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TO: Presidents of Surgical Societies Affiliated with the
Latin American Federation of Surgery (FELAC)

Since 1968, the American College of Surgeons has offered **International Guest Scholarships** to competent young surgeons from countries other than the United States, its Possessions or Canada, who have demonstrated strong interest and accomplishments in teaching and research. Applications are now being accepted for the International Guest Scholarships for the year 2010. **The closing date for receipt of applications and all supporting documentation is 1 July 2009.**

Each Scholarship offers a stipend of \$8,000 US, participation in the College's Clinical Congress, and the expectation of visits to several North American clinical and research sites.

I seek your cooperation in publicizing the availability of the International Guest Scholarships. The International Relations Committee of the College has requested that the requirements for the Scholarships be widely distributed in your countries. This goal can be effectively accomplished by accessing our Web site. The online requirements appear in both English and Spanish, and include all pertinent information about eligibility and the application process itself. Scholarship applications must be made in English.

Scholarship requirements and the online application form may be accessed from this URL:

<http://www.facs.org/memberservices/igs.html> (English)

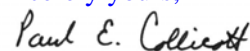
<http://www.facs.org/memberservices/igsespanol.html> (Spanish)

Questions should be directed to Ms. Kate Early, Administrator, International Liaison Section. Ms. Early may be contacted at this airmail address, or via email, at kearly@facs.org.

I would appreciate your cooperation in distributing this information. It is my hope that this will ensure a large number of excellent prospective scholarship applicants. To date, International Guest Scholarships have been awarded to 223 young surgeons worldwide, 1968-2009, including 89 to Latin American surgeons.

With many thanks for your assistance,

Sincerely yours,



Director, Division of Member Services