



Integra Foundation Awards Grants to American Association of Neurological Surgeons

PLAINSBORO, N.J., May 2, 2010 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [The Integra Foundation](#), the philanthropic arm of [Integra LifeSciences Corporation](#) (Nasdaq:IART), announced today that it has awarded grants totaling \$55,000 to the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), in support of the AANS Pinnacle Partners in Neurosurgery program, which furthers neurosurgical education, and to support the AANS's first paperless annual meeting at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 1-5, 2010. An estimated 7,000 attendees are expected at the meeting, with more than 3,000 medical professionals including neurosurgeons, neurosurgical residents, neuroscience nurses, clinical specialists, physician assistants and allied health professionals.

"We are very pleased that the Integra Foundation is supporting our annual meeting," said Michele S. Gregory, AANS Director of Development. "This year's meeting is shaping up to be the most innovative and cutting edge in the association's 78 year history, with much of the scientific content accessible to each medical attendee via a personal Apple iPod touch[®] device. Instead of a 165-page final program book and briefcase-size bag weighing just under two pounds, they will be receiving the iPod touch[®] and a convenient lightweight nylon pouch with neck strap to house it. With this device, medical attendees will be able to access and integrate every aspect of the AANS Annual Meeting, from the scientific education to social events, plenary lectures, seminars, exhibitors, maps - even communicate with other meeting attendees."

Founded in 1931 as the Harvey Cushing Society, the AANS is a scientific and educational association with more than 7,600 members worldwide. The AANS is dedicated to advancing the specialty of neurological surgery in order to provide the highest quality of neurosurgical care to patients. All active members of the AANS are certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (Neurosurgery) of Canada or the Mexican Council of Neurological Surgery, AC. Neurological surgery is the medical specialty concerned with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of disorders that affect the entire nervous system including the spinal column, spinal cord, brain and peripheral nerves.

[The Integra Foundation](#) is dedicated to advancing innovative medical and healthcare research and education, primarily in the areas of neurosurgery, reconstructive and general surgery, that lead to improved outcome and quality of life for patients and their communities. It is funded by Integra LifeSciences Corporation, a world leader in developing and marketing high quality surgical instruments, as well as innovative devices and bio-products, for use in neurosurgery, reconstructive and general surgery and soft tissue repair. www.integra-foundation.org

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