I appreciate the opportunity to serve as president of the Western Section and consider it a privilege to follow in the footsteps of the talented leaders who preceded me.

Among the many services the Western Section provides, the most important is informing and educating its members on the science and socio-economics of urology. The Western Section has consistently provided a wide variety of educational forums and venues from which we may learn. These include state-of-the-art lectures, integrative discussions, review courses, panel discussion from experts, case presentations, industry-supported exhibits with demonstrations and pamphlets, hallway discussions with colleagues, and perhaps even getting the full perspective of an expert’s lecture by talking to one of his or her former fellows. These are some of the myriad ways we learn as perennial students of the practice of medicine.

The exponential increase in the technology of information processing and transmission may initially seem to threaten the traditional medical meeting through online teaching, live chats and testing for CE credit, etc. I do not envision a future, however, where education is not most effective when personal contact with colleagues, teachers and students occurs at attractive venues.

Learning is most effective when there is ample opportunity to engage in one-on-one or small group discussions. During dinners and other social events the urologist can get candid remarks about the business of urology—whether about how they have worked with the hospital for ER call, the merits of robotics, or the benefit/risks of doing in-office pharmaceutical studies.

An environment conducive to learning should also be free from the seemingly endless tasks needing your attention in your office and home. By integrating many different modes of learning, the Western Section believes it is providing the best opportunity to efficiently and effectively bring your practice up to date.

Plan to come to the beautiful island of Maui. You’ll benefit from the broad spectrum of learning opportunities that the program committee, the socioeconomic committee, the arrangements committee and the DeSantis group are organizing. Oh, and while you are there, you and your family will have ample time to experience the magic of the islands.

Please read further on in the newsletter for information to plan your trip to Maui. I look forward to seeing you there!
MAUI, HAWAII Oct. 22–27, 2006

Science, Seminars and CME Education at the 82nd Annual Meeting

The Program Committee has begun to plan for the scientific session portion of the 82nd Annual Meeting in Maui. This year the meeting format changes to a 5-day (Sunday-Friday) format with half-day sessions. We use this format in Hawaii to allow opportunity for you to enjoy free time and the sights with your spouse and/or family. For those who wish to extend their education, there will be afternoon Postgraduate Review and Examination Preparation Courses (PREP-C) Monday-Wednesday. There will be poster sessions, DVD Session, Socioeconomics Forum and Practice Management Workshops on Sunday; Postgraduate Review and Examination Preparation Courses (Sports Day will occur simultaneously) on Monday; Scientific Sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday; Members’ Business Meeting, General and Scientific Sessions on Thursday; and Scientific Sessions and Round Table Program on Friday ending by 1 pm. The Exhibit Hall will be open Tuesday through Thursday.

Call for Paper Submissions

Abstracts may be submitted on-line at www.wsaua.org. The deadline for abstracts is June 19, 2006. You should receive the Call for Papers brochure soon. For those who presented last year in Vancouver, we appreciated your cooperation in sending your slides ahead of time; this reduced wasted time and any embarrassment at the podium. We strive to keep to a strict time schedule to start and end each session as listed in the program and allow every presenter their allotted time. So that is why we will again require that your presentation must be e-mailed or sent on a CD by the specified deadline or it will be subject to cancellation.

Postgraduate Review & Examination Prep Courses

This year Dr. John Corman has taken the helm of organizing PREP-Courses from Dr. Herbert Ruckle who did a fantastic job for the last two years. The aim of each review course is to prepare attendees for the in-service and board recertification examinations. This year the courses will feature: 1) Incontinence directed by Dr. Craig Comiter on Mon., Oct. 23, 8am – 12noon; 2) Prostate Cancer & Urethral Cancer directed by Dr. Mitchell Sokoloff on Mon., Oct. 23, 1-5pm; 3) Infectious Disease & Inflammatory Diseases directed by Dr. John Krieger on Tues., Oct. 24, 2:30-5pm. 4) Aging Male Sexual Dysfunction directed by Dr. Jacob Rajfer on Wed., Oct. 25, 2:30-5pm. Please make note of the dates and times to plan your schedule accordingly.

Opportunities for Recognition

Be sure to take advantage of the Western Section award opportunities. 1) Resident Scholarship Award: presented to one outstanding resident from each Western Section training facility provided the resident will attend the annual meeting and has been accepted to present at the annual meeting. 2) Poster Awards: presented to the outstanding posters presented for each moderated session. 3) Round Table Awards: presented to the outstanding presentations; and 4) Essay Awards: awards given to the top three resident and physician submitted essays. Information about the awards is on the website – www.wsaua.org.

Post-meeting stats on the Vancouver Annual Meeting

The annual meeting in Vancouver was tremendous. The scientific sessions provided valuable information, discussion and offered expert lectures by invited guest speakers. Among the 738 registered attendees were 340 physicians, 18 health professionals, 90 spouses/guests, 13 invited guest speakers, 252 exhibitors and 25 non-physician guests/staff. We again were fortunate to enjoy a wonderful location, perfect weather conditions, and an outstanding venue to hold the scientific meetings and exhibits. The Whistler Post-Meeting Educational Retreat was educationally-packed in the surrounding beauty of the mountains. We had approximately 125 attendees overall and 60 physician attendees at both the Aging Male and Female Urology educational courses.

Thank you for your participation, I look forward to seeing you all in Maui, October 22–27, 2006.

Section Welcomes 51 New Members

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MEETING STARS

FIRST PLACE ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS
Above left: Mark A. D’Etra, M.D. wins first place for the Mikey B. Wesson Resident essay contest. He is pictured with Larry Goldenberg, M.D., President and Fred Govier, M.D., Secretary.
Above right: Larissa Rodriguez, M.D. wins first place and third place for the Joseph F. McCarthy/Gyrus ACM essay contest.

ROUND TABLE WINNERS
The Badner Stegmann Award winners (left to right) are: John Brusky, M.D., Round Table Moderator; Larry Goldenberg, M.D., President; Chris Haug, M.D., John Brusky, M.D. and John Barry, M.D., Round Table Moderator.

Olympus Cystoscope Drawing
Below: William Boney, M.D. wins the Olympus cystoscope by his attendance at the annual meeting. He is presented the scope by Olympus representative, Marc Levinson, and pictured with Larry Goldenberg, President and Fred Govier, Secretary.

Hadley Award
Below: Siamak Daneshmand, M.D. wins the Hadley Award for his unique and bizarre paper; he is congratulated by Dean Hadley, M.D.

HADLEY AWARD
Dr. Anthony Middleton is awarded for his many years of leadership to be congratulated by Dean Hadley, M.D. M.D. wins the Hadley Award for Below:

SERVICE HONORS

Distinguished Member
Dr. Donald Martin was presented the honor of Distinguished Member for 2005. He is pictured with Dr. Larry Goldenberg, President and Dr. John Prince, Past President, who introduced him at the annual members’ business meeting and gave a historical background of Dr. Martin’s many contributions to urology.

40 Year Mark!
Frank and Eileen DeSantis are commended for their management of the Western Section AUA for 40 years along with their company team (and children), Kathy, Jeannie and Chris DeSantis. Dr. Larry Goldenberg presented the DeSantis’ with a commemorative crystal engraved award. Mr. DeSantis spoke of his many fond memories when he first began managing the section and to this day has thoroughly enjoyed working with the many associates and friends of the Western Section.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD
Dr. Anthony Middleton is awarded for his many years of leadership to the Health Policy Committee of the Western Section and AUA. He is presented the award by Dr. Jeffrey Kaufman, who has assumed the position as the Chairman of the Health Policy Committee.

SOCIOECONOMICS SERVICE AWARD
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WHISTLER RETREAT
The 125 attendees enjoyed the beautiful mountain scenery in Whistler as well as the two educational courses. Attendees were treated to a deluxe welcome reception as well as healthy breakfasts each morning. There was also a small golf tournament at the spectacular Whistler Golf Club.

WHISTLER COURSE FACULTY
Below left: The faculty of the Aging Male course are (left to right): R. Dale McClure, M.D., John C. Prince, M.D., Stacey Elliott, M.D., Larry Goldenberg, M.D., and Jay Lee, M.D.
Below right: The faculty of the Female Urology course are (left to right): Shlomo Raz, M.D., Lynn Stothers, M.D., Michael Allen, M.D., and Larissa Rodriguez, M.D.
POSTER SESSION AWARD WINNERS

OVERALL WINNERS
James L. Goebel Grand Prize Poster: $500 Prize

Second Place Poster Overall: $300 Prize
Maxim Signaevsky, M.D. (Paper #71) “Chronic Hypoglycemic Therapy in Type II Diabetes Causes Increased Prostate Cancer Incidence Due to Activation of Insulin- and- IGF-I Receptor Cross-Talk Signaling.” Maxim Signaevsky, M.D., Anne Kelly, M.D., Josh Greenberg, M.D., Nikita Ivanov, M.D., Michael E. Cox, M.D., Martin E. Gleave, M.D.: Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Third Place Poster Overall: $200 Prize

BEST OF SESSION WINNERS
Poster Session I:


Poster Session II:


Poster Session III

Second Place: Maxim Signaevsky, M.D. (Paper #71) “Chronic Hypoglycemic Therapy in Type II Diabetes Causes Increased Prostate Cancer Incidence Due to Activation of Insulin- and- IGF-I Receptor Cross-Talk Signaling.” Maxim Signaevsky, M.D., Anne Kelly, M.D., Josh Greenberg, M.D., Nikita Ivanov, M.D., Michael E. Cox, M.D., Martin E. Gleave, M.D.: Vancouver, BC, Canada.


Poster Session IV

Second Place: Timothy G. Wilson, M.D. (Paper #87) “Are All Minimally Invasive Prostatectomies Created Equal? Laparoscopic and Robotic Prostatectomy at the City of Hope Cancer Center.” Timothy G. Wilson, M.D., Mark H. Kawachi, M.D., Soroush A. Ramin, M.D., Rebecca Nelson, M.D., Laura E. Crocitto, M.D.: Duarte, CA.

Third Place: Harry Rittenhouse, M.D. (Paper #81) “High Evaluable Rate and Specificity of the Prototype Aptomir PCA3 Molecular Urine Test.” Leonard S. Marks, M.D., Craig Clark, M.D., Amy Blasé, M.D., Harry Rittenhouse, Ph.D., Sharon Bodrug, M.D., Eric Rasmussen, Ph.D., Jeanette Mathis, M.D., Jimmykin Phan, M.D., Zephyr Fors, M.D., Steven Brentano, Ph.D., Jack Groskopf, Ph.D.: Los Angeles, CA.

ROUND TABLE PROGRAM WINNERS
The Hadley Award - $500/Plaque: Siamak Daneshmand, M.D. (Paper #235) “Intraoperative Cervical Tumor Thrombus Embolization to the Right Atrium-Incidental Diagnosis by Transesophageal Echocardiography.”


Longest Paper: Andre Godet, M.D. (Paper #231) for the longest Round Table Presentation.

Prize Drawing Winners:
1st Prize: $400: Kathleen Kobashi, M.D.
2nd Prize $200: John Hansen, M.D.
3rd Prize $100: Timothy Masterson, M.D.
4th Prize $100: Bryan Hoff, M.D.
5th Prize $50: John C. Prince, M.D.
6th Prize $50: Oliver Campbell, M.D.
7th Prize $50: Larry Jones, M.D.

Gift Basket winners: Christopher Porter, M.D., Jerry Coles, M.D., John Scott, M.D.

OLYMPUS CYSTOSCOPE DRAWING WINNER
William Bonney, M.D., San Juan Capistrano, CA

GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS AT WHISTLER
There were 15 players who enjoyed the beautiful course at Whistler and had a lot of fun. Players included: Fred & Kathy Govier, Max & Karen Stearns, John & Sharla Scott, Ernie Sussman, Frank Splann, Harry Campbell, Kenneth Ring, Mark Fritzsche, Chris DeSantis, Jeannie DeSantis, and Roger Herring.

Low Gross: Max Stearns,M.D., Mark Fritzsche, M.D.
High Gross: Kathy Govier
Low Net: Frank Splann,M.D., Ernie Sussman, M.D.
Longest Drive: Roger Herring
Longest Putt: Frank Splann, M.D.

Closest to the Pin: Mark Fritzsche, M.D.

RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES
The Earl F. Nation Resident Scholarships were awarded to one outstanding Resident from each training facility. The recipients are: Joel Funk, M.D., Arizona Health Science Ctr. Lori Schlunt, M.D., Loma Linda Univ. Medical Center Shane M. Daley, M.D., Mayo Clinic Scottsdale Hernan O. Altamar, M.D., Naval Med. Ctr, San Diego James Loos, M.D., Oregon Health Sciences Univ. John Brusky, M.D., Southern California Kaiser Sameer Malhotra, M.D., Stanford University School of Medicine Sunita Broemling, M.D., University of Alberta Blayne Welk, M.D., University of British Columbia Sean Delair, M.D., University of California, Davis David S. Yee, M.D., University of California, Irvine John Leppert, M.D., University of California, L.A. Amir Arsanjani, M.D., Univ, of CA, San Diego Thomas X. Minor, M.D., Univ, of CA, San Francisco S. Scott Putman, M.D., Univ. of Utah School of Med. Jonathan L. Wright, M.D., University of Washington Medical Center
EXHIBIT HALL WINNERS

Tuesday
Log Rollers Card Drawing Winners:
Pod Shuffle: Oliver Campbell, M.D., Keith Lee, M.D.
Montéry Wine Set: Everett Hale, M.D., Michael deBerardino, M.D.
Canook Jersey: Danbin Li, M.D., Tarcisio Silva, M.D.
Native Carving: Paul Polishuk, M.D.
Lady's Watch: Roger Hadley, M.D., Mark Fritzler, M.D.
Lady's Sweater/Gloves: Roger Hadley, M.D.

Putting Challenge Winners:
1st Place: Paul Polishuk, M.D. - $100
2nd Place (tie): Dean Hayled, M.D. - $62.50
2nd Place (tie): Jim Porter, M.D. - $62.50

Trapshoot Contest Winners:
1st Place: Christopher Dechet, M.D. - $100
2nd Place: Miles Tashima, M.D. - $75
3rd Place: Paul Polishuk, M.D. - $50

Fishing Contest Winners:
Physicians: 1st Place: Jerry Coles, M.D. - $100
Guest Winner: Judith Veit

Wednesday
Log Rollers Drawing Card Winners:
Pod Shuffle: George deChet, M.D., Greg Rosenblatt, M.D.
Wine Pack: Kenneth Meachan, M.D., John Franz, M.D.,
Canook Jersey: Mark Fritzler, M.D.
Native Carving: Dean Hadley, M.D.
Lady's Watch: John C. Prince, M.D.
Lady's Sweater/Gloves: John Sandwick, M.D.

Golf Challenge Winners:
Physicians
1st Place: Dean Hayled, M.D. - $87.50
2nd Place: Jim Porter, M.D. - $87.50
3rd Place: Herbert Ruckle, M.D. - $50

Exhibitors
Winner of Gift Basket: David Metayer, Augusta Medical
Guests Sharla Scott

Fishing Winners
Physicians
1st Place: Oliver Campbell, M.D. - $100.00
2nd Place: Mark Fritzler, M.D. - $75.00
3rd Place: Jack Lubensky, M.D. - $50

Exhibitors
Steve Ventura, Gift Basket Prize

Trapshooting Winners
1st Place: Christopher Dechet, M.D. - $100
2nd Place: George Dechet, M.D. - $75
3rd Place: Kal Latchamsetty, M.D. - $50

I. C-6 Corporation Issues
• Membership: Hurricane Katrina-relief. The AUA contacted more than half of the 150 AUA members and 1 of the urology residents in the region who were impacted. The AUA will waive 2006 dues for members and create a network for job relocation and new addresses. For the 21 residents in training, the AUA will provide $5,000 for expenses and copies of educational material lost from Elsevier publications and from the AUA self-assessment study programs.
• The category of “Corresponding Member” will change to “International Member” in 2006.
• Residency match: Safeguards were put into place following the January 2005 mismatch and currently 103 training programs and 396 applicants have registered for the 2006 match through the AUA.
• Government Affairs: Dr. Jim Regan reported that Medicare will go forward with the Physician Pay for Performance (P4P) initiative for 3 years. The alliance for Specialty Medicine position is that the Sustainable Growth Rate formula used by Medicare (CMS) is flawed and must be corrected and kept separate from any P4P program.
• Practice Management: Increased topic oriented courses will be given at the AUA meeting on electronic records, group mergers, use of physician extenders and legal and accounting services.

II. C-3 Corporation Issues
• Education: The Directors approved Dr. Glenn Preminger as the new Chair of the AUA Education for a 4 year term to begin July 2006. Responsibilities will include oversight of the Education Council, the AUA Update Series Advisory Committee, and the Residency Match. He succeeds Dr. David McCulloch. A total of 13 applicants were reviewed for the position.
• Annual Meeting: The previous 5 city rotation is under evaluation. The 2006 meeting will be in Atlanta, the 2007 meeting in Anaheim, and the 2008 meeting in Orlando. The 2009 meeting was rescheduled to Chicago from New Orleans due to the extensive damage in New Orleans secondary to the hurricane. San Diego was given first consideration for the 2009 meeting, however, adequate time was not available. The 2010 meeting will be held in San Francisco and the 2011 meeting will be in Washington, DC. Other cities under consideration for the future include Boston, San Diego, Dallas and Philadelphia.
• Guidelines: Topic specific guidelines continue to be developed and are planned to be the basis of the future annual Maintenance of Certificate (MOC) exam for all urologists. The MOC is designed to be educational and non-punitive. The MOC will not replace the current recertification process.

III. AUA Foundation, Inc. (AFUD)
• The Directors affirmed that the AUA Board of Directors will continue to serve in a dual capacity as the board of directors of the AUA Foundation, and that the new Foundation structure will consist of four councils: Research, Patient/Public Education, Patient Advocacy, and Development. Mr. John Huber was hired to run the operations of the Foundation.
• Dr. Anthony Schaeffer, Chair of the Research Council and Dr. Monica Liebert, Director of the AUA Office of Research, reported that a total of 32 applications for research scholarships were reviewed and 7 were accepted for funding.
Members in the News

Congratulations to these Western Section members who are great assets to our organization!

John C. Prince, M.D., Orange was awarded the AUA Gold Cane Award for 2006. The Gold Cane Award recognizes a senior urologist who has distinguished himself by outstanding contributions to his profession and to the AUA.

David F. Penson, M.D., Los Angeles, was awarded the AUA Gold Cystoscope Award for 2006. The Gold Cystoscope Award is presented annually to a urologist who has distinguished himself by outstanding contributions to his profession within 10 years of completing his residency training.

In Memoriam

The Western Section is saddened to announce the following:

Norman R. Black, M.D., Cheyenne, WY, deceased on September 17, 2005, joined 1962, Senior Member.
Edmond D. Butler, Jr., M.D., Menlo Park, CA, deceased on December 2, 2004, joined 1970, Senior Member.
Donald B. Frazier, M.D., Mesa, AZ, deceased on August 24, 2004, joined 1974, Senior Member.
Lester A. Riskind, M.D., Los Angeles, CA, deceased on November 15, 2004, joined 1940, Senior Member.
James A. Tremann, M.D., Seattle, WA, deceased on October 2, 2005, joined 1979, Senior Member.
Ferdinand Welebir, M.D., Loma Linda, CA, deceased on November 25, 2004, joined 1956, Senior Member.

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Preliminary Convention Schedule

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
Arrival and check-in at registration

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM  Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  DVD Surgi-Session
7:30 AM - 4:30 PM  Poster Sessions
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  Practice Mgt Workshops
11:30 AM - 3:30 PM  Socioeconomic Forum
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  President’s Welcoming Reception

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  PREP-C 1: Incontinence
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM  PREP-C 2: Prostate Cancer/Urethral Cancer
All Day  Sports Day
Evening  Luau (Optional Event)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24
7:00 AM - 12:00 PM  Exhibit Hall Opens with Continental Breakfast
7:30 AM - 2:15 PM  Scientific Sessions
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM  Pediatrics
2:30 PM - 5:00 PM  PREPC 3: Infectious Diseases/Inflammatory Diseases
Evening  Free Evening

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25
7:00 AM - 12:00 PM  Exhibit Hall Opens with Continental Breakfast
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM  California Urological Mtg/Breakfast
8:00 AM - 2:15 PM  Scientific Sessions
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  Academic Leaders Forum
2:30 PM - 5:00 PM  PREPC 4: Aging Male Sexual Dysfunction
Evening  Free Evening

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM  Members Business Mtg & Breakfast
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  Exhibit Hall Opens with Continental Breakfast
9:15 AM - 2:00 PM  General & Scientific Sessions
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM  Lunch in Exhibit Hall
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM  President’s Banquet & Reception

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27
6:30 AM - 7:30 AM  Continental Breakfast
7:00 AM - 10:30 AM  Scientific Sessions
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM  Round Table Program & Brunch

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Upcoming Annual Meetings

2006 – Maui, Hawaii
82nd Annual Meeting
Hyatt Regency Resort & Spa
October 22-27, 2006

2007 – Scottsdale, Arizona
83rd Annual Meeting
Hyatt Gainey Ranch
October 28-Nov. 1, 2007

2008 – Monterey, California
84th Annual Meeting
Portola Plaza Hotel
October 26-30, 2008

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