

AsMA Rings in the New Year 2016

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2016 promises to be an exciting and productive year for AsMA. We are heavily into planning for our AsMA conference in Atlantic City, NJ, at the Harrah's convention center. Our annual meeting looks to be exciting, intellectually stimulating, and one of the best to date. Please attend this most important and valuable event!

SPACECOM: Our November 2015 AsMA Council meeting was held in Houston, TX, in order to leverage the first ever Space Commerce conference and exposition (SPACECOM). You may have seen their logo on our AsMA homepage as we are sponsors and a major exhibitor at this inaugural event. On 17-19 November, 2015, SPACECOM presented a powerful three-day event, engineered to fuel business innovation across the aerospace, medical, energy, transportation, maritime, communications, and advanced manufacturing industries. More than 75 industry visionaries, strategists, and experts were on the conference program, with hundreds of business applications of space technology and other innovations presented. At the end of SPACECOM, we had our midyear AsMA Council meeting where much of the heavy lifting of our organization was conducted. A hearty thanks goes out to all who have participated and continue to advance the art and science of aerospace medicine!

Open letter to those students interested in Aerospace Medicine: I would like to personally invite students to attend the 87th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA), 24-28 April 2016 in Atlantic City, NJ. The conference will be held in the new, state-of-the-art conference center at the Harrah's Resort Hotel. The annual meeting is a perfect opportunity to discover the excitement and challenges of the fields of aerospace medicine and human performance and to make connections with a network of dedicated professionals. Our Aerospace Medicine Student & Resident Organization (AMSRO) is a great resource to meet fellow students and exchange insights regarding training programs, research opportunities, and general career development (<http://www.asma.org/for-students-and-residents>). As President this year, I am dedicated to creating special opportunities for all students and residents to learn more about AsMA and to experience what the preeminent international organization for aerospace medicine and human performance has to offer. I recognize funding is tight for students and residents, so I've declared Monday the 25th of April to be a one-day FREE registration day for them. Monday attendance features the opening ceremonies, the Bauer lecture, and multiple scientific sessions. For more information, please see the website, <http://www.asma.org/annual-meetings/registration>. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and, if you decide to stay for the entire week, the

registration for students is only \$100. I encourage you to also consider becoming an AsMA member. Membership for students is only \$50 for the entire year and gives you easy electronic access to the Association's journal, *Aerospace Medicine and Human Performance*.

Events: AsMA is active, engaged, and involved with many international conferences / events:

16-19 July 2015, American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Annual House of Delegates in Chicago, IL. While at the AOA HOD as a seated delegate, valuable connections were made with the AOA President, House of Delegates, Council, as well as major student organizations, including the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA), Council of Student Government Presidents (COSGP), and Student Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (SAMOPS). The AsMA VP for Membership will work closely with ExCOM to ensure that we cultivate this seed corn for our future. AsMA also had representation at the annual **American Osteopathic Association (AOA) national convention from 17-21 October 2015 in Orlando, FL.**

20-24 September 2015, 63rd International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine, Oxford, UK. On behalf of AsMA, I presented a paper on Human Performance in High Reliability Organizations (HRO) and co-chaired a panel on Human Performance. Our AsMA Executive Director manned an AsMA table at the conference, answered numerous questions, renewed many memberships (including one life membership), and briefed the entire congress on the upcoming AsMA conference in Atlantic City. We had multiple side-bar conversations about the future of AsMA, and discussed the AsMA Pilot Mental Health position paper and developing the Aerospace Medicine Cochran study concept with Dr. Eilis Boudreau and Dr. David Gradwell. Multiple AsMA members participated in this event and represented our organization well.

On behalf of AsMA, I encourage you to continue your engagement and involvement. The nominations for the slate of AsMA officers are shaping up with another group of outstanding leaders. You are making a positive difference in advancing the art and science of our aerospace medical profession. Thank you again for all you do and keep up the great work!

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