We are pleased to announce that our ‘Slate’ of Officers and Committee Chairs and Deputy Chairs for 2019-20 is now well-populated. We are excited to welcome a number of new appointees who are already making a great contribution. The full list can be found at: http://asmaafg.org/2019-20-afg-slate/.

There is a small number of remaining vacancies (Deputy Chairs for the Informatics, Merchandising and Receptions Committees). We are happy to accept self-nominations for these positions online through a Google Form: https://forms.gle/8PDrdMbpepeV9K647.

This is a new innovation, and we hope that it will make it easier for people to self-nominate. If things go smoothly, we will also roll this out for the annual “Call for Nominations”.

AFG News

All our news updates are posted on our AFG website Blog http://asmaafg.org/blog and also on Facebook and Twitter (please follow us!): https://www.facebook.com/groups/AsMAAssociateFellowsGroup and https://twitter.com/AsMA_AFGroup

2019 AsMA Annual Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas

At the AFG Breakfast we inducted 16 new AFG members and presented our Awards. For the new AFG members see: http://asmaafg.org/new-associate-fellows/. For the Awards and presentation photographs see: http://asmaafg.org/service-awards-congratulations-to-all-the-recipients/.

Two days later during Honors Night the majority of the new Fellows came from the AFG, including several members of our Committee and past Officers and Chairs: See the blog for more information: http://asmaafg.org/new-fellows-from-the-afg/.

2019-20 Slate of Officers and Chairs, and remaining vacancies
2020 AsMA Annual Scientific Meeting, May 18-21, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta

This year’s theme is “Optimizing Human Performance via Selection and Training”.

The call for abstracts (slides, Panels, Workshops, posters) for the 2020 AsMA Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta has now opened (see the recent email from AsMA): https://asma-abstracts.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/main/home. You can log in using your AsMA username and password. To read more about Call for Papers, go to: http://www.asma.org/scientific-meetings/asma-annual-scientific-meeting/call-for-papers. The deadline is November 1, 2019.

The AFG Scientific Program Committee is looking at sponsoring a Panel, and the following general topics have been suggested:

1. Current limitations on surgery (and anaesthesia) in space (mass, power, volume, logistics, training, screening and prevention, risk assessment, alternative management algorithms, etc.)

2. Space Tourism (pitfalls and challenges, including management of trauma and surgical care, and screening/selection and training for “space participants”, etc.)

3. Safety and risk management in analogues vs space missions

4. Aeromedical frontiers with hypoxia (in aviation) – the past, present and future

5. Human performance optimization (aviation or aviation/space)

6. An evolving educational syllabus for aerospace medicine

Any AFG members interested in participating in one or more of these Panels are invited to complete the Google Doc Sign-Up Sheet (https://tinyurl.com/y4dgdgy6) so that the AFG Scientific Program Committee can ascertain the level of interest in each topic and determine if a cohesive Panel can be assembled (five speakers plus question/discussion time at the end). All abstracts for the Panel must be well-coordinated and related to the main theme of the Panel, and there must be a logical segue between the abstracts.

‘Brainstorming’ opportunity to reinvigorate the AsMA Fellows/Associate Fellows Reception and the Reception to Honor International Members

The Associate Fellows Group has been invited by Mr Jeff Sventek, AsMA’s Chief Executive Officer, to put forward suggestions as to how the Fellows/Associate Fellows Reception and the Reception to Honor International Members can be reinvigorated for the next AsMA meeting in Atlanta.

This is a special opportunity for AFG members to have a say in how these receptions are run in Atlanta (and beyond). We would like these two receptions to become inviting, valuable and enjoyable for AFG members. We are keen to hear your ideas, and invite you to submit them via the following Google Doc: https://tinyurl.com/yxc38ln2.