

Letter from the President

Academy of Ambulatory Foot and Ankle Surgery

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the website of the Academy of Ambulatory Foot and Ankle Surgery.

It is my pleasure and honour to serve you as President of the Academy.

It is my intention, with the support of our board and our members, to improve your experience with the Academy and encourage its growth in order to promote minimally invasive foot surgery throughout North America and the world.

We will do this by improving communications between the Academy and its members and prospective members, by promoting, increasing and improving the benefits of membership in the Academy, by improving and strengthening our conferences, and by encouraging members to publish.

We are improving communications by updating the website. It has a fresh new look and is now mobile responsive. We have also been carefully cultivating our email list and will send out regular communications to members and prospective members to keep them informed of Academy activities.

We are improving our scientific conferences by adding an advanced track so that returning attendees do not have to listen to the basic lectures repeatedly.

If you are returning to our conferences, this will give you an opportunity to interact with experienced surgeons, discuss your complicated cases [please bring them in], and learn about other surgeons' interesting cases.

In addition, you will get to spend extra time with our keynote speakers.

We will also attempt to bring in international speakers so that we can be educated as to how minimally invasive foot surgery is being performed around the world.

We are moving our New Orleans conferences to the Hotel Monteleone in the heart of the French Quarter.

It is a fabulous old historic hotel and features the famous Carousel Bar where you can unwind after a tough day of lectures. If you think you are moving around in circles, it is not the wine.

In addition to the benefits of membership listed elsewhere on this website, we will have a members only section where members can access information that will not be available to others.

This will include medical legal commentary and charting tips from Larry Kobak, DPM, JD, as well as instructional videos and articles produced and written by our members.

You will also receive a hard copy of our newsletter.

We will also have a section on the website where prospective patients can access a geographic list of our members and fellows.

We encourage members to write articles and papers to be published in our newsletter and website for all to read. According to Dr. Isham, it is also possible to get some of the better scientific articles published in affiliated journals so that you can work your way up to professorship.

This should be an exciting year for the Academy.

Please join us for the ride.

Respectfully,
Sheldon Nadal DPM
President
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