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USFSP and St. Anthony's Hospital team up for international sinus conference

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Four USF St. Petersburg students in the sinus lab

USF St. Petersburg and [St. Anthony's Hospital](#) teamed up this week to host a prestigious international gathering of university professors and innovators in sinus and nasal health to educate ear, nose, throat specialists on new technology and advanced treatment techniques.

The three-day gathering included lab work at the USF St. Petersburg Science and Technology Building and lectures at the Marriott [Vinoy Renaissance St. Petersburg Resort and Golf Club](#). St. Petersburg Mayor Bill Foster gave welcoming remarks Thursday.

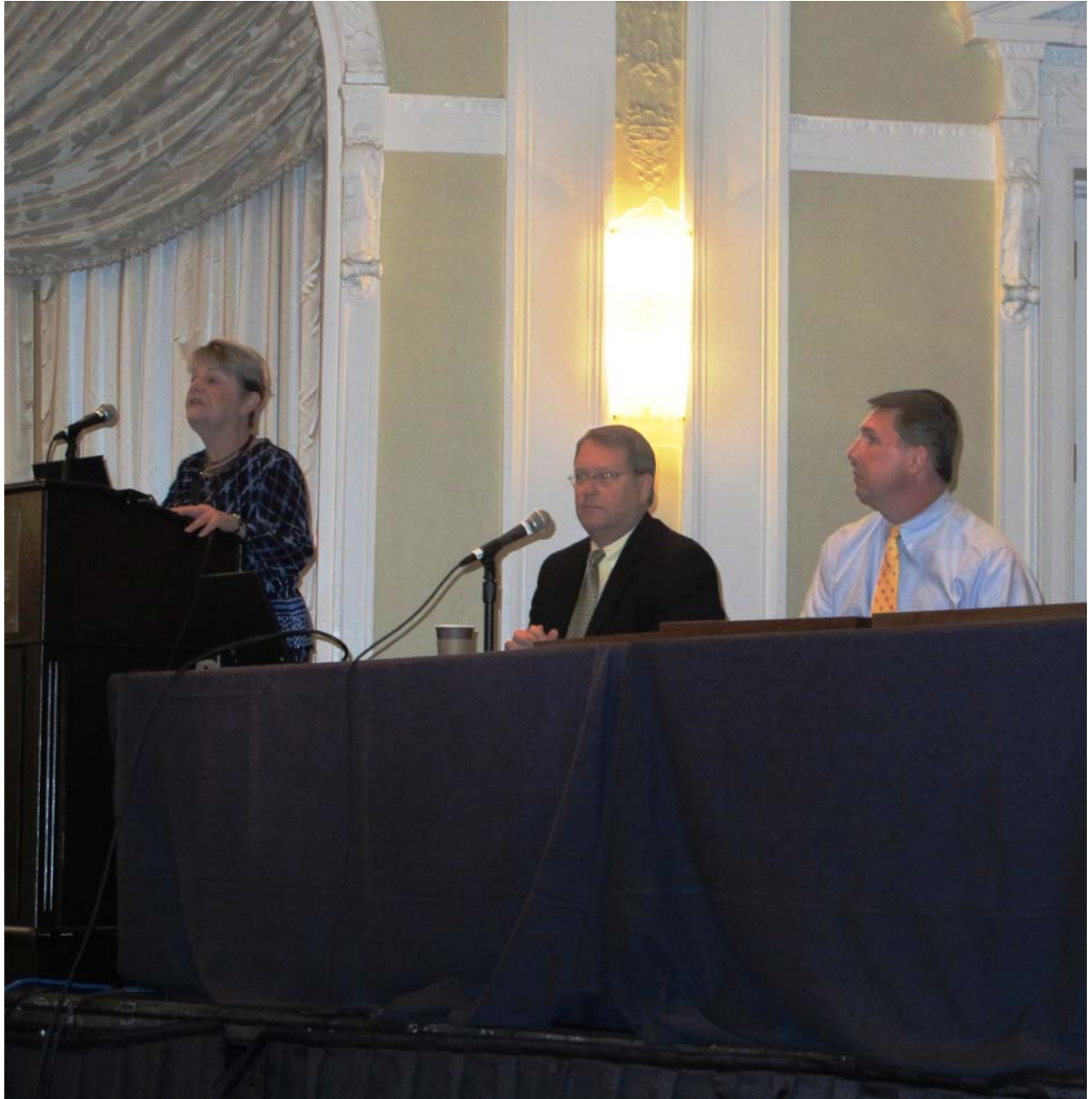
It is the second time USFSP and St. Anthony's have joined together to host the gathering, which included surgeons from Florida and more than 20 states and seven countries. Hospitals and universities represented at the symposium include [Johns Hopkins University](#); [University of Graz, Austria](#); [Yale University](#); Boys Town Ear Nose and Throat Institute in Omaha, Neb.; the [University of Texas, Houston](#); and the [University of Pennsylvania](#).

USFSP students participated in the lectures and observed the lab work, which involved hands-on, image-guided techniques for sinus surgery.

“We are honored to host this prestigious gathering and pleased that our pre-med students have this wonderful opportunity to learn from leaders in the field,” said Norine Noonan, Ph.D., USFSP regional vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Donald C. Lanza, MD, MS, board-certified otolaryngologist, was course director for the symposium. “Many of our guest speakers are internationally recognized in the development of minimally invasive (endoscopic) sinus surgery treatments, as well as in innovations in surgical technology,” said Dr. Lanza, who is co-director of St. Anthony's Minimally Invasive Skull Base Center.

Titled *Advanced Techniques in Endoscopic Management of Sinonasal Disorder*, the symposium offered a special focus on nasal and sinus diseases and conditions affecting children.



Norine Noonan (left), Mayor Bill Foster and William Ulbricht, president of St. Anthony's Hospital, at the opening meeting of the conference.

