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## MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2009

The meeting was held at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

President James Alexander, MD, presided.

During the dinner, 29 guests were introduced, including 10 research residents who were guests of the Academy.

There were 22 Fellows in attendance.

### Scientific Program

The scientific program consisted of poster presentations by residents from the greater Philadelphia area surgical programs.

The program began with a set of seven oral poster presentations;

1. The first evaluation of poly(ADP-ribose)polymerase-1 expression as a clinically relevant pharmacological target in cancer cells (NA Bildzukewicz et al, Thomas Jefferson University)
2. Effect of hypoxic injury on the induction of nuclear factor kappa B activity and the role of resveratrol in the reversal of hypoxia-induced oxidative stress in human aortic vascular smooth muscle (C Diarra et al, Cooper University Hospital)
3. Is gastrectomy safe in the elderly? A single institution review. (ES Hager et al, Thomas Jefferson University)
4. Differentiation of adult stem cells into smooth muscle for vascular tissue engineering (LJ Harris et al, Thomas Jefferson University)
5. Pre-injury warfarin worsens outcome in elderly patients who fall from standing. (JL Howard et al, Lehigh Valley Hospital and Christiana Health Care System)
6. Infrared technology as a predictor of pathologic outcome in patients with suspicious imaging (JH Hughes et al, Bryn Mawr Hospital)
7. Alagille Syndrome: Outcome comparison of conservative treatment versus Kasai procedure (AJ Kaye et al, University of Pennsylvania)

All the presentations were well received and excellent informal discussion followed.

Following dinner, the scientific program continued with four podium presentations:

1. Initial experience with minimally invasive esophagectomy (MIE) at an academic institution: comparison between open and trans-hiatal (TH) approaches. (JChung et al, Thomas Jefferson University)
2. Do routine intraoperative cholangiograms during laparoscopic cholecystectomies significantly change intraoperative or postoperative management? (C Glanville et al, Lehigh Valley Health Network)
3. Adipose-derived leptin hormone impairs wound healing in obese, non-diabetic mice. (IJ Wagner et al, Temple University)
4. Intra-amniotic delivery of an adenoviral vector expressing TGF $\beta$ 3 rescues palatal fusion defect in TGF $\beta$ 3 null mice. (C. Wu et al, University of Pennsylvania)

A vigorous discussion followed each paper and the presenters were congratulated for the quality of their work and presentations.

### **Business Meeting**

President XXX announced that the scientific program for the next meeting on March 2, 2009 will be presented by Dr. Joel Cooper of the University of Pennsylvania.

Following the deliberations of a judging committee, Dr. Alexander announced that the prize for the best podium paper was awarded to Dr. Chadwick Wu from the University of Pennsylvania.

The following candidates for Fellowship were read for the first time:

Tricia Kelly, MD.

The following candidates for Fellowship were read for the second time and voted upon for Fellowship:

Vincent Armenti MD, PhD

Adam Berger, MD

Kristin Brill, MD

Cataldo Doria, MD, PhD

Jay Jenoff, MD

Eugene Kennedy, MD

Harish Lavu, MD

Gary Lindenbaum, MD

Niels Martin, MD

Pinkney Johnstone Maxwell, MD

John Moore, MD

Kenrie Murayama, MD

Bernadette Profeta, MD

Francis E. Rosato, Jr., MD

David Tichansky, MD

Aron Wahrman, MD

Benny Wekler, MD

All candidates voted upon were elected.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard H. Bell, Jr.", written in dark ink.

Richard H. Bell, Jr. M.D.  
Secretary