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Trainee Connection



STS 2023 Will Be an Unforgettable Experience in San Diego

After 2 years of virtual-only programming, the STS 59th Annual Meeting will bring you face-to-face with world-class instructors for hands-on courses, challenging case presentations, and never-before-seen scientific discoveries and surgical techniques. STS 2023 takes place January 21 – 23 in San Diego, California, and the Society takes good care of its trainee community with:

- FREE registration for Resident, Fellow, and Medical Student Members
- Residents Symposium, featuring frank, hard-hitting topics such as how to earn respect from your colleagues, handling a malpractice lawsuit, what to do when you're harassed as a resident, and dealing with substance abuse in the work setting
- Residents Luncheon, where you can network and socialize with your colleagues and learn more about the trainee experience across the world

You now can [browse the full STS 2023 program](#) as you plan your experience. Hotel blocks are filling up fast, so if you haven't already, [register now](#) and secure the room of your choice.



STS Remembers Compassionate Leadership of Dr. Sean Grondin

“Ambition sometimes is considered a dirty word, so I use the term ‘controlled ambition,’” said STS Past President Sean C. Grondin, MD, MPH, FRCSC, in an interview last year. “This means that it’s okay to be determined and driven, but not at the expense of stepping on other people or trying to get ahead of others in a destructive way. You want to succeed in a way that’s honorable and professional.”

As the STS community grapples with his unexpected death last week, colleagues are remembering Dr. Grondin’s empathetic guidance during an ongoing pandemic—and the grace with which he handled a presidential term that included an [eleventh-hour pivot](#) from an in-person annual meeting to an outstanding virtual experience. In his [STS News President’s Column](#), Dr. Grondin described the Society’s efforts to bring more diversity to its volunteer leadership, helping to ensure that leaders truly represent the professionals STS serves.



Resident Showdown Champions Will Have Their Day in the Sun

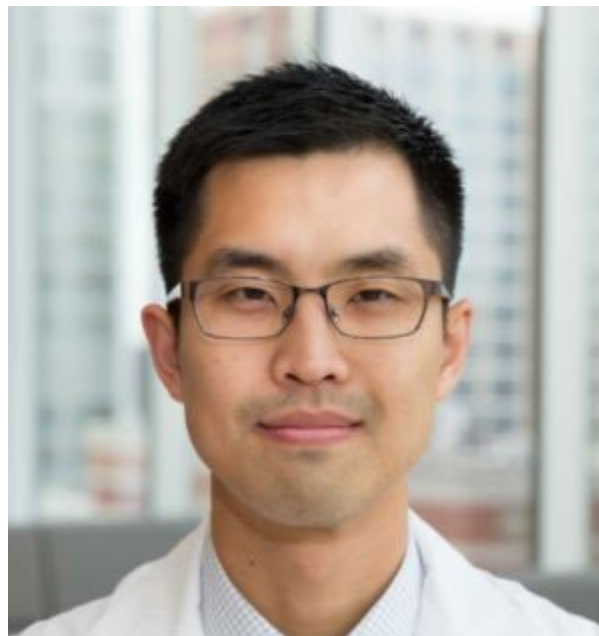
Since tropical storm Nicole dampened plans for the CT Surgery Resident Showdown at the STSA annual meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the finalists will reconvene at the STS annual meeting for the ultimate faceoff. As the tension builds, plan to attend

the Showdown at STS 2023 in San Diego and, meanwhile, show your love for the reigning European team, Samuel Heuts and Jules Olsthoorn, from Maastricht University Medical Center+ in the Netherlands.



Read Revelations on Perfecting the Surgical Craft

“Well, maybe one day this will be you. Of course, it all depends on what you make of the next 30 years,” the nurse anesthetist said, as if he could read my mind. In the [latest post on the Aspiring CT Surgeons blog](#), Dr. Jason Han reflects that a master surgeon not only takes years to hone their skills—they continue to look for ways to optimize each step and their synergy with OR staff. [Catch up on the blog.](#)



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