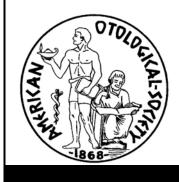
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# AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

137<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The American Otological Society's Annual Spring Meeting will be held at the J. W. Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, May 1-2, 2004, Phoenix, Arizona. Enclosed is a combined program and abstract book for the meeting. Please bring this with you to the meeting as there will only be a limited number of copies available at the meeting.

## From the Desk of : Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, PhD President of the American Otological Society

Colleagues:

I am very pleased that the program for the 2004 AOS meeting is now finalized. I think you will find that the scientific program is of the highest caliber and will provide our membership with the latest information through symposia on such contemporary topics as "Frontiers in Hair Cell and Neural Regeneration", "The Meniett Device for the Treatment of Meniere's Disease" and "Contemporary Topics in Stapedectomy". For each of these symposia, expert panelists from across the world have been invited to bring our membership up to date on the latest advances in these areas. In addition there were 57 submitted abstracts and 24 chosen by the Program Committee for presentation. A special highlight of this year's program will be a lecture by our AOS Guest of Honor, Professor Ugo Fisch, entitled "Surgical Management of Temporal Paragangliomas: A Long Term Review." I hope we will have a well-attended meeting and see lively and engaging discussions from our membership. The venue for the meeting is superb, and I expect that all participants will enjoy the resort facilities and social programs. Lastly, I have received very positive feedback on our new AOS neckties. I hope those of you who have ordered one will wear your ties proudly during the meeting. For those of you who have not yet ordered one, Shirley Gossard will have them for sale at the registration desk. For our female members, we are exploring a way to convert ties into scarves for those who would like that done and you may discuss that with Shirley at the meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you all in Phoenix.

#### The President's Annual Reception and Banquet

The President's Annual Reception and Banquet will be held at the J. W. Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa on Sunday evening, May 2. This elegant black-tie affair will begin with a cocktail reception at 6:30 pm with dinner served at 7:30 pm. The dance band selected for the evening is an extremely versatile group combining tunes from the top 40 and popular rock right through country western, and even some "Latino" thrown in for good measure. Guaranteed to bring "a rollin' good time" as the four musicians combine 50 years experience in their entertainment repertoire. Pack your dance shoes, bring your favorite partner, and dance the night away.

Banquet tickets may be purchased through the Academy when you send in your registration form. Cost of the Banquet is \$125.00 per person and is for members and invited guests only.

# AOS Council Update

The Council of the American Otological Society, Inc., met on February 7, 2004, in San Francisco, CA. The Council members present included: Drs. Jeffrey P. Harris, President, Sam E. Kinney, Clough Shelton, C. Phillip Daspit, Richard A. Chole, Horst R. Konrad, John K. Niparko, and Antonio De La Cruz

Dr. Harris appointed Drs. Samuel Selesnick, Chairman, Stephen Cass and Karen Doyle to serve on the 2004 Audit Committee. The committee will review the financial statements and give a report at the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Richard A. Chole serves as Chairperson of the Award of Merit Committee and will announce the committee's choice at the AOS Banquet on Sunday evening.

#### **AOS Membership Update**

The current membership totals 298: Active 142, Senior 75, Emeritus 8, Associate 43, Corresponding 19, and Honorary 11.

<ul> <li>In Memoriam         <ul> <li>Recently deceased member of the Society:</li> <li>Howard P. House, MD - 8/1/2003</li> <li>Jack Pulec, MD - 12/20/203</li> <li>William W. Montgomery, MD - 11/7/2003</li> <li>The Council extends their sympathy to the families.</li> <li>Requests for Transfer of Membership</li> <li>Requests for Transfer of Membership</li> <li>Panter of membership and upon the approval of the Council and the membership and upon the approval of the Council and the membership shall begin on July 1 after the annual meeting and freueses for particular difference in scale for transfer of the Society at the request for transfer shortly after the annual meeting and freueses for part dues for the corrent fiscal year, then the member shall be considered delinquent. Such delinquent, shall be considered delinquent. Such delinquent will be denied his/her request for transfer of membership hall begin on July 1 after the annual meeting and freueses to pay dues for the corrent fiscal year, then the member shall be considered delinquent. Such delinquent, shall be reported to the Council at its next meeting and freueses to pay dues for the corrent fiscal year. The AOS website has been under construction for the past year. Stanta the second the website to become more interactive.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Membership Development         <ul> <li>Pr. Clough Shelton reported 11 new members will be inducted into the Society at the 2004 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ.</li> <li>Seven Attive Members: Drs. Sujana S. D. Chandrasekhar, John L. Dornhoffer, Dennis G. Pappas, Jr, Steardo F. Benno, Alfred Ferito, Carlos A. Oliveira, and Neil T. Shepard.</li> <li>Treasurer's Report             The balance on hand in the AOS Treasury as of January 27, 2004, was \$94,524,61.             We have several requests throughout the year for the AOS membership mailing list is nor avai</li></ul></li></ul>
Transactions Dr. Sam Kinney reported the Transactions of the 2002 meeting are now available on the AOS website in .pdf format. Adobe Acrobat Reader is necessary to download this format. The 2003 Transactions have been submitted to the Webmaster and will be the website very soon. The Council would appreciate feedback from the membership regarding publication of the Transactions on the Website. Do you feel having the Transactions on the Website is serving your needs? Please send your comments to the AOS Administrative Office.