

## YPS President's Message

# Five Reasons Why This Year's Scientific Assembly was the Best Ever for YPS

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AAEM just wrapped up another amazing Scientific Assembly. Yes, New York was a bit cold and snowy, but well worth the trip to hear thought-provoking lectures, reunite with many amazing colleagues, and see the New York City sites. For YPS, this year's Scientific Assembly included showcasing new advances, implementing successful improvements, and ultimately an even brighter future for YPS. It was quite possibly the best Scientific Assembly ever! Here are five reasons why:

### 1. Launching of EM Flash Facts App

We have just put the final touches on the EM Flash card app that will be launched through iTunes! YPS has been working hard on this project to make sure we give our members the best educational products possible. For those who have not heard about our new member benefit, EM Flash Facts is an educational flashcard application for your mobile device that allows you to review EM questions on the go. This application is a fun, interactive way to help you prepare for the boards, help you teach EM topics to students (perfect for new faculty), and ultimately keep you fresh on EM pearls!

### 2. Improving Mentor Relationships — One Breakfast at a Time

We at AAEM/YPS know just how important mentorship is. Our new initiative to establish and strengthen these relationships led us to establish a mentor/mentee breakfast at Scientific Assembly. This forum was a wonderful opportunity for young physicians to connect with and develop relationships with physician mentors. Given its success we look forward to making this an annual event!

### 3. Our Board. Enough Said.

This year we had more applicants for YPS board positions than ever before. It is so exciting to see more and more young physicians looking to get involved with AAEM/YPS and further its advancement. We ended up with a stellar new board, complete with fresh faces and fresh ideas (secretary-treasurer, Robert Stuntz, MD; at-large board members, Jonathon Jones, MD; Kristin Fontes, MD; Megan Healy, MD; Terez Malka, MD; and our past-president Betsy Hall, MD). I look forward to seeing what we will accomplish.

### 4. Open Mic Success

YPS began sponsoring Open Mic last year. We thought this was the perfect role for YPS: giving opportunities for young physicians to break into the lecture circuit. This year's Open Mic was the best yet. We had all the on-site spots filled and heard 16 high-quality lecturers. It was such a tough decision to pick just one winner that we picked two! I encourage any young physician that is interested in breaking into the national

lecture circuit to sign up next year. As shown by last year's winner, Dr. Daniel Firestone, truly remarkable lecturers come out of Open Mic!

### 5. The New Frontier: Social Media

The brainstorming of potential uses for social media at the board meeting was astounding! Social media has become an essential tool in education, information dissemination, and networking. The YPS board considered potential avenues for incorporating this technology. Some ideas included podcasts with topics geared for the young physician, utilizing twitter for educational pearls and communication, and the use of FOAM (Free Open Access Medication). Please look for more information on this ... possibly by tweet.

Scientific Assembly was once again a huge success, even with a snowy NYC. For YPS it was the best year yet. My goal is to have YPS continue to grow and advance so that next year I get to write an article with the same title. ■

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