2012 Fellows of AsMA Announced

The 2012 class of Fellows in the Aerospace Medical Association were announced during the Honors Night Banquet held Thursday, May 17, 2012 in Atlanta, GA, as part of the 83rd Annual Scientific Meeting. The chair of the Fellows Group for 2012 was George K. Anderson, M.D., who passed the torch to James M. Vanderploeg, M.D. The newly elected Fellows include one married couple, Cheryl Lowry and Brian Pinkston, and two sisters, Benisse and Harriet Lester. This is the first time that either of these relationships has occurred in a class of Fellows. The class of 2012 is:

Yael Barr
Frederick Bonato
William Butler
Robert Cocks
Nigel Dowdall
Peter Hancock
George Johnson
Benisse Lester
Harriet Lester
Cheryl Lowry
Kjell Lindgren
Marian Macri

Thomas Morgan
David Newman
Makajuolo Owalabi
Brian Pinkston
Joerg Siedenburg
Bhupinder Singh
Adrian Smith
Jan Stepanek
Michael Trudgill
Anthony Tvaryanas
Nathaniel Villaire
Anthony Wagstaff

The grade of Fellow in the Aerospace Medical Association was established in 1942 with the first class of 10 Fellows nominated and elected that year. According to the 1942 Bylaws of the Aero Medical Association of the United States:

“This grade will be reserved for those who have demonstrated outstanding qualifications and who have made unusual contributions to the advancement of aviation medicine. The group will naturally be small in proportion to the entire membership. To be a Fellow will be an outstanding mark of distinction in aviation medicine.”

According to the current Bylaws of the Aerospace Medical Association:

“Fellows of the Aerospace Medical Association will be selected from among the active members who have made outstanding contributions to aerospace medicine, aeronautics, astronautics, undersea medicine, or environmental health, in the practical usage of research, or by precept and example.”

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The rank of Fellow recognizes Aerospace Medical Association members who have distinguished themselves among their colleagues, as well as in their communities, by their service to Aerospace Medicine, and through their efforts to apply and advance scientific knowledge to promote the health, safety and performance of those involved in aerospace and related activities. Fellows of the Aerospace Medical Association are recognized as champions of aerospace medicine, astronautics, undersea medicine, or environmental health. From a personal perspective, being a Fellow signifies not only ‘tenure’ but one's additional work in your community, within international aerospace medicine, within teaching, and a greater commitment to continuing professional development and/or research.

For more information on AsMA Fellowship, please visit our website at: https://www.asma.org/organizations/fellows/index.php

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**About the Aerospace Medical Association**

The Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) is the largest, most-representative professional organization in the fields of aviation, space, and environmental medicine. The Aerospace Medical Association is an umbrella group providing a forum for many different disciplines to come together and share their expertise. The Association has provided its expertise to a multitude of Federal and international agencies on a broad range of issues including aviation and space medical standards, the aging pilot, and physiological stresses of flight. AsMA’s membership includes aerospace medicine specialists, flight nurses, physiologists, psychologists, human factors specialists, and researchers in this field. Most are with industry, civil aviation regulatory agencies, departments of defense and military services, the airlines, space programs, and universities. Approximately 25% of the membership is international. Through the efforts of the AsMA members, safety in flight and man’s overall adaptation to adverse environments have been more nearly achieved.

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