Poised for Growth
The IAOMS Foundation at 20
Dear Donors, Colleagues and Friends:

2016 was a significant, foundational year for us. As we celebrated our 20th anniversary, we looked ahead to the future.

With your help, we developed a roadmap for the Foundation’s future; we continued to build for the years ahead through the Daniel M. Laskin Legacy Society and we prepared for our first annual appeal. As importantly, we continued our long-standing tradition of providing learning opportunities for young trainees through our Foundation Fellowship program.

Roadmap

For the first time, we conducted a formal feasibility study with Association Development Solutions (ADS) as our consultants, to elicit feedback from all of our constituents on the Foundation’s value, specific programs, and potential for growth. As part of this process, we held strategic discussions with more than 45 leaders, donors, corporate partners, and other stakeholders of IAOMS, and collected over 400 survey responses from OMF surgeons from around the world, in order to share our vision and gain their input. Through the study, we uncovered tremendous potential for the future, and built a plan for the first ever “Annual Appeal” in 2017, which will seek to raise an unprecedented total of $500,000 in support. This bold goal represents nearly three times what was raised in the previous year (maybe saying something like this to put into context?).

A Lasting Legacy

Last year, we created the Laskin Legacy Society to honor Dr. Daniel M. Laskin, one of the true pioneers and OMS leaders in the world. Since we launched

the program, I am pleased to report that nearly 46 IAOMS members have become Laskin Legacy Society members. The generosity of these donors, Dr. Laskin’s vision and our Annual Appeal will help ensure the financial strength of the IAOMS Foundation. Pledges currently total $370,000.

Training the Next Generation

At our core, the mission of the IAOMS Foundation is to advance standards of care through improved education and training. And 2016 was no exception; through the Foundation Fellowship Program, we offered three (including the KLS Martin Group Fellowship) to IAOMS members from Iraq, Nigeria and Puerto Rico. These young trainees will spend a year learning and working in China and India, where they will have the added benefit of being immersed in the local culture. The goal of these Fellowships is for the trainees to return to their home countries, teach other surgeons newly-learned techniques and offer patients improved care.

The IAOMS Foundation plays a critical role in the future of our specialty. With the generosity of donors like you, together we are helping to ensure that expert knowledge is passed along to the next generation as we strive to provide the best possible care for patients worldwide.

Your generosity helps to develop the next generation of OMF surgeons as they strive to for continuous improvement in patient care throughout the world. On behalf of the Board and everyone who benefits from your generosity, thank you.

Dr. Larry W. Nissen
Chair
Dr. Su Yin Htun

“When I returned back to my team after the Fellowship, I have been able to teach some of the techniques I learned and share my experience with my colleagues. I learned various tricks and tips in cleft lip and palate surgery from experts really interested in teaching and explaining procedure and techniques for patients of all ages.

My Fellowship was a tremendous experience which will inspire and encourage me as a Craniofacial and Cleft surgeon for the rest of my professional career, to achieve and provide the highest possible standard of care under the given circumstances.”

Dr. Jillian Knips

“The techniques I learned help me offer my patients different treatment options and explain more clearly advantages and disadvantages of different surgical procedures.

I treated a patient with a sub-mucose cleft palate, a 33-year-old woman, whose cleft had never been diagnosed. Due to her velopharyngeal insufficiency, it was difficult to understand her speech and because of that, she lost her job, one after another. She was very happy when her speech was improved by a combined cleft repair with pharyngeal flap.

Also, I treated a six-month old baby with a cleft palate. The mother had problems feeding her baby. But two weeks after the cleft repair, the baby was able to take all the milk in five meals a day instead of eight meals a day.

I am teaching dental students and OMF residents (There are 60 students and 12 residents at the moment). I give lectures to the dental students and they have to attend the OR. The OMF residents have learned how to reconstruct a soft palate trauma when they are on call in the emergency room. I am the only surgeon at the University Hospital Hamburg in my department who consults and operates on cleft patients. We have about 200-300 cleft patients and probably 75 cleft-related procedures per year.

From a personal point of view, I learned that it is much more challenging to be part of a different culture than I expected and very hard to learn new social “soft” skills. It’s difficult to understand, live and respect another culture and be accepted as part of a team.”

Dr. Eyituoyo Martin Okoturo

“Residents from other centres regularly undertake postings in my centre to help improve their knowledge of head and neck surgical oncology.”

“‘It’s not just a fellowship, it’s a life experience.’”

Laura Gabriela González Valdez

Dr. Mohammed Hassan Aljezooli

“I presented a lecture to our young residents about my experience.”

Dr. Sandhya Gokavarapu

“Global exposure gives me better confidence in dealing with problems rare in our demographics.”

Dr. Santosh Kumar Yadav

“Before the Fellowship I was afraid to handle cancer cases. But after the Fellowship I have been able to manage such cases with satisfactory results. Thank you IAOMS for supporting and giving me the opportunity.”
2016–17 IAOMS Foundation Fellowship in Cleft Lip and Palate and Craniofacial Surgery
Dr. Ahmed Maki Merza (Iraq)

2016–17 IAOMS Foundation Fellowship in Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery
Dr. Timothy Aladelusi (Nigeria)

2016–17 KLS Martin Group Fellowship in Oncology and Reconstructive Surgery
Dr. Ignacio Velasco Martinez (Puerto Rico)

2015–16 IAOMS Foundation Fellowship in Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery
Dr. Gyanendra Misra (India)

2015–16 KLS Martin Group Fellowship in Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery
Dr. Sandhya Gokavarapu (India)

2014–15 IAOMS Foundation Fellowship in Cleft Lip and Palate and Craniofacial Surgery
Dr. Laura Gabriela Gonzalez Valdez (Mexico)

2014–15 IAOMS Foundation Fellowship in Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery
Dr. Mohammed Hassan Aljezooli (Sudan)

2013–14 IAOMS Foundation Fellowship in Cleft Lip and Palate and Craniofacial Surgery
Jillian Knips (Germany)

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Santosh Kumar Yadav (Nepal)
Evagelos Kalfarentzos (Greece)

2012–13 IAOMS Foundation Fellowship in Cleft Lip and Palate and Craniofacial Surgery
Su Yin Htun (Jamaica)

2012–13 IAOMS Foundation Fellowship in Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery
Ala Ammin (Norway)

2011–12 IAOMS Foundation Fellowship in Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery
Lorena F. Pingarron Martin (Spain)
Eyituoyo Martin Okoturo (Nigeria)
Nina Makovskaya (Russia)

2010–11 IAOMS Foundation Fellowship in Cleft Lip and Palate and Craniofacial Surgery
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2010–11 IAOMS Foundation Fellowship in Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery
Andrew Tjin-Chiew Ow (Singapore)
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The International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (IAOMS) is dedicated to improving the quality and safety of healthcare worldwide by advancing patient care, education and research. The IAOMS helps members build their practice and the OMS profession through leading educational and networking opportunities; ICOMS, our signature conference, and training the next generation of OMS surgeons worldwide.

Since its founding in 1996, the IAOMS Foundation has advanced standards of care through education and training with two pre-eminent programs:

**Surgeon-to-Surgeon**

Led by expert surgeons who travel to emerging countries, this program teaches young surgeons and trainees critical skills and innovative procedures to help promote global care standards.

**IAOMS Fellowship Program featuring the KLS Martin Group Fellowship**

Now in its eighth year, the IAOMS Fellowship offers trainee surgeons a one-year immersion into one of two specialty areas: Oncology and Reconstructive Surgery or Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial Surgery. Since its inception, 21 surgeons have received Fellowships.

If you or your organization would like to partner with us and help train the next generation of OMF surgeons, please contact Kimberly Shadle at kshadle@iaoms.org.

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We are grateful to these organizations and individuals for their generosity. Through their contributions, we are passing along the gift of knowledge and helping train the next generation of OMF surgeons. Our sincere thanks to the KLS Martin Group for its commitment to the Foundation’s mission through a multi-year challenge grant.

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To honor his many contributions in the classroom and in the operating room, the IAOMS Foundation created the Laskin Legacy Society. Named for Dr. Daniel Laskin, the donors to this planned giving society have the vision and commitment to support the next generation of OMF surgeons.

The following individuals have demonstrated their commitment to the future of our specialty by joining the Laskin Legacy Society with a planned gift of $5,000 or more.

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