

SOUTHEASTERN SOCIETY OF PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGEONS



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Dear Southeastern Program Directors,

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons will be held June 12-16, 2010 at The Breakers Hotel & Resort in Palm Beach, Florida. An exciting aspect of the meeting is always the Resident Competition, and this coming year will be no exception. Over the years, the quality of the submitted papers has progressively increased and the competition for the Glancy Award is stiff. However, because of this high quality of presentations, the Scientific Program of the meeting is certainly enhanced. As Chairman of the Resident Competition Committee and a member of the Program Committee, I ask that you encourage your residents to submit abstracts for consideration. As an added perk, all selected resident papers will be published in a dedicated issue of the *Annals of Plastic Surgery*, thus affording a wonderful opportunity for the resident to add to his or her curriculum vitae. However, for this to happen, any resident who has his or her abstract selected by the Committee **must** have a manuscript prepared for publication **to be submitted at the time of the meeting.**

Please note that the process for submitting abstracts will be the same as for the 2009 meeting. **All abstracts must be submitted electronically via the SESPRS official website located at www.sesprs.org. The deadline for submission is Friday, January 29, 2010.**

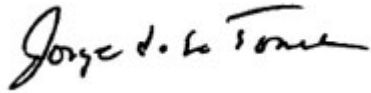
Eight papers will be selected for inclusion in the Resident Competition. Papers will be judged on a blinded basis with consideration being given toward originality, clinical usefulness, degree of resident involvement, and scientific merit. Clear representations of graphs, tables, and photographs included in the abstract or as electronic attachments will be helpful in making the final selections. **Please adhere strictly to the 200 word limit.** Another important point is that abstracts which are **not** chosen for the Resident Competition will be considered by the Program Committee for inclusion in the Scientific Program of the membership.

We realize that economics play a significant role in allowing a resident to present a paper at a regional or national meeting, not to mention time away from the clinical responsibilities of the resident. In an effort to defray at least some portion of this dilemma, the SESPRS will present a check for \$500 to the Program Director of the institution sponsoring each resident who has a paper accepted for the Resident Competition. In addition, a check for \$250 will be submitted to each institution sponsoring a resident who has a paper included in the general Scientific Session. The checks will be sent to the appropriate institutions immediately following the annual meeting.

Presentation of the results of the competition and awarding of the Glancy Trophy will take place on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at the evening Dinner Dance. **It is required that either the presenting resident or a faculty member of the sponsoring institution be present to accept the award.** In addition, monetary awards are given to both the Glancy Trophy winner and the 2nd place finisher.

More details regarding the Annual Meeting itself will be forthcoming, but please take this opportunity to encourage your residents to participate in this worthwhile endeavor. As I mentioned, the Resident Competition is always one of the highlights of the SESPRS Annual Meeting. If you have any questions regarding this competition, please do not hesitate to contact me, either electronically or by phone. I look forward to receipt of the abstracts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jorge de la Torre". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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