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President's Message

This has been a year of transition and maturation for AACMFS as our young organization strengthens its fiscal footing, expands its international recognition and begins an evolutionary renewal of key management roles within the organization.

AACMFS at EACMFS in Munich

The AACMFS will make its debut at the European Association for Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery (EACMFS) at their 24th Congress in Munich, September 18-21. Our Guest Symposium is tentatively slated for Thursday, Sept 20th and will focus on oncology. Although the spectrum of clinical interest of the academy is much broader than just oncology, the board's assessment was that we currently have our best science in this area and that our impact in Munich would be maximized by a symposium on this topic. Our speakers include Brent Ward, "Recent Advances in Risk Assessment for Neck Dissection and Adjuvant Therapy in Oral Cancer;" Bryan Bell, "Recent Advances in Immunotherapy for Head and Neck Cancer;" and Chi Viet, "What Patients Teach Us About the Complexity of Oral Cancer." I will give a brief introduction entitled, "AACMFS – Who are We?"

Annual Meeting

Preparations for our 7th annual meeting are nearing completion as we prepare to sort through the last-minute onslaught of abstract submissions. Feedback from our 2017 Pittsburgh meeting requested more time for discussion after each paper, which will be done, but this must be balanced with the number of very interesting papers submitted. Our two keynote speakers, Cynthia Morris, PhD, MPH and John D. Bradley, MDiv, DHL are very experienced in the art of candidate assessment, but in very different ways. Cindy's background is in the area of medical school and residency applicant assessment while John began in the field of discerning who among young ministers would be able to "plant" a successful new church. There will be much to learn in their back-to-back presentations.

Transition of AACMFS Management

In a process that we hope will be so seamless as to go unnoticed by the Academy membership, we have begun a transition of the management of AACMFS to relieve the capable hands and strong backs of Julie Kneedler and John Helfrick. Last year, Julie sold her management company, Pfiedler Enterprises, to AORN, but has carried on in managing AACMFS as her sole client. Julie enjoys travel and would like to retire. John Helfrick, our Founding Executive Director, and 1st recipient of the Distinguished Fellow Award in 2017, made his first attempt at retirement in 2016, but stayed on to facilitate the changeover to our new exec, Brent Ward. We are now progressively transitioning our management to Professional Association Management, Inc. PAMI has strong ties to our specialty and a long history of managing state OMFS societies as well as several medical organizations. Hank Holderfield and his team at PAMI are currently assuming the general management of AACMFS and following our 2019 meeting in San Antonio, PAMI will also organize and manage our annual meetings. Thank you Julie and John for your strong efforts on behalf of AACMFS and welcome Hank Holderfield!

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**2018 American Academy of
CranioMaxillofacial Surgeons
Annual Meeting**

and

Scientific Program

May 4 – 5, 2018

**The Nines Hotel
Portland, Oregon**

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM
Friday and Saturday, May 4–5
Culture & Fashion Ballroom

BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, May 5
Culture Ballroom

This activity is jointly provided by Medical Education Resources and the AACMFS

Planned and Developed by Academy Members of the AACMFS



Highlights

Incorporated in 2012, the AACMFS is a member based society of distinguished academic and practicing surgeons. The Academy’s goal is to provide an engaging platform to address the spectrum of practice in managing cranio-maxillofacial pathology; that is, from education to research, clinical practice to organizational aspects impacting patient care. Assessing the various components and dynamics of practice can provide strategies and tools for addressing the demands of cost and evidence based driven care.

The 2018 Annual Meeting features:

- ◆ Leading-edge, innovative research in CMF by Academy Fellows:
 - ❖ Pediatric CMF and Orthognathic Surgery
 - ❖ Head and Neck Oncology
 - ❖ Trauma Surgery
 - ❖ Reconstruction
 - ❖ Education, Training and Research
- ◆ Highly interactive discussions around the subject of each abstract
- ◆ Two keynote speakers who will focus on the assessment and utilization of innate skills to maximize professional performance and fulfillment:



Cynthia Morris, PhD, MPH

Dr. Morris is Professor and Vice Chair of Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology. She will present avant-garde approaches for evaluating innate talents of medical professionals for career and job placement.



John D. Bradley, MDiv, DHL

Possessing a Doctorate of Humane Letters from Faith Evangelical Seminary, Dr. Bradley will offer insights and tools for developing career master.

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, MAY 4

- 7:00 am–5:30 pm** **Scientific Meeting**
- 6:00–7:30 pm** **Reception**
Departure Lounge
The Nines Hotel

SATURDAY, MAY 5

- 7:30 am–3:30 pm** **Scientific Meeting**
- 3:30 pm** **Scientific Meeting Adjourns**
- 3:30–5:30 pm** **Business Meeting –**
- 6:30–10:00 pm** **Black Tie Dinner**
Oregon Historical Society

*For prospective AACMFS Fellows wishing to attend:
Register by April 4th to receive the discounted tuition,
and secure the group’s hotel room rate.*

*For additional information or questions:
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About Us – Becoming a Fellow

The American Academy of Craniomaxillofacial Surgeons (AACMFS) is a select group of academic and hospital-based surgeons with demonstrable interest and achievement in the following general areas: head and neck surgery and oncology; reconstructive maxillofacial surgery; craniomaxillofacial trauma; sleep apnea surgery; and pediatric craniofacial surgery. **Fellowship in the AACMFS is by invitation.** Candidates for Fellowship in the Academy are nominated based upon their record of clinical scope of practice, research, and teaching in these areas.

The AACMFS was founded for the exchange of ideas and academic learning among those craniomaxillofacial surgeons who have dedicated their careers to academic or hospital-based practice. The Academy strives to encourage the continued performance of major hospital-based oral maxillofacial surgery. The organization provides a forum where exchange of information can occur and encourages the continued spread of knowledge. Furthermore, the AACMFS is an organization where mentorship and fellowship among like-minded surgeons can be experienced in an intimate setting.

“Active Fellow” is the primary membership category in the AACMFS. To be an active fellow, a candidate must be certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery or the Canadian equivalent, and must have practiced oral and maxillofacial surgery for at least two years after residency. The candidate’s practice must have a substantial portion of major, hospital-based surgical procedures and a **one year** case log is required with the application.

“Post Graduate Member” is a category that provides an avenue for early career surgeons interested in major surgery to become a part of the AACMFS before they are eligible for active fellowship. *Post Graduate Membership* is available upon completion of residency.

“Associate Fellow” is a non-voting membership category that allows for other surgical specialties, foreign colleagues and non-medical/surgical disciplines to join the Academy and attend meetings.

Three membership categories are assigned by the board to special individuals in the specialty and the Academy. **“Emeritus Fellows”** are active fellows who have retired from practice. **“Honorary Fellows”** are those who have had notable careers in craniomaxillofacial surgery but may otherwise be ineligible for active fellowship. **“Distinguished Fellow”** is a distinction given an individual who has contributed greatly to the specialty and the AACMFS.

If you are interested in becoming an Active Fellow or Post Graduate Member of the AACMFS, please contact a current Active Fellow (see membership on our website) to request sponsorship from that individual. Your sponsor will contact the AACMFS and application materials will be sent to you. Your sponsor can help you with the application if needed. He or she will also send a letter of recommendation to the Board. Upon receipt of your application materials, the Board of Directors will review your application materials, and if approved, you will be nominated by the board. You will be voted on by the Active Fellows at the next annual meeting.

Steps for Application:

- 1** The Sponsor should email the name and email address of the candidate to the AACMFS Executive Secretary, Julie Kneedler at julie@AACMFS.org
- 2** An application will be sent to the candidate.
- 3** The candidate must electronically submit a completed application, CV and case log to the corporate office (julie@AACMFS.org).
- 4** Once the application is returned, it will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for review.
- 5** When approved by the Executive Committee, the application is sent to the Board of Directors.
- 6** If the application is approved, the nominee is notified that they have met the criteria and are invited to the AACMFS Annual Meeting.
- 7** All new nominees are presented to the full membership at the Annual Meeting.

Active Fellow

Post Graduate Member

Associate Fellow

Emeritus Fellow

Honorary Fellow

Distinguished Fellow

San Antonio



Save the Date

Mark Your Calendars for 2019 American Academy of Craniomaxillofacial Surgeons Annual Meeting

May 9-10, 2019

Omni La Mansion del Rio Hotel

San Antonio, Texas.

Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10



President Elect, Ed Ellis, III, DDS

Professor and Chair, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

San Antonio, Texas

Dr. Ellis welcomes all of the AACMFS Fellows to the beautiful city of San Antonio. The hotel is located on the famous River Walk. The San Antonio River Walk (also known as Paseo del Río or simply as the River Walk) is a city park and network of walkways along the banks of the San Antonio River, one story beneath the streets of San Antonio. The Thursday night reception will be at the Ácenar...one of the largest and most innovative contemporary Mexican restaurants and bars on the River Walk. The Black-Tie Dinner will be on Friday, May 10 at the Briscoe Western Art Museum's Jack Guenther Pavilion.

