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2023 Cerebrovascular Traveling Fellowship Winners Announced

February 27, 2023 (Rolling Meadows, Ill.) – The Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF) and the AANS/CNS Cerebrovascular Section are pleased to announce that J Mocco, MD, MS, FAANS and Bradley N. Bohnstedt, MD, FAANS, have been selected as 2023 recipients of the Cerebrovascular Section Traveling Fellowship.

Dr. Mocco will be traveling to UCSF Health under the supervision and mentorship of Adib Abla, MD, FAANS, while Dr. Bohnstedt will be conducting the week-long fellowship at the Alfried Krupp Hospital under the supervision and mentorship of Rene Chapot, MD, PhD.

The Cerebrovascular Section Traveling Fellowship allows a practicing neurointerventionalist of any specialty to visit a high-volume cerebrovascular center for a one-week observership. NREF Education Committee Chair, Adam S. Arthur, MD, MPH, FAANS, of Semmes-Murphey Clinic in Memphis, Tenn., and Clemens M. Schirmer, MD, PhD, FAANS, of Geisinger Health System in Wilkes-Barre, Penn., oversee this fellowship program. According to Dr. Arthur, “Our goal with this fellowship is to facilitate collaboration and the spread of information.”

Medtronic and MicroVention have provided long-term support that funds two fellowships annually. “The support of our industry partners helps ensure that tomorrow’s neurosurgical leaders continue to experience leading-edge training that expands knowledge and improves patient care,” stated NREF Chair Michael W. Groff, MD, FAANS. “We are grateful to Medtronic and MicroVention for their commitment to this program.”

Members can read more about past recipients’ experiences in the Success Stories section on the NREF website.

Applicants must be fellowship-trained cerebrovascular/endovascular specialists, board-certified in a specialty and hold a CAST certificate in neuroendovascular surgery, or able to demonstrate significant open cerebrovascular experience and practice.

To apply, one must also have practiced independently for at least five (5) years and be a dues-paying member in good standing with the AANS/CNS Cerebrovascular Section or the Society of NeuroInterventional Surgery (SNIS).

The application for the 2024 Cerebrovascular Section Traveling Fellowship will open September 1, 2023 through the NREF Online Grant Portal.

For more information about the Cerebrovascular Section Traveling Fellowship or other NREF grant programs, contact NREF at 847.378.0500 or info@nref.org.

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The NREF is dedicated to providing education to neurosurgeons at all stages of their careers, as well as funding research into new and existing neurosurgical treatments, in order to identify links between best practices and improved outcomes in patient care. Through voluntary public donations, corporate support, and donations from allied groups, the NREF supports endeavors that impact the lives of those suffering from epilepsy, stroke, brain tumors, spinal disorders, sports-related head injuries, lower back pain and Parkinson’s disease.

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