

TSRA update for TSDA
January 2017

The first half of the 2016-2017 TSRA year has been highly productive. The podcasts project has been tremendously popular and production is far ahead of schedule. A total of 26 podcasts have been posted with many more underway, and there have been over 2,500 plays through December 2016. Podcasts are available as a free resource on SoundCloud (accessible on several platforms, including iPhones and Android phones).

The *TSRA Intern Survival Guide* was finished in September 2016 and is posted online as a free pdf. A resident handbook is underway, covering topics from how to study effectively to career guidance and how to interview for jobs. Topics are written by both faculty and residents. The resource will be made available as a free online pdf on TSRAnet.org.

The 2017 ITE survey includes questions focused for two upcoming studies: one on mentorship and one on mid-level providers. After the data is collected, research studies will be submitted to national meetings in 2017-2018. The integrated curriculum study based on the 2016 ITE survey data was presented at 2016 STSA Annual Meeting and the revised manuscript is under review by the *Annals of Thoracic Surgery*. A second study from the 2016 ITE data focusing on endovascular training will be presented at the 2017 STS Annual Meeting and submitted to the *Annals of Thoracic Surgery*.

Dr. Konrad Rajab was selected as the 2017 TSRA Traveling Fellowship recipient. He will conduct his fellowship training at University of Toronto with Dr. Shaf Keshavjee focusing on lung transplantation. This will be announced at 2017 STS Annual Meeting. The winner of the 2017 TSRA Socrates Award will also be announced at STS Annual Meeting.

A new algorithms study resource is under production, with topics currently being completed by residents with faculty mentorship.

The January 2017 TSRA Residents Luncheon will focus time on forming relationships with faculty, therefore more faculty have been invited and the bulk of the time will be spent on table discussions moderated by Dr. Ed Chen. Dr. Vinod Thourani will present a short talk at the beginning of the luncheon. There will also be a TSRA mixer allowing more networking for residents.

At the 2017 AATS Annual Meeting, TSRA will announce the recipient of the McGoon Award and will hold another mixer for residents.