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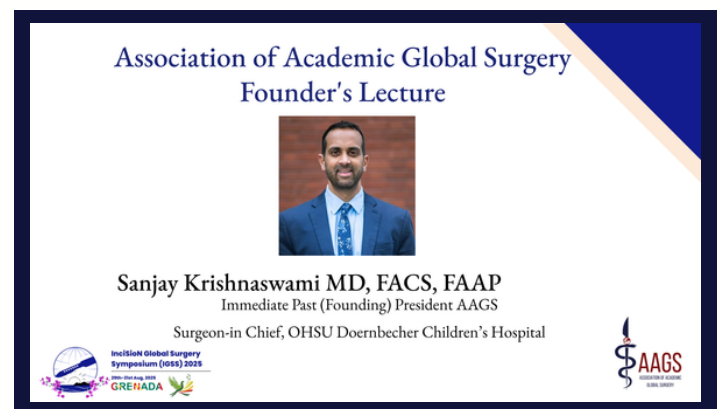
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Updates

AAGS Assembly at IGSS 2025

August 29-31st, the AAGS Assembly 2025 was held in conjunction with InciSioN Global Surgery Symposium in Hybrid format in person in Grenada, West Indies and live Online.

AAGS Immediate Past President Dr. Sanjay Krishnaswami delivered the talk titled “Academic Global Surgery: Headwinds, Tailwinds, and Charting the Course” as the inaugural *Association of Academic Global Surgery Founder’s Lecture*.



In a joint session, AAGS and InciSioN hosted discussions surrounding opportunities and challenges of equitable academic exchanges for trainees, fellows and beyond. Panelists shared perspectives from programs in PAHO and AFRO.

AAGS panel on Program Accreditation featured presentations on history and value of accreditation in academia, from LMIC and HIC perspectives. Followed by a presentation of the efforts of AAGS Accreditation Committee.



Scientific Forum of IGSS 2025 was supported by a collaboration between AAGS and InciSioN which featured Abstract presentations from all WHO regions and across disciplines from surgery, obstetrics and anesthesia to policy and AI. Thank you to all AAGS members who supported the abstract review process! The [Book of Abstracts](#) was published by the Journal of Global Surgery.



2nd Issue of JoGS



The 2nd issue of the Journal of Global Surgery (JoGS) was published on September 10th!

In the forward of this issue leadership of AAGS and InciSioN share why JoGS was chosen as the official journal of our organizations. You can now read the [latest issue](#) and [submit](#) your article to JoGS!

Website Redesign

We have a fresh new look to our [website](#)! After months of work and contribution from AAGS Leadership Council and Committees, the new website is here! We are adding some final touches but check out the new site and let us know what you think!



New Membership Portal

Go to [AAGS website](#) and navigate the new AAGS membership portal! You can now join, login, and manage your membership through the site. As we continue to develop this portion of the site, you will be able to access member exclusive content there.



Institutional Representatives Council

Over the last few months our VPs of Internal and External Affairs have been hard at work rebuilding the Institutional Representatives Council (IRC). Our goal is to foster and develop academic global surgery programs, hence IRC is central to our efforts. Whether you are at an established program or aim to establish one, we want your voice present. Check out the [Institutional Council page](#) on the website and if your institution is missing [sign up here](#).



Events & Opportunities

Call to Join AAGS Committess

You can now apply to join AAGS Committees and help us build the future of Academic Global Surgery! Deadline is October 25th !
Apply: bit.ly/AAGSCommittee



Call for Executive Committee Nominations

Call for self nominations for AAGS Executive Committee positions; Vice President of Internal Affairs, Vice President of External Affairs and Vice President of Strategy will open on October 1st, [Here](#). Members of AAGS Leadership and Institutional Representative Councils are eligible to apply. Deadline for applications is Nov 15th.



ACS Clinical Congress
GLOBAL SURGERY SOCIAL
October 4, 2025
7:00-9:00 PM CT
AT VU ROOFTOP BAR
133 E CERMAK RD, CHICAGO

Stanford Medicine Surgery
Baylor College of Medicine
HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL
BLAVATNIK INSTITUTE
GLOBAL HEALTH & SOCIAL MEDICINE
PROGRAM IN GLOBAL SURGERY AND SOCIAL CHANGE
UCSF Center for Health Equity in Surgery & Anesthesia
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ACS Clinical Congress Events

Please join us for a Global Surgery Social at the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons, on October 4th, 7-9 pm at VU rooftop bar. [Register Here](#), and email globalsurgery@bcm.edu with any questions.

Follow ACS H.O.P.E. for a full list of global surgery events at ACS CC.

Annual AAGS Business Meeting

Save the date for Annual Business meeting on December 19th 2 pm GMT. Join us for:

- Status report by AAGS Leadership Council
- Presentation of Constitutional updates
- Introduction of Candidates for Executive Committee Elections and more.

**Thank you for staying connected with
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