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## President's Message

One year ago, Dr. Eric Dierks mentioned that the AACMFS was in a state of transition. The transition continues and I would like to update you what has occurred this past year and what will be happening this coming year.

### AACMFS at EACMFS in Munich

The AACMFS made its debut at the European Association for Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery (EACMFS) at their 24th Congress in Munich, September 18-21. Our Guest Symposium focused on oncology because the board felt that this topic would produce the greatest impact for the European surgical audience. Our speakers included Brent Ward who delivered

“Recent Advances in Risk Assessment for Neck Dissection and Adjuvant Therapy in Oral Cancer;” Bryan Bell, whose topic was “Recent Advances in Immunotherapy for Head and Neck Cancer;” and Chi Viet, who lectured on “What Patients Teach Us About the Complexity of Oral Cancer.” Dr. Dierks opened the program giving a brief introduction entitled, “AACMFS – Who are We?” All the lectures were superb and the attendance at the symposium was standing room only. We are hopeful that this initial entrée to the international stage will be an on-going commitment for us. We are also thankful for the financial support that the KLS company provided to help us realize this opportunity.

### Annual Meeting in San Antonio

Preparations for our 8th annual meeting are nearing completion. I have lined up two superb keynote speakers to round-out the program. Dr. Kenneth Hargreaves is Professor and Chair of the Department of Endodontics at the University of Texas Health School of Dentistry in San Antonio. He is internationally known for his expertise in mechanisms of pain and pain control. He will speak on postoperative management of pain in surgical patients. Dr. David Jimenez was the Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at University of Texas Health, currently in private practice, and is internationally known for his innovative work on pediatric endoscopic craniotomy surgery. These topics should be of interest to all of our members.

### Transition of AACMFS Management

The transition of the management of the AACMFS from Pfiedler Enterprises to Professional Association Management, Inc. (PAMI) is complete. However, the PAMI leadership will not be available for our annual meeting in San Antonio because of a previous commitment they had so Julie Kneedler, who was involved with the planning and for whom the AACMFS bestowed Honorary Fellowship status last year, will still be with us. Hank Holderfield and his team at PAMI have assumed the general management of AACMFS and following our 2019 meeting in San Antonio, they will organize all future meetings. Another transition that occurred last year was Brent Ward became our Executive Director, taking over for John Helfrick. So the AACMFS is in good hands from all standpoints!

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## AACMFS Presents at EACMF in Munich

Delegates from the AACMFS presented a program on head and neck cancer as a “Guest Society” during the 24th bi-annual congress of the European Association of Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery (EACMFS) held in Munich, Germany Sept. 18-21, 2018. Our two hour program focused on head and neck oncologic surgery which is only one aspect of the scope of interest of AACMFS members and fellows.

Past President and current Executive Director Brent Ward Presented *Recent Advances in Risk Assessment for Neck*

*Dissection and Adjuvant Therapy in Oral Cancer*, Graduate Member Chi Viet presented her research in oral cancer; *What Patients Teach Us About the Complexity of Oral Cancer*, and Past President R. Bryan Bell presented *Recent Advances in Immunotherapy for Head and Neck Cancer*. The session moderator was Immediate Past President Eric Dierks, who gave the introduction; *AACMFS: Who Are We?* Ironically, current President Ed Ellis attended the meeting but was able to attend the AACMFS session only briefly as he was speaking in another room at the same time.



## Abstract Presented at AACMFS 2018 Meeting Published

Abstract presenter Kyle S. Ettinger, MD, DDS and his article, *Computed Tomographic Angiography Perforator Localization for Virtual Surgical Planning of Osteocutaneous Fibular Free Flaps in Head and Neck Reconstruction* has been published in the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons's *Journal of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery*. Congratulations, Dr. Ettinger!

Abstract Awardees are given a cash prize award from the AACMFS upon evidence of peer reviewed publication noting the presentation and awarded abstract at the AACMFS annual Meeting. In addition to Dr. Ettinger other abstract awards winners at the AACMFS 2018 Annual Meeting were:

Education, Training and Research  
 “The Effect of OMS Curriculum Design on USMLE Step 1 Performance”  
**Adam P. Fagin, DMD, MD**

Pediatrics, Craniofacial and Orthognathic Surgery  
 “A Pilot Study of Outcomes of Temporomandibular Joint Procedures in Surgical Patients with Fibromyalgia”  
**Karen Carver, DDS, MPH**

Head and Neck Oncology  
 “Depth of Invasion-Is Frozen Section Accurate?”  
**Justine Moe, MD, DDS**



San Antonio



## Annual American Academy of CranioMaxillofacial Surgeons Meeting

Thursday & Friday, May 9 – 10, 2019  
San Antonio, Texas

The May 2019 AACMFS meeting will showcase findings and recommendations of clinical research and trials, thus sparking lively, thought-provoking discussion. Engage with your peers, addressing pressing needs and issues in craniomaxillofacial surgery, and potential innovations and strategies to meet these challenges head-on! The format is mini-presentations of selected abstracts, followed by moderator led discussion. Abstracts submission are now closed—reviews in progress. Two keynote speakers will lend captivating insights and leading-edge solutions for managing craniosynostosis and pain management.



- **Ken Hargreaves, DDS, PhD** will address challenges of pain control, providing methods to improve on the management of pain and inflammation.



- **David Jimenez, MD, FACS** will converse about his avant-garde approaches and techniques in pediatric endoscopic craniosynostosis surgery.

Surgeon attendees may take away novel solutions, and augment care choices for their patients.

All meeting attendees are invited to join in socializing and networking at the Thursday evening reception. The reception will be held at a nearby Mexican restaurant, accessed by a River Walk boat, or a short meander from the Omni hotel. Academy members and meeting presenters may attend the Black Tie Dinner, Friday night, at the picturesque Briscoe Western Art Museum, the Jack Guenther Pavilion. The Pavilion is about a four block walk from the Omni. Be sure to register for these social events when you complete your meeting registration online! Add a guest, too, for a fee.

The AACMFS Annual Meeting is a private meeting for Fellows of the Academy, their invited presenters and distinguished guests.



# Save the Date

Mark Your Calendars for 2020 American Academy of Craniomaxillofacial Surgeons Annual Meeting

**May 7-10, 2020**

**Horseshoe Casino Hotel  
Shreveport, LA**



## Membership Update

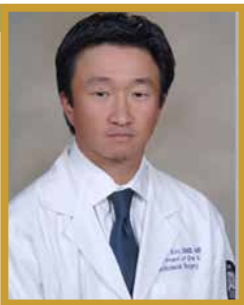
### 191 Total Members

- 1 Associate Member
- 1 Distinguished Member
- 5 Emeritus Members
- 169 Fellows
- 6 Honorary Members
- 9 Post Grad Fellows

*14 members have not renewed their membership for 2019. If you haven't renewed please click here to pay your 2018-2019 dues:*

<https://www.123signup.com/renew?Org=aacmfs>

**Currently we have 10 approved candidates for this year's Annual Meeting and remind you we welcome new nominations for membership. Email your nomination for membership to Melissa at [mconnor@pami.org](mailto:mconnor@pami.org).**



### **President Elect, David Kim, DMD, MD**

*Associate Professor, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center*

*Director of Head & Neck Oncologic Surgery/  
Microvascular Reconstruction Fellowship,  
Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery*

*Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center  
Shreveport, LA*

Dr. Kim is looking forward to welcoming all of the AACMFS Fellows to Shreveport, Louisiana. Our conference hotel will be at the world class Horseshoe Bossier Casino Hotel.

## AACMFS to Assume Stewardship for MORSMATCH and Add Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery (Cleft and Craniofacial Surgery)

Consistent with our vision to promote education and training in craniofacial surgery, the AACMFS leadership is pleased to announce agreement between the MORSMATCH and the AACMFS for transition to an AACMFS Match. This match will include both Oral/Head and Neck Oncologic surgery fellowships as well as Pediatric Craniofacial Surgery (Cleft and Craniofacial Surgery) fellowships beginning with the 2019 match.

MORSMATCH was established in 2013 to level the playing field for candidates, similar to established match programs throughout medicine and dentistry. Using the same algorithm as the OMFS residency match, the MORSMATCH has successfully placed candidates into programs in Oral/Head and Neck Oncologic Surgery. A number of transitions were occurring in the background of the MORSMATCH making this an opportune time to consider transition to a

more formalized process under the direction of a national organization. AACMFS was the perfect home for a match program inclusive of the fellowships that clearly align with the mission of the AACMFS.

The current MORSMATCH Website will transition over to the AACMFS in 2019. In 2020 it is anticipated that an entirely new site will be constructed under the AACMFS banner. In addition, formalized applicant and program agreements will be used in the 2020 cycle. A transition committee chaired by Fayette Williams (AACMFS Fellow and previous MORSMATCH coordinator) with representation from members of the AACMFS board has been named to effect this transition. Watch for transition of the website beginning March 1, 2019 and for a presentation at the annual business meeting for an update the progress of this transition.