



THORACIC SURGERY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (TSRA)
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The TSRA has been very active during the first half of this academic year. In an effort to further expand TSRA educational resources, the **TSRA Projects Committee** is in the final publishing phases of 3 projects: the ***TSRA Review of Cardiothoracic Surgery (2nd edition)***, the ***TSRA Multiple Choice Review of Cardiothoracic Surgery***, a new resource that provides residents with over 1,200 multiple choice questions based upon the content of the *Review* that will be released as an app for download through Apple, and the ***TSRA Selected Readings in Cardiothoracic Surgery (SRCS)***, an exciting new subscription based series developed to provide residents and even attending physicians with up-to-date theme/topic based reviews of essential and emerging literature. The TSRA has an aggressive 3-year timeline for the SRCS series, with plans to release issues every 3-4 months to cover a wide range of General Thoracic, Adult Cardiac, and Pediatric Cardiac surgery issues.

The TSRA is very proud to announce to establishment of the **TSRA Traveling Fellowship in Cardiothoracic Surgery**. The Fellowship is a self-sustaining, annual award given to one (1) award recipient to fund a one (1) week traveling observership to a Host institution with Host faculty member. The Fellowship will require significant financial support to ensure its success and longevity. The TSRA aims to secure an endowment of **\$100,000** for the Fellowship this year. To date we have successfully raised **\$24,000** through an aggressive donation campaign. The TSRA has selected its first recipient of the TSRA Traveling Fellowship and will announce this award, as well as this year's recipient of the **TSRA Socrates Award**, during the Awards Ceremony at this year's STS Annual Meeting.

The **TSRA Education Committee** is currently in the process of developing a new ***Transitions To Practice (TTP)*** series in partnership with Dr. Stephen Yang. The intent of this educational series is to provide residents, fellows and new attending physicians with insight and information into many issues not addressed in formal cardiothoracic surgery training. The TSRA has published 3 manuscripts and presented 6 abstracts related to educational issues affecting cardiothoracic surgery trainees, have organized a dynamic **Residents Luncheon** at this year's Society of Thoracic Surgeon annual meeting, and we have updated the annual **In-Training Exam Survey** for this year's TS-ITE.

The **TSRA Communications Committee** has increased the use of the **TSRA Listserv** to improve communication with all trainees at ACGME training programs. The TSRA has also created an electronic **TSRA Newsletter** sent out quarterly to all TSRA members.

The **TSRA I-6 Committee** has established and implemented an **I-6 Resident Mentorship Program**. This program has been very successful in aligning junior I-6 residents with senior I-6 resident mentors to help meet the needs and interests of this group of trainees.

The **TSRA Membership Committee** has successfully organized the **TSRA Resident Social and Mixer**, partnering CTSNet's Surgeons In Training committee. In addition, the Committee has also successfully partnered with the American College of Cardiology (ACC) Fellows in Training (FIT) program to facilitate ACC FIT membership for all TSRA members and we have worked to provide joint resident representation on each of the FIT and TSRA Executive Committees to strengthen the relationship between both organizations.

The TSRA continues its active participation with the JCTSE and its activities to further the education and training of cardiothoracic surgery trainees. This past Fall, we have continued to work with the Thoracic Surgery Curriculum committee to provide multiple choice questions to be used within the Curriculum. We have also worked closely to help advertise and provide resident counsel and insight to the JCTSE in its development of the Top Gun and Surgical Jeopardy competitions planned for this Spring at the annual AATS meeting. We look forward to continued collaboration on these projects.