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The 25th annual summer meeting of the American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society was held in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia from July 15 through July 18, 2009. The meeting was well attended with participants from 26 different countries coming together to engage in scientific dialogue and to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the AOFAS. The comprehensive program consisted of symposia, current concept reviews, 59 paper presentations, 104 scientific e-posters, a pre-meeting course on Deformity Correction, and special *Then and Now* commemorative presentations which reflected on the first AOFAS program and the progress made within the specialty over the past 40 years. Subjects presented during the podium presentations included sports and scope, basic science and anatomy, Achilles and soft tissue injury, trauma, and ankle replacement. Symposia topics focused on surgery of the neurologic foot, complications, and painful fusions.

This year the special presidential guest speaker was Jack Taunton, Chief Medical Officer for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. He described his role overseeing the medical services program for the Olympics including the construction of new medical facilities for athletes and the public, the

development of programs relating to doping control, and basic and emergency health care delivery. The conference also marked the usual changing of the guard as outgoing AOFAS President, Robert B. Anderson (Charlotte, North Carolina), reflected on successes of the past year and the work to be done in the future. Newly installed President, Charles L. Saltzman (Salt Lake City, Utah), was welcomed and spoke of his hopes for the AOFAS in the coming years.

The **Leonard J. Goldner Award** was given to Martinus Richter (Coburg, Bavaria, Germany) and coauthors in recognition of their research paper "Intraoperative Pedography Leads to Improved Clinical Outcome Scores in a Randomized Controlled Trial". In the clinical category, the **Roger A. Mann Award** was given to Charles L. Saltzman (Salt Lake City, Utah) and coauthors for their study "Prospective Controlled Trial of STAR vs Ankle Fusion: Initial Results". First place for **Best Poster** was awarded to Anthony R. Cadden (Wollongong, NSW, Australia) and coauthors for their study on "Varus Deformity and Total Ankle Arthroplasty: Classification and Treatment Algorithm".

There was ample opportunity to make new friends, network, and catch up with colleagues at the many social functions which included an opening reception, afternoon excursions to Vancouver landmarks, and a gala event which featured entertainment by the AOFAS "musical performing artists" known as the Sole-Heelers. Next year's meeting will take place from July 7 through 10, 2010, in National Harbor, Maryland.

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