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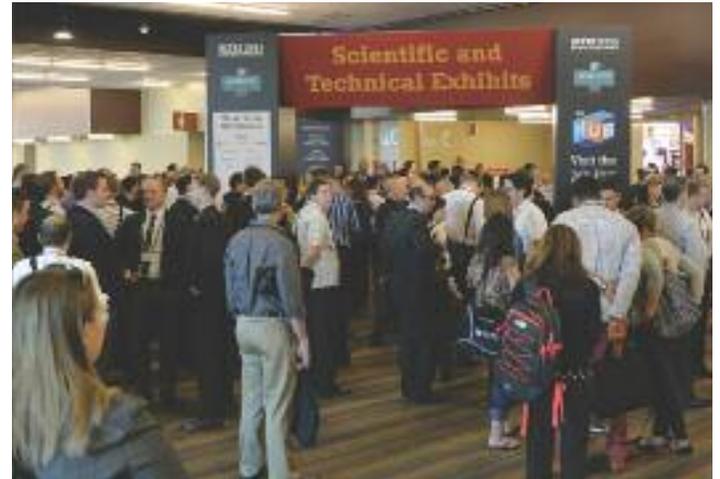
NEWS from the AMERICAN COLLEGE OF FOOT AND ANKLE SURGEONS

## ACFAS 2015 Makes History!

When more than 1,500 physician attendees flocked to the Valley of the Sun for the ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference in February, little did they know they would be making history. This year's Annual Scientific Conference was the College's largest yet, with record-breaking attendance surpassing its last most-attended conference, ACFAS 2013 in Las Vegas!

Standing-room only crowds packed the opening general session and annual Honors and Awards Ceremony, while a steady flow of attendees poured into the Exhibit Hall each day to scope out the latest offerings from their favorite vendors, tune into timely topics at the HUB, browse through nearly 250 in-depth poster presentations and have their professional photographs taken for their practices.

ACFAS 2015 also gave attendees an opportunity to connect during the interactive discussions, hands-on clinical workshops and spirited debates that draw them to the conference each year. Instructors saw some of the highest turnouts ever in their sessions and noted *(continued on page 10)*



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## “DO THE RIGHT THING” — SPIKE LEE



Often times my two boys and I talk about movies and quote famous movie lines—something I’ve learned is not uncommon, especially among friends. To my wife’s chagrin, we continue to quote famous movie lines frequently. They almost always make us think and sometimes laugh. Therefore, I have decided to start my President Perspectives with a famous movie quote and relate it to a relevant topic affecting our profession.

As we mature, we are told or reminded most often by our parents and mentors to “do the right thing,” and we soon realize that “right thing” requires a great deal of work. Human nature sometimes leads us to take the easy way out, and we often do, not realizing there are consequences. Once we understand the ramifications of not doing what’s right, we’re often surprised, maybe even shocked. This gives way to an epiphany and realization of what was truly needed or should have been done initially. But doing the right thing at first, although sometimes difficult, pays off in the end.

Every six years, the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) reviews its residency standards (Documents 320 and 330). The last major revision in 2009 is when the three-year residency was standardized with a specific number of surgery cases required. I firmly believe the 2009 revisions were a giant and historic step forward in podiatry’s movement to full professional parity.

In late 2014, CPME released its next round of revisions to be adopted in 2015. ACFAS is now reviewing CPME’s proposed changes, but we see one glaring problem — lowering of case requirements for residency matriculation. For years, residents and programs have been using a quantitative assessment for determining the quality of a program. The number of cases or procedures alone doesn’t provide much detail of the progress of a resident, nor does it give an idea if a resident should be granted a certificate for graduation or move up to the next year. That being said, surgery case numbers are important in giving experience in the training process.

As in golf, repetition of a poor swing often results in errant shots and a high handicap. The amount of swings doesn’t guarantee a lower handicap or improvement, but getting instruction from a trained professional usually does. To this point, higher caseload doesn’t necessarily result in a better surgeon either. However, it at least gives more opportunities to further one’s experience and hand-on experience with a trained instructor.

Resident training should be standardized in a manner that quality can be assessed and quantity is an adjunct. If a resident requires additional help in order to progress to the next year, more cases aren’t necessarily the right answer alone. Quality training is critical for residents to better their surgical technique

and continued training may be required in a specific procedure if there are obvious roadblocks toward improvement.

There are a few reasons being bandied about as to why CPME would consider lowering the requirements for residents—and none of them really make sense to me. The residency shortage is improving, slowly but surely, as most of us have seen. In my opinion, the lowering of surgical cases required will not increase slots for residents. This will only lower the quality of ALL our graduates.

CPME’s proposal to cut the number of surgical cases in half to create a separate category is not doing the right thing. We have come too far as a profession to consider going backward in the training of future foot and ankle surgeons. ACFAS has continued to enhance the education and training of foot and ankle surgeons with many of its offerings. We don’t feel going backward in training or offering less is an option, neither should CPME.

**To see the proposed CPME 320 and 330 documents, visit [cpme.org/residencies](http://cpme.org/residencies)**

**Richard Derner, DPM, FACFAS**  
ACFAS President

Questions for Dr. Derner? Write him at [president@acfass.org](mailto:president@acfass.org).



## Wanted: Your Manuscripts & Posters for ACFAS 2016

With plenty of buzz still surrounding this year's record-breaking Annual Scientific Conference, it's no wonder so many are excited to be part of the action at ACFAS 2016 in Austin, namely the manuscript and poster competition, which brings together the profession's most innovative research each year.

Manuscript submissions for ACFAS 2016 are due **August 14**, with the poster abstracts deadline on **September 1**, and poster PDF submissions due **November 20**. Submission guidelines and details will be available on [acfas.org](http://acfas.org) after June 1, so check back for updates. You can also see a full listing of this year's manuscript and poster award winners on pages 6-7 of this issue of Update.

## Promote Your ACFAS 2015 Attendance

You've furthered your education and skills at ACFAS 2015, now let your patients and community know! Visit ACFAS' Marketing Toolbox at [acfas.org/marketing](http://acfas.org/marketing) (login required) to download the free Fill-in-the-Blanks Press Release, specially customized for ACFAS 2015 attendees. Once you've completed the release with your professional contact information and logo, fire it off to your local media outlets to promote your attendance at ACFAS 2015. You can also include the release in your newsletter or on your website and social media pages for even more coverage.

Be sure to take advantage of the other free resources available in the Marketing Toolbox to promote yourself and your practice, including more Fill-in-the-Blanks Press Releases, media pitch guidelines, the seasonal *FootNotes* patient newsletter and patient education PowerPoint presentations.

## 2015 EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### May 1-2, 2015 (Friday/Saturday) Advanced Forefoot Reconstruction and Complications Workshop and Seminar

Sheraton Harborside Portsmouth Hotel  
Portsmouth, NH

### May 2-3, 2015 (Saturday/Sunday) Foot and Ankle Arthroscopy

Orthopaedic Learning Center  
Chicago, IL

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### June 19-20, 2015 (Friday/Saturday) Foot and Ankle Arthroscopy

Orthopaedic Learning Center  
Chicago, IL

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### July 17-18, 2015 (Friday/Saturday) Interactive Surgical Coding Workshop

Hilton McLean Tysons Corner  
Tysons Corner, VA (Washington, DC)

### August 1-2, 2015 (Saturday/Sunday) Foot and Ankle Arthroscopy

Orthopaedic Learning Center  
Chicago, IL

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### October 16-17, 2015 (Friday/Saturday) Interactive Surgical Coding Workshop (Reconstruction & Arthrodesis)

Monte Carlo Resort & Casino  
Las Vegas, NV

### October 17-18, 2015 (Saturday/Sunday) Comprehensive Flatfoot (Reconstruction & Arthrodesis)

SpringHill Suites Las Vegas Convention Center  
Las Vegas, NV

### November 7-8, 2015 (Saturday/Sunday) Advanced Arthroscopy for Foot and Ankle

Orthopaedic Learning Center  
Chicago, IL

### December 12-13, 2015 (Saturday/Sunday) Foot and Ankle Arthroscopy

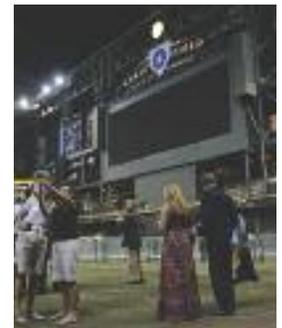
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For a full listing of upcoming educational opportunities, visit [acfas.org/education](http://acfas.org/education).

# Snapshots FROM THE 2015 Annual Scientific Conference





# ACFAS 2015 POSTER AWARDS

## Recognizing Innovative Research in Podiatric Medicine

Each year, ACFAS' poster competition brings together the best cutting-edge clinical and scientific research to advance the future of the foot and ankle surgery profession. The 2015 display in Phoenix featured 124 case study posters, 105 scientific posters, seven Student Club posters and one commercial poster. Congratulations to this year's award winners!



### THE 2015 POSTER AWARD WINNERS INCLUDE:

#### CASE STUDY FORMAT

##### First Place – \$1,000

*Focal Dome Osteotomy and Distraction Osteogenesis for Correction of Post-Traumatic Tibial Malunion: Case Report and Conceptual Review of the Focal Dome Osteotomy*

Casey C. Ebert, DPM  
Kenneth W. Hegewald, DPM, AACFAS  
Byron L. Hutchinson, DPM, FACFAS

##### Second Place – \$700

*Utilization of SPECT/CT for Differentiating Unresolved Peri-Prosthetic Ankle Pain*

Jeffrey C. Christensen, DPM, FACFAS  
Kristin Jane Brown, DPM

##### Third Place – \$500

*Risk Factors Associated with Nonunion After Foot and Ankle Reconstruction: A Retrospective Review*

Kyle R. Moore, DPM  
Michael A. Howell, DPM  
Alan R. Catanzariti, DPM, FACFAS

#### SCIENTIFIC FORMAT

##### First Place – \$1,000

*Quantification of Rotational Correction Achieved During Modified Lapidus Arthrodesis with Frontal Plane Correction*

Merrell K. Kauwe, DPM  
Paul D. Dayton, DPM, FACFAS  
Lawrence A. DiDomenico, DPM, FACFAS  
Mindi J. Feilmeier, DPM, FACFAS

##### Second Place – \$700

*A Multi-Center, Retrospective Study on Early Weightbearing for Modified Lapidus Arthrodesis*

Mark A. Prissel, DPM  
Bradly W. Bussewitz, DPM, FACFAS  
Sean T. Grambart, DPM, FACFAS  
Christopher F. Hyer, DPM, FACFAS

##### Third Place – \$500

*The Ripping Point: A Cadaveric Study to Assess the Correlation of Plantar Plate Insufficiency to the Dorsal Drawer Exam*

Julie Ferland, DPM  
Marie-Christine Bergeron, DPM  
Nicholas A. Giovinco, DPM

#### STUDENT CLUB

##### First Place – \$1,000

*The Diagnosis of Lower-Extremity Deep Venous Thrombosis with Duplex Venous Ultrasound: Is This Sufficient?*

Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine, Pennsylvania

##### Second Place – \$700

*A Retrospective Analysis of Tendo-Achilles Advancement in Comparison to Tendo-Achilles Lengthening in Cases of Pediatric Neurospastic Equinus*

School of Podiatric Medicine at Barry University, Florida

##### Third Place – \$500

*The Hip Foot: A Case Report on Tibiotalocalcaneal Arthrodesis Using a Bulk Femoral Head Allograft Status-Post Talectomy*

Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine, Illinois

# ACFAS 2015 MANUSCRIPT AWARDS

## Contributing to the Advancement of Podiatric Medicine



The Annual ACFAS Manuscript Awards of Excellence recognize leading research in the practice of podiatric medicine. Manuscripts submitted for consideration are blind-reviewed and judged on established criteria.

This year, the College received 50 manuscripts, and 26 were selected by a panel of peers for presentation at ACFAS 2015. Of those manuscripts presented, seven were chosen as the top winners.

The winners divided \$10,000 in award money generously funded by the Podiatry Foundation of Pittsburgh and presented at the ACFAS Honors and Awards Ceremony during the Annual Scientific Conference.

### First Place – \$3,000

*Development of a Radiographic Union Score for Determining Osteotomy Union Rates in Long Bones of the Foot*

N. Jake Summers, DPM  
 Jill Ashcraft, DPM  
 Philip Basile, DPM, FACFAS  
 Emily A. Cook, DPM, MPH, FACFAS  
 Jeremy J. Cook, DPM, MPH, FACFAS

### Second Place – \$2,500

*Limb Salvage Rate of Tibiotalocalcaneal Arthrodesis Utilizing Retrograde Intramedullary Nail Fixation: Comparison of Patients with and without Diabetes*

Brady R. Mallory, DPM  
 Dane K. Wukich, MD

### Third Place – \$1,500

*The Role of Type 2 Diabetes and Metformin on Fracture Healing in an Experimental Rat Model*

Javier La Fontaine, DPM, FACFAS  
 Chris Chen, PhD  
 Lawrence A. Lavery, DPM, MPH

### Honorable Mention – \$750

*Incidence of Revision Following Primary Implantation of the Salto® Mobile Version and Salto Talaris™ Total Ankle Prostheses: A Systematic Review*

Andrew D. Elliott, DPM  
 Thomas S. Roukis, DPM, PhD, FACFAS

*Metatarsus Adductus is a Risk Factor for Less Satisfactory Outcomes in Hallux Valgus Surgery*

Erin E. Klein, DPM, AACFAS  
 Lowell Weil, Jr., DPM, FACFAS  
 Lowell Scott Weil, Sr., DPM, FACFAS  
 Michael F. Bowen, DPM, AACFAS  
 Mitchell Shienkop, MD

*Adam E. Fleischer, DPM, MPH, FACFAS*  
*Incidence of Complications During Initial Experience with Revision of the Agility™ and Agility™ LP Total Ankle Replacement Systems: A Single Surgeon's Learning Curve Experience*

Devin C. Simonson, DPM  
 Thomas S. Roukis, DPM, PhD, FACFAS

*Incidence of Complications During the Surgeon Learning Curve Period for Primary Total Ankle Replacement: A Systematic Review*

Devin C. Simonson, DPM  
 Thomas S. Roukis, DPM, PhD, FACFAS

## THANK YOU, POSTER JUDGES!

ACFAS thanks those members who volunteered their time to review and judge entries for the ACFAS 2015 poster exhibit competition. Their many hours of diligent evaluation and judging are greatly appreciated

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Joseph E. Mechanik, DPM, FACFAS  
Joseph J. Menn, DPM, FACFAS  
Roya Mirmiran, DPM, FACFAS  
Timothy M. Mooney, DPM, FACFAS  
Travis A. Motley, DPM, FACFAS  
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Serjik Nazarian, DPM, FACFAS

Chidi Ogbonna, DPM, AACFAS  
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Bela A. Pandit, DPM, FACFAS  
Jane Pontious, DPM, FACFAS  
Fred Rahimi, DPM, FACFAS  
Tommy G. Roe, DPM, FACFAS  
Barry I. Rosenblum, DPM, FACFAS  
Gene Rosenthal, DPM, FACFAS  
Kathryne F. Rupley, DPM, FACFAS  
Bryan S. Russell, DPM, FACFAS  
Ryan T. Scott, DPM, FACFAS  
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Vito Speciale, DPM, FACFAS  
Stephen F. Stern, DPM, FACFAS  
Wenjay (Jay) Sung, DPM, FACFAS  
Michael J. Trepal, DPM, FACFAS  
Daniel J. Tucker, DPM, FACFAS  
Michael D. Vaardahl, DPM, FACFAS  
Randal L. Wraalstad, DPM, FACFAS  
Philip Wrotslavsky, DPM, FACFAS

## THANK YOU, MANUSCRIPT JUDGES!

ACFAS thanks those members who served as judges for the annual Manuscript Awards of Excellence at ACFAS 2015. The College deeply appreciates the time, care and expertise the judges put into evaluating each manuscript submission.

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## Residency Directors Forum Recap

ACFAS' Post-Graduate Affairs Committee topped off its inaugural year by conducting a Residency Directors Forum the day before ACFAS 2015 officially opened. Fifty-three program directors attended this complimentary four-hour intensive educational program designed to provide valuable insight and guidance into how residency programs can comply with CPME standards and requirements. John T. Marcoux, DPM, FACFAS, Post-Graduate Affairs Committee chair and forum moderator, assembled an esteemed faculty of program directors, current and former CPME board members and residency program evaluators.

Faculty members Charles Lombardi, DPM, FACFAS; Randall Dei, DPM, FACFAS; Scott Getchell, Eric Walter, DPM, FACFAS; Emily Cook, DPM, MPH, FACFAS; Tim Ford, DPM, FACFAS; and Stephen Stern, DPM, FACFAS, discussed everything from CPME 320 and CPME 370 compliance guidelines to program documentation and assessment to how to best prepare for a residency site visit and more.

If you were unable to attend the forum or if you would like to review any of the topics discussed, PowerPoint presentations and sample documents will be posted soon in a newly developed residency director portal on [acfas.org](http://acfas.org).



## Get the Credit You Deserve: Claim Your ACFAS 2015 CME Credits

If you attended ACFAS 2015 in Phoenix, you can now claim your Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits. Visit [acfas.org/phoenix](http://acfas.org/phoenix), go to the CME Transcripts link and log in to your record to print a certificate of attendance.

If you have questions, contact the ACFAS Education Department at [hjelm@acfas.org](mailto:hjelm@acfas.org) or [wallace@acfas.org](mailto:wallace@acfas.org).

# ACFAS 2015 Makes History! *(continued from cover)*



attendees' renewed energy and enthusiasm spurred by keynote speaker David H. Newman's, MD, call for physicians to influence change and lead healthcare reform. This vitality carried through the entire program.

Few conferences have the distinction of shutting down entire streets in their host city, but ACFAS 2015 did just that as attendees flooded Third Street for the Premier Connection Opening Event, where they connected with colleagues, classmates and new friends all while enjoying live music and party fare under a starlit desert sky.

"I would like to congratulate all who attended and participated in ACFAS 2015, making this the highest attended conference in the College's history," says George T. Liu, DPM, FACFAS, Annual Scientific Conference committee chair. "The success

is due in part to the expert content, format of information delivery and reciprocal exchange of information with our most important members, our attendees." Dr. Liu adds, "The College is here to provide you the most current and relevant information trending in medicine and surgery, and we hope you were pleased with the conference as we strive to make the 2016 Annual Scientific Conference in Austin even better."

It was only fitting for the biggest conference in ACFAS history to end at a large-scale venue with a little history of its own: Chase Field, home of the 2001 World Series. This year's wrap party featured exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of the stadium and Arizona Diamondbacks' clubhouse, baseball-themed games, food and music—a grand slam for attendees and their guests all around.

"The conference's unsurpassed success shows how attuned the College is to its members' needs and to the ever-changing nature of the foot and ankle surgery profession," says Richard Derner, DPM, FACFAS, 2015–2016 ACFAS President. "No matter what takes place in the field of medicine or surgery, the College is always there to equip members with the tools and resources they need to provide the best patient care possible. ACFAS has established itself as a leader in education for foot and ankle surgeons, and the high attendance at ACFAS 2015 affirms it. Attendees know this event delivers the best each year."

Join us for ACFAS 2016 in Austin, Texas, February 11–14, 2016, for more of the College's best!

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— George T. Liu, DPM, FACFAS, Annual Scientific Conference committee chair

# ACFAS Adopts New Code on Interactions with Companies

Physicians, medical societies, Continuing Medical Education (CME) providers and industry are all under increasing scrutiny by government and the media to weed out conflicts of interest (COI) in all aspects of medical delivery, education and purchasing. The new CMS “Open Payments” system is just one recent example of exposing conflicts of interest between physicians and industry to patients and the public.

ACFAS has long had the most stringent COI policies in podiatry, which differentiates ACFAS programs from other CME providers, and helps ensure College members receive the most bias-free information possible. For example, in 2013, ACFAS started a COI complaint and discipline system. Every CME evaluation form allows space for attendees to report any bias that occurred during the program. In addition, an online bias complaint/speaker discipline system was implemented. These and other steps have resulted in faculty members disclosing more conflicts, a reduction in bias

during lectures and an increase in attendees reporting bias to the College.

Late in 2014, the ACFAS Board of Directors took yet another step forward by adopting a new Code of Interactions with Companies that further fosters high-ethical standards for ACFAS leaders in their relationships with companies. “We borrowed heavily from the Council of Medical Specialty Societies’ model code that is now being adopted, in whole or in part, by a wide variety of national medical specialty societies,” said ACFAS Immediate Past President Thomas S. Roukis, DPM, PhD, FACFAS. “We’re the only podiatric CME provider to have taken these proactive steps, many of which go far beyond CPME’s CME standards.”

The ACFAS code currently contains 27 regulations ensuring independence from industry influence, transparency of conflicts to members and the public and preventing bias in CME programs and exhibits. In the near future, similar regulations will be con-

sidered for research grants, clinical position statements, the scientific journal and related College programs.

“We were already doing many of these things,” said Roukis, “but some are new and we needed to codify all of them in one document.”

The complete code and other ACFAS conflict of interest policies and procedures can be found at [acfas.org/conflicts](http://acfas.org/conflicts).

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# 2015 STRATEGIC PARTNERS

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## BRONZE LEVEL



### American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS)

The ABFAS Annual Membership Meeting provides the opportunity for diplomates to learn about changes in the examination and certification process, hear how candidates scored on examinations and become knowledgeable about the impact board certification has on the practice of foot and ankle surgery.



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## PEWTER LEVEL



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## New Board of Directors Take Office at ACFAS 2015

The 2015-16 ACFAS Board of Directors – Seated, left to right: Laurence G. Rubin, DPM, FACFAS, Secretary-Treasurer; Richard Derner, DPM, FACFAS, ACFAS President; Sean T. Grambart, DPM, FACFAS, President-Elect; Thomas S. Roukis, DPM, PhD, FACFAS, Immediate Past President. Back row, left to right: Aksone Nouvong, DPM, FACFAS; Christopher F. Hyer, DPM, FACFAS; John S. Steinberg, DPM, FACFAS, Christopher L. Reeves, DPM, FACFAS; Scott C. Nelson, DPM, FACFAS; Byron L. Hutchinson, DPM, FACFAS; Randal Wraalstad, DPM, FACFAS; and J.C. (Chris) Mahaffey, MS, CAE, FASAE, Executive Director.



## Winter Board Meeting Highlights

The ACFAS Board of Directors met on February 18 prior to the Annual Scientific Conference. The Board welcomed newly elected directors Scott C. Nelson, DPM, FACFAS, and Randal F. Wraalstad, DPM, FACFAS. The Board also recognized departing members Kris A. DiNucci, DPM, FACFAS, and Jordan P. Grossman, DPM, FACFAS.

The Board discussed and approved:

- a new five-year contract with Elsevier Publishing for the *Journal of Foot & Ankle Surgery (JFAS)* and related matters;
- responding to the Council on Podiatric Medical Education's proposed revisions to residency standards;
- participation in HL7 Standard Setting for Podiatry-Specific Electronic Health Record Functional Models;
- Thomas S. Roukis, DPM, PhD, FACFAS (Chair); Sean T. Grambart, DPM, FACFAS; and Randal F. Wraalstad, DPM, FACFAS, to the 2015 Conflict of Interest Committee;
- Andrew J. Meyr, DPM, FACFAS; and Tim Schepers, MD, as new *JFAS* section editors;
- deferred selection of new Clinical Consensus Statement topics until after the 2015 Member and Practice Surveys are completed;
- continued financial support of the California DPM-MD-DO Joint Licensure Initiative;
- revisions to board policies on financial reserves and potential future use;
- new board member liaisons to ACFAS student clubs.

The next board meeting will be July 24-26, 2015, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Direct any questions about this meeting or College governance to ACFAS Executive Director Chris Mahaffey at [mahaffey@acfas.org](mailto:mahaffey@acfas.org).



Immediate Past President Thomas S. Roukis, DPM, PhD, FACFAS (right) passes the gavel to incoming 2015-16 President Richard Derner, DPM, FACFAS, (left) the 64th President of the College. Congratulations to Dr. Derner and thank you to Dr. Roukis for your service.

## FootHealthFacts.org Reports Record Number of Visitors in 2014!



In 2014, FootHealthFacts.org, the College's patient education website, saw a record-breaking 4.837 million visitors—an unprecedented 143 percent increase in new visitors to the site compared to 2013!

Visits to FootHealthFacts.org skyrocketed this past year thanks to increased social media

activity and public relations efforts. Statistics show most visitors find the website through Google searches, direct links in ACFAS social media posts or through the College's monthly health-topic press releases, which are part of the national public relations awareness campaign.

Potential new patients come to FootHealthFacts.org daily for health information and to find a foot and ankle surgeon near them through the Find a Physician Search Tool. Ensure your name appears in the list by making sure your Expanded Profile (through your [acfas.org](http://acfas.org) account) is up-to-date and included in the search feature. You can also link your practice's website to FootHealthFacts.org so your patients have the most up-to-date info at their fingertips. Refer to the Marketing Toolbox at [acfas.org/marketing](http://acfas.org/marketing) for instructions.

## Watch for the Annual Member & Practice Surveys to Arrive

Let your voice be heard this May—be sure to respond to ACFAS' annual member and practice surveys. Your valuable feedback influences decisions affecting the College and helps guide the future of foot and ankle surgery.

Half of ACFAS members will receive the Practice Economics Survey, and the other half will receive the Member Opinion Survey. The survey you receive is determined by random sample. Survey responses are confidential, anonymous and only reported in the aggregate by a third-party survey consultant. Results will be posted on [acfas.org](http://acfas.org) in late summer.

Watch your inbox and don't miss this opportunity to have a say in your profession's future. We look forward to receiving your input!



### 2015 Distinguished Service Award Winner

Congratulations to Larry DiDomenico, DPM, FACFAS, the recipient of the 2015 ACFAS Distinguished Service Award at the Annual Scientific Conference in Phoenix. Thank you, Dr. DiDomenico, for your dedication to the College and profession!



## 2015 ACFAS Scholars

ACFAS Scholars are the current club presidents from the ACFAS Student Clubs on each of the podiatric medical school campuses. The ACFAS Scholars for 2015 are: Michael Sosinski, Barry; Kevin Fluckiger, AZPod (not pictured); Myles Knutson, CSPM; Mira Pandya, Scholl (not pictured), Nam Tran, NYCPM; Kelsey Millonig, DMU; Emmanuella Eastman, Temple; Kevin Wang, Kent State; and Diana Perry, WesternU.



## 2015 Division Scholars

ACFAS Division Scholars are future student leaders from each school chosen from each of the ACFAS Regional Divisions. The 2015 ACFAS Division Scholars are: Christopher Sullivan, CSPM; Daniel Spencer, WesternU; Steven Brantingham (not pictured), AzPod; Jason Spector, Barry; Chandana Halaharvi, DMU; Justin Singh, Scholl; Jonathan Srou, NYCPM; Alexandra Spangler, Temple; and Nickil Nayee, Kent State. Pictured here with Division Presidents Council Chair Aksone Nouvong, DPM, FACFAS; and Division Presidents Greg Still, DPM, FACFAS; Joanne Balkaran, DPM, FACFAS; Bill Finn, DPM, FACFAS; Eric Walter, DPM, FACFAS; Jolene Moyer, DPM, FACFAS; and Julie Wieger, DPM, FACFAS.

## Revisit ACFAS 2015 Sessions with Downloadable Handouts

ACFAS 2015 may be over, but your learning isn't! If you attended this year's conference, you have exclusive access to all the handouts received from the thought-provoking case presentations, discussions, debates and demonstrations held in Phoenix. Visit [acfas.org/phoenix](http://acfas.org/phoenix), log in to download handouts. Handouts are available until June 30, 2015.

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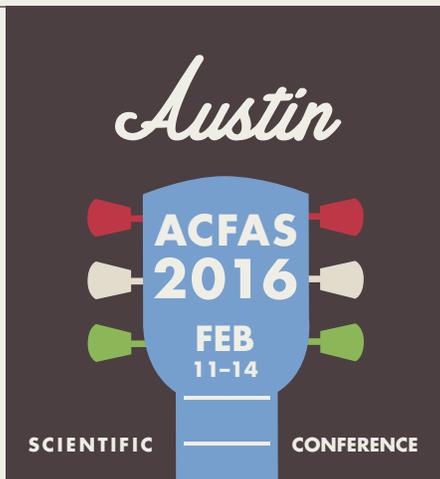
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Research is essential to the medical profession and ACFAS is at the forefront of research for foot and ankle surgeons. If you are involved in a study that would be beneficial to the profession, the Annual Conference Program Committee invites you to submit your manuscript or poster abstract for presentation consideration at the **Annual Scientific Conference, Thursday, February 11 – Sunday, February 14, 2016 in Austin, Texas.**

### **MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 14, 2015**

**ACFAS Manuscript Awards of Excellence winners will divide \$10,000 in prize money.**

To submit your manuscript, log on to the ACFAS website at [acfas.org](http://acfas.org). Detailed information regarding manuscript requirements and policies is printed in the “**2016 Call for Manuscripts**” and “**Instructions for Authors Submitting a Manuscript.**” It is important that authors carefully read these two documents **before** submitting a manuscript.

**Manuscripts must be submitted no later than August 14, 2015 to be eligible for review by the Committee.**

### **POSTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

To submit your poster, log on to the ACFAS website at [acfas.org](http://acfas.org). Detailed information regarding poster requirements and policies and sample abstracts are published in the “**2016 Poster Guidelines.**” It is important that authors carefully read these guidelines **before** submitting a poster abstract.

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