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TO: International ATLS Providers

Dear Doctors:

Since 1968, the American College of Surgeons has offered **International Guest Scholarships** to competent young surgeons from countries other than the United States and Canada, who have demonstrated strong interests and accomplishments in teaching and research. Applications are now being accepted for the International Guest Scholarships for the year 2011. **The closing date for receipt of applications and all supporting documentation is 1 July 2010.**

Each Scholarship offers a stipend of \$8,000 US, participation in the Clinical Congress, and the expectation of visits to several North American clinical and research sites of the Scholar's choice. A mentor will be assigned to assist the Scholar to plan his or her tour.

I seek your cooperation in publicizing the availability of the International Guest Scholarships. The International Relations Committee of the College has requested that the requirements for the International Guest Scholarships be widely distributed and we appreciate ATLS's cooperation. The online requirements include all pertinent information about eligibility and the application process itself.

Scholarship requirements and the online application form may be accessed from these URLs:

<http://www.facs.org/memberservices/igs.html> (English)

<http://www.facs.org/memberservices/igsespanol.html> (Spanish)

<http://www.facs.org/memberservices/igsfrançais.html> (French)

Please note that scholarship applications and additional materials must be submitted in English.

Questions should be directed to Ms. Kate Early, Administrator, International Liaison Section. Ms. Early may be contacted at the College's airmail address, or via email, at kearly@facs.org.

As providers of ATLS outside the US and Canada, we particularly appreciate your cooperation in distributing this information. It is my hope that contacting you will help ensure a large number of excellent prospective scholarship applicants. To date, International Guest Scholarships have been awarded to more than 230 young surgeons worldwide (1968-2010).

With many thanks for your assistance,

Sincerely yours,

Paul E. Collicott, MD, FACS
Director, Division of Member Services

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