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## FLORIDA PODIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SWEARS IN EXECUTIVE OFFICERS & HANDS OUT AWARDS AT ANNUAL GALA

**TALLAHASSEE** – The Florida Podiatric Medical Association (FPMA) swore in its Executive Officers and handed out awards to outstanding FPMA members on Friday, January 16, 2015 during its annual Presidential Gala. The event took place during SAM 2015, the FPMA's annual Science and Management Symposium held at the Hilton Orlando in Orlando, Florida.

The FPMA's 2015 Executive Officers include: Dr. Stephen F. Levin of Tampa (President); Dr. Paul D. Brooks of Pensacola (First Vice President); Dr. Joseph A. Conte of Orlando (Second Vice President); Dr. Mark A. Lambert of Pensacola (Treasurer); and Dr. Andrew M. Belis of Fort Myers (Secretary). Each of the officers will serve a one year term in their respective positions.

Each year, the FPMA hands out awards to members who have proven to be exceptional in various categories. Dr. Maria G. Noll, FPMA Immediate Past President, presented the awards during the Presidential Gala. The Distinguished Mentor Award was presented to Dr. Bradley C. Haves of Miami for his leadership, dedication, and commitment to mentoring podiatric medical students and physicians. The President's Award went to Dr. Mark S. Block of Boca Raton for his support and outstanding contributions to the FPMA and the podiatric profession. Dr. Samir S. Vakil of Punta Gorda won the Podiatric Physician of the Year award for his dedication, loyal service, and leadership.

The Florida Podiatric Medical Association held its annual five day Science & Management Symposium in Orlando, Florida beginning on January 14, 2015. The FPMA's educational mission is to promote continuing education in podiatric medicine, podiatric surgery, and practice management through workshops and seminars. Over 1,200 attendees participated in the conference.

FPMA members congratulate all of the award winners, welcome their new Executive Officers, and look forward to a productive year

For more information, please contact the FPMA at (850) 224-4085.

The FPMA is a Tallahassee-based, statewide, professional association representing podiatric physicians in Florida. Founded in 1927 for the purpose of advancing the science and art of Podiatric Medicine, the FPMA is dedicated to promoting the importance of podiatric healthcare among the general public and healthcare professionals throughout the state of Florida. The FPMA currently has over 1,000 members and represents over 70% of the active, licensed podiatric physicians in Florida. The FPMA - We keep Florida walking!