

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons



Annual Business Meeting and
State of the Society Address

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Virtual Meeting

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I. Call to Order

The 2021 Annual Business Meeting of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons was called to order by ASCRS President Dr. Neil Hyman at 9:15 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), Tuesday, April 27.

It was stated voting will be conducted via Zoom polling. Only voting members, ASCRS Fellows, may vote.

II. Memorials

Dr. Samuel Labow reported that the executive office was notified of the following members who passed away since our last Annual Business Meeting and requested a moment of silence.

- Carlos J. Jimenez, MD
- Herman Miller, MD
- John J. Murray, MD

III. Approval of 2020 Business Meeting Minutes

Motion: Dispense with the reading of the 2020 Annual Business Meeting minutes and approve them as posted. – *Carried.*

IV. Scientific Program Committee Report

Annual Scientific Program Chair, Dr. Konstantin Umanskiy, summarized highlights of the 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting and reported meeting attendance included 1,580 total registrants from 45 countries.

V. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Sonia L. Ramamoorthy, Treasurer, reported the ASCRS unaudited financial statements through March 31, 2021. The Society's Total Net Assets on March 31, 2021 were \$36,628,046.

Dr. Ramamoorthy reported, as of December 31, 2021, the Research Foundation of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons Net Assets were \$8,276,949, respectively unaudited.

VI. DC&R Editor-in-Chief Report

Dr. Susan Galandiuk, Editor-in-Chief, acknowledged Conor Delaney, MD, PhD, as he concluded 12 years of service on the editorial board as Associate Editor in March.

Dr. Galandiuk then reported the Victor Fazio, MD, MS, Award for Editorial Excellence was presented to David B. Stewart, MD, for his exceptional editorial work over the past year.

The Robert Beart, MD, Impact Paper of the Year Award recipients were, Celia Keane, M.B.Ch.B, Nicola S. Fearnheard, D.M., Liliana G. Bordeianou, MD, MPH., Peter Christensen, DM.Sci., Eloy Espin Basany, MD, Soren Laurberg, MD, D.M.Sc., Anders Meggren, MD, PhD, Craig Messick, M.B.Ch.B., MD, Guy R. Orangio, MD, Azmina Verjee, B.Sc., Kristy Wing, B.Nurs., Ian Bissett, M.D.Ch.B., MD on behalf of the LARS International Collaborative Group, for the article: *International Consensus Definition of Low Anterior Resection Syndrome*.

The DC&R Altmetric Award 2020 was presented to Tong Gan, MD, MS, Nicholas A. Jackson, MD, Jennifer T. Castle, MD, Daniel L. Davenport, PhD., Doug R. Oyler, Pharm.D., Laura M. Ebbitt, Pharm.D., B. mark Evers, MD, Avinash S. Bhakta, MD, for the paper: *A Retrospective review: Patient-Reported Preoperative Prescription Opioid, Sedative, or Antidepressant Use Is Associated with Worse Outcomes in Colorectal Surgery*.

Dr. Galandiuk presented the Symposium: Best of the DC&R Journal Symposium presentations.

- *The impact of muscle and adipose tissue on long-term survival in patients with stage I to III colorectal cancer*
 - Jessica Hopkins, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. *Dis Colon Rectum* 2019; 62: 549–560
- *Achieving a Complete Clinical Response After Neoadjuvant Chemoradiation That Does Not Require Surgical Resection: It May Take Longer Than You Think!*
 - Rodrigo Perez, São Paulo, Brazil, *Dis Colon Rectum* 2019; 62: 802–808
- *Risk of Invasive Anal Cancer in HIV-Infected Patients with High-Grade Anal Dysplasia: A Population-Based Cohort Study*
 - Keith Sigel, New York, New York, *Dis Colon Rectum* 2019; 62: 934–940

- *Prolonged postoperative ileus significantly increases the cost of inpatient stay for patients undergoing elective colorectal surgery: Results of a multivariate analysis of prospective data at a single institution*
 - Ian Bissett, Auckland, New Zealand, Dis Colon Rectum 2019; 62: 631–637
- *Does Coffee Intake Reduce Postoperative Ileus After Laparoscopic Elective Colorectal Surgery? A Prospective, Randomized Controlled Study: The Coffee Study*
 - Simone Hasler-Gehrer, Zürich, Switzerland, Dis Colon Rectum 2019; 62: 997–1004

VII. Barton Hoexter, MD Best Video Award and the ASCRS Regional Society Abstract Awards

Dr. Nitin Mishra, Awards Committee Chair, presented the Barton Hoexter Best Video Awards, Regional Society Abstract Awards, ASCRS Best Paper, General Surgery Forum Best Paper Awards, and the Research Forum Works in Progress Awards.

2020 Barton Hoexter Best Video Award

- *V1 Endorectal Mucosal Advancement Flap by Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery*
 - J. Frezin*¹, P. Bouchard¹, A. Bouchard¹; ¹Quebec, QC, Canada

2020 Regional Society Awards

- New England Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons Award – Clinical Podium
 - *WP1 A Prospective Randomized Trial of Transversus Abdominis Plane Intraoperative Block with Bupivacaine Against Liposomal Bupivacaine: The TINGLE Trial*
 - Truong*¹, P. Fleshner¹, J. Mirocha¹, H. Tran¹, R. Shane¹, K. Zoghiyan¹; ¹Los Angeles, CA
- Ohio Valley Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons Award – Clinical Podium
 - *WP2 Perfusion Assessment in Left-Sided/Low Anterior Resection (PILLAR III): A Randomized, Controlled, Parallel, Multicenter Study Assessing Perfusion Outcomes with PINPOINT Near-Infrared Fluorescence Imaging in Low Anterior Resection*
 - M.D. Jafari*¹, A. Pigazzi¹, E.C. McLemore², H. Sebahang, M. Mutch³, E. Haas⁴, S. Rasheid⁵, A.D. Wait³, S. Demyttenl, M. Paquette⁶, D. Margolin⁷, O. Bardakcioglu⁸, B. Safar⁹, R.G. Landmann¹⁰, M. Varma¹¹, D. Maron¹², J. Martz¹³, J. Bauer¹³, V. George¹⁴, J.W. Fleshman¹⁵, S. Steele¹⁶, M.J. Stamos¹; ¹Orange, CA, ²Los Angeles, CA, ³St Louis, MO, ⁴Houston, TX, ⁵Tampa, FL,

⁶Cincinnati, OH, ⁷New Orleans, LA, ⁸Las Vegas, NV, ⁹Baltimore, MD, ¹⁰Jacksonville, FL, ¹¹San Francisco, CA, ¹²Weston, FL, ¹³New York, NY, ¹⁴Charleston, SC, ¹⁵Dallas, TX, ¹⁶Cleveland, OH

- Canadian Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons Award – Surgical Resident Podium
 - *WP10 How Does Microsatellite Instability Affect Prognosis in Stage II Colon Cancer With High-Risk Features?*
 - P.M. Cavallaro*¹, C. Stafford¹, C.E. Cauley¹, D. Berger¹, L. Bordeianou¹, H. Kunitake¹, T. Francone¹, R. Ricciardi¹; ¹ Boston, MA
- Chicago Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons Durand Smith, MD, Award – Basic Science Podium
 - *WP11 High-Risk HPV Testing in Anal Pap Smear: Can It Optimize the Screening for Anal Cancer?*
 - C.M. Kimura*¹, C.R. Nahas¹, E. Vieira da Silva Filho¹, V. Lacerda Ribeiro¹, F. Ferraz de Paes Alcantara¹, A. Mendes Paiva¹, I. Ceconello¹, S.C. Nahas¹; ¹São Paulo, Brazil
- Pennsylvania Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons Award – Clinical Quick Shot
 - *QS190 CD4/CD8 Ratio as a Marker for Increased Risk of High- grade Anal Dysplasia and Anal Cancer in Veterans Living with HIV: A Regional Retrospective Cohort Study*
 - C.B. Geltzeiler*¹, Y. Xu¹, E. Carchman¹, E. Lawson¹, C. Heise¹, R. Striker¹, C. Voils¹; ¹ Madison, WI
- Southern California Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons Award – Clinical Quick Shot
 - *QS191 Short and Long-term Outcomes Following Surgical Resection of Presacral Tumors: A Single Center Series of 133 Patients*
 - R. Pride*¹, P. Davis², S. Kelley², K.L. Mathis², D. Larson², A. Merchea², E.Dozis², ¹Carmel, IN, ²Rochester, NY

2020 General Surgery Forum Best Paper

- *GS1 ASCL1: A Candidate Epigenetically-Regulated Tumor Suppressor in HPV-Associated Malignancies*
 - L. Hendrick*¹, A. Elahi¹, D. Wong¹, A. Ajidahun¹, M. Husain¹, J. Lomax¹, I. Getun¹, R. Kansal¹, E.S. Glazer¹, D. Shibata¹; ¹Memphis, TN

2020 Research Forum Works in Progress

- *RF1 Mucinous Adenocarcinoma of the Rectum: A Whole-genome Sequencing Study*
 - I.S. Reynolds*¹, E. O'Connell¹, V. Thomas¹, D.A. McNamara¹, E.W. Kay¹, J.H. Prehn¹, S.J. Furney¹, J. Burke¹; ¹Dublin, Leinster, Ireland

2021 ASCRS Best Paper

- *SP37 Activation of the Urokinase-plasminogen System is Associated with Postoperative Nodal Recurrence in a Mouse Colorectal Cancer Resection*
 - J. Vigneswaran*¹, H. Koo¹, R. Morgan¹, L. Alpert¹, J.C. Alverdy¹, O. Zaborina¹, B.D. Shogan¹; ¹Chicago, IL

2021 Barton Hoexter Best Video Award

- *V6 Robotic Transanal Minimally Invasive Surgery: Rectourethral Fistula Closure*
 - N. Naik*¹, A. Allawi¹, K. Hebert¹, B. Viers¹, S. Kelley¹, K.T. Behm¹; ¹Rochester, MN

2021 Regional Society Awards

- New Jersey Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons – Basic Science Quick Shot
 - *QSD1 Microbiome Diversity Predicts Surgical Success in Patients with Rectovaginal Fistula*
 - D.A. Leach*¹, J. Chen², L. Yang², H. Chua², M. Walther-Antonio², J.A. Occhino²; ¹Portsmouth, VA, ²Rochester, MN
- Southern California Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Clinical Quick Shot
 - *QSD13 Association of Medicaid Expansion with Earlier Colon Cancer Stage at Diagnosis*
 - M. Lin*¹, C.M. Foglia², S. Raman¹, J. Franko¹, S.Y. Chao²; ¹Des Moines, IA, ²Flushing, NY
- Northwest Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Clinical/Podium
 - *SP22 Post-treatment Rectal MRI for Rectal Cancer Underestimates Distance to Circumferential Resection Margin (CRM) Particularly in Anterior Tumors - A Comparison with Whole-mount Pathological Specimens*
 - J.B. Yuval*¹, H.M. Thompson¹, C. Firat¹, F.S. Verheij¹, M. Widmar¹, J. Shia¹, M.J. Gollub¹, J. Garcia-Aguilar¹; ¹New York, NY
- Piedmont Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons Award - Clinical/Podium
 - *SP23 An Improvement in Assessment of Response to Preoperative Chemoradiotherapy for Rectal Cancer Using MRI and Multigene Biomarker*
 - Park*¹, E. Cho*¹, Y. Kim¹, S. Hong¹, S. Lim¹, C. Yu¹, J. Kim¹; ¹Seoul, Korea (the Republic of)

2021 General Surgery Forum Best Paper

- *GS3 Multiple High-Risk Features in Stage II Colon Carcinoma Portend Worse Survival Than Stage III Disease*

- B.C. Herritt*¹, C. Castellucci¹, L. Hajirawala¹, Y. Yi¹, A. Klinger¹, G.R. Orangio¹, K. Davis¹, J.S. Barton¹; ¹New Orleans, LA

2021 Research Forum Works in Progress

- *RF2 Long Non-coding RNA ZFAS1 Knockdown is Associated with Decreased Tumorigenesis Through Decreased Cellular Proliferation and Migration*
 - S.J. O'Brien*¹, M. Paas¹, A. Patel¹, S. Galandiuk¹; ¹Louisville, KY

VIII. Local Hero Award

Dr. Michael Arvanitis, Chair of the Public Relations Committee, presented the Local Hero Award to Rolf Benirschke. Rolf Benirschke's video is available in the 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting platform, ongoing video room.

IX. Research Foundation Report

Dr. Ronald Bleday, President of the Research Foundation of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, reported on the recent activities of the Foundation and outlined the various grants awarded over the last year.

Dr. Bleday highlighted 2021-2022 goals and thanked outgoing trustees and committee members for their service.

X. State of the Society Address

Dr. Hyman provided a report about the State of the Society highlighting major initiatives that took place during his presidential term, including governance, membership, education, meetings and events, corporate relations and marketing and communications.

XI. Election and Elevation of Fellow and International Fellow Members

Dr. Hyman reported that since the last Annual Meeting, the Executive Council has welcomed 112 new Members, 170 Candidate member, 23 Allied Health Professionals and 2 Affiliated Scientific Investigators into the Society. Voting members were asked to approve 56 Fellows and 7 International Fellows.

MOTION: Approve the proposed candidates for elevation to Fellow and International Fellow member status. – *Carried.*

XII. Honorary Fellowship Committee Report

Dr. Ann Lowry, Past President and Chair of the Honorary Fellowship Committee, presented the Honorary Fellowship Committee report, the Executive Council has approved the following five Honorary Fellows.

- Dr. Nasser Al-Sanea, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- Dr. Nam Kyu Kim, Seoul, Korea
- Mr. Charles Knowles, London, England
- Dr. Thandinkosi Madiba, Durban, South Africa
- Dr. April Roslani, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

MOTION: Approve the 2021 nominees for ASCRS Honorary Fellowship. —*Carried*.

XIII. Outgoing Council Member Recognition

Dr. Hyman acknowledged outgoing Executive Council members – thanking Dr. Tracy Hull, Dr. Najjia N. Mahmoud, Dr. Charles B. Whitlow, and Dr. Kirsten Wilkins.

XIV. Nominating Committee Report and 2021-2022 Executive Council Election

Dr. Patricia Roberts, Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the following Slate of Officers and Council Members-at-Large and requested a motion for formal approval.

President	Thomas E. Read, MD
President-Elect	Conor P. Delaney, MD, PhD
Vice President	Matthew G. Mutch, MD
Past President	Neil H. Hyman, MD
Secretary	Najjia N. Mahmoud, MD
Treasurer	Sonia Ramamoorthy, MD

Members at Large

2019-2022

Charles M. Friel, MD
Jan Rakinic, MD
Sharon L. Stein, MD

2020-2023

Liliana Bordeianou, MD
Craig A. Reickert, MD
Elizabeth C. Wick, MD

2021-2024

Debra H. Ford, MD
Jonathan A. Laryea, MD
Scott R. Steele, MD, MBA

MOTION: Approve the 2021 proposed slate of candidates for the Executive Council. –
Carried.

XV. Introduction of New President

The newly elected President, Dr. Thomas E. Read, was introduced, and installed as president.

XVI. Preview of Coming Year and 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting April 30-May 4, 2022, Tampa Convention Center

Dr. Read shared an overview of goals and initiatives for his presential year.

Dr. Read announced the 2022 American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons Annual Scientific Meeting will take place April 30 – May 4, 2022 in Tampa, FL at the Tampa Convention Center.

XVII. New Business: Questions from Members

No new business was brought forward for consideration.

XVIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. Read adjourned the meeting.

