



Integra Foundation Awards Grant to the Congress of Neurological Surgeons

PLAINSBORO, N.J., Oct 23, 2009 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- The Integra Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Integra LifeSciences Corporation (Nasdaq:IART), has awarded a \$75,000 educational grant to the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) in support of the 2009 CNS Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 24-29, 2009. More than 4,500 attendees from over 50 countries are expected to attend the prestigious CNS Annual Meeting, where original science and educational sessions are led by experienced neurosurgeons.

"I am incredibly excited about our theme, A Culture of Excellence, and about the progress we will make as we explore how we as neurosurgeons define, pursue and measure excellence within our specialty," stated CNS President, P. David Adelson, MD. "We are also pleased that the Integra Foundation has shown its continued commitment to the field of neurosurgery through this generous educational grant."

Founded in 1951, the CNS is a leader in education and innovation, providing its neurosurgical members with educational programs, and promoting innovative research critical to the advancement of neurosurgery. Through volunteer service on CNS committees and in leadership positions, CNS members guide the future of neurosurgery while developing their own leadership skills. The CNS represents more than 5,000 neurosurgeons and allied health care professionals worldwide. The CNS is dedicated to promoting public welfare through the advancement of neurosurgery and maintains advocacy on numerous issues impacting neurosurgeons, affiliated specialists, and patients worldwide.

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 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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