "When you're Finished Changing, you're Finished." - Robert Resnik, MD

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2010**

THIRD SCIENTIFIC SESSION

**8:00 a.m.** -- Panel Presentation -"Insight into the Editorial Process", James R. Scott, MD.(moderator) Jay D. Iams, MD and Michael Green, MD

**10:00 a.m.** -- AAOGF Career Speaker - Kimberly Leslie, MD

**10:30 a.m.** -- "Update Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility" - Nanette F. Santoro, MD

**11:00 a.m.** -- Adjournment

**Message from the AAOGF President**

I am pleased to report that the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (AAOGF), continues to successfully accomplish its mission to fund research training scholarships and provide support for the AGOS Annual Meeting. At this year's meeting in Napa, the Foundation is sponsoring the Price Orator, Hunter Lecture and various presentations from our scholars who completed their training

**2010 Annual Meeting Social Events**



Thursday, October 7, 2010

*Breakfast Social*  
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Vitner's Court

*Joseph Price Oration*  
12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Silverado Ballroom

*Welcome Reception*  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Arbor Terrace

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Friday, October 8, 2010

*Presidential Address*  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Silverado Ballroom

*President's Reception*  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Fairway Deck

*President's Banquet*  
Cocktail Attire  
7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
Silverado Ballroom

*\*\*All Members, Spouses, Significant Others and Guests are Invited.*

in June, 2010. I am confident that you will be impressed by the value of our scholarship program when you attend the sessions featuring Dr. Emily Su from Northwestern University and Dr. Satu Kuokkanen from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. The Foundation is also funding travel awards for young faculty to attend the Annual Meeting.

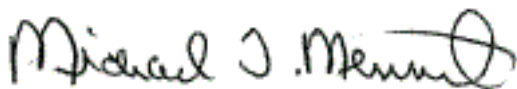
The research training scholarship program continues to thrive under the leadership of Dr. Don Dudley. The Foundation partners with the educational foundation of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the foundation of the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) to provide up to six research training scholarships at a level of \$100,000 support per year for three years. In addition to Drs. Su and Kuokkanen, who recently completed the program, our current scholars are listed in the adjacent column of this newsletter article.

The meeting in October will mark the end of Dr. Tom Moore's second term as the Foundation's Secretary-Treasurer. As the officer who truly keeps the Foundation running, Tom's tenure as Secretary-Treasurer has been marked by enormous volatility in the investment markets as well as the need for the Foundation to assist in maintaining the financial viability of AGOS. His hard work has been instrumental in assuring that our scholarship program has continued uninterrupted while weathering the downturn of the investment markets and simultaneously increasing support for the scholarly activities of AGOS. I hope you will join me, and personally thank him for his hard work on behalf of the Foundation.

The income needed to sustain our programs has increased and the Foundation is in great need of the continuing support of our members. I hope you will give generously this year and continue to support AAOGF with annual gifts which can also be designated to honor or memorialize a colleague.

I look forward to seeing you in Napa!

Sincerely,



Michael T. Mennuti, MD  
President, AAOGF

## Introduction of the President-Elect: Haywood L. Brown, MD

It is an honor to provide an introduction to President-elect Haywood L. Brown who will assume the Presidency of AGOS at the October 2010 Annual Meeting.

Haywood L. Brown, MD has been the Roy T. Parker Professor and

## Current AAOGF Scholars



**William H. Catherino, MD,  
Ph.D., 2008-2011**

**Award:** American Board of  
Obstetrics and Gynecology/  
AAOGF Scholar

**Site of Research:** Uniformed  
Services University of Health  
Sciences

**Title of Research:** Molecular  
Dissection of Retinoic Acid  
Function in Leiomyoma  
Development

**Mentor:** James H.  
Segars, MD, Uniformed  
Services University of the  
Health Sciences and the  
Reproductive Biology and  
Medicine

**Irina Burd, MD, PhD  
2009-2012**

**Award:** American Board of  
Obstetrics and Gynecology/  
AAOGF Scholar

**Site of Research:** University  
of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia,  
PA

**Title of Research:**  
Excitotoxicity as a Mechanism  
of Neuronal Damage in  
Inflammation-Induced Preterm  
Birth

**Mentor:** Michal A. Elovitz,  
MD, Assistant Professor,  
Dept of OB/GYN, University  
of Pennsylvania School of  
Medicine

Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Duke University School of Medicine since 2002. He earned his Bachelors of Science degree at North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University, in Greensboro, NC, where he has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. He went on to obtain his medical degree from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest, Winston-Salem, NC where he was awarded the Medical Alumni Distinguished Achievement Award.



Dr. Brown completed his residency at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and his Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellowship at Emory University/Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, GA. He began his career in academic medicine at Louisiana State University (LSU) Medical Center in 1984 and later moved to join the faculty at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis in 1997.

Throughout his career Dr. Brown has received numerous teaching awards, including three Outstanding Professor in Clinical Science Awards and an Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society Award at Indiana University, an Association of Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics award and two National Faculty Awards for Excellence in Residency Education, and was named a Best Clinical Professor while at LSU.

Nationally, Dr. Brown has served on the Board of Directors of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) and has been an oral examiner for the both the General and the Maternal-Fetal Medicine examination. He has also served on the Residency Review Committee of the The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology (CREOG), numerous important ACOG committees, the FDA Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs, and the National Advisory Council on Maternal, Fetal and Infant Nutrition. In 2002-2003, Dr. Brown was President of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

We are fortunate to have an individual who has served our specialty with such distinction now assume the Presidency of AGOS.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Resnik, MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Resnik, MD  
President, AGOS

**Antonette T. Dulay, MD**

2009-2012

**Award:** Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine/AAOGF Scholar

**Site of Research:** Yale University, New Haven, CT

**Title of Research:** A Role for Soluble Modulators of Innate Immunity in Regulating the Intra-Amniotic Inflammatory Response to Infection

**Mentor:** Irina A. Buhimschi, MD, Associate Professor, Dept of OB/GYN, Yale University School of Medicine

**Jacob Larkin, MD**

2010-2013

**Award:** SMFM/AAOGF Scholar

**Site of Research:** Magee Women's Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA

**Title of Research:** The Role of NDRG1 in Placental Injury

**Mentor:** Yoel Sadovsky, MD

**Sara Morelli, MD**

2010-2013

**Award:** American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology/AAOGF Scholar

**Site of Research:** University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

**Title of Research:** Cellular Origins of Endometrial Cells

**Mentors:** Laura T. Goldsmith, PhD., and Pranela Rameshwar, PhD.