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## From the President

*James W. L. Wilson, M.D.*

I hope that all members are planning to attend the upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeastern Section Annual Meeting which will take place September 18-20, 2008 at the Tamaya Resort in Santa Ana Pueblo, NM. The resort is about 30 minutes north of Albuquerque—the site of the nearest airport. The format for the meeting this year will be somewhat different than previous years with the vast majority of submitted abstracts being presented at moderated poster sessions.

Dr. Rob Siemens, Chair of the Scientific Program Committee, is organizing an exciting and educational program of invited speakers, point-counterpoint debates and clinically relevant plenary sessions to ensure an exceptional educational value for practicing urologists. To promote enhanced interactions between presenters and attendees, our format for submitted abstracts will be moderated posters, and the plenary sessions will be reserved for more formal presentations and debates.

The meeting this year will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday morning September 18, therefore, people traveling from the eastern half of North America will need to **arrive on Wednesday September 17**. The meeting will conclude with the President's banquet on Saturday evening, September 20, allowing attendees to travel home on Sunday, September 21 and be ready for work on Monday— unless they want to take advantage of the wonderful scenery in this part of the country and extend their stay.

The Section recently developed a needs assessment survey to solicit members' opinions about how the Section might better serve you. Thank you for your participation. Your feedback will help us evolve in the coming years to best serve the needs of our membership.

### **Note from the Secretary**

***Edward M. Messing, M.D.***

As Secretary of the Northeastern Section, I would like to thank each of you who participated in our member survey. In our next *Newsletter* we will be publishing the responses and results of the survey. The information gleaned should help the Section make the Annual Meeting and other Section activities more valuable for each of you and will let us know if there are specific groups who we are not serving well. As you might recall, as an incentive for completing the questionnaire, your names were placed in a lottery for a prize consisting of free registration for the September 2008 meeting in New Mexico. To date, the response to our questionnaire has been quite encouraging. Look for a full report of the results (and the winner of our contest) in our next newsletter.

### **AUA President-Elect Update**

The Northeastern Section has both the responsibility and opportunity to choose the President of the American Urological Association (AUA), whose term as President-Elect will begin in May, 2009. Each voting member of our Section has the opportunity to nominate one candidate. Nominations are being accepted until **February 15, 2008**. For a nomination form, job description or other qualifications, please contact the Section administrative offices at [nsaua@AUAnet.org](mailto:nsaua@AUAnet.org).

### **2008 Annual Meeting**

- **Abstract Submission Site**

The NS-AUA abstract submission site for the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting is now open. The deadline for abstract submission is **Monday, March 31, 2008**. You can access the submission instructions and on-line abstract submission site on our [Web site](#).

- **Save-the-Date**

The meeting this year will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2008. Be sure to arrive on Wednesday, September 17 to take full advantage of the scientific program.

- **Registration Opening**

On-line registration will open **Spring 2008**. Visit our Web site for up-to-date [Annual Meeting information](#).

- **Preliminary Program**

Tentative Schedule\*

**Thursday, September 18**

6:30 – 7:30 a.m.

Industry Sponsored Breakfast

7:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Plenary: Prostate Cancer

State-of-the-Art Lecture

Prostate Cancer Point-Counter-Point

10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Concurrent Poster Sessions
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Sneak Peek Luncheon in Exhibit Hall
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Plenary: BPH and ED State-of-the-Art Lectures
3:30 – 5:15 p.m.	Concurrent Poster Sessions
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Grand Opening Welcome Reception
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Networking Reception

**Friday, September 19**

6:30 – 7:30 a.m.	Industry Sponsored Breakfast
7:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Best of Posters Session & Prize Essays Plenary: “Tips, Tricks and Trips” Video Session
10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Concurrent Poster Sessions
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	Plenary: Pediatric Urology/Infertility State-of-the-Art Lectures
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Route 66 Run Night

**Saturday, September 20**

6:30 – 7:30 a.m.	Industry Sponsored Breakfast Residents’ Breakfast
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Business Meeting
8:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Best of Posters Session Plenary: Metastatic RCC State-of-the-Art Lectures Debate: “Who’s on First?” Surgery in Metastatic RCC
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.	Plenary: Bladder Cancer State-of-the-Art Lecture
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Plenary: Prostate Cancer State-of-the-Art Lectures
12:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Golf & Tennis Tournaments
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.	President’s Banquet

\*Schedule current as of January 29, 2008 and is subject to change.

**AUA Items of Interest**

- **Summer Research Conference**

The AUA Foundation/SBUR Summer Research Conference, entitled “Sexual Medicine,” is scheduled for August 7-9, 2008 at the Westin BWI Hotel in Linthicum, MD near the AUA headquarters. The Program Chair for this year’s conference is Arthur “Bud” Burnett, M.D. This annual program brings together junior investigators and outstanding successful senior researchers in a small, informal meeting to allow

maximum interactions and opportunity for advancement of urologic research. The meeting includes plenary sessions, panel discussions, and a mentoring dinner event on Thursday evening. Travel awards will be available for junior investigators. For more information, contact Becky Pagels at the AUA Foundation Office of Research at 410-689-4048 or [src@AUAFoundation.org](mailto:src@AUAFoundation.org).

- **CME Ethics Module**

Ethics Module is now available on the AUA Web site for residents and AUA members as a member benefit with no additional costs for this product. Visit the web site at: <http://www.AUAnet.org/cme/> for more information.