



AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

139th ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The American Otological Society recently completed their 139th Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. We wish to thank Dr. John K. Niparko for an outstanding program. For the first time the Scientific Program included an electronic interactive audience response for the "Challenges in Stapes Surgery" Panel and was well received by the audience. The Basic Science Seminar included a presentation on "How We Hear, How We Listen." Participants were Drs. Bradford May, Beverly Wright, and Charles Limb. Dr. Ric Harnsberger was guest speaker lecturing on "Advances in High Resolution CT & MR Imaging of the Temporal Bone & Cerebellopontine Angle." Dr. Richard A. Chole was selected as Guest of Honor and presented a lecture on "Bacterial Biofilms: The Source of Tissue Destruction in Cholesteatomas?."

Presidential Citations were presented to Drs. Malcolm D. Graham and Paul R. Kileny. Dr. Herbert Silverstein received the 2006 Award of Merit at the President's Banquet on Sunday evening.

Highlights of the AOS Annual Business Meeting, May 20-21, 2006. Complete text will be available on the AOS Website at www.americanotologicalsociety.org

Membership: The Society is pleased to report a total of 310 members.

The AOS welcomed eight Active Members: Drs. Douglas B. Backous, Carol A. Bauer, James E. Benecke, Jr., John P. Carey, Steven W. Cheung, Hussam K. El-Kashlan, Lawrence R. Lustig, and Cliff A. Megerian.

One Associate Member: Dr. Alec N. Salt.

Two Corresponding Members: Drs. Richard T. Ramsden and Masafumi Sakagami.

Treasurer's Report

The balance on hand in the AOS Treasury as of April 30, 2006, was \$91,204.49.

AOS Basic Science Lectureship Fund balance as of 4/30/2006 \$77,040. The lectureship supports basic science lecturers at the AOS Annual Meeting. The profit share of the journal is used to fund this lectureship, and the goal is to have the interest share from the fund pay the travel expenses for the lecturer.

Research Fund Report

The market value of the research fund as of April 30, 2006, was \$8,436,345. The value of the research fund on April 30, 2005, was \$7,625,674.

The Council approved funding for two clinician scientist awards, two research fellowships and one research grant. The total amount of funds awarded for 2006-07 was \$302,885.

The awarded proposals were as follows:

Research Grant

John P. Carey (Johns Hopkins University) (Renewal) Effects of Low-Dose Gentamicin on Labyrinthine Structure \$55,000

Research Fellowships

Ms. Karen Mu (University of California Davis) (Renewal) The Role of Chloride Channels in Inner Ear Fluid Homeostasis \$44,000

Vincent Lin, MD (University of Washington) The Role of Direct Trans-differentiation in Hearing Recovery after Drug Damage in an Avian Model \$44,000

Clinician Scientists Awards

Joni Doherty, MD (University of California, San Diego) ErbB receptor regulation of Vestibular Schwannomas \$80,000

Anthony Mikulec, MD (Saint Louis University) Optimization of Local Drug Delivery to the Cochlea \$79,885

Membership Dues

We have had several requests from members requesting the AOS accept credit card payments for dues. Effective July 2006, we will be accepting credit cards (Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover) for payment of dues. Dues for Active Members are \$425.00 (USA) and \$435 (International). Active member dues include a subscription to the O&N journal.

Associate Members dues are \$100.00 (USA and International). Corresponding Members dues are \$200.00 (USA and International). The O&N journal is optional for Associate and Corresponding members, and subscription to O&N is listed separately.

NOTE: For Members paying by credit card a 4% transaction fee will be added to the total. The AOS member's invoice will have instructions for paying by credit card. Credit card numbers will be manually keyed in using a credit card terminal in the AOS Administrative Office. It will be very important to make certain you have sent the correct information for credit card payment. Notify the AOS office if you have a change of address or e-mail address.

Membership Development

The Council has approved a change in the membership guidelines to somewhat make the AOS less dependent upon the decision-making process and approval process of other societies in getting new members for the AOS. These new guidelines will be available on the AOS website after July 1.

American Academy of Otolaryngology: In the absence of Dr. David Nielsen, Executive Vice-President of AAO-HNSF Dr. Clough Shelton presented the report. Dr. Shelton summarized the state of the Academy/Foundation and its initiatives. Dr. Shelton stated the report from Dr. Nielsen touched on a couple of different issues. One, the Academy feels it is very important to develop measures that are quality based rather than have measures that do not assess what we do as physicians. The Academy would rather be in the forefront and help lead the way to develop these measures. Secondly, the Academy has been working on scope of practice issues, particularly as it is with audiology. The Academy has met with AAA leadership, also including AOS and ANS leadership to deal with issues concerning legislative language for audiology licensure scope of practice. These discussions are ongoing. In addition, the Academy has participated in AMA scope of practice center which basically involves multiple specialties pooling resources to help deal with scope of practice issues on a state-by-state basis. It is important for the members to realize that the Academy is still the otolaryngologists' political voice and that voice takes money. It is important for AOS members to contribute to the Academy PAC as that is our vehicle. The Academy is spending considerable resources now essentially on or behalf of the audiology scope of practice issues that could affect all of the otolaryngology practices.

American Board of Otolaryngology Report: Dr. Richard Chole presented the ABOto report. The 2006 written examination was given to 274 individuals on April 9 and all of these individuals participated in the oral examination the day afterwards. There were 278 individuals giving the examination - board directors, senior examiners and guest examiners. The neurotology examinations were also given the following day in oral form, 12 examiners and 17 candidates and those candidates are still participating in one of the two pathways, either the normal pathway, which is fellowship training in the ACGME fellowship residency. Fellowship trained individuals can take the examination or the alternate pathway. Also the pathway will close in 2011.

The Maintenance of Certification process is continuing to evolve and develop. There are four parts of the MOC: 1) the professional standing and that is CME credits, licensure, etc., 2) lifelong learning and self-assessment, 3) cognitive expertise - this will be an examination and Part III examination will first be given in 2009. It will consist of two modules, one a basic module where everyone takes the basic module, written module and basic otolaryngology, basic sciences, and the second module, they will be able to choose in their specialty or subspecialty. At the present time the diplomates before 2002 will not be required to do MOC unless you are a diplomate or neurotology board certification. Many states are requiring recertification within ten years and the Board is preparing to offer that type of recertification. The alternative would be to take the state examination. The other issue the ABOto is now participating in sleep medicine. ABOto is now established as a

conjoint specialty for a certificate in sleep medicine, so ABOto is a sponsoring Board. Diplomates are now eligible to take a sleep medicine fellowship and get sleep medicine certification. This requires ABMS certification, ABOto, having 12 months of formal post residency training in sleep medicine and 12 months of experience in sleep medical care and other experience as needed.

It is critical everyone understands that the scope of knowledge of otolaryngology and neurotology is posted on the ABOto website. This is a very important regulator of the scope of knowledge in the otolaryngology specialty.

Call for Papers

October 15, 2006, is the deadline for submission of abstracts for the April 27-28, 2007, Annual Meeting in San Diego, California. The American Otological Society accepts on-line submission of abstracts. All abstract submissions must meet Journal requirements. To see those requirements, please consult "Instructions for Authors" in the printed Journal or online at www.otology-neurotology.org

Submit abstracts to: www.americanotologicalsociety.org
E-mail: segossard@aol.com

AOS Bylaws Amendment: The amendment to the AOS bylaws was approved by the membership for emeritus status for associate and corresponding members who have reached the age of 70 or have been a member of the society for 20 years.

AOS Officers & Council Members 7/1/2005—6/30/2006

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Drs. D. Bradley Welling and Derald Brackmann were elected to serve on the 2007 Award of Merit Committee.

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Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the 140th American Otological Society's Annual Meeting to be held in San Diego, California, Manchester Grand Hyatt, April 27-28, 2007. Scientific Sessions will be held on Friday morning and Saturday afternoon.

The President's Banquet will be held on Friday evening April 27, 2007. The MarDels band has been contracted for the entertainment and dancing. Bring your favorite partner and enjoy the evening with good friends, good food, and fun.