
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Program Chair, Dr. Sarah Krzastek, the Program Committee and the Board of the Directors of the Mid-Atlantic Section of the AUA (MA-AUA), I am delighted to share the abstracts scheduled for presentation at the upcoming 82nd Annual Meeting September 5-7, at the beautiful Greenbrier resort in West Virginia.

The MA-AUA Annual Meeting returns to the spectacular mountains of West Virginia. The Greenbrier is the site of one my all-time favorite meetings. The weather should be amazing in early September. Try your hand at some sporting clays or skeet shooting or participate in the golf tournament that has been brought back from meetings in the past. The resort is famous for the Doomsday bunker that was prepared to receive members of Congress and the Executive branch during the height of the cold war. Thankfully that was never necessary. I'm sure we will take advantage of that setting for portions of the program. There are nice hiking trails in the area and of course there is a casino to try your luck at games of chance. Our educational program will be a full 3 days, during which we have 4 invited speakers, over 15 panel and plenary sessions, and concomitant poster sessions. Our named speakers are Dr. Michael Cookson, chair at Oklahoma University and a co-fellow from my time at Memorial Sloan-Kettering cancer center as our Paul Schellhammer Lecturer and Dr. Tom Lue from UCSF as our Hugh Hampton Young Lecturer. He will provide an update on restorative therapies for erectile dysfunction. Dr. Krzastek and her committee have put together a fabulous conference with renewed emphasis on resident presentations and have added a component new to the Mid-Atlantic in the form of unmoderated poster sessions being presented in the industry room. The AUA course of choice will be on updates in urethral stricture disease and presented by Dr. Hunter Wessels. We will also have for the first time, presentations from our diversity scholars on what their participation in previous meetings have meant to them. In addition to updates on more standard clinical topics, including oncology, robotic surgery, and endourology, there will be sessions on cutting edge topics such as the use of artificial intelligence in medicine and transgender care. We will also have a robust Pediatric Urology curriculum to take advantage of pediatric expertise within our section. We are confident that it will be a wonderful experience for all, and we encourage those who are coming to make their reservations early.

I would like to thank *CJU International* for their continued relationship with the MA-AUA and their commitment to support our academic efforts through publication of these abstracts. I look forward to personally welcoming you to the Greenbrier this September to see these works presented and discussed in person.

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