Associate Fellows Elected

The following members of the Aerospace Medical Association have achieved Associate Fellow status and were approved by the Executive Committee: Rebecca Baczkuk; Priti Bhatt; Woodward Cannon; Elizabeth Caststevens; Tarah Castleberry; Mark Flanagan; Roger Hesselbrock; Deborah (Helen) Hoar; Stephen Houston; Joseph Hudson; Thomas Jarnot; Richard Kipp; Arthur Kreitenberg; Hay Tung Lau; Carla Ledderhos; Nathan Maertens; John Miles; Daniel Murray; Mark Nassir; Thomas Sather; William Scheeler; Michael Seah; and Robert York.

News of Members

Eileen Hadbavny, R.N., NC, was recently named as one of five Citizen Honor Award winners by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. She will be recognized in a ceremony on National Medal of Honor Day, March 25, 2016, at Arlington National Cemetery. Lt. Col. (Ret.) Hadbavny is being recognized for her lifetime of service in support of veterans through her volunteer work with the Red Cross, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion. She served as an Air Force Reserve flight nurse for 28 years. She is a Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) and the recipient of the 1995 Mary T. Klinker Award. She is a former President of the Aerospace Nursing Society and has served on AsMA’s Bylaws, Nominating, Registration, and Scientific Program Committees. For more information on the 2016 Citizens Honor Award finalists, please visit http://www.cmohfoundation.org/#honorees/c10wz.

Tom Travis, Lt. Gen. (Ret.), USAF, recently became Senior Vice President of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Starting in June, he will manage the university’s San Antonio branch campus. Dr. Travis retired from the military in August 2015, where he had served as the Air Force Surgeon General and had been on active duty for more than 38 years. Dr. Travis is a Fellow of AsMA and was the recipient of the Julian E. Ward Memorial Award in 1994 and the Marie Marvingt Award in 2007. To read more about Dr. Travis’ new position, please see http://www.health.mil/News/Articles/2016/01/05/Former-Air-Force-surgeon-general-named-as-new-Uniformed-Services-University-senior-vice-president.

New Members

Alashkar, Fadi M., M.D., South Hackensack, NJ
Boyle, Michael J., New Haven, CT
Byrne, Matthew C., Capt., FS, USAF, Mary Esther, FL
Coghlan, Michael E., Dr., Biloxi, MS
Davis, W. Sumner, Dr., Oakland, ME
DeWeese, Richard L., Oklahoma City, OK
Harris, Mary Jane F., Lt. Col., ANG, Princeton, NJ
Harwell, Sonya B., Maj., Ft. Rucker, AL
Hsieh, I-hun, M.B., Ch.B., Dayuan District, Taoyuan, Taiwan
Keskinyan, Vahakn Shant, B.S., Winston-Salem, NC
Knops, Michael, Dr., Berlin, Germany
Leahy, Martin, M.D., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Mullins, Jessica, CPT, USA, D.O., Pensacola, FL
Nelson, Jeffrey G., Maj., Albuquerque, NM
Nelson, William T., Dr., Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
Ong, Karen, New York, NY
Opresko, Christianne, Maj., Fort Walton Beach, FL
Pandya, Shawna, Dr., Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada
Peterson, Alan L., Ph.D., San Antonio, TX
Richards, Cherie Ann, Capt., USAF, Beavercreek, OH
Scott, Andrew W., Chapel Hill, NC
Silva-Martinez, Jackelyyne, MSC, East Hartford, CT
Sjobrend, Haakon, Maj., Skedsmokorset, Norway
Sousek, Reid, M.D., Menasha, WI
Tipping, Robert D., Wg. Cdr., FRCA, RAF, Carmarthen, United Kingdom
Vasadi, Lucas J., Stony Brook, NY
Wiseman, Michael A., Warton, United Kingdom

UVM MEDX

Space Medicine Explorers Association

Guest Speaker Event

Space Medicine Explorers Association, an aerospace medicine student interest group at University of Vermont College of Medicine, is hosting a guest speaker event with STS-90 Neurolab mission astronaut Jay Buckey, M.D., on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Dr. Buckey will talk about Mars exploration and human health in space, followed by a Q&A session. This event is sponsored by Vermont Space Grant Consortium and UVM College of Medicine. Contact Clare Park at Clare.Park@med.uvm.edu for more information.

MEDX exists to inspire and facilitate research at the intersection of two frontiers: Space and Medicine. They strive to advance aerospace medicine through disseminating knowledge and research, promoting student interest, and presenting career opportunities in the field. They host events such as guest lectures from aerospace medicine physicians and researchers, discussions of various space medicine topics, and field trips to research facilities.

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Mayo Clinic Opens Lung Transplant Program

Mayo Clinic in Arizona has opened its lung transplant program and has completed two lung transplants, a milestone that now completes Mayo’s comprehensive solid organ transplant program, with ability to provide heart, kidney, pancreas, liver, and now lung transplants. Mayo received approval by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) to launch a lung transplant program that will treat patients with serious pulmonary disorders, with the goal being to improve their longevity and quality of life. The lung transplant program is led by Octavio Pajaro, M.D., Ph.D., surgical director, and Ramachandra Sista, M.D., medical director. Together they lead a multidisciplinary team that also includes specialists in nursing, immunology, social work, respiratory therapy, pharmacy, dietary, transplant infectious diseases and other disciplines.

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NIOSH Releases Alert on the Dangers of Tank Gauging

A new hazard alert from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) identifies health and safety risks to oil and gas industry workers who manually gauge or sample fluids on production and flowback tanks. It was triggered by a series of preventable deaths related to manual gauging of tanks. The new alert, Health and Safety Risks for Workers Involved in Manual Tank Gauging and Sampling at Oil and Gas Extraction Sites, provides specific recommendations for employers that will protect workers from hazards associated with opening tank hatches to manually gauge or sample hydrocarbon levels. The recommendations fall into three main categories: engineering controls, work practices, and personal protective equipment. The alert highlights research from both NIOSH and OSHA which has shown that workers at oil and gas extraction sites may be exposed to very high concentrations of hydrocarbon gases and vapors. These activities can also result in oxygen-deficient environments, which can cause loss of consciousness and death. This alert is a supplement to the OSHA Alliance Tank Hazard Alert that was released in 2015 by the National Service, Transportation, Exploration and Production Safety Network.

To read more about this, please see http://newsroom.mayoclinic.org/discussion/mayo-clinic-in-arizona-opens-lung-transplant-program/ for more information on this.

AOPA Endorses Draft Safety Equipment Policy

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) is endorsing a draft Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) policy that would make it easier to install non-required safety enhancing equipment (NORSEE) in existing general aviation aircraft. AOPA issued the endorsement in formal comments filed in response to a draft policy statement on “approval of NORSEE.” The association noted that making it easier to install safety equipment is a reasonable expansion of existing FAA policy and can help reduce loss of control accidents, which account for 40 percent of fatal GA accidents. The draft policy is aimed at standardizing the approval process for installing NORSEE based on the premise that the equipment offers safety benefits that outweigh the potential risks. This includes equipment such as a traffic, weather, or terrain advisory systems; attitude indicator; and production safety network.

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United: United Airlines recently applauded the historic signing by representatives of the United States and Cuba governments of a formal arrangement to reinstate air service between the two countries. United intends to apply to offer service between some of its global gateways and Havana and, assuming service is approved, United customers will benefit from United’s expanded global route network. To read more about this, please see http://newsroom.united.com/2016-02-16-United-Airlines-Celebrates-Historic-Arrangement-between-US-and-Cuban-Governments.

SAA: South African Airways (SAA) became the official airline partner of the 2016 Investing in African Mining Indaba*, which took place in February in Cape Town. The annual African Mining Indaba is a gathering where investors, financiers, governments, mining executives and other industry stakeholders from 100 countries come together for unparalleled insights and deal-making of Pan-African mining opportunities. For more on this, please visit http://www.flysaa.com/us/en/flyingSAA/News/Mining.html.

Baxter: Baxter International Inc. announced that it will present at the 36th Annual Cowen and Company Healthcare Conference on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. The live webcast of Baxter’s presentation can be accessed from the Baxter corporate website at www.baxter.com and will be available for replay through May 9, 2016. To find out more about this, please see www.baxter.com/news-media/newsroom/press-releases/2016/02-16-16-cowen.page.

ALPA: The Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA International), recently issued a statement regarding the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization markup by the House Transportation Committee. The bill will include an amendment that would mandate secondary barriers on all new commercial aircraft, something that ALPA is pleased with. To read the statement, please visit http://www.alpa.org/news-and-event/news-room/2016-02-11-statement-on-house-faa-reauth-markup.
Air Canada to Purchase Bombardier C Series

Air Canada announced that it has entered into a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Bombardier Inc. for the acquisition of up to 75 Bombardier CS300 aircraft powered by Pratt & Whitney PurePower® PW1500G engines as part of its narrow body fleet renewal plan. The LOI contemplates 45 firm orders plus options to purchase up to an additional 30 aircraft and includes substitution rights to CS100 aircraft in certain circumstances. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in late 2019 and extend to 2022. The first 25 aircraft on delivery will replace Air Canada’s existing mainline fleet of Embraer E190 aircraft, with the incremental aircraft supporting Air Canada’s hub and network growth, creating one of the world’s youngest, most fuel efficient airline fleets. The acquisition of the C Series aircraft represents a key element of Air Canada’s narrow body fleet renewal program and complements the acquisition of 61 Boeing 737 MAX aircraft announced in December 2013 to replace the larger end of the airline’s mainline narrow body fleet.

—Please see http://aircanada.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=43&item=984 to read more about this.

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For more, visit: http://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/designees_delegations/designee_types/ame/seminar_schedule/.

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April 29-May 4, 2017
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May 6-10, 2018
Hilton Anatole Hotel; Dallas, TX

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CAMA Sunday

Sunday, April 24, 9 AM to 12 PM
Theme: “Updates on Thromboembolic Disease: Aeromedical Implications & Review of New Anticoagulants”
Speakers: Dr. Rob McBane, Mayo Clinic Vascular Center, Rochester, MN, and Dr. Warren Silberman, President-Elect, Civil Aviation Medical Association, Oklahoma City, OK

Meetings Calendar

March 8, 2016; Annual Royal Aeronautical Society Aerospace Medicine Symposium: Infectious Diseases, Air and Space Travel; London, UK. This symposium will explore issues related to infectious diseases, including aeromedical evacuation, airline passengers, and space. Learn more at http://www.aerosociety.com/Events/Event-List/2034/ Aerospace-Medicine-Symposium-2016.

March 14-18, 2016; 2016 Ramstein Aerospace Medicine Summit (RAMS 16) & NATO STO Technical Course; Ramstein Air Base, Germany. For more information, please see https://www.asma.org/annual-meetings/2016-ramstein-aerospace-medicine-summit-(rams-16).

March 15-17, 2016; Space2016: ICAO/UNOOSA Symposium 2016; Rosewood Hotel, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Please visit http://www.icao.int/Meetings/SPACE2016/Pages/default.aspx for more information or to register.


May 9-10, 2016; ICAO RPAS and Remote ATS Symposium; Stockholm, Sweden. This symposium aims to advance the understanding of remotely piloted aircraft systems and remote air traffic services. For more information or to register, please visit http://www.icao.int/Meetings/Remotetech/Pages/default.aspx.

May 17-19, 2016; Humans to Mars Summit; George Washington University; Washington, DC. For more info & to receive the AsMA registration discount, register at http://H2M.exploremars.org and enter the promotional code found in the Members Only Section of AsMA’s website under Member Announcements.