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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of chairman, Captain Eric Elster, it is my great pleasure to invite you to participate in our 29th annual Uniformed Services University Surgery for Trauma Day to be held this year in conjunction with the Ambroise Paré International Surgical Forum over a one and ½ day period Aug 22-23, 2014. We have scheduled this meeting to follow the MHSRS meeting in Florida, with the hope that you might consider stopping in Bethesda on your way home to share in this unique event. This planned one and ½ day meeting will bring together a cadre of International Military surgeons with great experience. We have already confirmed participation by military surgeons from Azerbaijan, Croatia, France, Norway, Germany, United Kingdom, Sweden, Netherlands, and Russia.

The Ambroise Paré International Military Surgery Forum (APIMSF) founded by Professor Norman Rich (<http://www.apimsf.org>) is an international professional society of surgeons from all over the World who have experienced war surgery and surgery in catastrophic situations and promotes collegial cooperation, friendship and research, to better care for our mutual patients wounded in combat or natural disasters. The APIMSF has recently been registered as an official society and I would encourage you to consider becoming a member.

Though the final schedule is still under development, we plan to have the first ½ of the program on Friday 22 Aug at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and the remainder of the day will be at our National Capital Area (Val G. Hemming) Medical Simulation Center (<http://simcen.usuhs.edu>) where we will conduct the Ambroise Paré Forum with a few lectures and a tour of our state of the art facility. The current tentative plan for the remainder of the afternoon and evening will be to have a VIP tour of the National Museum of Health and Medicine (<http://www.medicalmuseum.mil/>), followed by the Evening Parade at the Marine Barracks (<http://www.barracks.marines.mil/Parades/EveningParade.aspx>). We plan a ½ day program for the Ambroise Paré on Saturday the 23rd finishing up around noon. I do hope that you will be able to join us for the entire program, but of course realize that your schedules are busy. **Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you will be able to join us and for how long and for which events.**

Additionally, we do have a few opportunities for additional speakers for the program. If you have a 10-15 minute talk that would be of general interest to the international military medical community, please let me know of your interest and forward a title and/or abstract for consideration. We will try to accommodate as many talks as the conference time allows. I look forward to your positive reply to this invitation. Please let me know if you have any questions and feel free to contact me by email (mark.bowyer@usuhs.edu) or on my mobile at 703-409-4884.

Best Regards!

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