MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY WEEK

Surgical Endoscopy    OB/Gyn Laparoscopy    Endourology    Robotic Surgery

Preliminary Listing of Participating Organizations
SLS    AHS    ALACE    AMCE    CJMIS    CRSA    FECOLSOG    IPPS    ISGE    NESA    RAMSES    iSMIT    SOBRACIL    SRCMIG    SRS

The Multidisciplinary Approach - “It’s the Outcome”

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SLS Mission Statement

The Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons (SLS) is a non-profit, multidisciplinary and multispecialty educational organization established to provide an open forum for surgeons and other health professionals interested in minimally invasive surgery and therapy.

SLS endeavors to improve patient care and promote the highest standards of practice through education, training, and information distribution. SLS provides a forum for the introduction, discussion and dissemination of new and established ideas, techniques, and therapies in minimal access surgery.

A fundamental goal of SLS is ensuring that its members have access to the newest ideas and approaches, as rapidly as possible. SLS makes information available from national and international experts through its publications, videos, conferences, and other electronic media.
Dear Colleagues,

We invite you to join your colleagues from around the world at Minimally Invasive Surgery Week 2015. We have planned an exhilarating, information-packed, challenging conference. This annual meeting is known for gathering specialists from around the globe for professional development, interaction, debate, and the sharing of experiences in a format not found in other conferences.

Minimally Invasive Surgery Week is the place where general surgeons, gynecologists, urologists, and other specialists meet together to share their common experiences and knowledge in minimally invasive surgical techniques.

This year’s conference offers several exciting additions and changes. Highly distinguished and reputable faculty will be training in three interactive, hands on Master Classes: “Hands On Laparoscopic/Robotic/Endoscopic Simulation Skills Laboratory,” “Advanced Laparoscopic Suturing – for the Gynecologist, Urologist, and General and Robotic Surgeon ‘The Vertical Zone – The Next Level Beyond Triangulation’,” and a special “Expert Course in Laparoscopic and Mini Laparoscopic Suturing” for ‘Vertical Zone’ graduates. Special breakout sessions by our affiliated societies have also been added to the program including those from the American Hernia Society (AHS), the Asociación Latinoamericana de Cirujanos Endoscopistas (ALACE), La Asociación Mexicana de Cirugía Laparoscópica (AMCE), the Chinese Journal of Minimally Invasive Surgery (CJMIS), Federación Colombiana de Obstetricia y Ginecología (FECOLSOG), the International Pelvic Pain Society (IPPS), the International Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy (ISGE), the New European Surgical Academy (NESA), the Sociedade Brasileira de Videocirurgia (SOBRACIL), and the Societatea Romana de Chirurgie Minim Invaziva In Ginecologie (SRCMIG) (The Romanian Society of Minimally Invasive Surgery in Gynecology). We are also excited to once again be including the popular Robotic State of the Art Lectures and Olympic Competition.

Multidisciplinary Plenary Sessions will address four current topics: “Complications and Outcomes: Pre-Emptive Strikes – Avoiding Complications and Improving Outcomes,” “Tools and Techniques – Tips and Tricks: Benign and Malignant Tissue Extraction – Controversies and Recommendations,” “Credentialed and Training: The Surgeon’s Guide to the Literature Galaxy,” and “Health Care Quality: Addressing the Debate Between Three Sides of the Health Care Cost Issue.” For step-by-step complications, management, and procedure setup and execution, be sure to attend the SLS video session “Surgical Surprises.” During this video session, a panel of invited experts will invoke their specialty backgrounds to offer a multispecialty approach to difficult procedures and to discuss surgical accidents, mishaps, and surprises. We are proud to have as our Honorary Chairs Antonio Bispo, MD, MBA and Prof. Jinghe Lang. A quick review of the conference agenda will give you an idea of the many educational opportunities that await you including exceptional laparoscopy updates, scientific papers, open forum presentations, and video submissions covering multiple specialties and topics.

Explore New York City, one of the world’s most vibrant and international cities. Whether you have an hour or a day, there’s something for everyone in the City That Never Sleeps. On the last day of the conference the sit down breakfast with a special presentation by Excel Award Winner W. Peter Geis, MD, will be followed by the ever-popular Future Technology Session.

We look forward to seeing you and your family in New York, NY, this year’s exciting conference destination.

Sincerely,

NEW YORK
Registration Deadline:
August 19
Register online at MISWeek.org
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HONORARY CHAIRS

Antonio Bispo, MD, MBA

Dr. Antonio Bispo received his medical degree from Federal University of Bahia, received his surgical training from Holy House of Mercy of Rio de Janeiro and completed his Master’s Degree in Health Management at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. He has served as Head of Medical Services of Rio 2016 Olympic Committee.

Dr. Bispo is a member of Brazilian College of Surgeons, a full member of Brazilian Digestive Surgery College and Associated Media Editor of Brazilian Archives of Digestive Surgery magazine.

He was President of the Brazilian Society of Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery (SOBRACIL) for 3 years, and is its current treasurer. Dr. Bispo is also current Executive Director of the Latin American Association of Endoscopic Surgeons (ALACE), a member of the SLS International Advisory Board and a member of SRS, Society of Robotic Surgery.

And above all, he is the father of Guilherme and Catarina, two blessed gifts of God.

Prof. Jinghe Lang

Professor Jinghe Lang is a seasoned specialist in obstetrics and gynecology. Born in Jilin Province, China, Dr. Lang graduated from the Norman Bethune Medical University in 1964, and since then has worked in the Peking Union Medical College Hospital (PUMCH) of the Peking Union Medical College and the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences. He expanded his studies in gynecological oncology and microsurgery in Norway and Canada in 1984 and 1985. Following the extended academic exchanges overseas, Dr. Lang returned to PUMCH to serve as Vice President of the hospital from 1986 to 1993. He became Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1993 and has remained in that post till now. Professor Lang is a Standing Council Member of the Chinese Medical Association (2007–), Chairman of the Obstetrics & Gynecology Society of the Chinese Medical Association (2004–). He is also Chief Editor of the Chinese Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology (2004–) and was elected the member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering in 2011.

With fifty years experience in obstetrics and gynecology, and with significant surgical skills, Professor Lang has gained his reputation as a respected clinician, researcher and teacher. He has been credited with three national awards by the Ministry of Health of the People’s Republic of China for his contributions to treatment of ovarian cancers in the country, and the 2nd Class Award for the National Science and Technology Progress, as well as the 1st Class Award for Beijing Municipal Science and Technology Progress for his theories on the Determinant of “Uterine Eutopic Endometrium” and “Source Therapy”. Professor Lang has made tremendous achievements in such areas as treatment and basic research in gynecological oncology, prevention and treatment of cervical lesions, female pelvic floor dysfunction, and improvement of gynecological endoscopy skills.

Besides contributing some 600 articles to medical journals and academic papers, Dr. Lang is a chief editor for more than 20 books (including translations), and author of 10 books his own. Also, he has been credited with China’s National Science and Technology Achievement Award by the Ho Leung & Ho Lee Foundation (2005).
Tuesday - Sept. 1

3:00pm-6:00pm  MASTER CLASSES & CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
4:00pm-5:00pm  MASH Committee Meeting
   Chair: Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA | Co-Chair: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA

Wednesday - Sept. 2

6:30am-8:00pm  MASTER CLASSES & CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
6:30am-7:30am  Complimentary Coffee And Bakery Items
7:00am-3:00pm  STATE OF THE ART LECTURES IN ROBOTIC SURGERY (See page 9)
7:00am-4:00pm  MASTER CLASSES (See page 7-8)
9:30am-10:00am  Break
11:00am-12:00pm  KEYNOTE LECTURE: Accountable Care: A Perspective from Both Physicians and Industry
   Presented by: James C. "Butch" Rosser, Jr., MD and Edward Zurad, MD
   Light refreshments will be served
2:00pm-2:30pm  Break
2:00pm-4:00pm  Poster Set-up
4:00pm-4:35pm  Resident and Fellow Meet & Greet with Faculty (See page 22)
   OPENING CEREMONY
   Opening Entertainment by Comedian Cory Kahaney and a performance by the Sticks and Stones Band;
   Presentation of Honorary Chairs; Recognition of Sponsors/Corporate Members, and Innovations of the Year;
   SLS Surgical Simulation Fellow Recognition; SLS Young Educators Award Presentation; Presentation of
   Awards for Best Scientific Papers and Videos
   Director: Paul Alan Wetter, MD | Co-Director: Jay A. Redan, MD

Thursday - Sept. 3

6:30am-5:00pm  CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
7:00am-2:00pm  Exhibits & Poster Gallery Open
7:00am-7:30am  Complimentary Coffee and Bakery Items / Visit Exhibits & Special Presentations by Exhibitors
7:30am-7:40am  Highlights of "ROBOTICS STATE OF THE ART" Session
   Presented by: Mona Orady, MD
7:40am-8:30am  General Session: BEST OF UPDATES (See page 19)
   Key Updates presented by SLS Specialty Committee Members highlighting the newest developments and
   future expectations of surgical and diagnostic procedures.
   Director: William E. Kelley, Jr., MD | Co-Directors: Maurice K. Chung, RPh, MD, Mona Orady, MD, Douglas Ott,
   MD, MBA
7:40am-12:30pm  Breakout Session: Endometriosis and Pain (See page 18)
8:00am-12:00pm  Breakout Session: Pan American: Advanced Technologies and Challenging Situations (See page 18)
8:30am-9:45am  Multidisciplinary Plenary Session: COMPLICATIONS AND OUTCOMES: “PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKES –
   AVOIDING COMPLICATIONS AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES” (See page 10)
   Director: Mona Orady, MD | Co-Director: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA & Robert M. Sweet, MD
9:45am-10:00 am  How SMAPPS, Science and Medical Apps will Disrupt Healthcare
   Presented By: Paul Alan Wetter, MD
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Friday - Sept. 4

6:30am-5:00pm  CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
7:00am-2:00pm  Exhibits & Poster Gallery Open
7:00am-7:30am  Complimentary Coffee and Bakery Items / Visit Exhibits & Special Presentations by Exhibitors
7:30am-7:40am  Highlights of "MULTISPECIALTY" sessions
7:40am-8:40am  Multidisciplinary Plenary Session: HEALTH CARE QUALITY: ADDRESSING THE DEBATE BETWEEN THREE SIDES OF THE HEALTH CARE COST ISSUE (See page 10)
    Director: Jay A. Redan, MD  |  Co-Director: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD
7:40-9:15am  Breakout Session: What Makes A Good Surgeon? (See page 18)
8:40am -8:55am  Award Presentations and Highlights
    Director: Paul Alan Wetter, MD  |  Co-Director: Jay A. Redan, MD
8:55am -9:10am  SLS Web and OpenAccess
    Presented By: Paul Alan Wetter, MD
9:15am-10:00am  OLYMPIC COMPETITION: TOP GUN FINALS & BLEEDING VENA CAVA
    Come Watch as the top contestants battle it out for the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals of the Olympic Competition!
    Co-Directors & MC's: Mona Orady, MD and James C. “Butch” Rosser, Jr., MD
10:00-10:30am  Refreshment Break/Visit Exhibits & Special Presentations by Exhibitors
10:30am-12:15pm  Video Session: SURGICAL SURPRISES (See page 11)
    Director: Charles H. Koh, MD  |  Co-Director: Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA
10:30-12:15pm  Breakout Session: Robotic Microsurgery (See page 18)
12:15pm-1:45pm  Break / Visit Exhibits & Special Presentations by Exhibitors
12:15pm-12:45pm  New Product Presentation by Exhibitors
    Co-Directors: Volker Jacobs, MD, PhD, MBA  John Morrison, Jr., MD & Jessica Ybanez-Morano, MD, MPH
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Saturday – Sept. 5

7:00am-11:15am
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

7:30am -9:00am
BREAKFAST WITH THE 2015 EXCEL AWARD RECIPIENT: LECTURE AND PRESENTATION (See page 16)  
Director: Paul Alan Wetter, MD

9:00am-10:30am
Future Technology  SLS/iSMIT Session: THE DIGITAL SELF IN THE ERA OF DIGITAL IMMIGRANTS (See page 16)  
Director & Moderator: Richard M. Satava, MD  |  Co-Director & Moderator: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA

10:30-10:45am
Closing Ceremony – Passing the Presidential Gavel

10:45am-11:15am
SLS Business Meeting

11:15am -2:00pm
Post Conference Evaluation by Board and SLS Standing Committee Meeting

2:00pm-4:00pm
JSLS Editorial Board Meeting

MASTER CLASSES

Master Class #1

Hands on Laparoscopic/Robotic/Endoscopic Simulation Skills Laboratory

Same program available AM or PM. CHOOSE ONE.  
AM:  7:00am – 11:00am:  4 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™  
PM:  12:00pm – 4:00pm:  4 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

About
This Master Class is for minimally invasive surgeons of all skill levels. Participants will have the opportunity to have 4 hours of proctored hands on skills training in laparoscopic, robotic and endoscopic skills as they rotate through a variety of state-of-the-art virtual reality and physical model training stations. Opportunities to learn and practice basic, intermediate and advanced skills will be offered.

Objectives
- Develop hand-eye coordination for laparoscopic surgery
- Develop hand-eye coordination for robotic surgery
- Develop hand-eye coordination for endoscopic surgery
- Enhance MIS suturing and knot-tying skills
- Develop knowledge of available trainers for maintaining and further development of skills
- Exposure to surgical simulation activities that are known to decrease surgical errors

Faculty
Director: Robert M. Sweet, MD
Co-Director: Jay A. Redan, MD
Faculty: Timothy Brand, MD, Sanket Chauhan, MD, Troy E. Reihsen, Bradley F. Schwartz, DO
Master Class #2

“Advanced Laparoscopic Suturing - for the Gynecologist, Urologist, and General Surgeon “The Vertical Zone –The Next Level beyond Triangulation”

Same program available AM or PM. PICK ONE.
AM: 7:00am – 11:00am: 4 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™
PM: 12:00pm – 4:00pm: 4 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

About
Be one of the 90% of participants who can throw an intracorporeal knot in < 3 min after 90 minutes instruction in the ‘Vertical Zone’!

Participants will learn the uses and limitations of laparoscopic suturing with the ‘Triangulation’ algorithm. For gynecologists closing the myomectomy incision and vagina transversely, urologists anastomosing urethra to bladder, uretero-ureterostomy, surgeons closing colon and rectum transversely – the needle needs to move in the sagittal plane, not the side to side or coronal plane of the triangulation style. The ‘Vertical Zone’ describes our technique of suturing with two hands ipsilaterally that allows the needle to operate in the sagittal plane, while permitting a restful and relaxed attitude of the elbows, forearms and hands.

In numerous courses, nationally and internationally, this algorithm has allowed over 90% of participants to succeed in tying an intracorporeal knot under 3 minutes after 2 hours of training. This reflects the efficacy of our algorithm and the low faculty to trainee ratio.

With excellent fidelity, the relative hand positions and movements are immediately transferable from the trainer to the O.R. This course equips all attendees with improved suturing skills and insight into applications during surgery.

Objectives
- Understand ergonomics, theory and rationale for reproducible and efficient laparoscopic suturing
- Learn port positions, instruments and tips to minimize fulcrum and maximize efficiency
- Perform interrupted suturing, continuous suturing, cinch knotting
- Application of skills learned in relevant surgical situations across specialties.
- Prevention and management of bowel, bladder and ureteral complications by appropriate suture repair
- Pre-test and post-test to demonstrate improvement in skills

Faculty
Director: Charles H. Koh, MD
Co-Directors: Phillip Shadduck, MD, Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA
Faculty: Gustavo Carvalho, MD, PhD, Crystal Chan, MD, Maurice K. Chung, RPh, MD, Luigi Fasolino, MD, Dobie Giles, MD, Keith B. Isaacson, MD, Jamie Kroft, MD, Grace Liu, MD, Nash S. Moawad, MD, MS, Michelle Mustapich Plasky, RN, Juan L. Salgado, MD, Mireille Truong, MD

Master Class #2 EXPERT

Special Expert Course in Laparoscopic and Mini Laparoscopic Suturing for Vertical Zone Graduates

PM: 12:00pm – 4:00pm: 4 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

Only for those having completed morning MC 2AM or previous Vertical Zone Course in last 2 years. (Must be verifiable by SLS or other attendance list)

About
This course allows those proficient in the Vertical Zone algorithm to apply and expand their skills with simulated organ specimen, use of smaller sutures and also 3mm. ‘mini’ suturing instruments. Limited to 2 persons per station with instructor.

The expert laparoscopic surgeon has to be able to treat problems occurring in bowel, urinary, ductal, vascular and other areas that arise during the course of advanced procedures irrespective of specialty, and this course is tailored in that direction.

Faculty
Director: Charles H. Koh, MD
Co-Directors: Phillip Shadduck, MD, Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA
Faculty: Gustavo Carvalho, MD, PhD, Crystal Chan, MD, Maurice K. Chung, RPh, MD, Luigi Fasolino, MD, Dobie Giles, MD, Keith B. Isaacson, MD, Jamie Kroft, MD, Grace Liu, MD, Nash S. Moawad, MD, MS, Michelle Mustapich Plasky, RN, Juan L. Salgado, MD, Mireille Truong, MD
About
Robotics represents yet another revolution in the application of minimally invasive techniques to surgery. While conventional video endoscopic techniques were revolutionary in their own right, they were hampered by limited instrument maneuverability and two-dimensional visualization. These technological shortcomings took away the wrist-like motion of the human hand and the depth perception of human eyes and necessitated the design of “new procedures” which were adapted to the technology. Robotics by virtue of wrist-like instrument maneuverability and three-dimensional visualization has returned the advantages of the human wrist and eyes to the field of minimally invasive surgery. For the first time in the history of minimally invasive surgery, operations which were designed to be performed by open incisions can be replicated using minimal access techniques.

A series of brief presentations by experts in the field will outline the State of the Art in the application of robotics to the specific field in surgery. These lectures will help the attendee to develop a critical eye and assist them in the adoption of robotics into their practice.

Faculty
**Director:** Farid Gharagozloo, MD (CRSA, SRS)
**Co-Director:** Mona Orady, MD
**Moderators:** Jamin Brahmbhatt, MD (RAMSES), Farid Gharagozloo, MD, (CRSA, SRS), Tabia Alrasheed, MD, Tamer Ghanem, MD, PhD, Jacques Hubert, Prof Dr Med, Richard Lazzaro, MD, Michael C. Pitter, MD, PA, Mona Orady, MD, Brian Ross, PhD, MD

Presentation topics include:

- Advanced Robotic Technology for Complex Pulmonary Resection – Philosophy, Feasibility and Outcomes
  *Mark R. Dylewski, MD (CRSA, SRS)*

- Robotic Coronary Bypass Grafting: State of the Art 2015
  *Husam H. Balkhy, MD (SRS)*

- State of the Art: Embracing the Community with Robotics and Technology – The Drive for Men's Health
  *Jamin Brahmbhatt, MD (RAMSES)*

- Status Update of Robotics in Bariatric Surgery
  *Keith C. Kim, MD (CRSA, SRS)*

- State of the Art in Robotic Mediastinal Surgery
  *Richard Lazzaro, MD*

- Robotic Treatment of Endometriosis
  *Antonio R. Garguilo, MD*

- Update on Fundamentals of Robotic Surgery Curriculum
  *Richard Satava, MD (ISMIT)*

- Kidney Disorders: How Can Virtual Reality Improve Robotic Learning?
  *Jacques Hubert, Prof Dr Med*

- The Untold Economic Advantages of Robotic Surgery
  *Robert Poston, MD*

- Long Term Outcomes After Robot Assisted Laparoscopic Myomectomy
  *Michael C. Pitter, MD, PA (SRS)*

- Advanced Applications of HPB Robotic Surgery
  *Francesco Bianco, MD*

- Techniques of Nerve-Sparing and Potency Outcomes Following Robot-Assisted Laparoscopic Prostatectomy
  *Mauricio Rubenstein, MD, PhD (SOBRACIL)*

- Use of Telementoring Robotics to Enable Primary Care to do Population Based Screening for GERD
  *James C. “Butch” Rosser, Jr., MD*

- New Robotic Laparoscopy Procedure for Hiatal Hernias and GERD
  *Farid Gharagozloo, MD (CRSA, SRS)*

- Highlights of the FDA Workshop on Robotically-Assisted Surgical Devices
  *Jay A. Redan, MD*

- State of the Art in Robotics: Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
  *Tabia Alrasheed, MD (RAMSES)*

- State of the Art Robotics: Single-Site Robotic Gynecologic Surgery
  *Douglas Brown, MD*

- What is New in Robotic Cardiac Surgery?
  *Eric J. Lehr, MD, PhD*

- Robotic Lobar Resection: How to Succeed
  *Laurence N. Spier, MD*

- State of the Art in Anesthesia
  *Brian Ross, PhD, MD*

- Transoral Robotic Surgery for Oropharyngeal Cancer: A Paradigm Shift
  *Tamer Ghanem, MD, PhD*

- Robotic-Assisted Radical Parametrectomy in Patients with Malignant Gynecological Tumors
  *Grigor Gortchev, MD*

- Role of Robotics in Pulmonary Resection
  *Patrick Ross, MD, PhD*

- State of the Art in Myomectomy
  *Antonio R. Garguilo, MD*

- The European Telesurgical System with Force Feedback – Updates
  *Michael Stark, Prof Dr Med (NESA)*
Thursday Sept. 3 | 8:30 am - 9:45 pm
Complications And Outcomes:
“Pre-Emptive Strikes – Avoiding Complications And Improving Outcomes”

This session will include a mock OR and will discuss methods of pre-emptively preventing complications during surgical procedures by creating a scheme or mindset that can help someone predict or anticipate the increased possibility of complications in order to avoid them. Participants will learn how to manage and effectively mobilize the team once a complication occurs in order to efficiently and safely manage the complication. This session will also demonstrate management of common complications in commonly performed minimally invasive surgical procedures.

Faculty
Director: Mona Orady, MD | Co-Director: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA & Robert M. Sweet, MD
Gynecology: Douglas Brown, MD | General Surgery: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA | Anesthesia: Brian Ross, MD, PhD | Urology: Robert M. Sweet, MD

Thursday Sept. 3 | 10:30 am - 11:30 pm
Tools And Techniques – Tips And Tricks:
“Benign And Malignant Tissue Extraction-Controversies And Recommendations”

The importance of safe tissue extraction was recently brought into national focus by the FDA review and action regarding uterine power morcellators. Similar concerns have arisen and lessons have been learned in other minimally invasive surgical disciplines. This session will review the recent power morcellator controversy, historical background, current review of the science, and contemporary recommendations for the safe extraction of benign and malignant tissues.

Faculty
Director: Phillip P. Shadduck, MD | Co-Directors: Farr Nezhat, MD & Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA
Lessons from Laparoscopic Gastrointestinal Cancer Surgery - Preventing Port Site Mets: Antonio Cury, MD
Power Morcellation - Clinical History, Current Controversy, and FDA Review: Keith Isaacson, MD
The Sobering World of Tissue Extraction: Ceana Nezhat, MD
Lessons from Urologic Oncology - Tissue Retrieval after Radical Nephrectomy & Prostatectomy: Jens Rassweiler, Prof Dr Med

Thursday Sept. 3 | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Credentialing And Training:
“The Surgeon’s Guide To The Literature Galaxy”

The backbone of medical practice is valid evidence in the form of publications; however the Cochrane database (which reviews the quality of medical publications) indicates that less than 20% of published medical literature meets the requirements for valid evidence. This session looks at how to evaluate the literature if you want to do a research project, if you want to take your research to a product, and most importantly, how to determine whether the article you are reading to improve your practice really contains valid evidence. Case reports will be used as examples of correct and poor publications.

Faculty
Director: Richard M. Satava, MD | Co-Director: Michael S. Kavic, MD
Literature According to the Surgeon or How to Determine Whether an Article Contains Valid Evidence to Improve Practice: Michael S. Kavic, MD
Commercialization – Hamlet as a Peer Reviewer: Douglas E. Ott, MD, MBA | Fundamentals of Research for Health Care Professionals: Georgine Lamvu, MD, MPH

Friday Sept. 4 | 7:40 am - 8:40 am
Health Care Quality:
“Addressing the Debate Between Three Sides of the Health Care Cost Issue”

The ever evolving way that surgery is practiced around the world continues to challenge the medical community as to what is the most cost effective and economically responsible way to deliver surgical care. From the origins of surgery through the 1980’s, open procedures were the only choice. Now we have open, laparoscopic, robotic, ablations, natural orifice, single port, and endoluminal choices. Part of our decision making process in choosing what will be best for our patients includes whether the technology we have can be affordable and compensated, weighing out the advantages/disadvantages and ultimately the surgical outcome. In this session we will hear from a Surgical Educator and Hospital Administrator, Vice President of Health Economics & Outcomes Research of Industry, and a Wall Street Strategist about how they think all of these decisions can be made to optimize financially sound decisions while providing excellent patient care.

Faculty
Director: Jay A. Redan, MD | Co-Director: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD
Surgical Educator & Hospital Administrator Perspective: Gerald M. Fried, MD, CM, FRCSC, FACS, FCAHS, Edward W. Archibald Professor & Chairman, Department of Surgery, McGill University, Surgeon-in-Chief, McGill University | Insurance Perspective: David Macarios, VP Health Economics & Outcomes Research, Acelity | Wall Street Strategist Perspective: David H. Roman, Managing Director, Global Investment Research, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.
POSTER AND VIDEO SESSIONS

Sept. 2 - Sept. 4
Poster Gallery

Wednesday, September 2
7:00-8:30pm
Thursday, September 3
7:00am-2:00pm
Friday, September 4
7:00am-2:00pm

Sept. 3 | 1:45pm-5:30pm
Poster Townhall Presentations

There will be a 2-minute oral presentation and brief discussion for each poster displayed at the conference. The oral presentations will take place on Thursday, September 3rd beginning at 1:45pm and will run concurrently with the afternoon scientific presentation sessions.

Faculty
Director: Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA
Co-Director: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA

Sept. 4 | 10:30am-12:15pm
Surgical Suprises

In this unusual format, a multispecialty panel of invited experts will invoke their specialty backgrounds in discussing surgical accidents, mishaps, and surprises with attention given to lessons learned and appropriate action/reaction.

Faculty
Director: Charles H. Koh, MD
Co-Director: Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA
Panel: Maurice K. Chung, RPh, MD
Gerald M. Fried, MD
Michael S. Kavic, MD
William E. Kelley, MD
Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
Liselotte Mettler, Prof Dr Med
Farr Nezhat, MD
Jay A. Redan, MD
Phillip P. Shadduck, MD
Robert M. Sweet, MD
GENERAL SURGERY

Pancreatic Cystic Neoplasms: Predictors of Malignant Behavior and Management
Ehab Atif Abdellatif, Prof Dr Med

Laparoscopic – Open Colorectal Resections for Malignancy
M. Al-Rashedy, MD

Laparoscopic Spleenectomy as Management of a Giant Splenic Cyst
Case Report Roberto Alatorre Adame, MD, Resident

Laparoscopic and Percutaneous Repair of Venal Hernias
Abdullah Dalhadin, Prof Dr Med

Laparoscopic Abdominal Perpendicular Port Entry Guided Methline Blue
Abdullah Dalhadin Alahdahan, Prof Dr Med

Twenty Years Experience of Thoroscopic Surgery for Hyperhidrosis in Hot, Dry Climate Abdullah Doehyan Aldohayan, Prof Dr Med

Laparoscopic and Precutaneous Repair of Midline (Ventral Incision) Hernia
Abdullah Dalhayan Aldohayan, Prof Dr Med

Modified Technique of Laparoscopic Placement of Drain Abdullah Doehyan Aldohayan, Prof Dr Med

Cystic Duct Stump Leak in Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy: A Review of Different Methods for Cystic Duct Closure
Ali Latef Algeboui, MD

Laparoscopic Management of Complex Crohn’s Disease Syed Muhammad Alii, MBBS, FCPS, MRCSEng, FRCS(GS)

A Dimple Progresses to a Hiatal Hernia with Migration of Sleeve: A Case for Concurrent Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy with Hiatal Hernia Repair
Hirra Ali, MD, Resident

The Objective of this Presentation is to Present Two Different Approaches for Minimally Invasive Adrenalectomy
Fernando Arias, MD

Three-port Laparoscopic Total Gastrectomy with an Omega Reconstruction for Gastric Cancer
Athanasios Bakalis, MD, Resident

Firefly Technology in Robot-Assisted Cholecystectomy
Abdel-Kareem Ramzi Beidas, MD

First Human Experience Of Percutaneous 2.8mm Instruments With 5 mm End-Effectors Luigi Boni, Prof Dr Med

The Infundibulum Ligation of the Gallbladder: An Effective Strategy to Avoid Duct Bilateral Injury in Difficult Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy
Uriel Ovidio Cardona, MD

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A Novel, Non-Invasive Approach to Diagnosing Urinary Tract Obstruction Using Computational Fluid Dynamics Nirmish Singla, MD Resident
Pediatric Laparoscopic-Assisted Placement of a Sclerotherapy Catheter for a Large Lymphovascular Lesion Hubert S. Swana, MD

CONCURRENT SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS
Recipient W. Peter Geis, MD presents

*Leadership in Surgery: Fortuitous or By Design*

Established in 1991, the Excel Award has been presented to 28 surgeons who have made outstanding contributions to laparoscopy, endoscopy, and minimally invasive surgery. The Excel Award may be presented to an individual, in any field, who has made outstanding contributions to laparoscopy, endoscopy, and/or the field of minimally invasive surgery. Previous recipients have been from various specialties and various nationalities. Each year the Excel Award recipient is invited to speak at MIS Week.

Dr. W. Peter Geis has been a teaching surgeon and a Department Leader since finishing Fellowship in Transplantation in 1973. Thereafter, he developed the Transplant Program at Loyola Medical Center and VA Hospital in Chicago. He was the first to perform parathyroid transplantation, performed the first liver transplant in Chicago, and was a Charter Member of the American Transplant Society and the Illinois Transplant Society. Dr. Geis became Chairman – Chicago Committee on Trauma, and directed the ATLS Program for Metropolitan Chicago for 12 years. Thereafter, he moved to the University of Illinois Surgery System as Associate Professor of Surgery, and Vice Chair of Surgery at Lutheran General Hospital and Trauma Center.

He initiated laparoscopic Fellowship, training 10 Fellows in 7 years. In the year 2000, he accepted the Chair position in Surgery, at St. Peter’s University Hospital and Professor of Surgery, RWJ School of Medicine. In the next 5 years, he trained 9 MIS Fellows. He was President of SLS in 2001.

In 2004, Dr. Geis retired – planning a career as a ski instructor in the Pocono Mountains! But, was lured to Baltimore (2005) by Lifebridge Health System. At this location he has developed clinical MIS Programs and has trained 19 MIS/bariatric Fellows. Currently, he also directs medical student surgical clerkships and is Chair, Department of Medical Education. He wishes to return to ski instructing soon. His lucky charm is his wife, Mary.

### Sept. 5 | 9:00am -10:30am

**Future Technology SLS/iSMIT Session:**

**The Digital Self In The Era Of Digital Immigrants**

The world is rapidly changing, and healthcare is moving to the ‘masses’ – the buzz word is “Personalized Medicine”. Dr. Larry Smarr will show you the enormous potential of personalized medicine if you become (as he has) your “Quantified Self”. Dr. Brian Ross will address whether you can even access your own medical information if you wanted to; are you a “Digital Native or Digital Immigrant?”

**Dr. Larry Smarr** is the founding director of the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology (Calit2), a partnership of UC San Diego and UC Irvine, and holds the Harry E. Gruber professorship in the department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) of UCSD’s Jacobs School of Engineering. At Calit2, Larry has continued to drive major developments in information infrastructure—including the Internet, the web, scientific visualization, virtual reality, and global telepresence—begun during his previous 15 years as founding director of the National Center for Supercomputing Applications. His views have been quoted in *Science, Nature, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Time, Newsweek, Wired, Fortune, Business Week*, as well as a number of international venues.

**Dr. Brian Ross** is a member of the attending staff in the Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine at the University of Washington. In 2005, he was named by the dean of the University of Washington School of Medicine to serve as the first Executive Director of the Institute for Simulation and Interprofessional Simulation (UW ISIS). In 1975, he received his Ph.D. in physiology/pharmacology from the University of North Dakota and his M.D. in 1983 from the University of Washington School of Medicine. In 1996, he developed the initial simulation curriculum for the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Washington. Since that time, he has been responsible for the development of simulation education for team and interprofessional training for over 30 departments and programs at the University of Washington.
**EXHIBIT HOURS**

Wednesday, Sept. 2        Thursday, Sept 3 &  
Welcome Reception  Friday, Sept 4  
7:00pm-8:30pm  7:00am-2:00pm

In the exhibit hall, exhibitors will provide on-going presentations about not only the innovations of the year, but also the latest ideas and technological developments to aid surgeons in the operating room. Complimentary coffee will be available while the exhibit hall is open and bakery items are available each morning. Complimentary refreshments will be available at designated times in the exhibit hall. For information, contact SLS: Tel 305.665.9959, Fax 305.667.4123, www.SLS.org, Exhibit@SLS.org

**EXHIBITORS**

Throughout the conference, engaging presentations sponsored by exhibiting companies will highlight various products and techniques. For a list of exhibitors, visit the SLS Virtual Exhibit Hall: www.SLS.org/Virtual ExhibitHall

**EXHIBIT HALL EVENTS**

*Welcome Reception.* Kick off the conference at an informal reception open to all registrants in the Exhibit Hall. Meet old and new friends, and get a preliminary look at the technical exhibits.

*SLS Innovations of the Year.* Come see what and how many innovative devices have been developed over the past year. The SLS innovations of the Year will be recognized during Minimally Invasive Surgery Week 2015, Annual Meeting and Endo Expo. It is not necessary for a company to exhibit or advertise to be eligible for this recognition. SLS encourages all commercial entities to enter their most innovative product for consideration. Contact SLS for details: Tel 305.665.9959, Fax 305.667.4123, Exhibit@SLS.org.

*Top Gun Laparoscopy Preliminary Rounds.* It’s High Noon - Are You Ready for a Shoot Out? Who is going to be the Minimally Invasive Surgery Week Top Gun? Join us and see if you are one of the greatest surgeons of all time or a legend in your own mind. Preliminary rounds will be held in the exhibit hall on Thursday, September 3rd. The final Shoot Out will take place Friday morning in the General Session Room.

*New Product Presentations by Exhibitors.* SLS invites all exhibitors to share information about new products, technology, and developments during the New Product Presentation Session. Exhibitors who submit new product information will be allowed a one-minute presentation during the mid-day break, Friday, September 4, 2015. Note: each exhibitor will be allowed to present only one product that must have been developed within the past year. Contact SLS for details: Tel 305.665.9959, Fax 305.667.4123, Exhibit@SLS.org.

*Olympic Competition.* Join us for the Olympic Competition! Practice in the Exhibit Hall and participate in the Qualifying Rounds! Top finalists for Top Gun and Bleeding Vena Cava will battle it out for the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals of the Olympics at the Finale to be held on Friday, September 4th in the General Session Room.
Endometriosis remains one of the most interesting and dynamic challenges in gynecology. Its manifestations are incredibly diverse—from the tiny peritoneal implant to complete destruction of adnexal architecture to even more rare and bizarre locations such as subcutaneous tissue and the lung. Its relationship to pain symptoms and management strategies are equally diverse and constantly changing. In this session, drawing on faculty from the Chinese Journal of Minimally Invasive Surgery (CJMIS), the International Pelvic Pain Society (IPPS) the International Society of Gynecologic Endoscopy (ISGE) and The Romanian Society of Minimally Invasive Surgery in Gynecology (SRMIG), we address updates in understanding of endometriosis, from how it relates to fertility to how we measure outcomes to how we determine severity to practical tips for surgical excision in the endoscopic environment.

**Director:** Matthew Siedhoff, MD, MSCR  
**Co-Directors:** Maurice K. Chung, RPh, MD, Maurius Craina, MD and Georgine Lamvu, MD, MPH  
**Faculty:** Sawsan As-Sanie, MD, Erin T. Carey, MD, MSCR, Jinghe Lang, MD, Kenneth Levey, MD, Yan Liu, Prof Dr Med, Bruno J. van Herendael, Prof Dr Med

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**Pan American Session: Advanced Technologies & Challenging Situations**

Thursday, September 3, 2015  
8:00am-12:00pm

**Asociación Latinoamericana de Cirujanos Endoscopistas (ALACE)**  
**La Asociación Mexicana de Cirugía Laparoscópica (AMCE)**  
**Federación Colombiana de Obstetricia y Ginecología (FECOLSOG)**  
**Sociedade Brasileira de Videocirurgia (SOBRACIL)**

This Pan-American Session brings together international thought leaders from ALACE (Latin America), AMCE (Mexico), FECOLSOG (Colombia), SOBRACIL (Brazil), and SLS, to share their perspectives on how best to practice in developing countries with limited medical and financial resources. The session will be truly Pan-American, with speakers representing Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the mainland US. Topics will include “What’s next in MIS”, “When bad situations happen to good surgeons”, “Safe use of energy”, and “Robotics and microsurgery”, “Robotics and microsurgery adoption in limited resource environments”. Presentation formats will include interactive debates/rebuttals, slides, and videos.

**Director:** Michael Stark, MD  
**Faculty:** Oktay Kadayifci, Prof Dr Med, Doron Kopelman, Prof Dr Med, Daniel Kuhn, MD, Liselotte Mettler, Prof Dr Med, Farr Nezhat, MD

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**Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain**

Thursday, Sept 3, 2015  
7:40am-12:30pm

**Chinese Journal of Minimally Invasive Surgery (CJMIS)**  
**International Pelvic Pain Society (IPPS)**  
**International Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy (ISGE)**  
**Societatea Romana de Chirurgie Minim Invasiva In Ginecologie (The Romanian Society of Minimally Invasive Surgery in Gynecology) (SRMIG)**

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**What Makes a Good Surgeon?**

Friday, September 4, 2015  
7:40am-9:15am

**New European Surgical Academy (NESA)**

Surgical conferences deal usually with surgical methods, instruments, complications and their prevention. Rarely is the focus on the individuals holding the scalpel and looking through the ocular, their drive to become surgeons, their backgrounds, characters, response to stress and human approach. Various methods were developed for evaluation of candidates before being accepted to medical schools. Are there ways to evaluate graduates wishing to become surgeons before starting their training? In this session leading and experienced surgeons from different disciplines will describe their own personal experience, what made them to what they are, what do they believe are the needed personal characteristics to become surgeons, how to deal with the daily problems of such a demanding profession and how to live with the unavoidable stress which accompanies the surgeon’s daily work.

**Director:** Antonio Bispo, MD, PhD (Brazil)  
**Co-Directors:** Eduardo Moreno Paquetin, MD (Mexico), Juan Salgado, MD (Puerto Rico)  
**Faculty:** Diego Camacho, MD (USA), Antonio Cury, MD (Brazil), Carlos Domene, MD (Brazil), Roberto Gallardo, MD (Guatemala), Gustavo Guittmann, MD (Brazil), Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA (USA), Ariel Martinez Onate, MD (Mexico), Jens Rassweiler, Prof Dr Med (Germany), Mauricio Rubinstein, MD, PhD (Brazil), Thierry Soares, MD (Brazil), Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA (USA), Robert M. Sweet, MD (USA)

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**Robotic Microsurgery**

Friday, September 4, 2015  
10:30am-12:15pm

The Robotic Assisted Microsurgical & Endoscopic Society (RAMSES)

Since its inception in the early 2000’s, robotic assistance with microsurgical procedures continues to expand. The magnification, three dimensional visualization, and surgical control offered by robotic assisted systems has led to its integration into microsurgical procedures. The addition of robotic assistance may allow an improvement in outcomes similar to when the operating microscope was introduced in microsurgery. Though the use of robotics in microsurgery is still in its early phases, initial findings are encouraging. This session covers robotic microsurgical procedures and techniques in various specialties such as plastic & reconstructive surgery, and urology.

**Faculty:** Taiba Arasheeda MD, Andrew McCullough, MD, Bayo Tojuola, MD, Parviz Kavoussi, MD, Tung Shu, MD

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**Abdominal Wall Hernia**

Friday, September 4, 2015  
1:45pm-2:45pm

**American Hernia Society (AHS)**

This joint panel presents the first combined session of the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons and the American Hernia Society. It focuses on common hernia issues faced by surgeons from many disciplines.

**Director:** Benjamin K. Poulse, MD, MPH  
**Moderator:** Michael S. Kavic, MD  
**Faculty:** Gina Adrales, MD, MPH Eric Pauli, MD Melissa Phillips-LaPinska, MD Ajita Prabhu, MD
2014 Best of Updates by SIG Committees on Thursday, Sept. 3, 7:40am-8:30am

Endometriosis/Ovarian/Complex Pelvic Surgery
Charles H. Koh, MD
Deeply Infiltrating Endometriosis - Considerations for Pain and Infertility

Fertiloscopy/Transvaginal Endoscopy
Stephen A. Grochmal, MD

MIS Continuing Education Committee
Larry R. Glazerman, MD
Maintenance of Certification in Surgical Specialties: Where We’ve Been, Where We’re Going

Fellowship, Resident & Student Education Committee
James C. “Butch” Rosser, MD
New Approaches to Move the Needle of MIS Education for Students, Residents, and Fellows

2015 Updates will be presented by SIG Committees on Thursday and Friday afternoons

Abdominal/Pelvic Pain/Adhesions
Erin Carey, MD
Chronic Pain after Hysterectomy: Patient Predictors and Risk Assessment

Bariatrics
Ehab Akkary, MD
21 mm Circular Stapling Technique with Over Sewing is Associated with Low Incidence of Gastrojejunostomy Strictures

Cancer Surgery (Multispecialty)
Farr Nezhat, MD
Role of Laparoscopy in Advanced Ovarian Cancer

Core Competencies
Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA
The Core Competencies, the American Board of Surgery and your Hospital Privileges

Endometriosis/Ovarian/Complex Pelvic Surgery
Juan L. Salgado, MD
Correlation of Pre-Operative Target Organ Sonography (TOS) with Emphasis on Deep Infiltrating Lesions and Laparoscopic

Findings: A Non-Invasive Scoring System for Pelvic Endometriosis
Kiyohiko Yamada, MD, PhD
Transvaginal Ultrasonographic Evaluation and Laparoscopic Resection of the Pelvic Endometriosis

Fertiloscopy/Transvaginal Endoscopy
Gerald Harkins, MD
Transvaginal Endoscopy and Fertiloscopy: Seeing Everything I didn’t Know

Fibroids/Abnormal Uterine Bleeding
Herbert Goldfarb, MD
Fibroid Therapy - Where Have We Been and Where are We Going?

Future Technology
Robert M. Sweet, MD & Tim Kowalewski, MD
What the Future Robot Should Look Like

Hernia
Lawrence Biskin, MD
Advance Techniques that Optimize Laparoscopic Hernia Repairs

Hysterectomy
Robert K. Zurawin, MD
Minimally Invasive Hysterectomy in the Era of Morcellation Controversy

Hysteroscopy
Radha Syed, MD
Hysteroscopy - How Far Can We Go?

Robotic Surgery
Collin EM Brathwaite, MD
The Increasing Impact of Robotic Surgery on General Surgery - Challenges, Cost and Current Concepts

Technology, Innovation & Surgical Standardization
Robert Gallardo, MD
The Roll of Instruments in the Development of Mini/ Micro Laparoscopic Surgery
Alexander Rosemurgy, MD
Robotics and their Role in Complex Abdominal Operations

Women in MIS
Susan Khalil, MD
The Value of Finding a Mentor for Women in a Surgical Specialty

2015 Updates will be presented by SIG Committees on Thursday and Friday afternoons
CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION
The conference is designed to meet the needs of the clinical or academic surgeon, resident, nurse, or technical support staff within all specialties who wish to increase his or her knowledge of laparoscopic, endoscopic and minimally invasive surgical and diagnostic techniques. Your participation in the Master’s Class of your choice and the many sessions will provide valuable information through dialogue, discussions and visuals designed specifically for you.

This four-day conference will greatly expand your understanding of the development and use of new minimally invasive technologies and techniques. Sessions will concentrate on a variety of procedures, techniques, and issues important to laparoscopic, endoscopic and minimally invasive surgeons.

- During in-depth Master’s Classes, the faculty, experts in Gynecology, General Surgery, Urology, and other specialties, will share their experience, explain new and varied technology and techniques, and will lead discussions about issues and topics important to all specialties.
- The video session, Surgical Surprises, will bring panels of Master Surgeons together to show you the finer points of their techniques and to discuss how to handle surgical accidents, mishaps, and surprises with attention given to lessons learned and appropriate action/reaction.
- Updates on various specialties will be presented by SLS Special Interest Group (SIG) Committee members.
- Future Technology Session
- Exhibits will feature the latest in products and services designed by leading manufacturers.

CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL METHODS AND ATTENDEE OBJECTIVES
Minimally Invasive Surgery Week employs a variety of educational formats including topical general sessions, the presentation of scientific papers, open forums, posters, and original videos offered in small specialty-specific breakout sessions, and informal gatherings of participants and expert faculty.

The increasing complexity of minimally invasive diagnostics and therapy requires a continuous educational process. The exchange of knowledge and expertise among the physicians taking part in this conference contributes to the continuation of excellence in minimally invasive surgery.

Upon completion of the conference, participants will be able to:

- Increase comprehension of the basic and fundamental principles of laparoscopic, endoscopic, and minimally invasive techniques, enhancing the participant’s understanding of these techniques;
- Understand the recent advances in laparoscopic, endoscopic and minimally invasive techniques;
- Determine the appropriate use of laparoscopic, endoscopic and minimally invasive equipment as part of a treatment plan in the care of patients;
- Comprehend the developing technologies that will be available in the future to enhance the standard of patient care; and
- Acquire educational information within the physician’s specialty, which will enhance their professional development and patient care.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION PROCESS FOR THE SOCIETY OF LAPAROENDOSCOPIC SURGEONS
In order to provide a high level of continuing medical education for its members, The Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons (SLS) follows the Essential Areas and Criteria of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education in planning and developing CME activities.

To help as a planning guide SLS has a CME mission statement, which includes the CME purpose, content areas, target audience, and type of activities provided. SLS also identifies the expected results of its CME activity.

SLS identifies the educational needs and desired results for all CME activities.

SLS has an organizational structure that supports our CME activities.

In order to achieve a level of CME excellence for our members, SLS has developed a “Template of Excellence.” This document lists various examples of innovative ideas that SLS utilizes to exceed the basic level of compliance required by the ACCME. SLS looks forward to receiving input from you in order to continue to improve these processes and provide you with a meaningful continuing medical education in minimally invasive surgery.

The complete SLS CME Process for Continuing Medical Education is available online at www.SLS.org.

Conference Credit Hours
Accreditation:
The Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons (SLS) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Designation:
The SLS designates this live activity for a maximum of 26.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

- Half-Day Master Class: maximum of 3.5 credits
- Annual Meeting, 4 days: maximum of 26.25 credits
HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEETING SITE
Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel
811 7th Avenue 53rd Street
New York, New York, 10019
Reservations: 212.581.1000 or 1.800.325.3535 (Within US only)
Booking code: SLH28A
Reserve online: https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/SLS2015

Hotel Daily Rates:
Single Room: $308 USD/Night
Double Room: $318 USD/Night

These rates are subject to appropriate state, local and occupancy taxes and do not include meals. This rate is now being offered on a space available basis. Conference rates are applicable 3 days before and 1 day after the conference, based on availability. In order to qualify for the special rate, you must mention that you are attending the “SLS Conference.”

Deadline for SLS discounted rates: August 7, 2015.

Rooms are limited! Make your reservations now!

TRAVEL INFORMATION
For negotiated airline discount rates, contact Steve at The Store For Travel:
Toll free: 1.800.284.2538.
Outside the United States:
305.251.6331
steve@thestorefortravel.com.

Please be sure to mention you are attending the SLS Conference in New York, New York.

For those attending the conference who require special assistance (accessibility, dietary, etc.), please contact SLS no later than August 19, 2015, with special requests.

DESTINATION INFORMATION
New York City is one of the world’s most vibrant and international cities. New York is home to the United Nations, many institutions of higher learning, and some of the country’s top medical facilities. The Big Apple also houses some top museums including the American Museum of Natural History, Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Guggenheim Museum. Catch a performance at the Lincoln Center for the Arts, Carnegie Hall, Radio City Music Hall, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Madison Square Garden, or in one of the many Broadway theaters.

Whether you are in Midtown, Greenwich Village, Harlem, SoHo, TriBeCa, Little Italy, Chinatown, or any other neighborhood in New York City, there is a lot to see and do. Visit Central Park, take a walk on the High Line, or shop along Fifth Avenue. Take in a Yankees game or cheer for the Mets. Take a site-seeing tour and visit New York icons like the Statue of Liberty, Times Square, the Empire State Building, and Rockefeller Center.

Whether you have an hour or a day, there’s something for everyone in the City That Never Sleeps. For more information on tours, sites, shopping, etc. in New York City, go to www.mustseenewyork.com/attractions.html

CANCELLATION POLICY
Full registration fees are refundable if registrant cancels by August 5, 2015. An administrative fee of $150.00 will be deducted from fees for cancellations postmarked on or after August 6, 2015 through August 19, 2015. Refund requests will not be considered after this date, including visa denial refunds. All requests for refunds must be made in writing and received by SLS, attention Lauren Frede, by the appropriate dates. Refunds will be processed within 6 to 8 weeks after the conference.

No refunds will be made after August 19, 2015.
Scholarships for Residents, Fellows-in-Training, Nurses, & Affiliated Medical Personnel

Qualified Recipients will receive a scholarship of $375.00 towards the full registration fee of $675.00 to Minimally Invasive Surgery Week 2015, SLS Annual Meeting and Endo Expo.

Residents & Fellows-in-Training, to qualify you must be in training in a U.S. accredited training program or, if outside the U.S., you must be a Resident-in-Training or Fellow-in-Training within the first five years after medical school degree.

All Applicants must submit the following items via the Online Scholarship Application Form at www.SLS.org/Scholarship

- A statement from applicant seeking the scholarship (50 words or less) stating their training status, specialty, current involvement and/or interest in minimally invasive surgery.
- A statement from the applicant’s Department Chairman, Program Chairman, or Sponsoring Physician (50 words or less) stating why he/she is selecting you to attend this conference.

$1,000.00 Cash Award for Michael S. Kavic Best Resident Paper

The recipient will present their paper at the annual conference plus receive a cash prize of $1,000.00!

Outstanding Laparoendoscopic Resident Award

Visit www.SLS.org for details.

NEW Resident and Fellow MIS Week Program including a Resident / Fellow Meet & Greet with Faculty

Residents and Fellows are invited to join us all day on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 for the Robotic State of the Art lectures followed by a Resident and Fellow Meet & Greet with Faculty, the Opening Ceremonies, and Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall. Residents & Fellows who are not attending the conference can attend all of the day’s events for just $50.

The Resident and Fellow Meet and Greet with Faculty will be from 4:00pm - 4:35pm. Meet and network with SLS senior faculty and leaders, many of whom are luminaries in the field of minimally invasive surgery. Also come and learn about the many open access and digital resources available to you through SLS.

2014 Winner!
3 Easy Ways to Register
Use ONE of the following methods to register for MIS Week 2015, New York, New York, USA
Deadline for Registration: August 19, 2015
Web: www.SLS.org
Mail: SLS, Inc.
7330 SW 62 Place, Suite 410
Miami, FL 33143 USA
Fax: (305) 667-4123
Faxed registration forms must include check or credit card information.

1. PRINT THIS FORM. Fill out completely. Incomplete forms will be returned unprocessed. Please use one form per person; make photocopies for additional people.

2. REGISTRATION SELECTION
SLS Members - Register Online at www.SLS.org by July 2, 2015 and save $80 on your conference registration!
Non-Members - Join SLS and qualify for the online registration discount. Apply for membership via our website and within 48 hours you will receive a login and password which will enable you to register online and receive the $80 member discount.

ONLINE REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 2, 2015 TO QUALIFY FOR THE DISCOUNTS. REGISTER ONLINE NOW AND SAVE!

CONFERENCE FEES
(Includes Admission to Exhibit Hall, Welcome Reception, and 1 ticket to Breakfast with Keynote Speaker and Future Technology Session)

A. ❑ Conference Fees $675

M A S T E R C L A S S F E E S - Please Select One or Two Half-Day Classes

B. ❑ Master Class #1-AM- Hands-On Laparoscopic/Robotic/Endoscopic Simulation Skills Laboratory (Half Day 7:00am-11:00am) $325
❑ Master Class #1-PM- Hands-On Laparoscopic/Robotic/Endoscopic Simulation Skills Laboratory (Half Day 12:00pm-4:00pm) $325

C. ❑ Master Class #2-AM Advanced Laparoscopic Suturing for the Gynecologist, Urologist, and General Surgeon: THE Vertical Zone - The Next Level Beyond Triangulation (Half Day 7:00am-11:00am) $325
❑ Master Class #2-PM Advanced Laparoscopic Suturing for the Gynecologist, Urologist, and General Surgeon: THE Vertical Zone - The Next Level Beyond Triangulation (Half Day 12:00pm-4:00pm) $325

D. ❑ Master Class #2-EXP Special Expert Course in Laparoscopic & Mini-Laparoscopic Suturing for Vertical Zone Graduates (Half-Day 12:00pm-4:00pm) $400
Pre-requisite: MC#2-AM or completed Advanced Laparoscopic Suturing Master Class within the past 2 years. (Half-Day 12:00pm-4:00pm)

E. ❑ SLS RESIDENT & FELLOW PROGRAM - Wednesday, Sept 2, 2015 7:30am-8:30pm
Program includes State of the Art Lectures, Resident & Fellow Meet & Greet with Faculty, and Admission to the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception. Must be a Resident or Fellow-in-Training within 5 years of medical school graduation to attend.

No Charge with your conference registration OR $50 to attend the Resident & Fellow Program ONLY

Conference & Master's Class Fees: $

Accompanying Non-Physician Guest Fee: $85.00 per person - Accompanying Guest’s registration fee includes: Attendance at the Wednesday, September 2 Welcome Reception and the Saturday, September 5 Seated Breakfast and Future Technology Session.

Does not include admission to General Sessions or Exhibit Hall.

Number of Guests @$85.00 each

Guest Fees: $

Total Registration Fee: $

3. PAYMENT INFORMATION
For check payments: Mail registration form with check (in US Funds only), to SLS, 7330 SW 62nd Place, Suite 410, Miami, FL 33143-4825, USA.
For more information: Tel: (305) 665-9959, Fax: (305) 667-4123, or E-mail: Conferences@SLS.org, Website: www.SLS.org

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3 or 4-digit Credit Card Security Code

❑ Check Enclosed (make check payable to SLS)

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