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## Foundation-Supported Residents Learn About Clinical Research

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The OMS Foundation was a proud \$15,000 sponsor of the AAOMS Clinical Trials Methods Course last spring, along with the Osteo Science Foundation and the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research (MICHHR). OMS faculty, residents, fellows and private practitioners interested in clinical research and trial design attended the course, which provided a valuable overview of research methodology and clinical trial design.

The Foundation provided funding for eight residents to attend the course with the generous support of Nobel Biocare.

Scholarship recipient Efrain Montanez, DMD, Puerto Rico School of Dental Medicine, found that the conference enriched his scientific research background and promoted mentoring from outstanding program directors.

“Without the scholarship, it would have been much more difficult to attend the course, which definitely motivated me to design my own research project that could hopefully have some impact on our specialty,” he said.



Recipients of scholarships to the AAOMS Clinical Trials Methods Course learned about clinical research and trial design. (left to right—Drs. Daniel Bienstock, H. Alexander Crisp, Ashley Houle, Brian Christensen, Brittany Rudlosky and Efrain Montanez. Not pictured: Drs. Eric B. Scotland, Bert C. Wendling)

The recipients of Foundation scholarship support were:

- Daniel Bienstock, DMD, MD, Columbia University Medical Center/NY Presbyterian Hospital
- Brian Christensen, DDS, Louisiana State University New Orleans
- Hannibal Alexander Crisp, DMD, Medical University of South Carolina
- Ashley N. Houle, DDS, BS, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Efrain Montanez, DMD, Puerto Rico School of Dental Medicine
- Brittany K. Rudlosky, DDS, BS, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center
- Eric B. Scotland, DDS, Christiana Care
- Bert C. Wendling, DDS, Christiana Care

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As the end of the year draws near, my term as Chair of the OMS Foundation comes to a close.

I have had the pleasure of working with an enthusiastic group of Board members who are dedicated to the Foundation's mission. I thank Dr. Ira Cheifetz for his many years on the Board, most recently as Treasurer. I also thank Drs. Mark Egbert, William Nelson, Miro Pavelka, and Joseph Piecuch for their years of service. Dr. Kathy Banks takes over as Chair in 2017 and we welcome Dr. Karen Crowley and Dr. W. Frederick Stephens to our Board.

During my term I've promoted the value of a gift to the Foundation. Supporting the Foundation is an investment in our specialty's future. Your dividend is a specialty on the cutting edge of science and technology with our patients' trust to provide the most advanced care.

The Foundation's support of research and education shapes the future of our specialty. Here are a few examples of how we are making an impact on the future:

- Our annual funding of research support grants gives surgeon scientists an opportunity to explore early research, which may be the stepping stones to breakthroughs in the discovery of treatments for our patients.
- Our support of Student Research Training Awards provides health profession undergraduates exposure to research projects in oral and maxillofacial surgery to increase awareness of OMS as a career.
- Our ongoing support of the Faculty Educator Development Award is bringing more OMSs into education, enhancing the ranks of academics who teach the next generation of OMSs.

- Our sponsorship of the AAOMS Research and Education Conference (now called CSIOMS) and the Clinical Trials Methods Course and our scholarships for residents to attend these conferences provide an opportunity for residents to explore the exciting areas of research available in our specialty and to consider career options.

We will continue to support opportunities that broaden the specialty's future through research and education. The quantity and quality of research and education must increase if our specialty is to survive and prosper in the future.

Today I ask you to support the Foundation with a year-end gift. There are a variety of ways to give—through your AAOMS Dues Statement, online, or use the giving envelope in the mailing the Foundation recently sent. Gifts to the OMS Foundation are tax deductible.

I thank you, our donors, for your confidence in and commitment to the OMS Foundation. Together, we make the future of OMS possible.

Thomas B. Dodson, DMD, MPH  
Chair



# OMS Foundation Events at the AAOMS Annual Meeting

September 19—23, 2016

Las Vegas, Nevada

## Board of Directors Luncheon

The annual Board of Directors Luncheon recognizes donors and volunteers of the Foundation. At the 2016 reception, Dr. Kathy Banks, Dr. Kayvon Haghighi and Dr. Manolis Manolakakis were recognized for their \$25,000 pledges to support the Foundation. This year's guest speaker was Dr. Clem Pellett, an oral surgeon, crime novelist and private investigator who successfully tracked down his grandfather's killer and launched a new career as a licensed private investigator.



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## Robert V. Walker Reception

For its annual reception, the OMS Foundation honored members of the Robert V. Walker Society, which is the planned giving society of the OMS Foundation, and represents the OMS Foundation's most elite donors. New members and those who increased their planned giving commitments were introduced.

### New members in 2016 included:

Dr. James W. Adams	Dr. Joseph L. Miller
Dr. Deepak Krishnan	Dr. Andrew M. Read-Fuller
Dr. James Lemon	Dr. Joseph E. Van Sickels

### Upgraded members in 2016 included:

Dr. Ira D. Cheifetz	Dr. Steven D. Sherry
Dr. Louis F. Clarizio	Dr. Myron R. Tucker
Dr. Mary A. Delsol	Dr. David A. Whiston
Dr. Barry D. Kendall	Dr. Thomas P. Williams



OMS Foundation Chair Dr. Thomas B. Dodson (top left) introduces new and upgraded members of the Robert V. Walker Society at the Society's annual reception.

## Alliance Events

The Alliance continued its tradition of morning health walks at the Annual Meeting. Each health walk participant received a t-shirt sponsored by Canfield, Inc. The Alliance's annual event was held at Springs Preserve, a 180-acre cultural institution designed to commemorate Las Vegas' dynamic history and to provide a vision for a sustainable future. The event's guest speaker was Anthony Morlandt, MD, DDS of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, a recipient of an OMS Foundation Research Support Grant in 2014. ▶



Participants of the 2016 Alliance Health Walk enjoyed the warm weather of Las Vegas.

## DR. PETER ASCHAFFENBURG LEAVES \$100,000 TO THE OMS FOUNDATION

The OMS Foundation recently received a \$100,000 gift from the estate of Dr. Peter Aschaffenburg, who passed away in late 2015. Dr. Aschaffenburg became a Charter Member of the Robert V. Walker Society in 1999, and upgraded his commitment to \$100,000 in 2011.

"I never felt so proud as to donate \$10,000 to be a Charter Member of the R.V. Walker Society, and this was at a time when I was just an associate, with loans, etc. When Dr. Walker passed away, I bequeathed \$100,000 to the OMS Foundation. The least of what I learned from Dr. Walker was oral and maxillofacial surgery. From him, I learned what it really meant to be a Doctor, and what it meant to be a Man," said Dr. Aschaffenburg in an OMS Foundation article written about him in 2012. ▶

## OMS Foundation Presents Prestigious Awards at AAOMS Annual Meeting

### Torch Award

Dr. Daniel J. Daley, Jr. has a long history of service to the specialty. He served as AAOMS President in 2005—2006, as President of the Delaware Valley Society of OMS, as Chairman of OMSPAC, and as a delegate to the AAOMS House of Delegates.

Dr. Daley's tenure on the OMS Foundation Board of Directors began in 2006. He became Chairman in 2013. He has tirelessly promoted estate gifts to the Foundation, and during his tenure planned giving commitments grew by more than 30 percent. In addition, he was instrumental in establishing a major giving program as a way for donors to make larger, meaningful gifts to the Foundation.

### Research Recognition Award

Richard H. Haug, DDS, is in private practice at the Carolinas Center for Oral Health. His career highlights include private practice on Long Island as well as teaching. He was the residency director for oral and maxillofacial surgery at the Metrohealth Medical Center and served as full professor and then Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Haug has contributed to more than 125 articles in peer-reviewed publications. He has also edited six books, published 28 book chapters, and almost 400 abstracts and literature abstracts, in addition to participating in numerous teaching activities and presenting at conferences worldwide. Dr. Haug has served on multiple editorial boards and served for two decades as a section editor for "Current Therapy" and "Craniofacial Trauma" for the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*. He currently serves as the Consulting Editor for the *Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics of North America* and its accompanying *Atlas*, having published more than 75 issues of the series to date.



Dr. Daniel J. Daley, Jr. (right) accepts the Torch Award from Chairman Dr. Thomas B. Dodson. The highest award given by the OMS Foundation, it recognizes individuals or organizations who have provided exemplary service to the Foundation.



Richard H. Haug, DDS, (right) accepts the Research Recognition Award from Chairman Dr. Thomas B. Dodson. The award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the specialty through their research.

His research interests have included maxillofacial infections, infected or rejected implants, biomechanical properties of the craniofacial skeleton when reconstructed with titanium plates and screws, and involvement in the Multi-Center Third Molar Clinical Trial.

### Daniel M. Laskin Award

The 2016 OMS Foundation Daniel M. Laskin Award, selected by the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*, was awarded to the article titled "Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Receptor Isoforms: Are They Present in Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma?" *JOMS*, Vol. 73, Issue 5, p897–904

by Alix Pianka, Thomas Knösel, MD, PhD, Florian Andreas Probst, MD, DMD, Markus Tröltzsch, MD, DMD, Timothy Woodlock, MD, Sven Otto, MD, DMD, PhD, Michael Ehrenfeld, MD, DMD, PhD, Matthias Tröltzsch, MD, DMD. )



Matthias Tröltzsch, MD, DMD (center) and Timothy Woodlock, MD (right) accept the Daniel M. Laskin Award from Chairman Dr. Thomas B. Dodson. The award is presented annually to the authors of the most outstanding article published in the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* from the previous year.

## YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

Three OMS Foundation-funded researchers used their initial Foundation grants to apply for federal funding.

### The result:

These researchers obtained a total of \$37 million in funding from the NIH and other federal sources.

### The researchers:

**Stephen E. Feinberg,**  
DDS, MS, PhD

**Anh D. Le,**  
DDS, PhD

**Brian Schmidt,**  
DDS, MD, PhD

## Major Donors Enthusiastic About the Foundation's Mission

A number of donors have taken their support of the Foundation to a new, higher level. To date, in 2016 the Foundation welcomed six Major Donors.

To be considered a Major Donor, a donor must make an outright cash gift or multi-year pledge totaling \$25,000 or more. These individuals are enthusiastic about the OMS Foundation's mission.

Dr. Gary F. Bouloux recently made a major gift pledge and noted how important the Foundation's support of research and education is to the specialty. "It remains paramount for both our patients and our reputation that we continue to advance the science and practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery. This is only possible with translational and clinical research, both of which require enthusiastic researchers and a means of

funding that research. We simply have to make a commitment to this to ensure our future success," he said.

The following donors have made outright gifts or pledges of \$25,000 in 2016.

Dr. Kathy A. Banks  
Dr. Gary F. Bouloux  
Dr. Kayvon Haghighi  
Dr. Manolis G. Manolakakis  
Dr. Victor L. Nannini  
Dr. Vincent J. Perciaccante



Dr. Gary F. Bouloux made a \$25,000 pledge to the OMS Foundation.

For more information, please contact OMS Foundation Interim Executive Director, Ms. Bozana Gasic, at 847-233-4359 or at [bgasic@omsfoundation.org](mailto:bgasic@omsfoundation.org).



### FOUNDATION SUPPORTS CSIOMS CONFERENCE

The OMS Foundation is pleased to support the AAOMS Clinical and Scientific Innovations for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (CSIOMS) Conference in 2017. The Foundation will be a \$20,000 sponsor of the conference and offer up to ten \$1,000 scholarships for residents to attend this one-of-a-kind conference.

Applications for residents to apply for Foundation scholarships to attend the CSIOMS conference will be available on the OMS Foundation website it early January. »

## IRA Charitable Rollover May Maximize Tax Savings

A rollover from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is a unique way to make a significant gift to the OMS Foundation. If you are 70 ½ or older, the Federal government allows you to make an annual, tax-free charitable IRA rollover of up to \$100,000 to a 501(c)(3) organization, such as the OMS Foundation.

Benefits of transferring funds from your IRA by December 31, 2016 to the OMS Foundation include:

- Your IRA charitable rollover will qualify as part of your required minimum distribution and will be tax-free.
- Your taxable income will be reduced by the amount of the rollover and therefore reduce your tax liability.
- You will be supporting the important work of the OMS Foundation and the future of our specialty.

For more information and for transfer instructions, please contact Bozana Gasic, Interim Executive Director at 847-233-4359, or email at [bgasic@omsfoundation.org](mailto:bgasic@omsfoundation.org), for transfer instructions. »

## Committee on Research Makes Recommendations for Funding

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**T**he OMS Foundation Committee on Research met Friday, September 9, 2016 at AAOMS headquarters to review grant applications. The Committee selects the grants and makes its recommendations to the OMS Foundation Board of Directors. The recommended grants are reviewed and approved for funding at the November Board of Directors meeting. Grant applicants are notified by December 31, 2016. **▶**



The OMS Foundation Committee on Research met at AAOMS headquarters. (left to right: Drs. Bernard J. Costello; Vivek Shetty; Anh D. Le; Brian L. Schmidt, Chair; Regina Landesberg, Thomas B. Dodson, Ex-Officio)

### YOU CAN HELP TRANSFORM THE SPECIALTY

The OMS Foundation's funding of innovative research and education addresses critical issues in the specialty. With the funding of research grants and educational opportunities, the OMS Foundation gives promising scientists the opportunity for discovery.

You can help transform the specialty with a gift to the Annual Fund. Annual fund gifts are your way to help the Foundation invest in research and education.

The end of the year is a perfect time to make a gift to the Annual Fund. Gifts can be made via the AAOMS Dues Statement, online donations, and through the mailing sent recently. Your gift to the OMS Foundation is tax deductible. **▶**