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Message From The President David Miller, MD



It seems like only a few years ago, as a first year fellow in Palo Alto, I heard about the Western Association of Gynecologic Oncologists, which was held in near mystical esteem by the then young Stanford Division of Gynecologic Oncology. The 12th annual meeting was to be held in the lush green foothills of Oregon at the Sunriver Resort. My senior fellow and our past president, Nelson Teng, determined that the most economical way for us to make that journey was by chartered private plane. When departure day arrived, Nelson took the co-pilot seat so that he could instruct the pilot on the finer points of aeronautical engineering, navigation, and turbulence. The rest of us strapped into the back with our picnic basket of fine Napa Valley wine and crackers anticipating a scenic journey over the San Francisco Bay and the Cascade Mountains. What followed was a three-hour air cruise more reminiscent of the S.S. Minnow than the Concorde – a flight memorable for sweaty palms, white knuckles on the armrest, and a small paper bag within easy reach. Fortunately, we passengers landed shaken but, intact. After regaling colleagues with tall tales of our airborne adventure, the trauma was soon forgotten in the serene setting of Sunriver.

So it is déjà vu all over again as WAGO returns to Sunriver for our 36th Annual Meeting, and it is especially a privilege for me to return as president. I hope you will join us June 6–9, 2007 for several days of scholarship, fellowship, collegiality, and conviviality. Our Program Chair and President-Elect, Wui-Jin Koh, has organized his program committee to seek out significant additions to the body of knowledge in gynecologic oncology for presentation and discussion. Please encourage your trainees and colleagues to submit their research so that we can continue our tradition as a trainee and member friendly forum. There will be several invited lecturers including our presidential speaker, Dr. Ted Trimble, who will update us on the status of international gynecologic oncology. Please take time to attend the annual business meeting where we will be considering by-law amendments to streamline operations to ensure that WAGO remains of service to its members. As in the past, there will be ample time for recreational activities including golf, tennis, hiking, biking, and fly-fishing. I look forward to seeing you in Sunriver.

2007 WAGO Officials

Officers

President	David Miller, MD
President-elect	Wui Jin Koh, MD
Vice President	William Robinson, MD
Immediate Past President	Sidney Scudder, MD
Secretary-Treasurer	Gary Leiserowitz, MD
Members-At-Large	Bobbie Gostout, MD
	Barbara Ann Goff, MD
Executive Director	Cassandra Larkins
Local Arrangements Host	Karen Ireland, MD

2007 Annual Meeting Committee

Wui Jin Koh (Seattle), Chair
Michael Gold (Oklahoma)
Thomas Herzog (New York)
Jayathi Lea (Dallas)
Bethan Powell (San Francisco)
Krish Tewari (Irvine)
Diane Yamada (Chicago)

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2007 Annual Meeting



The 36th Annual Meeting of the Western Association of Gynecologic Oncologists (WAGO) will be held June 6-9, 2007, at the Sunriver Resort, Sunriver, Oregon. In addition to the anticipated excellent scientific abstracts and discussions, we are very excited to have some outstanding invited speakers who will be presenting on topics of special interest. The Presidential Speaker is Dr. Edward Trimble, NCI, who will speak on "The World of Gynecologic Oncology." In addition to his roles at NCI, CTEP, and GOG, Dr. Trimble is the President-Elect of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS), and has been instrumental in orchestrating collaboration among international organizations in addressing gynecologic cancers worldwide. Dr. Elizabeth Swisher, Director of the Breast and Ovarian Cancer Prevention program at the University of Washington, will speak on

"Genetic Testing – Indications and Implications in Gynecologic Malignancies". Dr. Susanna Lee, a specialist in abdominal and pelvic imaging at the Massachusetts General Hospital, will present on "Imaging Issues in Gynecologic Cancers." We are also planning an "ASCO update in gynecologic malignancies", which has been very well received at previous WAGO meetings. Since the primary gynecologic cancer sessions at ASCO this year will be held on June 3 in Chicago, the information could not be any fresher or more timely

We encourage WAGO members and trainees to submit their work for presentation at the meeting. Abstract forms are available on the WAGO website and should be returned to the WAGO Executive Director, Ms. Cassandra Larkins at CLarkins@acog.org by Friday, April 6, 2007. Outstanding presentations will be eligible for the James F. Nolan , J. G. Moore , and Leo D. Lagasse awards.

Also available on the WAGO website is the meeting registration form. Registration is required for any member, trainee, or guest to participate in any of the WAGO meeting functions. Reduced rate registration is available to residents and fellows accompanied by a supporting letter from their program director. In addition, trainees whose abstracts are selected for presentation will receive a rebate of their registration. Early registration with reduced fees ends April 30, 2007. We are also planning a special Welcome Reception on Wednesday evening at the High Desert Museum! For more information, please contact Ms. Cassandra Larkins, WAGO Executive Director, at 202-863-1648 or clarkins@acog.org or visit the WAGO website at www.wagonyonc.org .

Sunriver Resort, Sunriver Oregon

The Resort is located on the Eastern slopes of the breathtaking Cascade Mountain Range, 17 miles south of Bend, Oregon. The resort boasts three world-class golf courses, which have won many awards including Golf Magazine's coveted Gold Medal as one of America's best golf resorts. Carefully designed to preserve the natural beauty of the area, each golf course has a character all its own. In addition to golf, you can unwind in the renowned Sage Springs Club and Spa, which offers a full range of massages, facials, body treatments, and salon services. The resort is a year-round recreation mecca, featuring 28 tennis courts, four swimming pools, rafting, horseback riding, 37 miles of bike paths, an observatory, and even a private marina on the Deschutes River for canoeing and kayaking. There is also the Fort Funnigan children's program for the little ones. Sunriver Resort is easy to get to. Major airlines service Portland, Seattle and San Francisco, with connecting service into the Redmond/Bend Airport which is a short drive to the resort.

Hotel Room Reservation: We have reserved sleeping rooms at the Sunriver Resort with a single/double group rate of \$174 for the Lodge Village Guestrooms. To reserve a room, call the Resort at 1- 800-801-8765. **Please make sure you identify your affiliation with the WAGO Annual Meeting and give the dates of the meeting when you reserve your room.** The reservation cut-off date is **May 5, 2007**, so we encourage you to make your reservations as soon as possible.



Directions to Sunriver Resort

Sunriver Resort is easy to get to. Major airlines service Portland, Seattle and San Francisco, with connecting service into the Redmond/Bend Airport a short drive away.

From Redmond Airport (RDM)

(Two major carriers fly into the Redmond Airport, and connect through Portland, San Francisco or Seattle with direct flights to all major US cities.) Approximate driving time from Redmond Airport: 45 minutes.

- Exit Airport and follow signs on access road heading towards Bend
- Drive underneath highway overpass and left onto entrance ramp for US 97 Southbound
- Continue on US 97 southbound
- Go through Bend and continue for approximately 15 miles from southernmost Bend City limits and turn west (right) to Sunriver at sign
- At large "Sunriver" sign, bear right and follow signs to the Resort

From Portland Airport (PDX)

Approximate driving time from Portland Airport: 3 hours, 30 minutes

- Exit Airport and take I-205 Southbound to I-84 Eastbound
- Take Exit 16 (Wood Village exit) Southbound towards Gresham
- Follow signs for US 26 Eastbound
- Continue on US 26 East approximately 101 miles to Madras, where US 26 merges with US 97
- Continue on US 97 Southbound approximately 50 miles through Redmond and Bend and continue for approximately 15 miles from southernmost Bend City limits and turn west (right) to Sunriver at sign
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From Eugene

Approximate driving time from Eugene: 2 hours, 30 minutes.

- Take I-105 Eastbound to OR 126
- Continue Eastbound on OR 126 approximately 76 miles to US 20, then continue on US 20 for 21 miles to Sisters
- Continue East bound on US 20 21 miles to Bend
- Continue Southbound on US 97 through Bend and for approximately another 15 miles from southernmost Bend City limits
- Turn west (right) to Sunriver at sign
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From Seattle

Approximate driving time from Seattle: 6 hours, 30 minutes.

- Take I-5 South past Auburn to I-205 (Exit 7), approximately 154 miles
- Continue Southeast on I-205 to Oregon
- Take I-205 Southbound to I-84 Eastbound
- Take Exit 16 (Wood Village exit) Southbound towards Gresham
- Follow signs for US 26 Eastbound
- Continue on US 26 East approximately 101 miles to Madras, where US 26 merges with US 97
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2006 Annual Meeting Highlights

The 2006 meeting of the Western Association of Gynecologic Oncologists (WAGO) at the Resort at Squaw Creek was great fun! The scientific program committee chaired by David Miller, MD was outstanding, the social events were fun and exciting, and the venue for this meeting was beautiful. In addition to the excellent abstract presentations there were poster presentations.

Everyone had a wonderful time on the Sunset Dinner Cruise of Lake Tahoe. The setting was perfect for an evening of dining and sightseeing!

The 2006 Award Winners for outstanding papers were:

2006 J. G. Moore Award

Therapeutic Targeting of NF-KB in Ovarian Carcinoma with Curcumin
Yvonne G. Lin, MD

2006 James F. Nolan Award

Comparison of LAVH vs. TAH for Endometrial Cancer for Clinical Outcomes and Survival: A Population-Based Study
Gary S. Leiserowitz, MD

2006 Leo D. Lagasse

Is it Worth the Risk to Preserve Fertility in Cervical Adenocarcinoma *IN SITU*?
Shawna L. Bull, MD

Photos from the 2006 Meeting at the Resort at Squaw Creek



Report from the Secretary-Treasurer Gary Leiserowitz, MD

Membership

WAGO currently has 203 members.

167 Regular Members

1 Associate Member

20 Emeritus Members

15 Honorary Members

We are pleased to welcome the new members to WAGO listed below:

Financial Statement

The beginning balance on January 1, 2006 was \$163,391.84; income totaled \$82,556.42 expenses totaled \$77,335.91.
The ending balance on December 30, 2006 was \$168,612.35

Beginning Balance January 1, 2006:	\$163,391.84
Income	
Total Income from Membership Dues	8,600.00
Total Income from Annual Meeting	73,956.42
Total Income	+82,556.42
Total Assets	\$245,948.26
Expenses	
Total Administrative Expenses	8,315.22
Total 2005 Meeting Expenses	60,009.90
Total Other Expenses	9,010.79
Total Expenses	77,335.91



Welcome New Members

Robert L. Giuntoli, II, MD, Baltimore, MD
Pui C. (Joan) Cheng, MD, New Orleans, LA
Charles V. Capen, MD, Temple, TX
Todd David Tillmanns, MD, Memphis, TN
Krishnansu S. Tewari, MD, Orange, CA
Giuseppe Ciaravino, MD, Oakland, California
Thomas C. Krivak, MD, Pittsburgh, PA

Future Meeting Sites

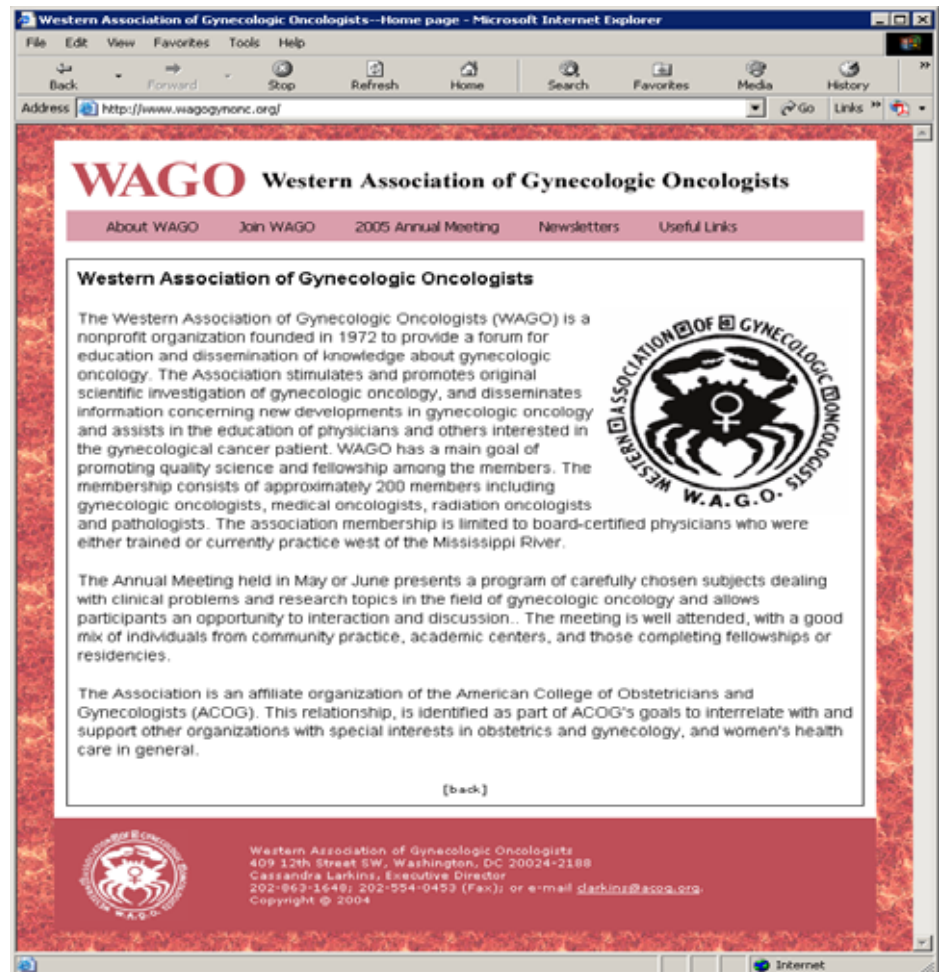
2008	Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn and Spa, Sonoma, California (Joint meeting with Felix Rutledge Society)
2009	Westin Bayside, Vancouver, British Columbia (Joint meeting with Society of Gynecologic Oncologists of Canada)

**Be sure to visit the official
WAGO website:**

www.wagogynonc.org

You'll find lots of useful information about your favorite society:

- Information about the upcoming Annual meeting
- Registration materials
- Electronic abstract submission
- Names and contact information for the Executive Committee officers
- Previous newsletters
- Soon—archival information about previous meeting sites and award winners
- Links to other useful sites



If you have any questions or want more information, please contact our Executive Director, Ms. Cassandra Larkins (see below).

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