

Piedmont Orthopaedic Society Annual Meeting Update (2015)

The 63rd annual Piedmont Orthopaedic Society meeting returned to The Cloister at Sea Island, Georgia, for the 29th time after traveling abroad to Greece the year before. The cherished biennial location welcomed 81 members, 46 children, and a grand total attendance of 210. The meeting was also attended by five current Duke residents, including Andrew “Keola” Richardson, recipient of the John M Harrelson Chief Resident Teaching Award; Richard Rutherford and Kathleen Rickert, recipients of the Ralph Coonrad Pediatric Orthopaedic Traveling Fellowships; Jonathan Godin, inaugural recipient of the William T Hardaker, Jr Residents Fellowship; and Mitchell Klement, recipient of the William S Ogden Junior Resident Traveling Fellowship.

The meeting was held from May 6 to 9, 2015 and was a great success thanks to hosts Jean and Jerry Oakes and Gary and Yvette Lourie. The four-day scientific program featured presentations in all of the eight orthopaedic subspecialties, as well as sessions focusing on clinical applications and practical pearls. The finale of the scientific program was David C Urquia welcoming the 2015 Honored Guest—Robert S Adelaar (Duke Resident 1967). Adelaar helped to pioneer the Duke Orthopaedic Microsurgery and Replantation Team. Notably, he was one of the surgeons involved in the first successful replantation of an amputated thumb with Jim Urbaniak in 1973. He was selected as the Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at MCV in 2002 and continues to serve in this role. His speech “What about Bob?” was an inspiration to all in attendance.

The social program was equally as robust featuring beach and poolside activities, as well as the annual golf, fishing, and tennis tournaments. One of the highlights was record participation in the 6th Annual Texas Hold ‘em Fundraiser tournament organized by Robert Friedman. The social agenda and meeting were concluded with dinner, awards, and dancing to the memorable Papa Sol band. Duke attendings Michael Bolognesi and Grant Garrigues took home the coveted annual Kelley Award and Piedmont Pitcher respectively.

On behalf of the residents in attendance, I would like to thank the Piedmont Orthopaedic Society and the donors who made our trip possible. The comradery, legacy, and fellowship that we shared with current members during our time at Sea Island were the highlights of our residency experiences. We know that every resident who attends the meeting in the future will receive the same warm welcome. It will not be forgotten, and we look forward to returning as members in the future!



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