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SOCIETY NEWS

At the Board Meeting held at the time of the 2010 biennial congress, the following slate of officers was nominated and later approved in the general business meeting.

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Letter from the President

Dear Colleagues:

For the first time ever, in June of 2010 at Barton Creek in Austin, Texas, a landmark event was held with a joint session of the 18th Congress of the Michael E. DeBakey International Surgical Society and the 17th Symposium of the Denton A. Cooley Surgical Society. Those of us who attended this historic meeting were treated to an outstanding educational meeting in a beautiful venue in the Hill Country around Austin.

We are pleased and excited to announce that these two societies, bearing the names of two of the most prestigious surgeons of the 20th Century, will again have a joint session at Barton Creek, June 20-23, 2012. This second joint session will again feature renowned surgeons from around the world discussing a variety of thoracic and cardiovascular and general surgical subjects. Doctor Denton Cooley, who remains quite active, is making plans to attend the meeting as well.

The venue in the Hill Country is still as majestic as ever, and you and your family will be assured of a wonderful few days of scientific exchange, golf and relaxation. I encourage you to make your reservation early and join us for another remarkable, historic event.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Salem, M.D., F.A.C.S.
President, Michael E. DeBakey
International Surgical Society

2012 Biennial Congress

Save the Dates

We are pleased to announce that the Michael E. DeBakey International Surgical Society and the Dental A. Cooley Cardiovascular Surgical Society again meet jointly at the Barton Creek Springs Resort in Austin, Texas.

Please mark your calendars NOW – June 20-23, 2012.

Society/Department American College of Surgeons Reception

The Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery and the Society mutually agreed not to hold a reception during the 2010 Congress of the American College of Surgeons. A joint reception at the 2011 Congress at the San Francisco Hilton was held and approximately 200 guests, representing many graduating classes, were in attendance. Additionally, a number of officers of the College and international surgeons attended. A great time was had by all.

Candid Shots from the Reception



Doctors Kenneth Matttox,
Mary Brandt, and David Feliciano

Society Membership

In 2010, the Society had 730 members, including 20 new applicants for membership. The majority of new members come from awarding membership to finishing residents. We, again, awarded one year complimentary membership to the 2011 finishing Department of Surgery Baylor College of Medicine graduates, in the general, thoracic, vascular, minimally invasive, critical care, plastic, and pediatric surgery programs.



Dr. Jaime Villarreal, former Baylor resident now in Practice in McAllen, Texas, pictured with his parents. His father is surgeon in Monterrey, Mexico and a former governor to the American College of Surgeons from Northern Mexico.

More Candid Shots from the 2010 Conference Welcome Reception



Dr. & Mrs. Jimmy Howell



**Mrs. June Mattox and
Mrs. Louise Cooley**



**Dr. Robert Salem, President of the
DeBakey International Surgical
Society, and Mrs. Salem.**



**Doctor Joseph Coselli, President of the
Cooley Society and Past President of the
DeBakey International Surgical Society, and
Doctor Kenneth Mattox, Secretary of
the DeBakey Surgical Society.**



**Dr. Cooley and his daughter on the
dance floor enjoying the band.**



**Doctors Bud Frazier and Ted Deithrich
recall their early days at
Baylor College of Medicine**

More from the Conference

The Conference Welcome reception and entire meeting was a family affair, with residents, fellows, and junior faculty attending in record numbers.



Dr & Mrs. Joseph Coselli and family with Doctor Cooley.



The busy exhibit hall during one of the General Session breaks.



Dr. Faisal Bakeen, Chief of Thoracic Surgery at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Hospital, presents his paper on the excellent results in heart surgery and the impressive referral network he has developed.



2010 Congress

The XVIIIth Congress of the Michael E. DeBakey International Surgical Society was held jointly with the 17th Symposium of the Denton A. Cooley Cardiovascular Surgical Society in Austin, Texas, at the Barton Creek Resort June 10-13. The conferences promised:

- Enriching educational experience with three half-day learning sessions
- Outstanding course faculty covering cardiovascular and general surgery
- Superb golf, tennis and other recreational activities allowing a unique family experience
- Special 'Legends' golf tournament on the famed

Fazio Foothills Course

- Engaging social activities for spouses and children to make your stay in the Hill Country enjoyable

And the conference planners delivered all of this and more. The meeting kicked off with a golf tournament early Thursday morning and concluded with a Legends Dinner on Saturday evening, during which Doctor Joseph Coselli spoke on "Legends in Cardiovascular Surgery." A special ethics session was held on Sunday morning, with Doctor Baruch Brody presenting, "Ethical Issues in Research on, and Diffusion of, New Surgical

Innovations."

During this very successful and well attended meeting, over 30 scientific papers were presented, and a keynote address was given, by Doctor Francisco Cigarroa, Chancellor, The University of Texas System. Luncheon talks were presented by Doctors W. Roy Smithe and Kenneth L. Mattox. The Conference Co-Directors, Doctors Joseph Coselli and Denton A. Cooley, along with Program Coordinator, Alan Stolz, and the Program Committee, developed a superb conference from both scientific and social standpoints.



Golfers prepare to tee off for the Golf Tournament

News from the Texas Medical Center

Happenings in and around the Society, Baylor College of Medicine, the Texas Medical Center



Surgery Grand Rounds, presented by Doctor George Noon, standing room only on Interview Day.

The Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery continues to have 8 chief resident positions in General Surgery Residency. This year, over 900 applications were received for these 8 positions. This large number was screened down to 90 applicants to interview, considerably more than in past years.

After more than 10 years on the faculty in the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine, **Doctor F. Charles Brunicardi** stepped down as Chairman of the Department to pursue his research in Santa Monica, California, in a hospital and program affiliated with UCLA. **Doctor Brunicardi** originally came from UCLA to Baylor as Chief of the Division of General Surgery prior to becoming chair. While here, the department had divisions and programs in General, Vascular, Minimally Invasive, and Cardiothoracic Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Cardiac /Lung Transplantation and Cardiac Assist, Pediatric Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Surgical Oncology, and Trauma & Critical Care Surgery. The programs in surgical research, particularly by residents taking one to two years out of their residency for research training, grew significantly, with residents and faculty developing leadership positions in the Association of Academic Surgery and the Society of University Surgeons. During the past 4 years, three faculty have been President of the AAS,

Drs. Sam Awad, Daniel Albo, and Scott Lemaire.

Doctors George Noon and Charles McCollum have retired from active clinical and surgical practice, but both remain active in the department in research, the vascular lab and teaching.

Doctor Bill Brinkley was recruited for the position of Dean of the Graduate School by **Doctor William Butler**. Just a month ago, **Doctor Brinkley** retired after significantly building all of the basic science departments, their productivity, the number of graduate students and the amount of extramural funding.

Doctor Mary Brandt has assumed the position long held by **Doctor Major Bradshaw**, Associate Dean of Students, in charge of the admissions committee and the medical student curriculum, among other major educational responsibilities. Last year, she also received the Barbara and Corbin J. Robertson, Jr. Award for Excellence in Education, the highest education recognition awarded at Baylor College of Medicine,

Doctor Kenneth L. Mattox has been announced as the recipient of the prestigious 2012 Rotary Club of Houston's Distinguished Citizen Award. He will be only the 6th physician to be so recognized, with **Doctors DeBakey, Cooley, LeMaistre, Clark, and McGovern** preceding him in receiving this honor. Other recipients include **George H.W. Bush, Barbara Bush, Robert McNair, Ben Love, George Mitchell, Louie Welsh, Eddy Scurlock, Leon Jaworski, George Brown,** and others.

Doctor Paul Klotman began serving as president and CEO of Baylor College of Medicine in September 2010. He was previously Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Nephrology at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. Some of his visions include: Baylor Academic Globalization Program, Baylor Center for Public Health Care Policy, early plans for the Baylor office complex and hospital building on the McNair Campus, strengthening the adult clinical faculty, particularly on the private practice side. He has created additional programs, namely the Baylor School of Tropical Medicine and Baylor Program in Sickle Cell Disease.

Other News

Women's Pavilion of Texas Children's Hospital will open in the Spring 2012. This 200 bed, \$500 million facility will house the Department of OB/Gyn and will have both obstetrics and neonatal intensive care unit capabilities. It is located just south of St Lukes tower between Main and Fannin Streets. TCH has opened a new TCH West Campus out on Interstate 10, not far from Katy, Texas.

MD Anderson Cancer Center continues to build up and out, with many new buildings to the west and south of the Texas Medical Center.

The Methodist Hospital has just opened its new expansions next door to the Texas Heart Institute in the TMC. In addition, TMH – West Campus has opened a new hospital next door to the TCH West Campus. Together they are called TMC West.

The Original BTGH building, which has been empty for 20 years, is now being renovated. It will house new offices, clinics, medical records, and laboratory, to make room for more inpatient and ambulatory surgery activities in the "New" BTGH. Many of the BTGH clinics will be moving to a NEW clinic tower near the HCHD Holly Hall property. The traditional 4-bed patient rooms are being converted to 2 bed, semiprivate rooms.

Obituaries

Yukihiko Nosé, M.D., Ph.D. was born in 1932 in Iwamisawa, Hokkaido, Japan and was 7th of 10 children. After graduating from Hokkaido University Graduate School of Medicine and completing a surgical residency, he entered the University of Tokyo biomedical engineering program. In 1962, Nosé moved to the United States and established research and clinical programs for artificial organ development under the mentorship of Professor Adrian Kantrowitz, the inventor of intra-aortic balloon pumps at Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, and later with Willem Kolff, Father of hemodialysis. Dr. Nosé was appointed Chairman of the Artificial Organ Department, Cleveland Clinic Foundation (CCF) at the age of 39. After his long-standing scientific contributions, he received the "Man-Helping-Man" Award, which is the most prestigious award from CCF. Yuki relocated to Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, for axial flow LVAD development in collaboration with Professors Michael E. DeBakey and George P. Noon. Yuki was the founder of 7 international societies, such as ISAO (International Society for Artificial Organs), ISFA (International Society for Aphaeresis), ISRBP (International Society for Rotary Blood Pumps), and ICMT (International Center for Medical Technologies). He was bestowed the Sacred Medal of Honor, "Zuiho Shō", from the Japanese Emperor in 2004. He developed the Gyro pump, which is globally used for cardiopulmonary bypass. Yuki authored/co-authored over 1000 scientific publications and penned several books in both Japanese and English. He was so proud of the 102 physicians and

engineers he mentored (who became known as members of the Nosé alumni). After a lengthy battle with colon cancer, he passed away on October 13, 2011, at the age of 79. Yuki was a devoted husband, technology pioneer, and educator. Yuki will be deeply missed by his family and friends from around the world.

Roddie L. Reed M.D. 1943 - 2009 Dr. Roddie L. Reed was born in Liberty, Texas, and went to high school in Oklahoma City, where he met his wife, Judy. They celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary together just one week before he passed away. Dr. Reed graduated from medical school at the University of Oklahoma and performed his surgery residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, under the direction of the world famous Dr. Michael E. DeBakey. After two years in the United States Navy as the doctor on the USS Mariano G. Vallejo SSBN 658 submarine, Dr. Reed returned to Houston and completed his surgery residency at Baylor and then moved to Bakersfield in 1975. During the next 32 years, he served the community as the only Board Certified Vascular Surgeon in the city. When he was not operating on patients, Dr. Reed enjoyed motorcycle trials competitions, golfing, and target shooting. He also loved telling stories about his many adventures on the submarine and in the Ben Taub Level One Trauma Center in Houston, Texas. Dr. Reed was survived by his loving wife, Judy; his sons, Trevor and Conley; and his daughter, Kelsey. Dr. Reed will be missed.

Manus James O'Donnell, M.D., noted Houston Cardiologist and associate to Doctor Michael DeBakey, passed away on Monday, March 22, 2010, at the age of 80. Dr. O'Donnell was born on the 3rd of May 1929, the first of four children, to parents Hugh and Laura Gartland O'Donnell in Killough, County Down, Ireland, where he was raised and attended Killough National School (class of '41), and St. Malachy's College in Belfast (class of '45). In 1951 he achieved first place on his Second Medical Examination and again in 1952 on his Third Medical Examination. In 1954, he again placed first and won the Musgrave Prize in Pathology on his Fourth Medical Examination, and ultimately, in 1955, just prior to his graduation, he earned the Sir William O'Connell Gold Medal and Exhibition in his Final Medical Examination. In 1961 he became a Member of the Royal College of Physicians (M.R.C.P. Edinburgh) upon earning his degree in Cardiology. From 1955-1956, Dr. O'Donnell served his internship at Mater Infirmorum Hospital in Belfast, Ireland, continuing to Royal Victoria Hospital, completing his residency in 1958 and became a Fellow in Cardiology, engaging in experimentation with Lillehe DeWall pump oxygenator prior to entering the realm of open-heart surgery in 1960. He served the following five years at Royal Victoria Hospital as the Principal Registrar (Resident) in Medicine. In 1965, he and his family came to the United States upon his accepting a Fellowship in Cardiology at Baylor College of Medicine here in Houston. A year later he was appointed to the Active Staff of The Methodist Hospital in Houston, Assistant

Professor of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine here in Houston. In 1975, he then became Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories and in 1982, he served as Senior Attending Cardiologist. Both were appointments he held at The Methodist Hospital in Houston. A world traveler and avid golfer, he took his game abroad to Indonesia, Ireland and the rest of the British Isles. Dr. O'Donnell was a well-respected cardiologist who loved his patients, and whose patients loved him. He is dearly missed by those who knew and loved him. Dr. O'Donnell was survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Patricia; and his daughter, Fiona Claire O'Donnell.

We are also saddened to report that **Doctor Sheila Goodnight**, Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Section of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center died on October 26, 2011, after a very brief but courageous battle with cancer. Though not a member of the Michael E. DeBakey Surgical Society, she was known to and worked with many of the Society members. Her passion for medical education was exhibited as an exceptional teacher in the undergraduate medical curriculum, and she was particularly respected and loved as a clinical mentor of medical students, medical residents, and subspecialty fellows. She was the recipient of many teaching awards (cited as the "Outstanding Faculty in Basic Sciences" and "Outstanding Faculty" on at least eleven occasions) culminating in her induction in the Outstanding Faculty Hall of Fame in 2000.

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