Recent Trends and Future Actions of the American Urological Association

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The American Urological Association has grown in recent years from an Organization of approximately 5,000 members to approximately 7,000 active members with 3,000 corresponding members plus 1,600 candidate memberships. The object of the AUA has been to provide post-graduate education for its members plus acting as an advocate for governmental programs and legislation. The Annual Meeting of the AUA has been designed to be of interest to Urologists from all countries, so that they may find meaningful information and updated technical presentations. The meeting in 2004 in San Francisco had more than 16,500 doctors in attendance. In 2005, 15,200 doctors attended the meeting in San Antonio. The 2006 meeting in Atlanta, Georgia will feature 80 poster sessions, 32 podium sessions and post-graduate courses numbering 110. These events will be facilitated, so that the widest possible participation will be encouraged from those in attendance.

The AUA is endeavoring to stimulate research both by Private Corporations and the Government in basic areas of Urologic Oncology, Incontinence, Infertility, and Erectile Dysfunction.

The Organization has worked cooperatively with Private Corporations and donors to establish assets, which are now close to 90 million dollars of which much is used to promote post-graduate education for young Urologic residents.

The American Urological Association welcomes International Urologists to join the Association and continue to contribute articles both for the JOURNAL OF UROLOGY and presentations at our Annual Meetings. The focus for the next ten years in American Urology will be to continue the expansion of Urologic education among medical students and residents, and the promotion of basic research on Urologic pathologic conditions.