
clinical and research articles published in the medical literature. He has also contributed to the surgical profession through his work as a member of the editorial boards of the following journals: *Journal of the American College of*

Surgeons, Surgery, Journal of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery, Digestive Diseases and Sciences, Asian Journal of Surgery, and The American Surgeon. He currently is the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery* and

Advances in Surgery.

Dr. Cameron currently resides in Ruxton, MD, with his wife Doris Mae. They have two daughters, Heather and Shannon, and two sons, Duncan and Andrew.

Honorary Fellowships presented to five prominent surgeons

Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons was awarded to the following five prominent surgeons from Belgium, Brazil, Ireland, United Kingdom, and Australia during Convocation ceremonies at this year's Clinical Congress in San Francisco, CA:

- **Jacques Brotchi, MD, PhD.** Dr. Brotchi is president of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies and emeritus professor and honorary chairman, department of neurosurgery, Erasme Hospital, University of Brussels, Brussels, Belgium.

- **Joaquim Gama-Rodrigues, MD, FACS.** Dr. Gama-Rodrigues is director of gastrointestinal surgery and gastroenterology, Hospital Alemão Oswaldo Cruz and Hospital da Beneficência Portuguesa, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

- **Gerald C. O'Sullivan, MB, BCh, FACS, FRCSGlas, FRCSI.** Dr. O'Sullivan is the

immediate past-president, Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland (Dublin); lecturer and professor of surgery, University College, Cork; director, Cork Cancer Research Centre, Cork; and consultant surgeon, Mercy University Hospital, Cork, Ireland.

- **Bernard F. Ribeiro, CBE, FRCSEng, FRCPEng.** Mr. Ribeiro is a past-president of the Royal College of Surgeons of England; senior lecturer, Middlesex Hospital, London; and director, undergraduate teaching for surgery, University College, London, United Kingdom.

- **Russell W. Strong, MB, BCh, FACS, FRCS(Edin)(Hon), FRACS, FRCS(Eng), FRACDS.** Dr. Strong is emeritus professor, surgical specialties, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, Australia.

Presenting the Honorary Fellowships on behalf of the College were Fernando G.

Diaz, MD, FACS, Southfield, MI; Carlos A. Pellegrini, MD, FACS, Seattle, WA; Tom R. DeMeester, MD, FACS, Los Angeles, CA; George F. Sheldon, MD, FACS, FRCSEd(Hon), FRCSEng(Hon), Chapel Hill, NC; and L. D. Britt, MD, FACS, Norfolk, VA.

This year, 1,189 surgeons from around the world were admitted into Fellowship during the College's Convocation ceremonies.

Sir Rickman Godlee, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, was awarded the first Honorary Fellowship in the College during the College's first Convocation in 1913. Since then, 413 internationally prominent surgeons, including the five chosen this year, have been named Honorary Fellows of the American College of Surgeons.

Following are the citations presented during the Convocation.

Citation for Prof. Jacques Brotchi

by *Fernando G. Diaz, MD, PhD*

Mr. President, it is my honor to introduce Prof. Jacques Brotchi of Brussels, Belgium, for Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons.

Professor Brotchi was born in Liège in 1942 during the Second World War. After graduating in medicine (MD) from the State University of Liège in 1967, Professor Brotchi completed his training in neurosurgery with Prof. J. Bonnal in the same university, where he also invested in basic research in the Neuroanatomy Laboratory (under Prof. M.A. Gerebtzoff). Then, in 1982, he moved from Liège to Brussels, where he created the department of neurosurgery at Erasme University Hospital.

Head of the department since 1982, full professor and chairman at the Free University of Brussels (ULB) since 1984, he was also director of the ULB laboratory of experimental neurosurgery until September 1 of this year, when he became honorary chairman and emeritus professor. He continues his surgical activity as a consultant-neurosurgeon in the department.

Professor Brotchi has published more than 350 papers in international journals, with special emphasis on meningiomas and surgical approaches of pineal lesions and almost intraspinal cord tumors. He has stimulated many works in his department with a special inter-

est on the use of positron emission tomography (PET) scan combined with neurosurgery—PET-guided stereotactic biopsies; PET-guided neuronavigation; and, thereafter, PET-guided gamma knife treatment. He has also equipped his department with magnetic resonance imaging and, before retiring, with a magnetoencephalography.

Deeply involved in educational programs of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS) since 1991, he is currently president of the WFNS. He has held that position since 2005 and will complete it in 2009.

In 1998, his department was distinguished by the World Health Organization (WHO) and nominated “First Worldwide WHO Collaborating Center for Research and Training in Neurosurgery.” In 2000, he received one of the most prestigious Belgian medical prizes—Scientific Prize, Joseph Maisin-Clinical Biomedical Sciences—within the scientific quinquennial prizes of the National Research Foundation of the period 1996–2000.

A member of the Royal Academy of Medicine of Belgium and of the French Academy of Surgery, Professor Brotchi has been awarded *Commandeur de l'Ordre de Leopold of Belgium*, *Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur of France*, *Chevalier of Danneborg Order of Denmark*, and *Great Commandeur*



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of the Merit Order of Spain.

In 1988, King Baudouin of Belgium ennobled him as knight for his contributions to neurosurgery and Belgium. In 2007, King Albert II of Belgium upgraded him to the rank of baron.

Finally, since 2004, he has been senator of the Royal Kingdom of Belgium and was re-elected in June 2007. His fields of interest are health, medical research, and bioethics. He also has created in the Belgium Senate a Brainstorming Group for Peace in the Middle East that he is chairing.

Jacques Brotchi and his wife Rachel have one daughter, Nathalie, and two grandchildren, Nina and Dylan.

Citation for Prof. Joaquim Gama-Rodrigues

by Carlos A. Pellegrini, MD, FACS

Mr. President, ladies, and gentlemen, thank you for the privilege of introducing Prof. Joaquim Gama-Rodrigues of São Paulo, Brazil, for Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons.

Gama, as he is known among his friends and colleagues, was born in Cruzeiro, São Paulo, Brazil, and completed his medical studies at the prestigious School of Medicine of the University of São Paulo. It was during his medical school training that he met Renato Locchi—a teacher known for his inspiring intellectual character and discipline—who introduced him to surgical anatomy and awakened in young Gama a desire to become a surgeon. Having emulated the discipline of his teacher and using his own drive, he was quickly singled out by some famous surgeons of the time, such as Arrigo Raia and Correa Neto, who adopted this young student and got him into a surgical residency at the Hospital Das Clinicas of the University of São Paulo. After he completed his training, Gama joined the faculty of his school, where he quickly moved through the ranks to become a full professor of surgery.

Professor Gama-Rodrigues focused his career on surgery of the alimentary tract, with a particular interest in cancer of the digestive tract, eventually becoming director of gastrointestinal surgery and gastroenterology at the Hos-

pital Alemão Oswaldo Cruz, São Paulo. His research focus has been the oncogenesis and oncogenomics and treatment of gastric and colonic cancer. Gama is the principal investigator of the Brazilian Clinical Cancer Genome Project, which was initiated in 2000. The project includes seven collaborating institutions and hospitals throughout the state of São Paulo and the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research and has developed the largest national cancer genome database.

Professor Gama-Rodrigues' fascination for molecular biology and his understanding of the genetic mechanisms involved in the carcinogenesis of tumors of the alimentary tract led him to search for new alternatives for screening, diagnosing, staging, and treating cancer. His ability to convince the medical community, hospital administration, and fundraisers of the importance of this effort led to the formation of a state-of-the-art tumor tissue bank.

Gama has a particular passion for education and educational systems. As a member of many local, regional, and national committees and through the role he played in the Postgraduate Commission in Brazil, he has been able to set in place modern systems of education, consolidating graduate and postgraduate education and emphasizing the need for lifelong learning and teamwork. As an educator, he has repeatedly



Professor Gama-Rodrigues

been honored by graduating classes as the Teacher of the Year and has actively participated in formal mentoring of postgraduate students and fellows in the area of gastrointestinal cancer, many of whom now populate the hospitals of Brazil. Because he embraces change and innovation easily, he was instrumental in the adoption of laparoscopy—and, more recently, robotics—in his country and was recognized by the Brazilian Society of Laparoscopic Surgery with its Medal of Honor.

During his long career as a surgeon, he has been particularly concerned about the fate and lack of access to care of the poor and has devoted countless hours to working with groups in safety-net hospitals to improve access to care for these individuals. As his interest in the social aspects of medicine

and surgery grew, he took additional courses to become a specialist in tropical medicine, a discipline that deals with diseases prevalent in Brazil and thus directly affecting his community. Gama's interest in public health led him to develop and participate extensively in public health campaigns like anti-smoking and early detection and prevention of gastrointestinal cancer programs. One of those programs, the Colorectal Cancer Screening program, first piloted in the small community of Santa Cruz

das Palmeiras, has been so successful that it is now ready for implementation throughout São Paulo, one of the world's largest metropolises with an estimated population of 20 million. This interest in the health of his community led him to join the Curator Council of the Oncological Center Foundation in São Paulo. Today he holds the position of chairman of the council, which is a state agency for policies in prevention, early detection, and education for cancer management.

Mr. President, it is with

great honor that I present to you Prof. Joaquim Gama-Rodrigues—a great surgeon-scientist, a respected teacher, a community leader, and a formidable human being—for Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons. And may I add, sir, that this is a historic moment for our institution, as Gama is married to Angelita Habr-Gama, who became an Honorary Fellow a few years ago. Thus, this is the first wife/husband team of Honorary Fellows of the American College of Surgeons.

Citation for Prof. Gerald C. O'Sullivan

by Tom R. DeMeester, MD, FACS

Mr. President, it is my privilege and honor to present to you the distinguished Irish surgeon Gerald Christopher O'Sullivan, currently professor of surgery at University College Cork, director-in-chief of the Cork Cancer Research Center, and consultant surgeon at Mercy University Hospital, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland.

Professor O'Sullivan was born in Cork in 1946 where he received his undergraduate and graduate medical education. He was elected into fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland in 1974 and became its president in 2006. In 1975, he traveled to Edmonton, AB, where he received his master of science degree in experimental medicine from the University of Alberta. In 1999, he became a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

At the University of Chicago, the late Dr. David Skinner and I had the distinct pleasure of having Dr. O'Sullivan work with us for two years as a research associate, from 1979 to 1981. During that time, Dr. O'Sullivan's creativity as an investigator and his genetic capacity as a storyteller became known and appreciated by all. Gerry impressed on us the Irish principle that "no good story should remain untold for the lack of a few facts." The Chicago experience accounted for eight of his first 15 papers—only the beginning of his current voluminous bibliography.

It comes as no surprise that Professor O'Sullivan became the founder and director of the Cork Cancer Research Center, which currently has a staff of 32 people. The center has been fully active for nine years and



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boasts of activities that focus on the gene therapy of cancer, creative ways to facilitate drug delivery to solid tumors, immune control of cancer, prevention of colon cancer, identification and therapy of bone marrow micrometastasis, and

the biological behavior of upper gastrointestinal cancers.

Professor O'Sullivan's clinical interests, as expected, are in surgical oncology with a focus on upper gastrointestinal surgery for benign and malignant disease. Through his research, lectures, writing, and practice, patients and surgeons throughout the world have benefited from his knowledge, expertise, and compassion. For his work, he has been widely recognized nationally and internationally as an outstanding communicator and has delivered more than 11 named lectures. Professor O'Sullivan is president-elect of the European Surgical Association, and he has served with distinction as president of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and the Irish Society of Gastroenterology.

While president of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ire-

land, Professor O'Sullivan established a surgical training program in 10 countries in East and Central Africa through collaboration with the College of Surgeons of East, Central, and Southern Africa. The development of an intercollegiate structure has provided high-quality surgical training in those countries. He also developed a strategy to enable surgical research by all surgeons in Ireland irrespective of their hospital type or surgical specialty. This strategy involved creation of a network to facilitate collaboration, create an opportunity for intercalated doctoral programs for suitable candidates, and organize a structure to provide, manage, and coordinate generic support.

During his outstanding career, Professor O'Sullivan has been fortunate to have the lov-

ing support of his wife, Breda, for 36 years. They have three children—Orla, Gearoid, and Eoghan. It is difficult to fathom that with all he has done he would have spare time, but he does find and cherish time to read extensively and practice armchair philosophy with ever-present guests.

Mr. President, Prof. Gerald O'Sullivan is known and loved by many surgeons and physicians. His investigative studies, creative thinking, and provocative lectures have had a profound impact on Irish, European, and American surgery. He has achieved his objectives with indefatigable energy, innovative thinking, and collaboration with colleagues. He is a most worthy recipient of Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons.

Citation for Mr. Bernard Ribeiro

by George F. Sheldon, MD, FACS, FRCSEd(Hon), FRCSEng(Hon)

Mr. President, it is my honor to present Mr. Bernard Ribeiro of Hampshire, England, for Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons.

Mr. Ribeiro is an accomplished international surgeon and is the immediate past-president of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He follows many previous Royal College presidents in becoming an Honorary Fellow of this College, including our first Honorary Fellow at the founding of the American College of

Surgeons in 1913, Sir Rickman Godlee.

Mr. Ribeiro is of British/Ghanaian nationality. His education was at the Dean Close School in Cheltenham (1957–1962) and Middlesex Hospital Medical School (1962–1967).

After concluding training, he was appointed consultant surgeon to Basildon Hospital, Essex, where he introduced laparoscopic surgery to the Trust and established an advanced laparoscopic unit that has performed more than 1,000 chole-



Mr. Ribeiro

cystectomies. His involvement in undergraduate and graduate education was instrumental in forging links with University College London, which contributed to the Trust achieving university status in 2002.

Mr. Ribeiro's leadership skills were recognized early in his career. He became secretary and then president of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland (ASGBI) in 1991 through 2000. He represented the ASGBI on the Senate of Surgery, an organization of the four surgical colleges and nine specialist associations in Great Britain and Ireland. He was elected to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1998, and he received a fellowship from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh *ad hominem* in 2000. In 2004, he was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire for services to medicine.

The crowning organizational achievement of Mr. Ribeiro's career was election in July 2005 to a three-year term as president of The Royal College of Surgeons of England. Continuing the work of his predecessors, he presided over the expansion of the Royal College's leading historical role in surgical education. The facilities of the Royal College of Surgeons have been expanded, the Hunterian Museum has been remodeled, the education and training facilities have been upgraded, and a policy unit has been established at the headquarters at Lincoln's Inn Fields. His presidency saw the commencement of the successful Eagle Project, for which

the first completed stage is the Wolfson Surgical Skills Laboratory that has bench top clinical skills areas and minimally invasive surgery simulation tools. He also initiated an independent external review of the structure and activities of the Raven Department of Education.

Mr. Ribeiro's presidency came as the National Health Service (NHS) was undergoing extensive reorganization, which included changes with negative implications for physicians and surgeons in training. The sea change in the format of British education occurred within the context of the NHS program Modernising Medical Careers (MMC). Part of the reorganization included the Medical Training Application Service as a cornerstone of the MMC initiative. Unfortunately, the implementation of the program produced many problems, which included insufficient numbers of advanced training positions. Mr. Ribeiro led the United Kingdom in working constructively but firmly to ensure that patient care would be unaffected and that the flawed recruitment process would not mar the careers of a generation of committed trainees. He successfully secured a significant temporary expansion of ST3 surgical training posts. While so doing, he shared his experience with the international community. The experience of dealing with a shortage of funded training positions in surgery is also occurring in the U.S.

Mr. Ribeiro has led the international community in addressing the problems raised by the European Working Time Direc-

tive (EWTD), the equivalent of the Accreditation Council on Graduate Education's 80 hour workweek requirement. In 2008, he joined the leadership of the American College of Surgeons in presenting testimony on work hours to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences' Optimizing Graduate Medical Trainee (Resident) Hours and Work Schedules to Improve Patient Safety panel. He described the impact on surgical education in England and elsewhere in the European Union under the EWTD. The American College of Surgeons has been a beneficiary of his participation in postgraduate programs at the Clinical Congress.

Bernie, as he is known, is a devoted family man. He and his wife, Liz, have one son and three daughters, two of whom are twins. His son Richard and his wife Joanne have given Bernie and Liz their first grandchild. Bernie and Liz have moved recently from Essex to Hampshire, where Liz is overseeing extensive building and renovation. They have a stretch of the River Itchen, where Bernie enjoys his passion for fishing. Another member of the family is a black dog named Meg that Bernie claims is a good retriever, but in reality is a pet.

As president of The Royal College of Surgeons of England, Mr. Bernie Ribeiro will be remembered as the trainees' advocate, much as his close friend, Claude Organ, MD, FACS (deceased), is remembered as the residents' president of the American College of Surgeons.

Citation for Prof. Russell W. Strong

by *L. D. Britt, MD, FACS*

Mr. President, it is my honor to present to you Prof. Russell Walker Strong of Brisbane, Australia, for Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons.

Professor Strong was born in Lismore, New South Wales. He is currently professor of surgery at the University of Queensland in Brisbane and director of surgery at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. Professor Strong completed his undergraduate medical education at the University of London. He remained in England for his graduate medical training, where he was the senior house surgeon at the Birmingham Accident Hospital, the surgical registrar at the Charing Cross Hospital in London, and the senior surgeon registrar at the Whittington Hospital, London.

Professor Strong moved south to Brisbane to launch his academic career. Starting as a surgical supervisor at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, his rapid ascent in academic surgery was remarkable. Professor Strong was selected to be the James IV Travelling Fellow, which afforded him the opportunity to have intellectual exchange and share his technical expertise with many of his international colleagues.

The recipient of an almost endless list of academic awards and honorary fellowships, Professor Strong is acknowledged by experts in the field as one

of the top liver surgeons in the world. He has more than 260 scientific publications to his credit, including 14 book chapters. His landmark contributions to the medical literature have paved the way for the definitive management of some of our most challenging hepatic injuries and diseases. He developed and pioneered the “Brisbane technique” of reduced-size liver transplant for children. Professor Strong performed the first successful living related liver transplant in the world in 1989, when a portion of a mother’s liver was transplanted into her son; both are alive and well 19 years later. He now has an impressive personal series, which is considered by many to be unparalleled with respect to both numbers and outcomes.

It is a certainty that Professor Strong’s legacy will continue for generations, for he has been very active in training young surgeons, particularly in Southeast Asia. He has trained more than 80 surgeons from overseas in hepatobiliary and liver transplant surgery. Many of his fellows have returned to Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, and several other countries to become leaders in hepatic surgery and liver transplantation.

In addition to his innumerable academic accolades, Professor Strong is a highly decorated civilian. He was honored as the Queenslander of the Year in



Professor Strong

1986 and was the recipient of the Companion of the Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George presented by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, at Buckingham Palace. He also received Australia’s highest civilian honor, the Companion of the Order of Australia.

Professor Strong, the consummate clinician/surgeon, educator, investigator, and humanitarian, embodies all the laudable tenets of an honorary fellowship.

Mr. President, it is my distinct privilege to present this world-renowned surgeon, Prof. Russell Strong, for Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons.