

Maier Selected ASA President–Elect

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Regarding his selection, **Doug Wood**, MD, Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Surgery and Chief, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, said, “The ASA is the oldest and most elite of our surgical societies, and sets the standard for scholarship in surgery. As many of you know, Dr. **Carlos Pellegrini** was President of the ASA in 2005–2006 and few institutions can claim two ASA presidents amongst their faculty.

This has been an amazing year for Ron as he has also served as a very active Vice-President of the **American College of Surgeons**, essentially serving in the presidential role since October 2015. And, Ron has had an extremely successful couple of years in terms of honors and awards, recently receiving the Dr. Rodman E. Sheen and Thomas G. Sheen Award for outstanding contributions in the frontiers of medical science, as well as the UW Medicine Award for Excellence in Mentoring Women.”

Dr. Maier is the surgeon-in-chief of Harborview Medical Center and Professor and Vice-Chair of Surgery at the University of Washington. He is the Jane and Donald D. Trunkey Professor of Trauma Surgery.

Dr. Maier earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Notre Dame and his MD from Duke University. He first came to the University of Washington to complete his general surgery residency. After a postdoctoral fellowship in immunopathology at the Scripps Research Foundation in La Jolla, CA, he returned to the University of Washington as an attending in surgeon. He is an expert in trauma care, emergency general surgery and surgical critical care. He conducts research on clinical approaches to improve survival after severe injuries and following severe life-threatening surgical illness. He is also an expert in care and research of patients in the ICU with multiple organ failure and critical illness. Dr. Maier is listed in “The Best Doctors in America,” he is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and is board certified in surgery and surgical critical care. He is past-president of the Society of University Surgeon, the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, the Surgical Infection Society, the Shock Society and the Halsted Society. In addition, he has served as chair of the American Board of Surgeons, Vice President of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the NIH Study Section for Surgery, Anesthesiology and Trauma.

Dr. Doug Wood Elected ESTS’s International Councilor



Douglas Wood, MD, Professor & Interim Chair of the Department of Surgery, was elected International Councilor at the **European Society of Thoracic Surgeons (ESTS)** Annual Meeting in Naples, Italy (May 2016).

ESTS is the largest specialty society of general thoracic surgery in the world, with over 1,500 members from more than 70 countries. Among other activities, ESTS leads several worldwide courses in thoracic surgery, establishes and publishes guidelines and best practices and owns and manages a large clinical database. It is viewed as a major organization representing the general thoracic subspecialty within cardiothoracic surgery. The organization is run by the Council, which is made up of the officers of ESTS, several at-large Councilors, and one International Councilor who serves a three-year term. The International Councilor represents “the rest of the world” in this European-based specialty society and Dr. Wood is the fourth person to hold this role.

The other major cardiothoracic organization in Europe is the European Association of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS). A number of years ago, EACTS also developed a single “International Councilor” position to represent the rest of the world. Dr. Wood was the third person to hold this position from 2010–2013 and is now the first person to serve as International Councilor for both societies. He has been deeply involved with both societies for many years, working behind the scenes to facilitate collaboration between the groups. He is excited for this opportunity and with it the ability to impact thoracic surgery education, policy, and collaboration in Europe over the next years.

The Department and School congratulate Dr. Wood on this office and the opportunities it affords.