

Owen H. Wangenstein Surgical Forum

“The Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems was instituted by the Board of Regents to provide an opportunity to the younger surgical group for the presentation of the results of original clinical and experimental research... The Surgical Forum affords a large surgical audience the opportunity to become acquainted with the work of investigators through the medium of the concise presentation; at the same time, it accords a number of young, well trained surgeons their first opportunity of hearing before a national surgery organization.” Owen H. Wangenstein, MD, FACS, February 1947.

The Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems invites surgical residents and scientific investigators in-training to submit their research (completed and in progress). Submitted abstracts may not have been previously presented or published. It is expected for the first-named author to make an 8-minute oral presentation. An invited discussant will share their third-party perspective on the research. *All accepted abstracts will be eligible for the Excellence in Research Award.* Selection for the award is based upon originality of the concept, contribution to the field, quality of the methodology, and impact of the science. *Approximately ten \$1,000.00 awards will be presented at the 2009 Surgical Forum program.*

Publication: All accepted Surgical Forum abstracts will be published in a supplemental issue of the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons (JACS)* in September 2009. The Supplement will be distributed to the entire membership (70,000+), made available free of charge at the Clinical Congress, and is citable (*JACS* is a peer-reviewed publication). For further information, contact Kathryn Matousek at kmatousek@facs.org.