

# SRS NEWS

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## President’s Message

### Staying on Course

*Oheneba Boachie-Adjei, MD  
SRS President*

I started my presidency with a call to action, for the SRS to be an achievement-oriented society. With two months to completion of my term, I can say we have stayed the course and remained focused. The society has welcomed the challenges of the past year and applied specific and tangible processes to embrace and deal with these challenges.

Following the AAOS meeting, when we held our strategic planning session, the leadership reaffirmed our mission, to “Foster the optimum care of all patients with spinal deformities.”

With this in mind, our six goals, Funding, Education, Research, Advocacy, Leadership and Fellowship, had clear objectives defined for each. These goals and objectives will be the guiding foundations for the councils and committees as they prepare to lay out their charges for the coming year.

To stay on course, each council and committee has been encouraged to hold periodic conference calls, to review their charges at the next Annual Meeting and to present the findings to the Board of Directors at the next Cabinet Meeting. Their activities have been carefully tracked by the leadership to insure broad, full participation of the members. Board liaisons and council chairs have provided guidance during these conference calls.

### Organization Update

The hallmark of our communication vehicle has been the SRS Web site, which received a face-lift and was modified to make it more user-friendly while providing valuable information to our members and the general public. I am pleased that, today, the Web site shows up on the first page of major search engines, including Google search. Thanks to Andrew Merola, MD, chair of

the Web site Committee, and his team for purposely working to make the Web site the place to go for spine deformity information, education and other news for the members.

The translation pages on the Web site in Spanish, Arabic and Japanese will further afford our international members and their patients a more comprehensible, improved communication medium. We plan to add French and Chinese translations in the coming months. The process will continue beyond the current information on the home page and patient education section to cover more areas of the Web site. I encourage our members to direct their patients from all walks of life to the Web site for information on spine deformities.

The Web site has been the repository of our historical archives. Under the leadership of Nathan Leibold, MD, an agreement has been reached by the society and the Kansas University Medical College to establish an endowment fund at KUMC for the latter to maintain and catalogue the SRS archive materials.

While we were unfortunate not to achieve ACCME accreditation with our first attempt, we have learned from this experience. We will make every effort to rectify the issues of non-compliance raised by the ACCME, and will take another shot at it. The CME Committee has been restructured to include more members from key committees to lessen the workload of the members while insuring that we cross every “t” and dot every “i” in our next application. This potential opportunity will present yet another challenge, given the rigorous nature of the accreditation requirements and the scrutiny of the regulatory bodies, media and government agencies.

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SCOLIOSIS RESEARCH SOCIETY

### Mission Statement

The purpose of the Scoliosis Research Society is to foster the optimal care of all patients with spinal deformities

## The First SRS-managed IMAST

The year marked the first time SRS has solely controlled, organized and managed the International Meeting on Advanced Spinal Techniques (IMAST). We seized this opportunity to institute new programs that delivered more CME programs while maintaining ACCME compliance requirements. The IMAST Committee worked hard with the leadership of the society and our industry partners to achieve the success we just witnessed at the meeting in Vienna. Kudos to Todd Albert, MD, IMAST Chair, IMAST Directors, Megan Kelley, and the SRS staff for a successful meeting. One meeting participant wrote; “The Vienna meeting was outstanding and the best IMAST meeting I have ever attended.”

At this meeting, the leadership of the society invited several members and non-members to participate in a “Globalization Think Tank” session for an open dialogue on the society’s globalization initiatives. The candid discussions that ensued produced numerous constructive suggestions and opinions which the Board will summarize and put into effect in the coming months.

## Aiming for a Balanced Budget

This year has been economically difficult for all institutions and organizations, and we are no exception. Our Endowment Fund lost a significant portion of our reserves. This prompted us to make changes in our investment policies; to establish, separate from the Endowment Fund account, an account in which our investment returns will be housed to fund ongoing projects.

Many thanks to those of you who made contributions to the annual and designated giving funds this year, which will be made available to fund research projects. There is still more time to make a contribution via the avenues we have created. This information is available on the SRS Web site, [www.srs.org](http://www.srs.org). Click on the “Donate Now” button at the top of the page.

We have been keen to attain a balanced budget, and have taken a closer look at our programs to make the necessary adjustments to cut costs. Our projections to date are on course to achieve a neutral or positive financial outlook by year’s end.

Thanks to our Corporate Partners and our Worldwide Conference chair, Kamal Ibrahim, MD, FR(S)C, MA the SRS conferences in Brazil and China have been budget-neutral. In April, SRS Vice President, Larry Lenke, MD, Charles Johnston, MD, William Horton, MD, Tressa Goulding and I ushered in the newly-formed Chinese Scoliosis Research Society in Beijing. Several Chinese surgeons who attended the meeting have submitted applications for membership. The next round of application review included 41 applications from applicants outside the US. The SRS globalization initiatives are gaining root in attracting these new, qualified members.

## Advocacy

We continue to press on with our advocacy agenda on all fronts. Working with the AAOS Washington office, we signed on to statements on health care reform, Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement and have made financial contributions to the AAOS lobbying efforts for the Department of Defense re-

search funding programs. The joint SRS/POSNA project team on pediatric and off-label devices is preparing an information statement for the membership and the public.

Plans are underway to participate in the upcoming Bone and Joint Decade program in Washington in October 2009 and the NASS Spine Summit program scheduled for this fall.

For the second year in a row, June has been officially designated as National Scoliosis Awareness month. United States Representative from Pennsylvania Allyson Schwartz signed the 2009 Proclamation to recognize this important observance. The SRS partnered with Mr. Joseph O’Brien, SRS honorary member and President and CEO of the National Scoliosis Foundation to disseminate this information to our members to join the wall of supporters and organize awareness campaigns in their localities. I was able to join the NSF program held at the Massachusetts State House in Boston on June 26, when John Emans, MD, was honored by the NSF and received a proclamation from the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts.

## 2009 Annual Meeting & Course

The Annual Meeting, which is our flagship education program, is fast approaching. The Program Committee, with Peter Newton, MD as Chair, has reviewed a record number of abstracts and posters for this meeting in San Antonio. For the first time, the SRS Pre Meeting Course will have a special morning session on the basic concepts and fundamentals of spine deformities, designed specifically for our members and neurosurgeons; our neurosurgical colleagues have taken an active role in the course design and planning. A concurrent session on pediatric complications will be held that morning, and the afternoon will be devoted to complications of adult spine deformities.

This is a meeting you don’t want to miss, due not just to the outstanding educational program, but the opportunity to enjoy the lively city of San Antonio with all its attractions. As you register for the meeting, don’t leave out the optional Friday evening event, which will have a taste of Texas culture and style. This is your opportunity to dig out your western apparel.

Join me in congratulating Alvin Crawford, MD, Director of the Spine Center at Cincinnati Children’s who was recently honored with The Trumpet Award by the Trumpet Awards Foundation. Al was unfortunately delayed in Hong Kong en route to Japan with the Travelling Fellows when a couple of travelers on his plane were discovered to have contracted the H1N1 virus. After a week in quarantine, he was finally released and joined his team of fellows for the remainder of their very successful tour. Thanks, Al, for your unending sacrifice for, and dedication to, the society.

On behalf of the SRS Board of Directors, many thanks to all the Council and Committee Chairs for their untiring efforts to bring us this far in a challenging year.

I am encouraged and pleased to see the number of members who volunteered for committee appointments this year. The spirit of volunteerism is well and alive, and the destiny of the

# Crawford wins Trumpet Award

Alvin Crawford, MD, director of the Spine Center at Cincinnati Children's, was recently honored with the Trumpet Award, given by the Trumpet Awards Foundation to herald the accomplishments of black Americans who have succeeded against all odds. Honorees are chosen not only for what they have individually achieved but how they have contributed to enhancing the quality of life for all individuals and/or groups who augment the richness of this great global society by partnering with the cause of justice and equality for all. It is meant to inspire others.

Crawford was the first African American to earn a medical degree from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. He began his residency in orthopaedics at the Boston Naval Hospital and completed it at the combined Harvard University Orthopaedic Program as a Navy-sponsored resident. He completed fellowship training in pediatric orthopaedic surgery at the Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston and taught gross anatomy at Harvard Medical School. He performed another pediatric fellowship at the Alfred I. DuPont Institute in Wilmington, Delaware. He joined the staff of Cincinnati Children's in 1977.

Crawford is considered to be one of the nation's foremost authorities on video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery and neurofibromatosis. He has co-authored a handbook on Pediatric Orthopaedics for pediatric house officers and primary care physicians, as well as assisted in the development and publication of an atlas on Pediatric Orthopaedic radiology.

In addition, Crawford has won numerous awards, including the GEOP Medal for Neurofibromatosis and the French Orthopaedic Society's International Medal for pioneering work in "Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery in Children." In 2005, he was honored with the dedication of the Alvin H. Crawford, MD, "Chair" in Pediatric Orthopaedics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. In 2007, he received the Diversity Award from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He is a past president of the Scoliosis Research Society.

Eight other recipients were recognized at the Trumpet Awards, including Earvin "Magic" Johnson, actress Raven-Symone, Reverend Paula White, comedian Chris Tucker, and the Tuskegee Airmen.

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SRS rests with the members. The best is yet to come—and it will depend on you and me.

## Thanks and Remembrance

My thanks to the SRS Board of Directors, especially to Richard McCarthy, MD, (President Elect); Larry Lenke, MD (Vice President); George Thompson, MD (Past President) and Tressa Goulding (Executive Director) for their hard work and support in making my presidency a painless, pleasant experience, one I would not trade for anything else. The secret to our success has been our ability to stay focused, communicating freely and proactively in a timely way. It will be a time for me to cherish and remember for many years to come.

Thanks to you all. My best wishes to you and your families. See you in San Antonio. Long live SRS!

Sincerely



Oheneba Boachie-Adjei, MD

## SRS Calendar

### Future Meetings

44th Annual Meeting & Course  
September 23-26, 2009 – San Antonio, Texas, USA

Worldwide Conference  
December 14-15, 2009 – Cairo, Egypt

17th IMAST  
July 21-24, 2010 – Toronto, Canada

45th Annual Meeting & Course  
September 22-25, 2010 – Kyoto, Japan

## How Can the *Spine* Liaison Committee Help YOU?

Paul Sponseller  
*Spine* Liaison Committee Chair

The *Spine* Liaison Committee exists to help the Society publish its research in a peer-reviewed journal whose readership is highly interested in spinal deformity. It may be a surprise to some that a sizable fraction (at least 25%) of papers from the Annual Meeting do not make it into print. This lowers the value of the information presented at the Meeting because there is no formal peer review and no reference for the material presented. In a recent SRS survey we conducted, many of the respondents mentioned barriers to publication including the labor-intensive process of submission and lack of knowledge of our relationship with *Spine*. A worthwhile goal would be to have complete publication of all presented material. To this end, we have an agreement with *Spine* that all podium presentations at the Annual Meeting, as well as top IMAST papers, have a high chance to appear in one of two Deformity Issues. Papers from these meetings will be reviewed by deformity experts and also have the option of a re-review if there is concern about the original reviewers' comments. Because these papers have undergone a highly competitive selection process to reach the podium, the acceptance rate for these papers is much higher than for most journal submissions. The papers should be submitted to *Spine* within one month of the Annual Meeting. For the past year, fewer than one-third of presented papers were submitted to *Spine*. Presenters, please consider the timeline necessary to get your paper submitted to *Spine* for this edition. Look for submission instructions along with information from the SRS on your presentation. During or immediately after the meeting, you can do any necessary work to get it finalized while it is still fresh in your mind as well as those of probable reviewers. The submission process then requires minimal effort. This way, all of your hard work put into the research project will have maximum impact.

The *Spine* issues are also underway. The Congenital Deformity issue is due out in August. It has 12 papers from the Edinburgh meeting. Work is proceeding on the Osteobiologics issue. These issues require additional funding to become reality. Osteotech and Medtronic have committed to supporting the Osteobiologics issue. Be on the lookout for these informative issues!

## Report from the SRS Globalization Think Tank Meeting in Vienna, July 2009

Kenneth Cheung, MD

During the IMAST meeting in Vienna, the SRS Presidential Line, together with the members of the Global Affairs Advisory Board, hosted a "Think Tank" meeting with SRS members and non-members from around the world. The aim of the meeting was to hear the opinions from surgeons from different parts of the world on how SRS can best serve their needs.

The meeting started with an introduction from Dr. Boachie-Adjei, who outlined the strategic goals of the society, including how SRS is evolving from a predominantly North American to a global society. He stated that, currently of the 1,000+ members of the society, approximately 30% are from outside North America. Applications for membership of the society from outside of North America currently stand at 40% of the total applications. Considerable efforts are being made by the BOD to involve non-US members in the committee structure, as well as to reach out to members around the world through Worldwide Conferences, outreach programs, and having the IMAST and Annual Meetings being held in different parts of the world.

The meeting then went on to a period of open discussion in which views were exchanged regarding the following topics:

1. Importance of maintaining or establishing relationships with local and regional spine societies.
2. Need to explain and address the issue of the value of membership for non-US members.
3. Importance of reaching out to basic researchers, conservative care physicians and allied health professionals, and to reiterate that SRS is not only a surgical society.
4. The possible value of a mentorship program for non-US members, to guide them along the route to becoming a member, and how regional chairpersons from around the world can help in this process.
5. Promotion of the image of a SRS member through exposure via Worldwide Conferences, Global Outreach Programs, etc.
6. Need to engage the younger generation of spine surgeons and a tailor made ambassador programs for these individuals.

At the close of the meeting, the SRS leadership came away with a lot of good ideas on how globalization of SRS can be further strengthened. These ideas will be further discussed by the Global Affairs Advisory Board and then a proposal will be presented to the BOD for further action.

SRS wishes to thank all those participants listed at right, and will keep everybody informed of progress.

### Think Tank Attendees

Lawrence Lenke, MD  
Cristina Sacramento, MD  
Samuel Pantoja, MD  
Yoshi Kotani, MD  
David Marks, FRCS  
Bradley Williamson, FRCS  
Theodoros Grivas, MD  
Jianxiong Shen, MD  
Andre Kaelin, MD  
Ahmet Alanay, MD  
Dezsoe Jeszenszky, MD  
Michael Ruf, MD  
Mohammed Mossaad, MD  
Naobumi Hosogane, MD  
Kamal Ibrahim, MD, FRCS(C), MA  
Yan Wang, MD  
Kenneth Cheung, MD  
Richard McCarthy, MD  
David Polly, MD  
Abbott Byrd, MD  
Hilali Noordeen, FRCS  
Andrew Fagan, FRCS  
Saumyajit Basu, MD  
Djalma P. Mota, MD  
Luiz Pimenta, MD  
Ensor Transfeldt, MD  
Mark Weidenbaum, MD

# Scoliosis Research Society: A Code of Ethics and Standards of Professionalism

The top priority of fellows of the Scoliosis Research Society (SRS) is to provide optimal and compassionate care for their patients. Each patient's health, safety, welfare and human dignity are paramount. Patient confidentiality and autonomy must be respected.

For SRS fellows, any priorities or issues conflicting with optimal patient care must be avoided. Any financial agreement with industry or other third parties shall be considered a real, potential or perceived conflict of interest. All financial arrangements, such as ownership of shares, stock options, royalties or paid consulting agreements, must be fully disclosed to patients prior to treating them. If that is not satisfactory for the patient, the SRS fellow must excuse himself/herself from the case.

Principles for professionalism and ethical practice exist for academic societies such as the SRS throughout the world. In North America, the SRS follows the Mandatory Standards of Professionalism adopted by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS). These include seventeen standards dealing with real or perceived conflicts of interest with industry having the potential to influence decisions that could impact patient care. It is in the best interest of SRS fellows to be familiar with all these standards.

Ethical research requires similar protections. Fellows of the SRS are expected to treat human research subjects with compassion, confidentiality and freedom from real or perceived conflicts of interest. The best protection against such conflicts is full disclosure. Animal research subjects must also receive fair and humane treatment. Honest reporting of research data must be adhered to and ensured by adequate peer review. Details about the responsible conduct of research can be found at the Office of Research Integrity, Department of Health and Human Services <http://ori.dhhs.gov> or the National Institutes of Health <http://www1.od.nih.gov/OMA/manualchapters/ethics/2400%2D01/>.

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SRS Ethics Committee

September 25, 2008

Updated AAOS reference added 7 28 09 MA

This Scoliosis Research Society: A Code of Ethics and Standards of Professionalism statement was composed by the Ethics Committee, approved by the Board of Directors and published in the October 2008 issue of the SRS Newsletter. It is included in this issue of our newsletter as a reminder of our ethical and professional obligations. The most recent related American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons publication citation has been added.

# “THANK YOU!” to the 2009 SRS Shands Circle Members

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# 16<sup>th</sup> IMAST in Vienna Gets High Marks from Delegates

Todd J. Albert, MD  
IMAST Committee Chair

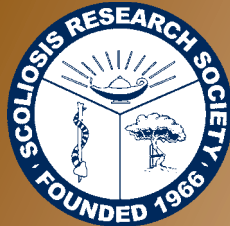
We had a wonderful meeting at the Hofburg Congress Center in beautiful Vienna, Austria. With a combination of excellent original scientific presentations, the Instructional Course Lectures, E-Posters, and the Fundamentals Sessions on degenerative lumbar and cervical as well as pediatric and adult deformity, IMAST 2009 was perhaps the most complete spinal education course offered this year. Additionally, this year, there were 46 Hands-On Demonstrations offered and sponsored by SRS's Corporate Partners, which made up the non-CME portion of our meeting.

Taken all together, participants were exposed to 150 free papers, 496 E-Posters, 116 ICL lectures from 49 international faculty, and 46 HOD's. Additionally, President Oheneba Boachie-Adjei, MD delivered an incredible lecture on excellence and relevance demonstrating the value of outreach and giving back to those less fortunate.

A special thanks to Megan Kelley, our meeting planner from the SRS office, who delivered on every detail associated with planning a complex meeting in a foreign country in a venue hundreds of years of age. Also thanks to the entire IMAST Committee and our Past Chair Larry Lenke, MD for their guidance and hard work in the planning and execution of this endeavor. We look forward to seeing you all next year in Toronto, July 21-24, 2010!

*Instant archive video of the IMAST paper presentations, as well as slide materials from many of the ICL presentations, will be available shortly on the Members-Only section of the SRS Web site.*

## SRS Worldwide Conference



December 14-15, 2009  
Cairo, Egypt

*in conjunction with the  
Egyptian Orthopedic Association Annual Congress*

# 2008 Corporate Partners

We are pleased to acknowledge and thank those companies that provided financial support to SRS in 2008. Support levels are based on total contributions throughout the year and include the Annual Meeting, IMAST, Worldwide conferences, Global Outreach Scholarships, Edgar Dawson Memorial Scholarships, SRS Traveling Fellowships and the Research Endowment Fund. Their support has helped SRS to offer high quality medical meetings and courses throughout the world, fund spinal deformity research, develop new patient materials, and provide educational opportunities for young surgeons and those from developing nations.

## Double Diamond Level Support

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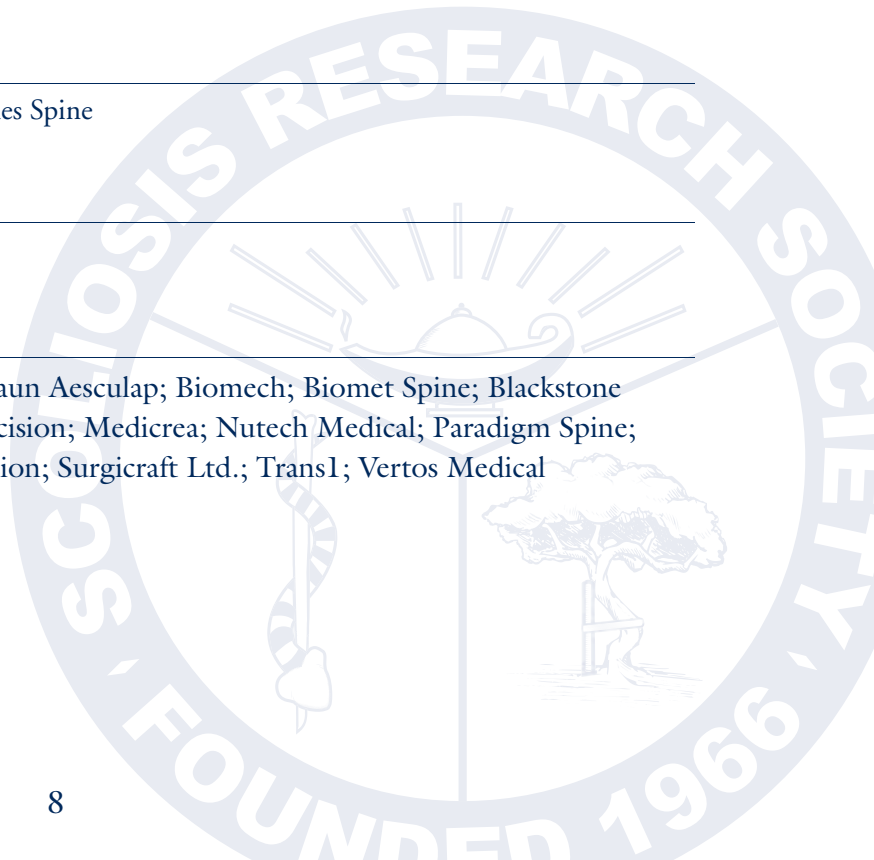
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# Vision Statement

The SRS will increase its recognition domestically and internationally as the leading source of information and knowledge on spinal disorders affecting all patients, regardless of age.

## Strategic Plan

**Goal 1. Funding:** The Scoliosis Research Society will have a funding base large and diversified enough to ensure financial independence in funding research and sound fiscal operating policies.

**Goal 2. Research:** The Scoliosis Research Society will be the global source of research on spinal deformities

**Goal 3. Education:** The Scoliosis Research Society will be the global source of education on spinal deformities

**Goal 4. Globalism:** Through its members and programs, the Scoliosis Research Society will improve spinal deformity care globally

**Goal 5. Advocacy:** The Scoliosis Research Society will be recognized as the leading resource for information and public policy on spinal deformities.

**Goal 6. Society Leadership:** The Scoliosis Research Society will operate in a manner consistent with its stature as the pre-eminent spinal deformity society.

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