

# Association News

## 2012 Year in Review

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As we prepare to close out 2012, let me first offer my thanks to the AsMA Staff, Council, volunteers and members for a great year. We have carefully navigated our Association through some difficult issues and stand stronger now than at the beginning of 2012. I also would like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a great New Year to begin 2013.

The 2012 year began with preparations for the 83rd Annual Scientific Meeting scheduled for Atlanta. The Scientific Program Committee, under the leadership of Dr. Arleen Saenger, did a wonderful job in building a solid scientific program for the meeting. Advance registration started slowly (as usual) in January, but picked up speed as we approached the end of April. The Atlanta meeting was a great success with 1,474 registered attendees and a highly rated scientific program based upon the post-meeting evaluations. These events are not easy to organize and execute. Many thanks go to AIM Meetings & Events for leading the planning efforts for the meeting. Walt, Phillip, and Katherine Galanty did a fantastic job in planning and executing the meeting in Atlanta. I would be remiss if I did not thank the Hilton Atlanta Hotel management and staff. They met our every need for the Atlanta meeting. I also wish to thank the AsMA Staff and the many AsMA volunteers who worked diligently to make the meeting a success for our attendees.

A surprise arrived at AsMA HQ three weeks before the Atlanta scientific meeting. We received notification from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that our application for recognition as a Scientific & Educational Public Charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code was approved. AsMA had been conducting business for many years as a non-profit 501(c)(6) trade association. The IRS approval as a public charity now provides several advantages to members. Payment of membership dues is now considered a donation. Most of the dues payment can be deducted from personal income tax as a charitable donation. The portion associated with the journal subscription is not tax deductible as it represents a product or service provided to members. Therefore, the first \$50 of any dues payment is not tax deductible. Another advantage of our 501(c)(3) status is that members' non-reimbursed expenses associated with volunteer work for AsMA can also be deducted from your taxes. Finally, AsMA is now authorized to accept charitable donations. If any of you wish to donate to support the AsMA scientific and education mission, you can contact the AsMA HQ Office to learn how to make a charitable donation.

In July, I submitted the very large and detailed documentation to the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) in support of our application for reaccreditation as a CME provider.

Fortunately, the documentation was complete and was accepted by the ACCME. Dr. Eilis Boudreau, Chair of the AsMA Education & Training Committee, and I participated in a conference call interview with the ACCME surveyors on November 1. Our application for reaccreditation will be submitted for approval as part of the March 2013 cohort to the ACCME Accreditation Review Committee with final decision on our reaccreditation from the ACCME Decision Committee of the Board of Directors. I hope to report at the Chicago Annual Scientific Committee that our reaccreditation application was approved.

August and September found us working hard to put the finishing touches on the new AsMA website. Many thanks to Rachel Trigg, AsMA Webmaster, for the long hours associated with building the web pages and ensuring links were working properly. We launched the new AsMA website the day after Labor Day and expected e-mails and phone calls from users to tell us of functional problems. Much to our surprise, we received several laudatory e-mails and phone calls but very few communications of the critical nature. The beauty of the new website is the Content Management Software (CMS) we purchased as part of the upgrade. The CMS allows the AsMA Staff to make changes and updates to the website in real time. We continue to update and improve the website to ensure the look, feel and functionality of the website meets or exceeds user expectations. If you have suggestions for improving the website, please contact us at the AsMA HQ Office.

As with any large family, each year brings sorrow. We lost some family members this year and we grieved. We know our Association was made better by their presence and their passing caused a small tear in the AsMA fabric. We will mend over time, but we will always miss them.

As we close out 2012, I ask each of you to reflect on this past year. Celebrate the accomplishments, but continue to identify those areas that still require attention and improvement. I ask each of you to consider volunteering for a committee or a leadership position. We need your ideas and energy to continually improve our offerings to our members and the public at large. We must continually strive to enhance health, promote safety, and improve performance of all individuals who work or travel in unusual environments.

The AsMA HQ Staff wish you and your families a wonderful end to 2012 and happy, healthy, and prosperous 2013!

## NSBRI Summer Internship Program

The National Space Biomedical Research Institute (NSBRI) is accepting applications for its 2013 Summer Internship Program. This unique program places college students in NASA laboratories working with scientists on research projects focused on protecting astronaut health during spaceflight. The NSBRI-sponsored program gives selected students an opportunity to spend nine weeks in laborato-

ries at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, or Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, CA. In addition to the laboratory work, interns participate in a week-long Summer Bioastronautics Institute at NSBRI Headquarters in Houston. The Summer Bioastronautics Institute offers workshops focusing specifically on the enhancement of research, presentation, and mentoring skills. More than 170 students have participated in this highly competitive program since its inception in 1998. The deadline for the NSBRI Summer Internship program, which is managed by Baylor College of Medicine's Center for Educational Outreach, is Dec. 31, 2012. General information, program requirements and the application are available at <http://www.nsbri.org/summerinternship/>.

## CLASSIFIED AD

### POSITION AVAILABLE

**Assistant Professor  
Aerospace Medicine Residency Program  
Department of Community Health  
Wright State University  
Boonshoft School of Medicine  
Dayton, Ohio**

Wright State University, Boonshoft School of Medicine, is recruiting for a Full-Time faculty position within the Division of Aerospace Medicine, Department of Community Health. Candidates must be a U.S. Citizen, have an M.D. or D.O. degree, have completed an ACGME approved Aerospace Medicine residency training program, be Board Certified in Aerospace Medicine by the American Board of Preventive Medicine with a time-limited certificate, and be able to obtain an unrestricted State of Ohio medical license. Current and active medical license in any state will suffice in the interim. Board Certification in an additional Preventive Medicine or Primary Care specialty is strongly preferred. The ideal applicant will have experience as a military or U.S. Government flight surgeon and hold an FAA pilot certificate. The successful physician must be an outstanding clinician and have a strong interest and/or experience in Aerospace Medicine resident education. Compensation and benefits are highly competitive for medical school affiliated positions. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and curriculum vitae to: <https://jobs.wright.edu/>.

Review of applications began August 15, 2012. If the position is not filled with initial responses, applications will continue to be considered until the position is filled. For additional information about the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine and its programs, please consult the Boonshoft School of Medicine website at: <http://www.med.wright.edu/>. Wright State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.



**USAF SAFETY HALL OF FAME**--Maj. Gen. Feest (left) presents Col. White (right) with a plaque inducting him into the USAF Safety Hall of Fame during his retirement ceremony.

### Col. White Inducted into AF Safety Hall of Fame

Col. Donald J. White, FRAeS, B.S., USAF, was inducted into the Air Force Safety Hall of Fame during his retirement ceremony a few months ago. Since 1977, the award has been bestowed on those individuals who have made singularly unique contributions to safety and U.S. Air Force mishap prevention. This award is not for any one contribution, but rather a recognition for career contributions made over an extended period of time resulting in enduring and significant improvements in safety, both now and in the future. The performance and contributions of the recipient are recognized by his or her peers as being of unequalled excellence. As a consequence of these standards, this award is infrequently conferred. Since 1977, only 72 have been honored with this prestigious award. Col. White's name will be inscribed onto a permanent register on display at the Air Force Safety Center.

## News of Members

**Ian C. Perry** has, after some 40 yrs in the same place, now moved his practice to The Old Rectory, St John's Hill, Shaftesbury, Dorset, UK. He continues to practice in the field of Clinical Aviation Medicine as a Consultant.

## New Members

Hagerman, Rodney S., CDR, USN, Pensacola, FL  
 Kennedy, Dan F., Maj. USAF, MC, Fair Haven, NJ  
 Stancut, Eugen, Capt., USAF, Pensacola, FL  
 Streitz, Matthew J., Capt, USAF, MC, Randolph AFB, TX  
 Watkins, Bettina C., Capt., USAF, MC, Columbus AFB, MS

## In Memoriam

### Karen A. Fox, M.D., M.P.H.

AsMA was saddened to learn that Karen A. Fox, M.D., M.P.H., Col., USAF (Ret.), died on October 9 of pancreatic cancer after a 4-yr battle. Dr. Fox was born in San Antonio in 1956 and graduated in 1980 as one of the first class of women from the Air Force Academy, where she majored in Life Sciences. In 1984, she graduated from the Baylor College of Medicine with an M.D. and interned at Baylor College of Medicine Affiliated Hospital until 1985. She later served a residency at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, graduating in 1995. She was a Flight Surgeon in the Air Force and flew F-15 and F-16 aircraft. She

served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and earned a Bronze Star for her part in forming the first medical facility of that conflict at Baghdad International Airport. During her military career, she made the rank of colonel, served as a consultant at Brooks City-Base, and served as Commander at Randolph AFB.

After retiring from the military, Dr. Fox took a position as Medical Director for Eagle Applied Sciences (an AsMA Corporate Member) in San Antonio. She was Board Certified in Occupational and Aerospace Medicine and a Diplomate of the American Board of Preventive Medicine. She was a former President of the Lily Langtry Society. Within AsMA, she served on the Aviation & Safety Committee and on the Education & Training Committee and became a Fellow in 2009.

### Future AsMA Meetings

May 12-16, 2013  
 Chicago Sheraton  
 Chicago, IL

May 11-15, 2014  
 San Diego Hilton  
 San Diego

May 10-14, 2015  
 Walt Disney World Swan and  
 Dolphin Hotel  
 Lake Buena Vista, FL

April 24- 28, 2016  
 Rio Las Vegas Hotel and Casino  
 Las Vegas, NV

**UNDERSEA & HYPERBARIC MEDICAL SOCIETY**  
**46th ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING**

**JUNE 13-15**  
**2013**  
 Pre-course: June 12

**LOWES ROYAL PACIFIC RESORT AT UNIVERSAL ORLANDO**  
 ROOM RATE: \$169.00 s/d

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.UHMS.ORG**

## In Memoriam

### Burt Rowen, MC, USAF (Ret.)

AsMA was also saddened to hear that Burt Rowen, MC, USAF (Ret.), died in October. A native of New York City, Dr. Rowen graduated from Lafayette College in Easton, PA, in 1942 with a B.A. and earned an M.D. from the New York University College of Medicine in 1945. He completed the Primary Course in Aerospace Medicine at Randolph AFB, TX, in 1946 and then attended the Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA. He was a para-rescue surgeon with the 5th Rescue Squadron before entering flying training. He graduated as a pilot in 1948 and flying with the 56th Fighter Group for a year. From 1949-1951, he became a faculty member of the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph AFB. From 1952-1955, he was an Assistant Air Attache (Medical) in Stockholm, Sweden. He then completed the National Naval Medical Center Preventive Medicine Course at Bethesda, MD, in 1955. From 1956-1962, he was Chief of the Bioastronautics Branch and Bioastronautics Coordinator for the X-15 at Edwards AFB, CA. He was then appointed the Assistant for Bioastronautics to the X-20 (Dyna-Soar) System Program Director in 1962.

A long-time member, Fellow, and Emeritus member of AsMA, Dr. Rowen was a Diplomate of the American Board of Preventive Medicine certified in Aerospace Medicine. He was also a member of the International Academy of Aviation Medicine, the California Academy of Preventive Medicine, the Society of USAF Flight Surgeons, the Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S., and the Flying Physicians Association, and a Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine. He had around 15 publications to his name, chiefly relating to support of manned rocket research flight.

Check out the new, improved  
AsMA website!!!

<http://www.asma.org>

Explore the links to our Constituent and  
Affiliate Organizations, the WING, and our  
Corporate Members!!!



## European School of Aviation Medicine

### Training Courses 2013 for JAA/FAA Aero Medical Examiners

#### Aviation Medicine/Travel Medicine

##### Diploma Course 22

9 – 17 March 2013

##### AME Class 2

31 August –

##### Basic Course 23

8 September 2013

##### AME Class 1

##### Advanced Course 23

7 – 15 December 2013

Venue: Lufthansa Aeromedical Center,  
Frankfurt Airport.

Application forms and further details under [www.flugmed.org](http://www.flugmed.org)  
or [www.eusam.org](http://www.eusam.org).

## Nominations Sought for 2012 AsMA Awards

The Awards Committee of the Aerospace Medical Association, which is responsible for selecting the annual winners of special awards, has set a **January 15** deadline for receiving nominations for awards to be presented at the 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta, GA. The names of prospective award winners should be submitted as far in advance of the deadline as possible. To view a list of past recipients go to the AsMA website: <http://www.asma.org/pdf/awrdwin.pdf>

Nominations can be made by any member of AsMA.

#### Rules:

1. The nominee must be a current member of the Association by Feb. 1 in the year in which the award may be given, with the sole exception that the Sidney D. Leverett, Jr., Environmental Science Award is open to nonmembers.
2. Employees of a company sponsoring an award are eligible to receive the award. Self-nomination is not allowed. Deceased members may be nominated.
3. Nominations for the Tuttle and Environmental Science Awards must cite a specific paper printed in *Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine*. The award will be given to the first author, with co-authors that are AsMA members receiving co-author recognition.
4. An individual can only receive one award in any one year. The same individual may receive an award more than once, so long as five years have elapsed between the last time that award was won by that same awardee. The exception is the Bauer Award, as this award is only given once to an individual.
5. Nominations are good for three years from the original award nomination. They may be updated. If substantial material has changed for the same award within that three-year cycle—a new nomination should be submitted.
6. The form is available on the AsMA website. You may either submit the nomination directly from the website or you may download the

nomination form into your computer for e-mailing as a pdf document attachment. Nomination forms sent via e-mail should be addressed to the Awards Committee Chair, Kris Belland, D.O., at [awards@asma.org](mailto:awards@asma.org); and Ms. Gisselle Vargas at AsMA Headquarters ([gvargas@asma.org](mailto:gvargas@asma.org)). If e-mail is not available, you can send a hard copy of the form via normal mail to: Aerospace Medical Association, 320 South Henry St., Alexandria, VA 22314; or fax to the AsMA Home Office: (703)739-9652. Any auxiliary biographical material in electronic or hard copy **attachments must be limited to 3 typed pages** and will be retained in Association files.

7. Nominations received after **Jan. 15th** will be considered for awards to be presented at the next annual meeting.

#### ANNUAL AWARDS (descriptions online)

1. Louis H. Bauer Founders Award
2. Mary T. Klinker Award
3. Harry G. Moseley Award
4. Eric Liljencrantz Award
5. Theodore C. Lyster Award
6. Boothby - Edwards Award
7. Julian E. Ward Memorial Award
8. Raymond F. Longacre Award
9. Arnold D. Tuttle Award
10. John A. Tamisiea Award
11. Sidney D. Leverett, Jr. Environmental Science Award
12. John Paul Stapp Award
13. Kent K. Gillingham Award
14. Won Chuel Kay Award
15. Marie Marvingt Award
16. Joe Kerwin Award
17. John Ernsting Award
18. Walter and Sylvia Goldenrath Award