

## CHANGING TIMES CALL FOR AAFPRS ACTION

As the world continues to become smaller, conflicts never imagined on North American shores are now plausible. The AAFPRS Board of Directors last February created a task force headed by Paul J. Carniol, MD, to determine the need for the Academy to develop a network for disaster or terrorism. The resonant response was yes.

The AAFPRS would assist civilians (non-insured) living in the United States who receive injuries from a disaster or an act of terrorism.

The new program called *FACE TO FACE: Facial Plastic Surgery's Homeland Response Team* will have AAFPRS volunteers ready to assist in their cities when disaster and terrorism occur. As Dr. Carniol states, "Many of us were ready and waiting to assist victims of September 11. We need to, as an organization, take a stand and be prepared to serve when our talents and skills are required."

The *FACE TO FACE* committee chaired by Mary Lynn Moran, MD, supports the Board's action.

The committee asks that AAFPRS members take a moment and fill in the *I Want to Assist* form below. Fax the completed form to Ann K. Holton at (703) 299-8898. "We need all of our members to commit and serve. Hopefully we will never have to call upon anyone, but at least the AAFPRS will be ready and able to respond," says Dr. Moran.

For more information contact: Ann K. Holton at (703) 299-9291, ext. 229; aholton@aafprs.org. ■

### I WANT TO ASSIST

( ) I would like to participate in the *FACE TO FACE: FACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY'S HOMELAND RESPONSE TEAM*.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please fax or mail this form to:  
Ann Holton, AAFPRS,  
310 S. Henry Street, Alexandria, VA 22314  
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## WOMEN IN FACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY

By Donna J. Millay, MD, Women in Facial Plastic Surgery Committee

This article is the first of a new column written by members of the Women in Facial Plastic Surgery Committee and devoted to women in our specialty. The committee was formed two years ago with the goal of identifying and meeting the needs of the women in the AAFPRS. In this forum, we will discuss topics of interest to women including involvement in the AAFPRS; issues facing women in training; starting and maintaining a practice; marketing; and maintaining the balance between professional practice and family obligations.

Our initial effort has been to bring together as many women as possible in luncheon forums at Academy meetings. These sessions have allowed the participants to share common experiences regarding training, practice, and coordinating a career and family. Guest speakers, such as Nancy Snyderman, MD, who joined us for the 8th International Symposium, provided insight and inspiration. Our next luncheon, scheduled for the Fall Meeting in Orlando, will feature incoming president of the AAO-HNS, Jennifer Derebery, MD, and is open to all women attending the meeting.

Our second project is the mentoring program. A number of women in our membership have volunteered to serve as mentors, sharing their knowledge and experience with younger members in our specialty. Mentors can assist residents interested in facial plastic surgery, answer questions about the fellowship program, and discuss issues related to setting up a practice, joining a partnership, going into academics, or developing a research program. ■

### Allergan Contributes to *Archives* Success

By Dean M. Toriumi, MD

The AAFPRS is pleased to thank Allergan for their educational grant that has allowed the expansion of the *Archives of Facial Plastic Surgery* to six issues per year and has enabled the Academy to provide the *Archives* at no cost to our residents and fellows. This significant grant has come at an important time for the Academy and the *Archives*. Innovative manuscripts from around the globe are submitted in increasing numbers. Allergan's generous grant makes it possible to publish more quality science and improve outcomes for our patients. The opportunity to give this educational benefit to our members in training is especially valuable. This is an exciting time with circulation, as well as editorial pages, increasing. The European Academy of Facial Plastic Surgery, for example, recently made the *Archives* the official journal of their Academy. The association with the *JAMA/Archives* family continues to yield membership benefits including a vastly improved Web site ([www.ArchFacial.com](http://www.ArchFacial.com)) with new search capabilities, access to full text of referenced articles, and much more. These many added values are only possible because of generous unrestricted educational grants. Please make an opportunity to personally thank Allergan and their staff for this important support.