

NEWSLETTER

AsMA Associate Fellows Group

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_AFGGroup

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

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".





AsMA Scientific Program Committee Meeting, Alexandria, November 21, 2019

Keep an eye on your email for the informative AsMA monthly newsletters. The next meeting of the AsMA Scientific Program Committee will be on November 21 in Alexandria. Please consider attending, or alternatively volunteering to act as a 'remote reviewer' for abstracts.

For those planning to attend the AsMA SPC meeting and/or submit an abstract or who cannot attend and are willing to act as a session chair or co-chair, we will shortly be sending out a link to an online form to complete. This information will aid us in advocating for AFG members at the AsMA SPC meeting.

AsMA Education and Training Committee

AFG members are welcome to apply to join the AsMA Education and Training Committee, chaired by AFG Ellingson Award Committee Deputy Chair Dr Susan Fondy. The E&T Committee is one of the largest and most active committees in AsMA with nearly 30 active members, and a dozen different initiatives, ranging from STEM education, to gap analysis, to producing educational information for the website. The Committee always has something going on, so no "free lunch". AFG members will *earn* their point for committee membership in E&T. Please contact Susan via email if you are interested: srefondy@gmail.com.

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>.