Note from the Editor

Dear SRS Members:

I am very excited to bring to you the Summer 2018 edition of the SRS newsletter. This is part of a new incentive to publish newsletters on a quarterly basis to be in touch more frequently with all of you. We will deliver the Fall 2018 newsletter shortly before this year’s ASRM Scientific Congress & Expo in Denver. Our Fall newsletter will be more comprehensive and include a “Surgical Innovations” article by Dr. Steven Lindheim on navigating the difficult cervix and a “Urology Corner” article by Dr. Kathleen Hwang with an update on sperm retrieval in the azoospermic male.

In this edition, we report on the successful SRS Fellows Bootcamp that was held earlier this year in Houston, TX. The feedback from the trainees and faculty was very positive!

A great opportunity for SRS involvement is sharing your challenging or interesting cases through the SRS discussion forum. I urge everyone to take the time to contribute to the forum on the SRS website. The SRS programs for the upcoming Congress in Denver are exciting, and I look forward to seeing you all in October.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you are interested in contributing to the newsletter!

Best regards,
Mindy S. Christianson, M.D.

Message from SRS President, Dr. Samantha M. Pfeifer

I am happy to write to you as the President of SRS. It is an honor to serve in this position and work with a great group of individuals. I am proud of what we have accomplished.

My mission is to get more women involved in SRS, as well as reproductive surgery in general. Over the past few years, we have successfully involved more women in positions within the SRS, including the Board, as faculty in Pre-Congress courses and sessions at the ASRM Scientific Congress, the Surgical Bootcamp, and on the new SRS Practice Committee. Following that trend, our SRS-sponsored speaker at the Congress in Denver this year is Liselotte Mettler, a pioneer in laparoscopic surgery, who will talk about Reproductive Surgery: Roots, Basics, and Future.

The last year has seen a lot of activities from our society. We have a new updated logo and have redesigned the website to reflect our new look. It is more in line with the updated logo of ASRM and the other affiliated societies.

We are continuing the SRS/SREI Surgical Bootcamp again in Houston for 40 fellows from REI programs around the country. The two-day course included lectures from REI faculty, hands-on experience guided by faculty in hysteroscopy, pelvic trainers, embryo transfer, and laparoscopic surgery on cadavers. I am proud to say that almost 40 percent of the faculty were women, a trend we plan to continue. The bootcamp has been very well received, and this past year, we raised a record $119,500 in industry support. We plan to hold the bootcamp again on January 25-26, 2019 at the MITIE Center in Houston. Applications are sent to REI Program directors for their fellows and should be available in September. Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis.
The one-year, non-ACGME accredited fellowship in reproductive surgery has been approved and sites are accepting fellow applicants. There are three sites across the country, Atlanta, Palo Alto, and Chicago. The Society of Reproductive Surgeons Manual of Reproductive Surgery, Cambridge University Press is currently in press, and expected to be published soon. This will be available to fellows and will have accompanying videos that can be accessed through our website. It is an excellent reference for reproductive surgical procedures.

The ASRM Scientific Congress & Expo should be exciting. We have various topics being presented, including a debate on reproductive skills in graduating fellows, endometriosis in adolescents and long-term outcomes, a surgical tutorial on pearls to navigate distorted pelvic anatomy, and a series of roundtable lunch sessions on a variety of topics for the urologist and gynecologist interested in surgery. The Reproductive Surgery Track section of the Preliminary Program summarizes all sessions of interest to surgical enthusiasts. Our SRS Members’ Meeting will take place at the Congress on Monday following the meeting. All are welcome – including fellows and residents. We plan to award the SRS Distinguished Surgeon Award, and you can mingle with a wonderful group of like-minded souls over excellent food, drink and surprise entertainment. It is also a great time to network and get involved in activities and projects in SRS. See you there!

Regards,
Samantha M. Pfeifer, M.D.
President, Society of Reproductive Surgeons 2018

Limited Spaces Still Available for SRS Pre-Congress Courses at ASRM!

Saturday, October 6, 2018 8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Master Class on Male Reproductive Surgeries: Update on the Latest Technical Advances, Tips, Pearls and Salvage Maneuvers (PC11)

Faculty: Drs. Peter Chan (Chair), Sheldon Marks, Mark Sigman and Marc Goldstein

This hands-on course reviews the current standards and practice of a wide spectrum of commonly performed male reproductive surgeries. Designed for a broad range of health-care professionals in male reproductive medicine, urology residents and fellows as well as practicing urologists will find this course valuable. Reproductive endocrinologists and infertility specialists, andrologists, and embryologists will also benefit.

Sunday, October 7, 2018 8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Hands-on Hysteroscopy and Laparoscopy Course (PC24)

Faculty: Drs. Ceana H. Nezhat, Bala Bhagavath, Samantha M. Pfeifer, Steven R. Lindheim, John C. Petrozza, John Preston P. Parry, Divya K. Shah, Stephanie J. Estes, Linnea R. Goodman

This course provides a variety of skill-development opportunities through hands-on training in laparoscopic, endoscopic, robotic, and microsurgical surgical techniques. Both recent graduates from residency and fellowship, as well as practitioners who wish to update knowledge and skills in laparoscopic and hysteroscopic surgery, will find this hands-on course invaluable.
Third Annual SRS-SREI Surgical Boot Camp

The Third Annual SRS-SREI Surgical Boot Camp for REI fellows took place on January 26th and 27th, 2018 at the Houston Methodist Institute for Technology, Innovation & Education (MITIE) in Houston, Texas. The course was directed by Drs. Bala Bhagavath, University of Rochester, NY and Steven R. Lindheim, Wright State University, Boonshoft School of Medicine under the guidance of Drs. Samantha Pfeiffer, Weill Cornell Medicine, Richard Reindollar, ASRM CEO, and Christos Coutifaris, ASRM President, who were present to lend their support to the successful program. Many other faculty committed their time and energy to make this the most successful program yet. The response from attendees was tremendous, and the event was very well-attended.

The agenda of the boot camp was built upon a comprehensive mix of lectures and hands-on activities. The hands-on activities included cadaveric dissection, laparoscopic suturing in the box trainer, multiple hysteroscopic training activities, embryo transfer simulation for each attendee in the hands-on stations, and adherence to the scheduled lectures and activities. This resulted in an enhanced learning experience for trainees and faculty.

This year, additional cadavers allowed for a better learning and teaching experience. Ten cadaver stations allowed for laparoscopic dissection and exercises, and two cadavers for robotic surgery exercises. At the laparoscopic cadaver station, trainees practiced dissection in the retroperitoneal space and performed suturing tasks mimicking myometrial closure and cystotomy repairs. At the robotic surgery cadaver station, attendees practiced repair of the myometrium and tubal anastomosis. The fellows also enthusiastically participated in suturing tasks in the dry lab. An element of competition was introduced by timing participants, which allowed for self-evaluation and feedback.

A computerized robotic simulation station allowed even seasoned users to hone their skills. At the many hysteroscopic stations, trainees practiced hysteroscope assembly with application of scissors and graspers to remove bell pepper seed “polyps”, used resectoscopes to shave potato “fibroids” and the hysteroscopic morcellator to remove model fibroids and polyps.

The embryo transfer station was very popular, with trainees requesting that the 20 minutes allotted be increased to 30 minutes in the future.

In addition, the dinner served as a great opportunity for the faculty and trainees to socialize and interact, allowing each to learn about the other and the trainees to share their goals and aspirations.
Benefits of SRS membership include:

- NEW! Secure access to SRS newsletters, literature reviews, surgical videos from SRS members, and the SRS Discussion forum! These benefits are only available to active SRS members.
- Involvement in the only society that specifically addresses the issues of pelvic reconstructive surgery in women of reproductive age
- Interaction with a national and international group of surgeons who share an interest in reproductive surgery
- The opportunity to review research abstracts with a focus on reproductive surgery
- Participation in roundtable discussions at ASRM Scientific Congresses
- The discussion of novel surgical techniques through video sessions
- Participation in surgical hands-on courses at ASRM Scientific Congresses
- Access to participate in Pre-Congress courses on a variety of topics related to the field of reproductive surgery
- Participation in collaborative research projects addressing surgical outcomes

Don’t Miss the Expert Encounter on Endometriosis at ASRM!

Wednesday, October 10, 2018  12:15 – 1:15 pm
Surgical Experience with Endometriosis in the Infertile Patient: Has the Paradigm Shifted?
Tommaso Falcone, M.D., Cleveland Clinic
This intimate, in-depth luncheon session is designed for interaction and exchange. Bring your questions and discussion ideas and be prepared to engage while you enjoy a boxed lunch during the session. Sign up now for this ticketed event with limited registration at https://scientific.asrmcongress.org.
## SRS Scientific Congress Sessions

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<td>Reproductive Surgery Skills of Graduating Fellows are Declining and They Matter</td>
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<td>SRS Lecture: Reproductive Surgery: Roots, Basics, and Future Liselotte Mettler, M.D., Ph.D.</td>
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<td>Telesurgery</td>
<td>Positive Steps Fertility, Parryscope Fertility J. Preston Parry, M.D., M.P.H.</td>
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New updates on www.reprodsurgery.org!

The SRS website, www.reprodsurgery.org, now hosts a variety of informative features and sections ONLY available to active SRS members!

The new update includes a password protected log-in section that includes the following information:

- SRS Email Discussion List
- SRS Literature Reviews
- SRS Newsletters
- Surgical Tutorials Uploaded by SRS members

Please be sure to keep checking the SRS website frequently to see the upcoming and ongoing changes. We value your input and suggestions.

Feel free to contact the Website Chair, Dr. John Parry (drprestonparry@gmail.com) or Dani Mosley at ASRM (dmosley@asrm.org) with any comments or suggestions you may have regarding the SRS website.