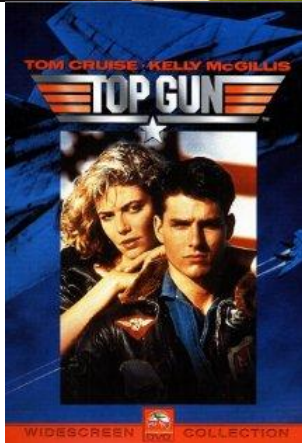


## The 2012 Annual Meeting of the AAGUS from A to R

This is a lot for you to read, but this is an expensive meeting and we want you to get the most from it - so we put these details together for your benefit.



A. The 121st Annual Meeting of the American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons will take place at The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, California, April 25-28, 2012. The Lodge overlooks the Pacific Ocean, immediately adjacent to the 18<sup>th</sup> green of the Torrey Pines Golf Course. This is a great and unique property. The opening cocktail reception will be held on Wednesday evening, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 PM. Scientific sessions will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings. The meeting will end Saturday at Noon.

B. Registration. You need to do two things to get in the door.  
i.) First you need to register with us - that is the *AAGUS*. The registration fee and guest fee are calculated to cover most of your non-lodging expenses at the meeting. Participant fee is \$800 and spouse/partner fee is \$400 per person. For emeritus spouses who have recently lost their partner, registration is waived. Otherwise the registration fee will be \$400. Please register before the meeting so that we can provide your registration materials at the opening reception. The registration deadline is Monday, March 26, 2012.

ii.) Next you need to independently get your hotel reservation. You may contact The Lodge at Torrey Pines at 858-453-4420 [or Toll Free: USA & Canada 800-656-0087] to make your reservation. Please identify yourself as being with the *AAGUS* when making your reservation. If you wish to register via the Internet you may log onto [https://shop.evanshotels.com/lodge\\_groups/aagus\\_201204377.html](https://shop.evanshotels.com/lodge_groups/aagus_201204377.html). *Please do not make reservations via any other methods (such as hotels.com) as then you will not be included in our contract with the Lodge.* We have contracted an extraordinarily great rate and expecting to buy out the hotel. All reservations require a credit card guarantee at the time booking. The deadline for reservations is Monday, March 26, 2012. I urge you to make your reservations early to ensure desired accommodations. To secure our conference rooms we need to guarantee a specific number of rooms each night at the prices of our contract. Our contract rates are: \$295 for Signature rooms which overlook the botanical reserve and \$395 for Palisade rooms which offer spectacular views overlooking the Torrey Pines Golf Course and the Pacific Ocean. Thus for the first night we guarantee 170 full rooms and by Saturday night we guarantee only 60 rooms. If we don't fill these rooms we still have to pay for them.

If you need a less expensive rate (\$215), we have some rooms at the adjacent and convenient Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, which we intended to accommodate any spill over from our meeting. Of course our primary commitment is to fill the Lodge first. For reservations call

858-558-1500 (identify yourself as being with the American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons and Group Code 601).

In spite of the very good rate we negotiated for our AAGUS Meeting this spring, I know anyone can find a better single deal through different routes or agencies. The problem IS that these bookings do not help the AAGUS, since our rates depend on filling our block, and the meeting space is given to us with the expectation of covering our room contract and food and beverage minimums. There have been times when a few rooms made all the difference to our contractual obligations. So please, please follow the room reservation instructions and book your rooms through the Lodge at Torrey Pines in the AAGUS block. The rate is about as good as anyone can get for these rooms in a large block.

C. Transportation. The Lodge at Torrey Pines is about 25 minutes from San Diego International Airport. Transportation is available through La Jolla Transportation by phone at 858-456-7410 (Sedan \$105, 6 passenger limo/14 passenger van, or SUV for \$125, and an 8-10 passenger limo for \$135 (the rates are all inclusive). Taxi cabs are also available for around \$60 each way. If you choose to rent a vehicle, self-parking is \$22 and Valet Parking is \$27 per day at the Resort. There are many attractions available in the area during your free afternoons so it might be helpful to rent a car.

D. Welcoming reception. This is the official start of the meeting on Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 PM. The reception will be outside on the Arroyo Terrace (flat shoes are recommended). This is the one night with dinner on your own. The hotel has a very nice restaurant and attached is a list of other restaurants nearby. Make reservations early if you choose to eat at the Lodge.

E. Breakfasts Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Meeting participants: Thursday/Friday 6:00-7:00 AM; accompanying persons: 7:00-10:00 AM; and on Saturday: 6:30-10:00 AM in the Charles Fries & Charles

Reiffel rooms. We have arranged full breakfasts for members and accompanying persons.

F. The Meetings 7 AM - 12 PM Thursday, Friday, Saturday. The meeting room will be in the Maurice Braun Ballroom and it looks good. The AV team led by Jason Pence is on site. All presentations **MUST** be done using PowerPoint and should be brought to the meeting on a CD or memory stick. Please give your presentation to Jason one-day prior to presentation and you may call him at **858-777-6665** or you may email him at **jpence@lodgetorreypines.com**. You can preview your talks starting Wednesday evening when our room will be set up. Bring a back up memory stick or extra copy of your talk on a computer. Immediately at the conclusion of the Thursday meeting we will take the Group Photograph to include all members and guests. This year we will devote the entire Saturday meeting to prostate cancer. This will allow a few more papers on that topic and more discussion uninterrupted by the business meetings, eulogies, and photograph.

As in the past, everyone including guests is encouraged to participate in the discussion of the scientific presentations. Our traditional 10-minute presentation limit will be strictly observed. Please time your talks and get to your main point within the limit to be fair to fellow speakers and allow time for discussion. We will also be limiting the discussion to give as many as possible a chance to talk. Please make your point within a minute or so and avoid our endemic tendency to present papers in the context of questions.

G. Business Meetings and Eulogies. The first is on Thursday AM and the second on Friday AM in the Maurice Braun Ballroom. Eulogies for seven members will be given on the following days: Thursday, April 26 for Douglas Stephens, David Utz, John Blandy, and Abraham Cockett, and on Friday, April 27 for Fray Marshall, Frank Hinman, Jr., and Georg Bartsch followed by the Business Meetings. The time will be approximately 11:00 AM.

H. The picture. I'd like to do this immediately after the Thursday meeting. This will give us a little more time for talks & discussion, but may crowd the lunch and tennis activities so please help expedite this process. Everyone at the meeting should be in the picture. So please RUSH out to the front west lawn of Torrey Pines and arrange yourselves in the roped off area as soon as the meeting ends that day. I'll ask the Membership Committee to be in charge of the line up. Save the front seats for officers and our senior members. Line up behind in a neat rectangle, but keep your full face visible for the camera on the balcony.

I. Lunches. You are on your own for these. If you want to eat onsite early reservations are a good idea due to limited availability. We have enclosed a list of restaurants based on personal recommendations from friends who live in the area. There will be box lunches for tennis and golf participants.

J. Membership Committee. This year we have 5 open positions for Active Members. A list of proposed candidates for membership [Active (18), International (3), and Fellow (1)] is enclosed. It is not the custom of the AAGUS to have someone join the AAGUS as a Fellow but the AAGUS Council has agreed that under the unusual circumstances in the case of one candidate they would have the membership vote on the single fellow candidate. We will set up an electronic process for you to register a confidential opinion about each candidate. The five Membership Committee members will meet on Thursday to create a slate for the membership vote at the Friday Business Meeting.

K. Thursday/Friday afternoons on your own. At least one time at Torrey Pines you should get a Drug Store Hamburger in the Grill (unless you are a vegetarian). The walks in the adjacent Torrey Pines State Park are amazing. La Jolla to the immediate south and Del Mar to the immediate north are charming places to visit. Of course, there

is UCSD with its Geisel Library, Downtown San Diego, Coronado, the Zoo, Wild Animal Park, Sea World, etc. There's lots to do.

L. Thursday PM, Men's and Women's Tennis. The Tennis Chairs are Colin Dinney, Jane Dinney, Laurence Klotz, and Ursula Lotz. Tennis will be from 1:30-3:30 PM held at the Barnes Tennis Center in San Diego. The bus will leave the lodge at 1:00 PM and leave the tennis center at 3:30 PM. The fee is \$85 per person (which includes court fees, tennis pro, tennis balls, bus transportation, box lunch, and prizes). Submit payment with tennis registration form to David Bloom.

M. Thursday Tour 6:30 PM, Cocktails and Buffet Dinner 7:30 PM. A special evening is being planned at the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Miramar is only a few miles east of Torrey Pines and slightly to the south. It comprises 24,000 square acres and has a history that goes back to the Mexican-American War. Miramar in Spanish means sea view and the Air Station became iconic with the Top Gun film 25 years ago with Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis. At that time Miramar was a Naval Air Station, but it now belongs to the Marine Corps. This will be the site of our Thursday evening banquet which will begin with a bus departure from the Lodge at Torrey Pines at 6:00 PM sharp. If you miss the bus it won't be easy for you to get onto the base. We will be hosted by representatives of one of the 16 squadrons of Miramar. A squadron normally consists of around 200 personnel with 18 pilots and 12 aircraft. By escorting us and through our purchase of their squadron patches and gear we subsidize their annual Marine Corps Ball for their young enlisted men and women. So please bring a few bucks to help them out and prepare to be generous.

On entering the base the squadron officers will board our buses and after ID checks take us on a tour of the flight line. Bring your camera since pictures are permitted (except within cockpits or a few items they may point out as off limits). Every visitor must have a photo ID to enter the station. We will be asked to supply names of all our members and passport numbers of all non US citizens a month or so ahead of time and will be reminding you of that again soon.

After the flight line tour we go to the Officers' Club for drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and a buffet dinner. We will take over the club except for the WOXOF Bar where the officers may be visiting. You are welcome to go over mingle with them where they will have a cash bar and your money is good there too, but of course our bar will be open for our group. Outside of Gerry Jordan most of our members probably don't know that WOXOF means "weather zero closed operation on flightline." Gerry was there at Miramar from 1967-72 in the Fleet Fighter Squadron 194 then called VF-194 (Legendary Red Lightnings). He then deployed to Vietnam and after that tour he returned to Miramar to join the VF-126 Squadron. He next served with the VF-1 Cadre Squadron for the F14 before setting off for medical school in San Antonio.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION: If you are an International Member/Guest or if you are NOT a US citizen you will need to complete the attached form.** In order for us to board the bus for Miramar ALL members will need a photo ID (US citizens driver's license / International & non US citizens - passport).

N. Friday PM, Women's and Men's Golf Tournament. Don and Beverly Griffith will be the Men's and Women's Golf Chairs this year. The women will begin at 12:00 PM and the men at 12:30 PM with a consecutive start. The Torrey Pines South Golf Course is truly extraordinary. It takes about 5 hours to play. The tournament fee will be \$320 (which includes cart, green fees, box lunch, and taxes). Also available - club rental for \$50. The course offers excellent rentals, and in this day of hassle-rich travel, that \$50 seemed like the easy way to go for me and it was well worth it when I played there. Remember, this is a city-owned course and the bookings are a little tricky and not cheap, but the hotel will set it up without taking a piece of the action. If you want to play this great course once in your life, now is a good chance. If you've played it before and liked it we would be happy to get it set up for you again so submit your payment with the golf registration form to David Bloom.

O. Men's and Women's Walkers Group. Peter and Pam Albertsen will have some wonderful suggestions for those who like to take long walks, but don't want to swing clubs at little balls.

P. Shopping Opportunities. There are wonderful shopping opportunities in both La Jolla and Del Mar. La Jolla has a range of storefronts from high-end art galleries to charming boutiques. Del Mar has many outstanding shops and the Del Mar Plaza has a collection of fine shops in a European marketplace setting.

Q. Friday Evening Black Tie Banquet Dinner and Dance including awards presentations. The President's Reception will begin at 7:00 PM in Charles Reiffel Room followed by a Black Tie Dinner in the Maurice Braun Ballroom with dessert buffet and music for dancing in the Charles Reiffel Room. A sign up list will be stationed outside the meeting room starting on Thursday morning. If you have sponsored guests, please sit with them. If you do not sign up you will be seated at a "fill-in" table. A list of guests is attached and we hope that all members will go out of their way to greet them and make them feel welcome. It is the custom of the AAGUS that children (under 18) not be included at the banquet for reasons of space and sensitivity to their boredom at such events. Please let the hotel know if special diets are desired, they will be glad to arrange this. If you decide to skip the Banquet and we can set one less place, the AAGUS can come out a little ahead on the evening financially if you let me know a little bit ahead of time.

R. Time to smell some roses or some Torrey Pines. Consider a Saturday stay over. You may not be to a place quite like this so soon again. We tend to rush back home to get ready for clinics, surgery, or that next meeting so quickly that we miss time for the soul. Why not defer that security line at the airport until Sunday or Monday?