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President's Message

Darrel S. Brodke, MD



I hope you have enjoyed a great year so far. It is hard to believe my tenure as president is already halfway over. As the Summer winds down, the excellent work of the organization continues – thanks to the expertise and strong commitment of all of our Board members, committee chairmen and their dedicated committee members. We have a fantastic new executive director, Kerri Mink, who I am excited for you to meet. She is fully engaged in all aspects of our Society. As we head into Fall, activities continue to ramp up especially in anticipation of our Instructional Course and Annual Meeting at The Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood, Florida, in November.

Michael Daubs and his instructional course committee have put together a great agenda for our Instructional Course Program. This includes topics on cervical trauma, degenerative cervical disorders, tumor and deformity, complications: best practice management and master surgical techniques, tips and pearls. The ICL program takes place on Wednesday, November 29th. Registration and our ICL program is on the [website](#).

Thursday, November 30th will kick off the Annual Meeting which runs through Saturday December 2nd. Under the direction of the Program Committee Chair, Louis Jenis, the committee has selected another fantastic series of papers and posters for the program. For this year's presidential guest speaker, I have selected Col. Lynn Scheel, USAF. Col. Scheel is the Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Detachment 200 and Professor of Aerospace Studies at Purdue University. His speech will address common threads between surgery and military aviation. You will not want to miss it!

Additional Annual Meeting highlights will include case presentations and industry workshops. You can find out more information including the updated program and schedule on the [website](#). We will update this as new information becomes available. If you have further questions, the CSRS staff can help address these for you.

Outside of the planning of the Instructional Course and Annual Meeting, Zo Ghogawala and the 3 research subcommittees are midway through the research grant cycle. They have reviewed LOIs and are now reviewing full grant submissions culminating in the selection of the winners of the \$100,000 Medtronic, \$75,000 21st Century, \$25,000 Seed Starter and the \$15,000 Resident Fellow Grants. *(continued on page 2)*

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President's Message (cont.)

The deadline for membership applications is drawing near. If you have colleagues that are interested in becoming a member of CSRS, please encourage them to review the membership criteria and submit an application by September 15th. Tim Garvey and his committee will review applications.

As was talked about at the Board Meeting in the spring, we are also proposing to move forward with a new category of membership – Candidate Membership. Candidate membership will be proposed to include individuals from North and South America who show an active interest in disorders of the cervical spine (Neurologist, Radiologist, Orthopedic and Neurologic Surgeons, etc). Eligible individuals shall be within five (5) years of completing their training program and be Board eligible. If this category is approved, applications will be available in 2018.

This is just a highlight of the activity happening at CSRS. For newer members, I encourage you to get involved. Participating in committees is a great way. Seek out society leadership at the next meeting and express any interest that you might have!

I hope to see you all in November!

Col. Lynn Scheel Slated as Henry H. Bohlman Guest Lecture

CSRS is honored to have Colonel Lynn I. Scheel as the Henry H. Bohlman Presidential Guest Lecturer at the CSRS 2017 Annual Meeting, on Nov 30th, in Hollywood, Florida.

Col. Scheel is the Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Detachment 220 and Professor of Aerospace Studies at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. The mission of Det 220 is to “inspire, develop, and commission Purdue University cadets as United States Air Force officers who are ready to lead Airmen and meet our Nation’s security challenges.” Prior to his current assignment, Col. Scheel was the Air Force Senior Service Representative and Faculty Instructor at the US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.



Col. Scheel received his commission as an ROTC distinguished graduate from Purdue University in 1989. He was a distinguished graduate from undergraduate pilot training at Williams AFB, Arizona in 1991, and graduated F-16 training at MacDill AFB, Florida in 1992.

During a career that includes four overseas assignments and six combat deployments, he has served as an F-16 instructor pilot and flight examiner, flight commander, F-16 squadron and wing weapons officer, operations officer, fighter squadron commander, strategy division chief, and vice wing commander. Col. Scheel is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School and the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies. He is a command pilot with more than 2,800 flying hours, including more than 500 combat hours over Iraq, Bosnia, and Serbia.



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Submit Your Nominations

Deadline August 31

FINAL CALL

Submit your Officer Nominations for Vice President and Treasurer

Current officers are:

Darrel S. Brodke, MD – President

Jeffrey C. Wang, MD – President Elect

Alexander Vaccaro, MD, PhD – Vice-President

Christopher I. Shaffrey, MD – Treasurer

Please submit nominations to csrs@aaos.org by Thursday, August 31.

CSRS Announces New Executive Director

We are pleased to announce that Kerri L. Mink has been named the new Executive Director of CSRS after Peggy Wlezien's retirement in May.

Kerri comes to us from the American Brain Tumor Association where she served over 20 years in a variety of capacities — most recently overseeing operations. She can be reached at mink@aaos.org.

Welcome Kerri!



Carol Swift, Coordinator for CSRS and FOSA, Retires

After 19 years of service, Carol Swift is retiring at the end of September. Carol has grown over the years into a valuable member of the CSRS and FOSA teams.

Carol's major accomplishments include independently handling all aspects of FOSA's Specialty Day programming and procedures, supporting an expanded CSRS grants program that has more than tripled the amount of funds granted annually, and coordinating the CSRS's first industry related workshop programming which has brought in non-dues revenue to the Society.

She will be missed!



SAVE the DATE

The CSRS 23rd Instructional Course and 46th Annual Meeting will be held at The Phoenician, Scottsdale, Arizona, December 5-8. Abstract submission will open Spring of 2018.





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Membership Application Deadline September 15

If you have colleagues or friends at your institutions or practices, please consider recommending them for CSRS membership. The criteria is listed below.

Active Membership Criteria:

- Demonstrated interest in the cervical spine
- Advanced degree for nonclinical specialists or Board Certification for clinical specialists
- Three letters of recommendation from CSRS members
- Attendance of at least one of the CSRS US Section Annual Meetings prior to consideration of your application

Author or co-author on a paper or poster presented at one US Section CSRS Annual Meeting prior to consideration of your application.

Corresponding Membership Criteria:

- Practice outside the United States, Canada and South America
- Demonstrated interest in the cervical spine
- Advanced degree for nonclinical specialists or Board Certification for clinical specialists
- Three letters of recommendation from CSRS members

Attendance of at least one of the CSRS US Section Annual Meetings prior to consideration of your application.

**Presentation of a paper at an Annual Meeting is not a pre-requisite for Corresponding membership consideration.*

Visit the CSRS [website](#) for additional information.

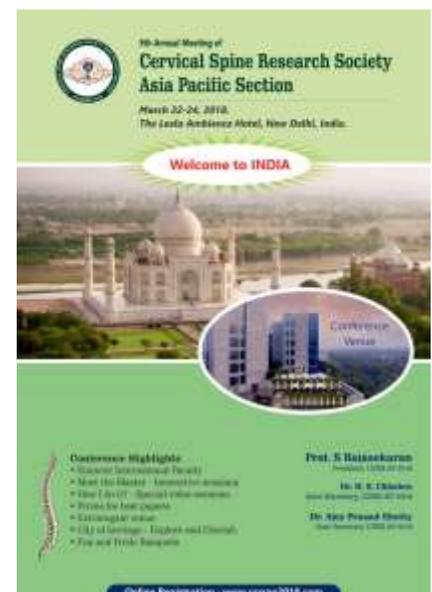
CSRS AP to Hold Annual Meeting In New Delhi, India

CSRS Asia Pacific Section

The Cervical Spine Asia Pacific Section will hold its 9th Annual Meeting at The Leela Ambience Hotel, New Delhi, India, March 22 - 24, 2018.

Conference highlights include: Eminent International Faculty, Meet the Master - Interactive Sessions, How Do I Do It? - Special Video Sessions, and Awards for Best Papers.

Additional information and online registration can be found at: www.crsap2018.com.





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Board Proposes Bylaws Amendment

At the CSRS Board of Directors meeting held on March 15, 2017 in San Diego, discussion took place regarding the addition of a CSRS Candidate Membership category. This new category would address the gap that exists from the time a surgeon completes his or her training and the time they become Board Certified.

It was agreed that it is important to engage physicians in professional associations earlier rather than later when young clinicians are more likely to become actively involved. The addition of a Candidate Membership category would also certainly increase the number of Neurosurgical applications since Neurosurgeons must currently wait five years for Board certification after completion of training.

After much discussion, it was agreed that CSRS incorporate a Candidate Membership into its membership structure. This involves a Bylaws change which must be voted on by the general membership at the December 1, 2017 Members' Business Meeting at the Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, Florida. The proposed amendment is below.

Candidate Membership

Shall include individuals from North and South America who show an active interest in disorders of the cervical spine. Individuals shall be within 5 years of completing their training program and be Board eligible. Upon completion of Board Certification, Candidate Members are required to apply for full Active Membership.

Candidate Members have no voting rights and are not eligible to hold office. Attendance at a CSRS meeting is required within 3 years.

CSRS Requests Bohlman Fund Donations

CSRS seeks your help in increasing the Henry Bohlman Memorial Endowment Fund that covers the cost of the annual meeting speakers. In order to continue to get quality speakers in the future, we need your help.

Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to the [Henry Bohlman Educational Fund](#). If considering a pledge, please [download our PDF form](#) from our website.

CSRS Mission Statement

The Cervical Spine Research Society is a multidisciplinary organization that provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and promotes clinical and basic science research of the cervical spine. The organization values collegial interaction and strong scientific principles.