Keynote Speaker at 2016 Commencement will be François Fournier, Medical Technology Executive; Wayne L. Bakotic, DO and Terry O’Sullivan of LIUNA to Receive Honorary Degrees

François Fournier, President, U.S. Commercial, Advanced Wound Management, a division of Smith & Nephew based in Fort Worth, Texas, will be the keynote speaker at the 105th NYCPM Commencement on May 25, 2016. Smith & Nephew is a global medical technology business that manufactures orthopedic reconstruction products, arthroscopy products, advanced wound management products, sports management and trauma and extremity products; its products are sold in over 100 countries. Mr. Fournier spent 22 years in various countries in leadership capacities in the pharmaceutical industry.

Mr. Fournier will also receive the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree (LHD), Honoris Causa, at the ceremony, as will Wayne L. Bakotic, DO, co-manager of Bako Pathology Services, and Terry O’Sullivan, General President of the Laborers’ International Union of North America (LIUNA).

Dr. Bakotic interrupted his podiatric education to accept an advanced entry position at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, and then matriculated at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he received his DO degree in 1998. Thereafter, he gained fellowship training in cytopathology, surgical pathology and dermatopathology. He co-manages the departments of cytopathology and epidermal nerve fiber density for Bako Pathology Services.

Terry O’Sullivan became the tenth General President of the Laborers’ International Union of North America (LIUNA) in 2000, and is dedicated to growing his union’s membership and impact; at the 24th International Convention in 2011, he helped pass a resolution that greatly increased the union’s investment in political action. Equally at home on a construction site as in a board room, Mr. Sullivan has taken a leading role in pushing for comprehensive immigration reform, long-term highway funding, pension reform, fair postal reform, and other issues of importance to LIUNA members and their families.