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Several Members of Bay State Games Medical Staff Honored at 63rd Annual Eastern Athletic Trainers Association Meeting

d'Hemecourt, Stone, Sartanowicz, Masterangelo and Melkonian among those recognized at event

WOBURN, MA – The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation is excited to announce that several members of its medical team including Dr. Pierre d'Hemecourt, Jeff Stone, Diane Sartanowicz, Frank Mastrangelo and Nairi Melkonian received prestigious awards at the 63rd annual Eastern Athletic Trainers Association Meeting held January 8-9, 2011, at the Lowes Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. The Eastern Athletic Trainers Association is an organization consisting of over 5,000 certified athletic trainers and athletic training students from 10 different states in eastern United States.

Dr d'Hemecourt serves as the head physician of the Bay State Games medical team and received the EATA Dr. David G. Moyer Award, presented to a team physician that has served the profession of athletic training as an educator an advocate as well as give back to the community where he or she works and lives. Dr d'Hemecourt is the Director of Primary Care Sports Medicine for the Children's Hospital Division of Sports Medicine. He has also served as team physician for Boston College Athletics. Dr d'Hemecourt has served as head physician of the Bay State Games medical program for five years on a completely volunteer basis.

At the EATA convention, Stone was inducted into the Athletic Trainers of Massachusetts (ATOM) Hall of Fame. He is the current Medical Coordinator for the Bay State Games medical program and has been involved with the Bay State Games since its inception in 1982. Stone has been a member of ATOM since 1981, serving as president from 1994 to 1996. In 1992, he received the ATOM Athletic Trainer of the Year award. Stone also served as District I Director of the National Athletic Trainers Association for six years and was a member of the NATA Board of Directors from 2004-2010. He has served as the Head Athletic Trainer at Suffolk University since 2004.

Former Bay State Games Medical Coordinator Sartanowicz began her tenure as President of the Eastern Athletic Trainers Association at the EATA Convention in Philadelphia. Sartanowicz is the Past President of Athletic Trainers of Massachusetts. She current serves as Head Athletic Trainer at the Fesseden School in Newton. She remains involved with the Bay State Games as a volunteer certified athletic trainer at Summer Games events.

Mastrangelo has been involved with the Bay State Games medical program for over a dozen years both as a certified athletic trainer, a campus coordinator and a key organizer of the Games medical program. At the EATA Convention, Mastrangelo was presented with the Henry Schein Scholastic Athletic Trainer Award presented to an individual who has given outstanding service as a high school athletic trainer. In 2008, he also was presented with a National Athletic Trainers Association Service Award. Mastrangelo currently serves as the head athletic trainer at the Dexter School in Brookline.

Melkonian has volunteered her time to serve as a certified athletic trainer at the Bay State Games for nearly 20 years. At the EATA Convention, Nairi was inducted into the Athletic Trainers of Massachusetts Hall of Fame. Nairi serves as head athletic trainer at the Brooks School in North Andover. She served as treasurer of the Athletic Trainers of Massachusetts Executive Council from 1990-2002. In addition to her involvement with the Bay State Games, Nairi has also volunteered as a member of the Boston Athletic Association Medical Team for more than 20 years. She also was presented with a National Athletic Trainers Association Service Award in 2005.

Each year, the Bay State Games rely on the assistance of hundreds of volunteers to make the organization's events successful. A key segment of these volunteers contribute to the medical coverage during Summer Games events. Medical support for the Summer Games is provided by 75-100 Physicians, Athletic Trainers, EMT's and student athletic trainers, all of whom volunteer their time for the various events.

About the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation

The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in 1982 to host the first sanctioned state games of the commonwealth. It operates with the mission of promoting personal development, education, physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship to Massachusetts citizens of all ages and abilities. The Foundation is recognized nationwide for holding high-quality, Olympic-style events through the Bay State Summer and Winter Games, as well as educational programs including the Kids Fitness Challenge, High School Spirit Program and Future Leaders Scholarship. With more than 65,000 people from 300 cities and towns directly participating in its programs each year, the Foundation is an integral part of the lives of citizens across the commonwealth.

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