

Plastic Surgery Research Newsletter

From the Chairman

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What a milestone! The Plastic Surgery Research Council is 50 years old. Hard to believe that our organization would continue to be the dominant voice for plastic surgery research 50 years following that initial meeting in Baltimore. This year, the 50th annual meeting was hosted by the University of Toronto. Under the able direction of **Christopher Forrest** as your local program chair, the meeting was a spectacular success. Two hundred and sixty members, non-members and guests attended the meeting with the Welcome Reception held at the Hockey Hall of Fame. We enjoyed the elegant Members' Dinner across the water at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club and the Gala Dinner was held at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel. The Snyder, Gingrass, Crikelair, Hardesty and Shenaq awards were presented. The winners are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

This year, five panels were included in the program along with a day of concurrent scientific sessions. This change in format appealed to most of the attendees. The final panel included **R. Barrett Noone, Scott Spear, Mary McGrath** and **Robert Goldwyn** on "The Future of Plastic Surgery and Research". The recorded transcript of this session will be submitted for publication in *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*.

This year also saw a change in the number and manner of poster presentations. A limited number of posters was displayed and discussed during a beer and peanuts poster session, allowing the presenters more time to discuss their work and interact with the attendees.

The 62 members of the program committee reviewed 223 abstracts. We included 107 presentations with 87 papers and 20 posters. A fair balance between the number of abstracts submitted in each category and those that were accepted and presented allowed all categories to be represented equally.

New officers were elected at the business meeting with **Michael Longaker** from Stanford University chosen as Chair-Elect and as the Scientific Program Chair for the meeting at the University of California, Irvine next year.

Our current membership includes 192 Active, 29 Associate, 313 Senior, 6 Senior Associate, and 59 Resident members. These figures include the 17 new members whom we welcomed this year.

The future of the PSRC looks bright. Changes in the national organization offer a great opportunity for the PSRC to be the voice for plastic surgery research. It will be up to each of us to encourage young researchers to join and become engaged in the PSRC.

Finally, I invite all of you to Dana Point, California for the 51st Annual Meeting. We will once again present a program of excellent scientific material along with an opportunity to relax in a beautiful setting. Bring your family as we are building free time into the schedule to allow everyone to take in some of the sites around Orange County including our beautiful beaches, Disneyland and an afternoon of golf at the Monarch Beach Golf Club. We look forward to seeing you in Southern California next spring.

Gregory R.D. Evans, MD, FACS



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Establishment of the New "Baronio Educational Fund of the Plastic Surgery Research Council"

I am happy to report on the realization of a project on which I embarked during my tenure as Chairman of the PSRC - namely the establishment of an endowment that would build a protected and secured corpus of funds to assure the legacy of our organization.

Through the hard work of an ad-hoc committee that included **Arun Gosain, Nick Vedder, Bill Zamboni, Paul Cederna, Dave Brown, and Mike Neumeister**, and in the spirit of the seminal fund raising efforts of **Peter Johnson**, it was agreed to create the **Baronio Endowment Fund of the Plastic Surgery Research Council (Baronio Endowment)**. The resources from the former Baronio Fund have been merged into this new endowment to improve, expand, and better define the scope and purpose of the endowment assets, and to meet the objectives of past and future donors.

The **Baronio Endowment** is designed to remain untouched until reaching a level of \$100,000 after which time a portion of the previous year's interest can be utilized in special circumstances for vital purposes of the organization. The determination of the necessity to allocate funds from a portion of the endowment's revenue will be made on an annual basis at the discretion of the duly elected PSRC Executive Committee.

Funding of the **Baronio Endowment** will come primarily from two sources: providers of charitable donations and gifts will be properly recognized according to the level of contribution as Friend, Patron, Gold Patron, or Baronio Patron. The second source will be derived from a portion of profits from PSRC annual meetings.

The **Baronio Endowment's** current level, which now stands at \$109,980, has come from a combination of (1) donations to and interest generated by the former Baronio Fund, and (2) from an infusion of surplus funds resulting from the extraordinary success of our last few meetings - and the substantial fund raising efforts by several past PSRC chairs.

Going forward, a percentage of any profit generated by the annual meeting, (the amount to be determined by the PSRC Executive Committee) will be transferred into the **Baronio Endowment**, with an eye toward leaving ample funds for yearly operations and a healthy margin for intangibles.

Baronio benefactors should be assured that their donations will be used to ensure the future legacy of the PSRC by allowing the organization to be true to its mission and to maintain its independence. A governance structure has been developed to allow flexibility in the use of a portion of the funds while protecting the assets and setting a clear strategy for the continued growth of the endowment. Projects thought to be beneficial to the PSRC will change over time, but may include efforts to reduce barriers to entry at certain PSRC activities for those who will represent the future of the organization and to potentially become a source of support for research in the future.

To insure that the **Baronio Endowment** will be protected as much as is legally possible against plunder from any potential future litigation, I have requested legal counsel for the establishment of the **Baronio Endowment** as a trust that will operate under the PSRC's not-for-profit umbrella. I hope to bring the specifics of that proposal to the membership in the near future.

The governance structure of the new **Baronio Endowment** is as follows:

"The Plastic Surgery Research Council shall establish **The Baronio Endowment Fund of the Plastic Surgery Research Council** which fund shall receive gifts, grants and other charitable donations with the intention of ensuring a continuing legacy and fulfilling the mission of the PSRC."

Purpose: To increase and protect the financial base of the PSRC, and to create a secured pool of assets, derived from the annual interest generated by the fund, that may be utilized at the discretion of the duly elected Executive Committee for projects beneficial to the PSRC at their discretion.

Outline:

- 1) The former Baronio Fund will be merged into the new **Baronio Endowment Fund of the Plastic Surgery Research Council (Baronio Endowment)**
- 2) A minimum corpus of \$100,000 will be raised and maintained before any disbursement of funds can be made.
- 3) The fund will continue to grow subsequent to reaching a level of \$100,000 through:
 - a. direct donor contributions
 - b. a percentage of surplus funds generated by the annual meeting (percentage will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee on an annual basis)
 - c. interest not utilized for projects/meeting subsidies.

4) Once funds are dedicated to the **Baronio Endowment**, the principle cannot be withdrawn as it will continue to be utilized to generate interest for the purposes outlined.

5) Only the annual interest can potentially be used for the purposes of the fund as outlined.

6) The Executive Committee will report annually to the membership on the amount of interest derived from the fund over the preceding year and may then propose to utilize all, some, or none of that interest for the coming year for the purposes of the fund as outlined.

7) A Board of Trustees will be created annually for the **Baronio Endowment** consisting of the five (5) most recent Chairs of the Research Council. If five (5) of the most recent Chairs are not available or are unable to fulfill their role as members of this Board, then at least three (3) of the previous five (5) Chairs can act in their capacity as the Board for that year.

8) The Board of Trustees of the **Baronio Endowment** is charged with protecting the fund and to act in the overall best interest of its use(s) as outlined.

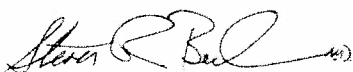
9) The Board of Trustees will vote on the proposal by the Executive Committee as to the utilization for the interest money from the previous year. A majority vote in favor will approve disbursement for the purposes outlined by the proposal made by the Executive Committee.

10) Interest not used in a given year, or interest not approved by the Board of Trustees for use as proposed by the Executive Committee, will become a part of the principle of the **Baronio Endowment** and cannot be withdrawn, thus allowing the corpus of the fund to grow as outlined in item 3.

11) Any funds disbursed for the purpose of subsidizing residents, fellows, and students will be used to subsidize attendance fees for all residents, fellows, and students to attend the annual meeting. Preference will no longer be given for selected residents and fellows, and therefore the term and designation of "Baronio Scholar" for that purpose is no longer valid.

12) The use of the terms for fund donor levels: Baronio Patron, Gold Patron, Patron, and Friend will continue and their donations used as outlined herein.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven R. Buchman, MD, FACS

Awards 2005

Peter J. Gingrass, MD - Memorial Award

Presented to the medical student or non-plastic surgical resident presenting the best paper at the annual meeting of the Plastic Surgery Research Council

Adam M. Perry, MD
University of Georgia

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John F. Crikelair Award

Presented to the high school or college student presenting the best paper at the annual meeting of the Plastic Surgery Research Council

Bryan Jacobs
University of Michigan

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The J.K. Hardesty, MD Best Poster Award

Presented to the individual presenting the best poster at the annual meeting of the Plastic Surgery Research Council. This award is sponsored by Robert A. Hardesty, MD in honor of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J.K. Hardesty

Farrah M. Yau, BS
University of Alberta

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The Shenaq International Resesarch Award

Presented to the best oral presentation at the annual meeting of the Plastic Surgery Research Council by a graduate of a foreign medical school (outside the US or Canada) who is currently performing plastic surgery research.

John M. Mesa, MD
Harvard Medical School

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Clifford C. Snyder, MD - Past Chair Award

Presented to the plastic surgery resident or fellow presenting the best paper at the annual meeting of the Plastic Surgery Research Council.

Christine Radtke, MD
Hannover, Germany, Medical School

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New Members

Rajiv Y. Chandawarkar, MD
University of CT Health Center

Leslie V. Cohen, MD
Henry Ford Hospital

Jeffrey A. Fialkov, MD, FRCSC
Sunnybrook & Women's College

Sarah W. Holland, MD
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Columbia University

Daping Yang, MD
Dalhousie University

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Montefiore Hospital Albert Einstein CM

The 51st Annual Meeting of the PSRC

I want to encourage all of you to attend the 51st Annual Meeting of the PSRC at Dana Point, California. Please promote resident attendance and feel free to invite any interested colleagues. The Scientific Program Committee, led by **Mike Longaker, Geoff Gurtner, Jim Chang, Pete Lorenz** and **George Yang**, is putting together a superb assembly of high quality papers that promises to both enlighten and engage the audience. The local program gathers together an exceptional collection of outstanding erudite investigators who will share their innovative research on a wide variety of subjects. The setting for the meeting is beautiful and the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort will house the meeting. The format is slightly different from the past. The Welcome Reception will be held on the evening of Wednesday, May 17th. The Thursday (May 18th) morning session will be at the hotel and will

focus on the local program. Thursday afternoon, we will have a single Scientific Session. Friday, May 19th, in the morning we'll have two parallel Scientific Sessions ending at noon. Friday afternoon and evening are free (no official meetings scheduled). We encourage you to explore the beautiful southern California beaches and surrounding areas during this time or join the PSRC Golf Tournament. Saturday, May 20th, will be a full day with parallel sessions in the morning. In the afternoon there will be a single Scientific Session followed by a poster session. The meeting will conclude Saturday evening with the Gala Reception and Dinner at the hotel. We anticipate 119 total presentations: 99 papers and 20 posters. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Michael T. Longaker, MD, FACS

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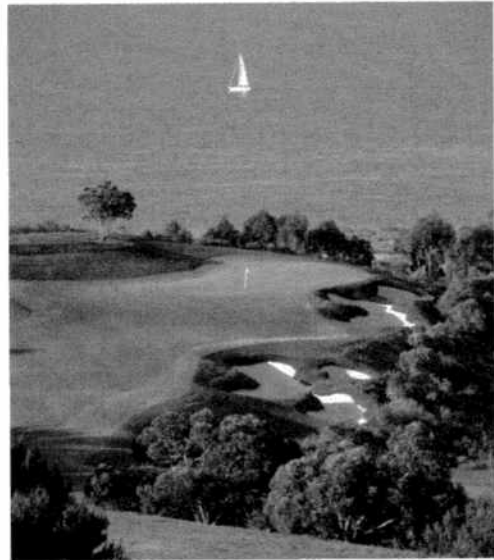
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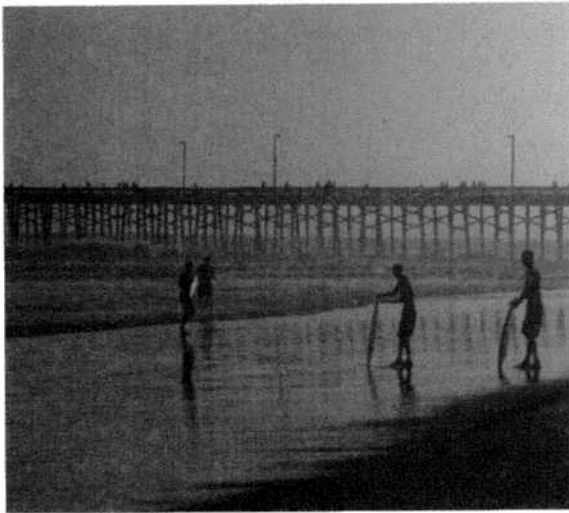
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Midnight EST, Tuesday, November 1, 2005



Golfing in California

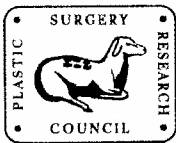


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China Cove

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