

Dr. Cameron installed as 89th ACS President

John L. Cameron, MD, FACS, a general and thoracic surgeon who specializes in treatment of alimentary diseases, was installed as the 89th President of the American College of Surgeons during Convocation ceremonies that preceded the official opening of the College's 94th annual Clinical Congress in San Francisco, CA, in October. Dr. Cameron is the Alfred Blalock Distinguished Service Professor of Surgery at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD.

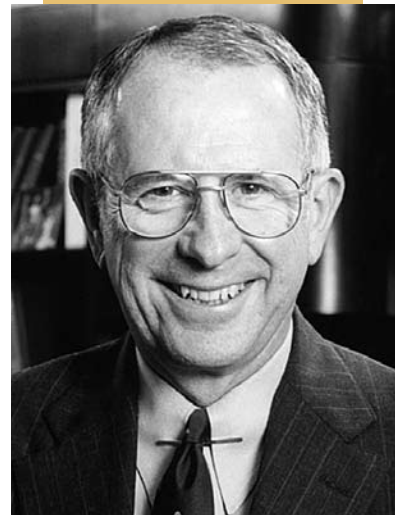
Dr. Cameron received a bachelor of arts degree from Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (1958), and earned a medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (1962). He served a surgical internship at Johns Hopkins (1962–1963) before he began service in the U.S. Army as a research surgeon in the department of surgical metabolism at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (1963–1965). He returned to Johns Hopkins in 1965, where he completed a surgical residency (1965–1970) and then a clinical and research fellowship (1970–1971) at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

A Fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1975, Dr. Cameron has been actively involved in the governance of the College, including serving as Treasurer from 1998 to 2007. Dr. Cameron has also served

as a member of the Executive Committee (2006–2007), Board of Regents Honors Committee (2005–present), Investment Subcommittee of the Finance Committee (2002–present), and Finance Committee (1998 to present). In addition, Dr. Cameron served as a senior member of the College's Committee on Video-Based Education (1980–1990).

In addition to his service to the College, Dr. Cameron has held many leadership positions in organized surgery. He was president of the American Surgical Association (2000–2001), the Halsted Society (1997–1998), the Southern Surgical Association (1995–1996), the Society of Surgical Chairs (1994–1996), the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (1991–1992), the Society of Clinical Surgery (1990–1991), and the Baltimore Academy of Surgery (1985–1986). He also was a director of the American Board of Surgery (1986–1992).

Trained in both general and thoracic surgery, Dr. Cameron has devoted his professional life to several significant clinical and research endeavors in alimentary tract diseases, specifically in pancreatic cancer. A leader in alimentary tract surgery, he has operated on more patients with pancreatic cancer and done more Whipple resections than any other surgeon in the world.



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His research interests have included randomized clinical trials and clinical outcomes in pancreas surgery as well as basic laboratory research of pancreatic diseases, for which he has received grant support from the National Institutes of Health.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Cameron has exemplified a strong commitment to the dissemination of surgical knowledge. He is the author of several internationally recognized surgical textbooks, including *Atlas of Surgery I and II*, *Atlas of Biliary Tract Surgery*, *Atlas of Clinical Oncology*, and nine editions of *Current Surgical Therapy*, and the coauthor of *Evidence Based Surgery*, written with Toby A. Gordon, ScD. Moreover, Dr. Cameron has served as the author or coauthor of 99 chapters in surgical textbooks and 384

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.