

# News for you

American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons

## President's Message

John Callaghan, MD

I send my fall message to the Association with a heavy heart (due to the tragedy of September 11), and with great enthusiasm for our Organization and our future together. As President Bush has pointed out many times since September 11, we need to carry out our lives with even more spirit, conviction and purpose than we did prior to September 11. Although many fall meetings have been cancelled, our annual meeting in November will provide the avenue for all of us to get together for what has become the best scientific update on hip and knee surgery available in the country as well as a tremendous forum for discussion of the political and social issues that affect all of our practices and lives. With the widely publicized and unfortunate Sulzer acetabular component problem, it is essential that we jointly promote the tremendous advances we made in hip and knee reconstructive surgery over the last 3 decades. We must critically analyze our results which, in the past and in all likelihood will in the future, demonstrate the cost effectiveness and notable improvement in patient quality of life that our profession has provided. I encourage you to join me in Dallas in November to carry on in the spirit, conviction and purpose that has been suggested by President Bush.

Your Board has continued to communicate by conference call throughout the fall. With the disabandonment of the Categorical Hip and Knee Committee of the Academy, this Association, through the Committee structure, will become more involved in submitting instructional course and symposium applications to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons for their Annual Meeting. Any members with potential instructional course and symposium ideas or with the desire to participate should contact the Association office. In addition, the Membership Committee will be sending out a survey to see if the Association is meeting the needs of its members. We hope members will help in our recruitment drive targeting orthopaedic surgeons who performed adult reconstructive surgery fellowships but have not joined the Association.

I encourage all of you to contribute to the Orthopaedic Education and Research Foundation and the Orthopaedic Political Action Committee. Through education and research we can provide exemplary care for the arthritic hip and knee conditions affecting our patients. David Lovett and the Washington PAC Office have been incredibly supportive of our efforts.

Thanks again to all the Board members, Committee chairs, members and especially the members of the Association for allowing me to serve as your president. I am especially grateful to Julie Kahlfeldt and the Association for all of their hard work. Once again let's show our commitment to the spirit, conviction and purpose of the AAHKS by having a great meeting in November. See you in Dallas!!!

in Memorium



*We, at the AAHKS, extend our thoughts and prayers to those lost or injured in the devastating attacks to our country on September 11, 2001.*

*Keep in your prayers all the colleagues, friends and family effected by this tragedy.*

*We join our entire country in demonstrating that those who seek harm have only strengthened our will.*

2001  
 Annual Meeting  
 Dallas

November 9 - 11, 2001

Call to secure your reservation at this time—  
 there is still space available. 800/247-8900.



## 2001 Annual Meeting Schedule-at-a-Glance

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 1:00-5:00 pm Coding Education Seminar - *Commerce*  
 5:30-7:30 pm Welcome Reception – *Texas Grand Hall*  
 7:00-8:00 pm Problem Hip Case Presentations – *Commerce*  
 8:00-9:00 pm Problem Knee Case Presentations – *Commerce*

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 7:00-7:30 am Breakfast – *Texas Grand Hall*  
 7:30-8:00 am Business Meeting – *Commerce*  
 8:00-11:40 am General Sessions - *Commerce*  
     Total Hip Replacement  
     Total Knee Replacement  
     Hip-Osteonecrosis  
     Total Knee Replacement-Biomechanics & Function  
 11:40-12:20 pm Presidential Guest Speaker, Jonathan S. Skinner, PhD  
     Total Hip Replacement: The View from 30,000 Feet  
 12:20-1:20 pm Lunch-*Texas Grand Hall*  
 1:20-4:05 pm General Sessions – *Commerce*  
     Total Hip Replacement-Surgical Techniques  
     Total Knee Replacement-Knee Surgical Techniques  
     Polyethylene Wear-Measurements and Results  
 4:10-5:35 pm Symposia - *Commerce*  
     Computer Databases  
     Total Hip Replacement-Osteolysis

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 7:00-7:30 am Breakfast – *Texas Grand Hall*  
 7:30-8:10 am Symposia - Legal Advisory Committee – *Commerce*  
 8:10-8:25 am AAHKS Research Updates – *Commerce*  
     Follow-Up Care Patterns in TKA and THA  
     Sexual Activity Following Total Hip Arthroplasty  
 8:25-9:15 am General Session – *Commerce*  
     Total Hip Replacement-Revision Results  
 9:20-10:10 am Symposia - *Commerce*  
     Thromboembolic Disease-Prophylaxis & Complications  
 10:40 -12:40 pm General Sessions – *Commerce*  
     Hip Dislocation Prevention & Treatment  
     Total Knee Replacement Revision Results  
     Total Joint Replacement – Sepsis

### Letter from our Program Chair

The Education Committee has developed an exciting and informative education program for the 11th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons in Dallas, Texas, November 9-11, 2001. The program consists of a combination of 61 didactic paper presentations, four symposia, and 50 poster exhibits. The Education Committee was guided by the goal of including as many didactic paper presentations as possible while still incorporating the informative concept of symposia. Although 61 didactic paper presentations will be made, many excellent abstracts could not be accepted for oral presentation at the meeting. The 50 poster exhibits will be presented either on paper format or, for the first time, electronically. The symposia topics will include: I. Computer Databases; II. Osteolysis; III. Medicolegal Issues; IV. Thromboembolic Disease.

John Callaghan, MD has selected as his Presidential Guest Speaker, Jonathan S. Skinner, PhD, John French Professor of Economics at Dartmouth College whose topic will be "The View from 30,000 Feet." This promises to be an insightful view of the current medicoeconomic environment. David A. Lovett, JD will give a current legislative update from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons office in Washington, DC.

For the 5th straight year, Margaret Maley of KarenZupko & Associates presents her fast paced three-hour session on coding and will attempt to expand your knowledge to match your clinical skill set. Each year her course is customized to meet the needs of the AAHKS members.

On Friday, November 9, the traditional problem case presentation sessions will be held. These sessions have always been extremely popular and well attended. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own cases. The hip session, moderated by Lawrence Dorr, MD, will be held at 7 pm, and the knee session, moderated by James Rand, MD, will be held at 8 pm.

I am certain you will find the entire program stimulating and of value to you in your current practice. I am very appreciative of the efforts of the Education Committee, Drs. Douglas Dennis, Thomas Vail, David Ayers and Richard Santore who have assisted me in assembling the program. We all look forward to seeing you in Dallas on November 9-11, 2001.

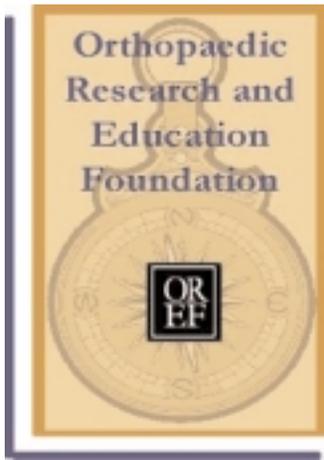
Richard E. White, Jr., MD  
 Program Chairman

**AAOS Information**

The Academy's Educational Programming Committee is seeking volunteers for the position of continuing medical education course chairs of its annual "Review and Update for Practicing Orthopaedic Surgeons" courses held in 2002 and 2003.

A two-year commitment is requested. There are two courses held each year in November and December. Those interested in assuming the role of course chair for one of the "Review and Update for Practicing Orthopaedic Surgeons" courses must provide the committee with their experience in planning a continuing medical education course and reasons why they believe they are well-suited for the position as course chair.

Submissions, which must be no longer than two pages, will not be returned. The course chair selection will be announced in November 2001. Submission deadline is October 31. Members can review the organization of the course on the Academy's web site, [www.aaos.org](http://www.aaos.org). Go to the Orthopaedic Campus in the Medical Education section, click on the Student Union building and then the link to the Academy's CME course listing. Send submissions to AAOS, Educational Programming Committee, 6300 N. River Road, Rosemont, Ill. 60018.



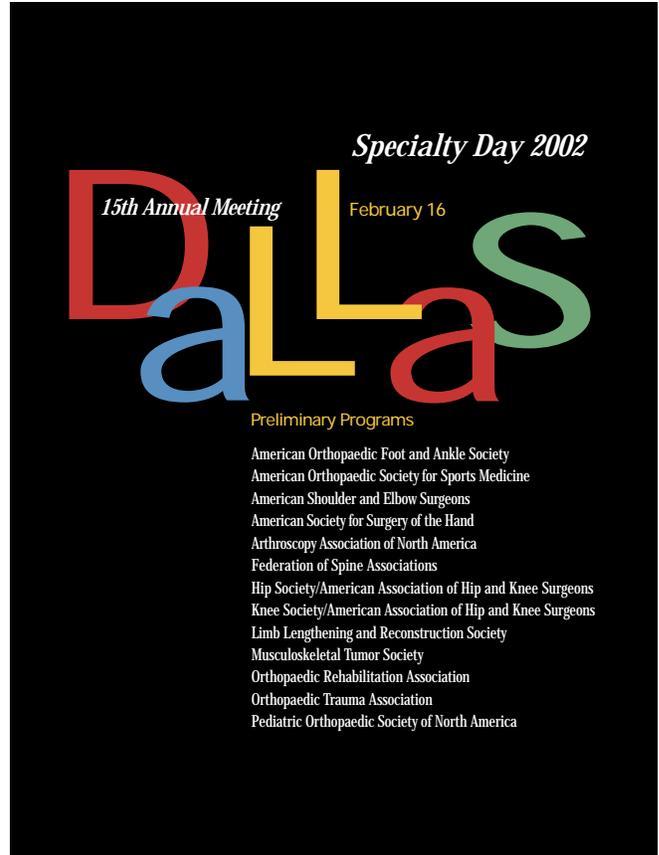
OREF and AAHKS thank you, our supporters, or your past and continued financial support of orthopaedic research and education. For the 2002 project year, OREF received requests for **\$13.9 million** for **over 200 grants**. Your contribution to OREF, designating AAHKS, is appreciated.  
**[www.oref.org](http://www.oref.org) (847) 384-4353**

Year by year designated contributions to AAHKS

1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	TOTAL
\$27,967	\$50,167	\$37,617	\$34,300	\$39,316	\$34,066	\$223,433

Year by year awards used by AAHKS

1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	TOTAL
0	\$27,967	0	0	\$15,000	\$114,919	\$157,886



The Specialty Day Preliminary Programs book for the AAOS Annual Meeting, February 16th, in Dallas is now available. You should all be receiving your copy of this book (cover pictured here) in the next several weeks. Make your plans now to be in Dallas in February for this outstanding Annual Meeting and Specialty Day.

Resulting from contributions in 2000, OREF funded 75 research and education projects for a total of \$2.9 million, while \$1.7 million was contributed to orthopaedic endowments managed by OREF. Through OREF's designated giving program, \$1.1 million was designated to sub-specialty societies. \$34,066 was designated to AAHKS through OREF in 2000.

Since 1996, OREF received 1,005 grant applications. In 2000, OREF funded three projects in the hip and knee sub-specialty.

To support OREF and designate AAHKS, please visit our secure web site at [www.oref.org](http://www.oref.org) or send your donation to OREF at 6300 N. River Road, Suite 700, Rosemont, Illinois 60018.

# AAHKS Membership

## Call to Action

**W**e hope that each of you value your membership in the AAHKS. The Board and various committees consistently strive to produce educational programs and relevant projects for our members. We welcome your input and ask that you send your comments about the meeting, scientific program, exhibits, or other projects to the office. We are here to serve you and will try our best to accommodate your reasonable requests.

The Board is truly committed to the members of the AAHKS. Robert Barrack, MD, Chairman of the Membership Committee has been charged with looking into the composition of our membership. The AAHKS represents the best of knee and hip specialists. Our members are ABOS certified and must be Active Fellows of the AAOS before they can be considered for membership.

We realize that there are many young orthopaedic surgeons who may not meet the membership requirements, but who would benefit from our experience and who could contribute to our overall success. The Board is asking each of you to carefully consider bringing your fellows or residents to the November meeting. It is a great way to showcase the excellence of the society's educational program, get these young doctors interested in the specialization of hip and knee surgery, and promote membership opportunities.

This is your society and the Board is asking you to commit to its future. Call the society office (847-698-1693) for information on registering your residents or fellows.



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