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TO: Presidents of the Societies of the Federaci3n Latinoamericana de Cirug3a

The American College of Surgeons is pleased to announce two international scholarship programs for surgeons from countries other than the United States, its Possessions or Canada. I seek your cooperation in publicizing the availability of these international scholarship programs, and would appreciate your assistance in distributing this information to your membership.

The American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP ) offers International ACS NSQIP Scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each for two international surgeons who demonstrate strong interests in surgical quality improvement. The scholarships provide the scholars with an opportunity to attend the ACS NSQIP National Conference July 26-29, 2014 in New York, New York, and to meet with Program Leadership and Surgeon Champions from ACS NSQIP participating hospitals. Following the NSQIP conference, the candidate is encouraged to visit 1-2 hospitals reflecting the candidate's specific clinical interests. These hospitals should also have strong quality programs. The deadline for receipt of all application materials for this scholarship program is 14 February 2014. The complete requirements and application form can be accessed at this link: http://www.facs.org/memberservices/isnsqip.html.

The International Guest Scholarships are offered in the amount of \$10,000 each for 12 international surgeons to attend the Annual Clinical Congress of the ACS, and then visit several surgical institutions of interest to them. One of the scholarships is designated for a Greek or Greek heritage surgeon, and one is designated for a surgical oncologist. The others have no special designation. The complete requirements, which include a link to the direct online application form, can be accessed at this URL: http://www.facs.org/memberservices/igs.html. The deadline for receipt of all application materials for this scholarship program is 1 July 2014, for attendance at the Clinical Congress in Chicago, Illinois, 4-6 October 2015.

Please direct questions to Ms. Kate Early, International Liaison, via email, at kearly@facs.org, or facsimile, at 312-202-5021.

With many thanks for your kind assistance,

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