



American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

2021 President

The American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery announces that **Robert G. Fante, MD, FACS**, has assumed the Presidency for 2021.

Dr. Robert Fante is a native of Massachusetts and he graduated from the Six Year Combined B.A.-M.D. Program at Boston University School of Medicine in 1988. He took a year between college and medical school to study art and architecture in Rome, Italy where he also deepened connections with his extended family. After serving his internship in the Boston University system, he completed residency training in ophthalmology at the University of Arizona, concluding as Chief Resident in 1992. Dr. Fante next spent four years serving in the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps as Division Director of Ophthalmology at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, Nebraska, where he also served on the faculty of the University of Nebraska Medical School. After his military service, he completed an ASOPRS-accredited fellowship training program at the University of Michigan from 1996-1998 under the program directorship of Dr. Bartley R. Frueh and associate preceptorship of Dr. Christine C. Nelson and Dr. Victor M. Elner.



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After his fellowship Dr. Fante relocated to Denver, Colorado, his wife Megan's hometown, where he has been in private practice for over 20 years. He has been very active in the local medical community and is on the board of directors for the Colorado Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons, serving as President 2015-17. He also has been on the part-time faculty of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Colorado, teaching ophthalmology residents and fellows in the ASOPRS-accredited fellowship in Denver. He is the proud father of three wonderful sons who have accompanied him on numerous international medical mission trips, and with whom he loves to ski, hike, bicycle, and fly fish.

Dr. Fante's academic interests include orbital anatomy, facial cosmetic surgery, cancer reconstruction, and endoscopic surgical techniques. He has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications and book chapters, including the last three editions of *Local Flaps in Facial Reconstruction*. He has been a visiting professor in North America, South America, and Europe. Dr. Fante has been active in the American Eye Study Club, the American College of Surgeons, the North American Society of Academic Orbital Surgeons, and the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO). He has worked on many AAO courses and committees, and he graduated from the Leadership Development Program in 2017. He has received the AAO's Secretariat Award and Senior Achievement Award, and was co-director of the AAO Oculofacial Plastic Surgery Subspecialty Day for three years.

Dr. Fante also serves on the Board of Directors for the Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company (OMIC) where he has been a member of the Claims, Risk Management, Underwriting, and Finance Committees.

Dr. Fante has served in many leadership roles for ASOPRS over the past two decades, including Secretary of Education 2015-18, Program Committee 2010-13 (Chair 2012), Education Committee 2006-present, and Executive Committee (6 years). He received the Outstanding Contribution Award in 2017 as a founder and Editor-in-Chief of the ASOPRS Oculofacial Plastic Surgery Education Center. Dr. Fante has been delighted to participate in ASOPRS and he is humbled and honored to serve the organization as president.