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2016 Annual Meeting
General Session Lay Summary
Friday, September 23, 2016 - Afternoon General Session

Scott Wright, MD delivered the Presidential Guest Lectureship entitled *How Cerebral Palsy Influences My Leadership Practices*. Dr. Wright is a Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins and the Chief of the Division of Internal Medicine. In what he describes as his first public discussion of his disability, Dr. Wright discussed the many ways in which his cerebral palsy makes him a better leader. Drawing from touching examples from his own life and acclaimed books, Dr. Wright concluded that cerebral palsy allowed him to listen and connect with people better, give generously as others have given to him, commit to excellence and always exceed expectations, be aware of his own health and the health of his team, and model ethical and compassionate behavior.

Benjamin Joseph, MD delivered the Presidential Guest Lectureship entitled *Agony and Ecstasy: A Personal 30-year Journey in the Management of Cerebral Palsy with Limited Resources in India*. In a country where two-thirds of the population lives in villages with very limited medical services, Dr. Joseph discussed how he and his colleagues created a cerebral palsy clinic in South India where children received comprehensive evaluation of their general health, physical therapy adapted to educate care-givers on home programs, custom-made thermoplastic splints fabricated without the need for footwear, inexpensive myo-neural blocks with ethyl alcohol to reduce spasticity, and orthopaedic surgeries based on rigorous clinical evaluation of the upper and lower extremity. Dr. Joseph also noted the inspirational efforts of teams in the most remote parts of the country to establish sustainable community-based rehabilitation programs.



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Jim Gage, MD was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his pioneering efforts in gait analysis, teaching and mentoring, voluntary work in the developing world, leadership, and his immense international influence.

Michael Msall, MD was awarded the Mentorship Award for his work as a gifted clinician, researcher, and teacher who has inspired his mentees through his deep faith in their potential and attentiveness to all aspects of their personal and professional lives.

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