

Editorial

## Educational Opportunity! Fifth International Congress on Ambulatory Surgery on “Making a World of Difference Through Ambulatory Surgery”

In May 2003, there will be a unique opportunity to share knowledge and experience with your international colleagues in Ambulatory Surgery. The Fifth International Congress on Ambulatory Surgery will be held in Boston, USA on May 8–11, 2003. Held in the USA for the first time, the International Congress will bring together ambulatory surgery professionals from around the world for more than three days of educational sessions and networking. The Congress is presented every two years by the International Association on Ambulatory Surgery, and will be cosponsored by the Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia and the Federated Ambulatory Surgery Association, in conjunction with their Annual Meetings. This will be an opportunity for attendees to have at one meeting the shared expertise and perspectives from all types of ambulatory surgery settings. Over 55 sessions are being planned on a variety of surgical, anesthesia, nursing and administrative topics, along with poster sessions and pre-meeting practical workshops. Post-convention tours to Ambulatory Surgery Centers will be available. The overwhelmingly popular Saturday Night event and accompanying guest tours are part of the program. Dr. Burton Epstein will deliver the Nicoll Memorial

Lecture during the Opening Ceremony on May 8th, which will also include remarks from prominent national speakers and a Keynote Lecture. Over 200 exhibitors are expected to participate, and the opportunity for networking will be unprecedented. The Sheraton Boston Hotel will serve as headquarters hotel for the event. Program information, including online registration and abstract submission, may be found at both the SAMBA and FASA websites, <http://www.sambahq.org/> and <http://www.fasa.org/>.

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