

Save the Date...

Monday, October 4, 2010

The Warren H. Cole Society Annual Meeting/Reception/Dinner will be held at the Willard InterContinental Hotel, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC. The reception starting at 6 PM will be in the Buchanan Room and the dinner will be in the Pierce Room at 7 PM.

In Memorium...

As published in the Alum Mag of the Medical College magazine, Dr. Allan L. Graham, DVM '54, '58 MD, '60 Res. 65, died Oct 21, 2009. He practiced CV and Thoracic surgery in Fort Worth Texas for a quarter of a century and was a leader in Texas medicine throughout his career and was a generous donor to Illinois Medicine, including a gift that supported the Allan L. and Mary L. Graham Clinical Performance Center.

Born in Ursa, Graham graduated from the U of I College of Vet Medicine with honors in 1952 and spent the next two years in the Army Vet Corps. He then attended the U of I College of Medicine in Chicago where he again graduated with honors in 1960. Following his residency under Dr. W. H. Cole and fellowship, he moved to Fort Worth with his family to open practice.

He was a life-long member of the W.H.Cole Society and often attended the meetings thereof.



THE WARREN H. COLE SOCIETY

The Alumni Association of the Departments of Surgery
of the University of Illinois, College of Medicine

JULY 2010

A Message from the President

Hello and Greetings to colleagues, members for the Warren H. Cole Society,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the new composition of the Society Council. I am honored to be the current President with Arnold Robin as the President-Elect and Martin Borhani as the Secretary-Treasurer. Mimis Cohen is serving as the Past President, Donald Wood as Historian, Robert Arensman as Member-at-Large. The respective Department Chairs from UIC and UICOMP, are Enrico Benedetti and Norman Estes and the respective residents from each campus are Michael Malinowski and Steven Tsoraides. I look forward to working with the Council this year to enhance the functions of the Society and the bonds with the Alumni.



On May 21, 2010, an informal memorial was held at Stroger Hospital in tribute to Philip Donahue who passed away on October 10, 2009 in Loyola University Medical Center. A large group of his colleagues and friends gathered to remember him and his many professional and personal contributions. In addition to his many accomplishments, he was an active member of this Society and served on the Council as President (1990-1991) and Secretary-Treasurer (1982-1987).

On June 4, 2010, the second annual Warren H. Cole Society scientific meeting was held in conjunction with the third annual Olga Jonasson Symposium at the University Club of Chicago. It was well attended by an audience that benefited from lectures on advances and applications of various modalities in a vast range of specialties, i.e., vascular surgery, melanoma, pulmonary contusion, islet transplantation, limb salvage, gastric bypass, pediatric urologic surgery, as well as resident research presentations. This scientific symposium is held annually and if you've have not had an opportunity to attend, please mark you calendar for next year. Each year the attendance grows to appreciate the quality of content.

The Society is proud to announce the election of L. D. Britt, MD, FACS to the Presidency of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Britt, a trauma surgeon, completed his general surgery residency under Lloyd M. Nyhus, MD, FACS and was appointed as the Brickhouse Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery at the Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, VA. Dr Britt was the featured speaker at the Warren H. Cole Society meeting during the ACS Clinical Congress in San Francisco, CA a few years ago. His accomplishments are numerous and include the Chairmanship of the ACS Board of Regents, The American Board of Surgery, the RRC for Surgery and the ACGME among others. Congratulations!!

Have a great summer and I hope to see many of you at our meeting/reception/dinner in October.

With Best Regards,

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UIC DEPARTMENT REPORT

UIC Department of Surgery

The first half of 2010 has been extremely successful for the Department of Surgery. I am pleased with our continued progress and can only anticipate greater achievements for the rest of the year. I would like to acknowledge just a few of our highlights.

- Our transplant program performed the first successful robotic kidney transplant in a morbidly obese patient.
- The Department has purchased the Mimic System. This allows our residents to perform robotic surgery in a simulation environment. Furthermore, UIC we will be one of only 15 centers in the world to have the device. Finally, our residents will be involved in the validation of the simulation courses available on the simulator.
- "OR of the Future" This ambitious project, lead by Prof. Giulianotti, has officially begun with a \$ 500,000 grant from Baxter for the planning face of the project. Significantly more funding is anticipated. The goal of the project will be to re-design the operating room to keep up with modern needs and technologies

We would like to welcome to the new members to our faculty:

- **Francesco Bianco, MD:**
Assistant Professor, Division of General, Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery
- **Cybil Corning, MD:**
Assistant Professor, Division of Colorectal Surgery
- **Mitchell R. Price, MD:**
Assistant Professor, Division of Pediatric Surgery
- **Giancarlo Piano, MD:**
Associate Professor, Division of Vascular Surgery

In addition, Surgical Oncology will be merging with the department, under the leadership of the new division chief, Dr. Michael Warso.

Event News

On June 4th, 2010 the Department of Surgery hosted the 3rd Annual Olga Jonasson Symposim/2nd Annual Warren H. Cole Scientific Meeting. It was an extreme delight to reconnect with alumni and visit with Olga's dearest friends. The CME accredited event had its highest attendance so far; participants ranged from Texas, California and Washington DC. Guest speakers included honored alumni: Jeffrey Friedman, MD; Merrick I. Ross, MD and Steven Vaslef, MD, PhD. Our Key Note Speaker, Julie A. Freischlag, MD, William Stewart Halsted Professor, Chair, Department of Surgery, from John Hopkins Hospital. Not only was she able to reflect on her professional and personal time with Dr. Jonasson, she inspired our residents in her presentation, "Leading During Times of Change". The day concluded by honoring and recognizing our graduation surgical residents at their graduation dinner, this was held at the Ritz Carlton of Chicago.

I invite you to follow our growth and learn more about the Department of Surgery at www.surgery.uic.edu

Sincerely,

Enrico Benedetti, MD, FACS

Warren H. Cole Chair in Surgery
Professor and Head
Department of Surgery
University of Illinois at Chicago

UICCOMP (PEORIA) DEPARTMENT REPORT continued...

UICOM-P Department of Surgery

Department Presentations

Dr. Bonello, Dr. Jalovec, Dr. Marshall and Dr. Anderson presented papers at the Illinois Chapter of the American College of Surgeons meeting in Normal, IL on May 14 and 15. Two of our residents, Babis Rammos and Franziska Huettnner, and fourth year student, Sharon Hartmans, also presented papers at this meeting.

Faculty Awards

Dr. John D. Murray has received the UICOM-P 2009-2010 Outstanding Service Award. Richard C. Anderson, MD received Top Doctor 2009-2010 and Norman C. Estes, MD received Best Doctor 2009-2010.

Promotions

Dr. Glyn E. Jones to Professor of Surgery and Dr. John Hafner to Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery.

- Norman C. Estes, MD, FACS

The Robotic Program for Surgery at UIC

The Robotic Program for General Surgery at The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) was one of the very first robotic programs in the United States shortly after the system gained FDA approval. In September 2000, the UIC surgeons began working extensively with the robot primarily with living donor nephrectomies and esophageal surgery.

In May 2007, Dr. Giulianotti, a true pioneer in this field, joined the University as Chief of the Division of General, Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery. Since his arrival, there has been an increase in the complexity of the procedures as well as a broader application of robotic surgery to include other organs such as liver, pancreas, lung and stomach. Currently, 90% of the procedures performed by Dr. Giulianotti are minimally invasive (60% robotic and 30% laparoscopic).

In 2008, the program has been enriched with a dedicated facility for training: The Bruno and Tony Pasquelli robotic training lab. Since then more than 100 surgeons from all over the world have been trained in this robotic lab. In addition, UIC has begun collaborating with Asia. In 2010, Dr. Giulianotti, accompanied by Dr. Bianco, performed pancreatic and liver procedures in three different cities of the People's Republic of China for the second successive year.

During his activity at UIC, Dr. Giulianotti has performed several firsts, such as the first robotic right hepatectomy for living donor liver transplant worldwide and the first extended right hepatectomy with hepatico-jejunostomy worldwide. The collaboration with the pancreatic islet transplant team at the UIC facilitated the first worldwide robotic pancreatectomy combined with auto-islet transplant. Dr. Giulianotti has also performed the first parathyroidectomy without neck incision in USA and has developed a dedicated retractor for transaxillary parathyroidectomy and thyroidectomy that is being patented as the "UIC retractor".

In the past ten months, the division has published more than 15 scientific papers in peer reviewed journals that have been presented in several National and International meetings.

Having established the core of general robotic surgery right here at UIC, Dr Giulianotti and several leaders in robotic surgery have founded the Clinical Robotic Surgery Association (CRSA) and have successfully broadcast live surgery from the two UIC robotic operating rooms during the first CRSA Congress held in Chicago, Illinois in 2009.

Through the combined efforts of the department chief Dr. Benedetti and Dr. Giulianotti, UIC acquired the fourth generation of the Intuitive robot, the daVinci Si. This is the first system sold in the Chicago area and features a dual console that allows two surgeons to manipulate the robot at the same time and will improve greatly the training capabilities of residents and fellows. This system was used for the first time on May 3rd 2010 and represents the dawn of a new age in robotic surgery training in Chicago.

These efforts represent the foundation upon which a multidisciplinary Institute of Robotic Surgery will be developed where clinical and research aspects of robotic surgery flourish. The first project of the Institute is the redesign of the existing operating rooms which are based on a functionally ineffective design dating back to World War II. This project is called the Operating Room of the future.



Drs. Benedetti and Giulianti

UICCOMP (PEORIA) DEPARTMENT REPORT

UICOM-P Department of Surgery

Faculty News

Dr. Ravindra Vegunta has accepted a position at Cardon Children's Medical Center, Mesa, AZ, which is a Banner Health System hospital. The Children's Hospital of Illinois and UICOMP Department of Surgery honored Dr. Vegunta for his dedication and service to the children of Central Illinois, to the education of residents and medical students and to the academic achievements of our medical community with a collaborative reception.



The reception was held Friday, April 16, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm with a short program at 4:30 pm at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, 7th Floor Auditorium. Dr. Vegunta will continue service to the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria as Visiting Clinical Professor of Surgery.

The University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria had a reception honoring Glyn E. Jones, MD, Professor of Surgery, Director of Reconstructive Surgery in the Section of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Department of Surgery on Thursday evening, May 20. The reception was held at UICOMP. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails were served. Dr. Jones is the author/editor of the recently published Bostwick's Plastic & Reconstructive Breast Surgery, 3rd Edition. This text is widely recognized as the definitive breast surgery reference for surgeons around the world. Our community benefits from this high degree of expertise. Dr. Jones joined our faculty in 2007. He came to us from Emory University, Atlanta, where he was a faculty member for ten years.

