PRESIDENTIAL UPDATE

Kevin Behnns, MD
President, 2018-2019

We hope you were able to join us in Tampa February 10-13, 2018 for a spectacular SESC 2018 Annual Meeting. Thank you to Dr. Dimitrios Stefanidis and the CME Committee for putting together a strong scientific program. I would also like to thank Dr. David Adams on a successful year, and thank him for his leadership.

The program featured 38 oral presentations, 44 quick shot presentations, 16 videos and over 300 ePosters. Special features this year included an offsite hands-on postgraduate course, a Complex Acute Care Panel, a Foregut Disasters Panel, and a unique session on Living Outside the Hospital. In addition to our traditional named lectures given by Monica Bertagnolli, MD (Arthur Hamblin Letton Lecture), Ronald V. Maier, MD (Roger T. Sherman Lecture), and Carol-anne Moulton, MD (Henry L. Laws III Lecture). This year, I was honored to give the inaugural Feliciano-Rozycki Historical Lecture named after two past SESC Presidents, who also happen to be married!

Congratulations go out to Dr. Frederick Greene who received the SESC Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Greene also delighted crowds as he hosted the first SESC Feud where the winners from Resident Jeopardy faced off against a Past Presidents team in SESC Feud and the Residents won. Our future at the SESC is bright, as we have clearly shared our knowledge with our up and coming leaders!

I recently had the privilege as the SESC President to attend the Annual Meeting for our sister organization, Southwestern Surgical Congress. It was collegial, educational, and set in Napa, California. We have much to learn from each other, and it was an honor to represent the SESC. I was impressed with the engagement of the SWSC members and residents who had invigorating discussions about the future of surgery. Next February we will host the SWSC President, Courtney Scaife. We look forward to welcoming her to our meeting.

Looking forward, the SESC 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting will be February 23-26, 2019 at The Westin Charlotte in Charlotte, NC. We hope to see you in Charlotte.
Congratulations to our 2018-2019 Executive Committee

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ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

BY THE NUMBERS
668 Attendees
$45.5k in Sponsorship and Exhibit Sales
10 Resident Forum Presentations
38 Oral Presentations
16 Video Presentations
44 Quick Shot Presentations
305 ePosters
4 Named Lectures

CONGRATULATIONS & AWARDS

2018 SESC Distinguished Service Award
Frederick L. Greene, MD

GOLD MEDAL FORUM AWARDS

Prognostic Value of Hepatocellular Carcinoma Staging Systems: A Comparison
Shelby Bergstresser
University of Alabama School of Medicine

Redo or not to redo: Comparison of initial and reoperative paraesophageal Hernia Repair (PEHR)
Angela Marie Kao
Carolinas Medical Center

Can Axillary Ultrasound Characteristics Predict > 3 Positive Lymph Nodes in Patients Managed by Acosog Z0011 Criteria
Emma Goldsmith Rooney
Emory University

INDUSTRY RAFFLE WINNER
Zolton Nemeth, MD, PhD | Morristown, NJ

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Mario Cerame, MD | Bluffton, SC

We hope you saw our highlighted lectures, and if you want to watch them again, or in case you missed them, check them out on SESC’s YouTube Channel!

SESC LECTURES

ARTHUR HAMBLIN LETTON LECTURE
Monica Bertagnolli, MD
Brigham & Women’s Hospital, Dana Farber Cancer Institute

SESC PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
David Adams, MD
Medical University of South Carolina

FELCIANO-ROZYCKI HISTORICAL LECTURE
Kevin Behrns, MD
Saint Louis University

ROGER T. SHERMAN LECTURE
Ronald Maier, MD
University of Washington, Harborview Medical Center

HENRY L. LAWS II, LECTURE
Carol-anne Moulton, MD
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