



AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

137th ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The American Otological Society, Inc., recently completed their 137th Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ. We wish to thank Dr. Jeffrey P. Harris for an outstanding program. The scientific program including the three symposia were very well received by the audience. Dr. Ugo Fisch was Guest of Honor. Drs. Elizabeth M. Keithley & Allen F. Ryan received the Presidential Citation. Dr. Robert J. Ruben received the 2004 Award of Merit.

Highlights of the AOS Annual Business Meeting, May 1-2, 2004. Complete text is available on the AOS Website at www.americanotologicalsociety.org

Membership: The Society is pleased to report a total of 307 members.

The AOS welcomed seven Active Members: Drs. Sujana S. D. Chandrasekhar, John L. Dornhoffer, Dennis G. Pappas, Jr, Steven D. Rauch, Richard M. Rosenfeld, Eric E. Smouha, and Jeffrey T. Vrabec.

Four Associate Members: Drs. Ricardo F. Bento, Alfio Ferlito, Carlos A. Oliveira, and Neil T. Shepard.

Treasurer's Report

The balance on hand in the AOS Treasury as of April 20, 2004, was \$92,010.15.

Research Fund Report

The market value of the research fund as of March 31, 2004, was \$7,675,888. The value of the research fund on March 31, 2003, was \$6,903,772. Five research grants were funded for 2004-2005 in the amount of \$199,794.

Kiweon Cha, PhD (House Ear Institute)
Development of a Human Endolymphatic Sac Epithelial Cell Line and Aquaporin-2 Regulation \$40,000

Joel Goebel, MD, FACS (Washington University)
Efficacy of Corticosteroids and Antiviral Therapy in Acute Vestibular Neuritis: A prospective, randomized, placebo-controlled trial \$40,000

Marlen Hansen, MD (University of Iowa)
Effects of Elevated Potassium on Spiral Ganglion Neurite Growth and Maintenance \$40,000

Leonard Rybak, MD, PhD (Southern Illinois University)
Restoration of Cochlear Function by Cell Transportation \$40,000

Jeffrey Vrabec, MD (Baylor College of Medicine) (renewal)
Genetic Analysis of Meniere's Disease \$39,794

AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY RESEARCH FUND RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS AND TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS

To Study Otosclerosis, Ménière's Disease, and Related Disorders

The American Otological Society, Inc., through its Research Fund, is offering Research Grant Awards, an Award for a Clinical Trial, full-time Research Training Fellowships, and a Clinician-Scientist Award. Research supported by the Research Grant Awards and by the Award for a Clinical Trial must be focused on the study of otosclerosis or Ménière's disease. A description of the relationship between the research study and otosclerosis or Ménière's disease is an integral part of the application. The full-time Research Training Fellowships and the Clinician-Scientist Award can support the training of the recipient in research on any topic related to ear disorders. These grant awards and fellowships are for work conducted in *United States or Canadian institutions only*, July 2005 – June 2006.

Research Grants: Available to physician and non-physician investigators; renewable annually for a maximum of \$55,000 per year; no funding for investigator's salary (10% cap on indirect costs). Research must be related to otosclerosis or Ménière's disease.

Clinical Trial: Available to physician and non-physician investigators. One-year of support at a maximum of \$66,000 per year; no funding for investigator's salary (10% cap on indirect costs). Study must be related to otosclerosis or Ménière's disease.

Research Training Fellowship: For physicians only (residents and medical students), fellowship will support 1-2 years' full-time research conducted *outside of residency training*. Applications must be accompanied by sponsoring institution documentation stating that facilities and faculty are appropriate for requested research. Research conducted during the Research Training Fellowship can be on any topic related to ear disorders.

AOS Clinician-Scientist Award: For salary support of a new clinician-scientist, at the assistant professor level, in order to facilitate development into an independent otologic investigator. This mentored-research training award provides up to \$80,000 for salary and research support, with the department chair guaranteeing at least a 50% time commitment in research. Eligibility: US citizen or permanent US resident, graduate of ACGME-approved otolaryngology residency program, and must hold or be approved for a full-time university faculty appointment. Preference will be given to candidates who are currently enrolled in or have completed a neurotology fellowship program. Research conducted during the Clinician-Scientist Award can be on any topic related to ear disorders.

Deadline: Grant and fellowships applications must be postmarked by **January 31, 2005**.

Information and materials may be obtained from:

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In Memoriam: Members deceased since the last AOS newsletter:

Dr. Ralph F. Naunton passed away on 2/28/2004. Condolences may be sent to the family of Dr. Naunton at 3303 Pauline Drive, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Dr. William H. Wilson passed away on 3/22/2004. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Betty N. Wilson, 2144B Stratford Dr., Montrose, CA 81401.

**AOS Officers & Council Members
7/1/2004—6/30/2005**

President - Sam E. Kinney, MD
President-Elect - John K. Niparko, MD
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Council Members

Horst R. Konrad, M.D.
Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, PhD
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Joseph B. Nadol, Jr., MD

Call for Papers

October 15, 2004, is the deadline for submission of abstracts for the May 14-15, 2005, Annual Meeting in Boca Raton, Florida. 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 Website

Please use the website for membership applications, abstract submissions, annual meeting information, Transactions, membership roster, and various information regarding the society.

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AOS Tie

If you haven't purchased your AOS tie, please do so by sending a check in the amount of \$55.00 (this includes postage and handling) to the AOS Administrative Office at 2720 Tartan Way, Springfield, IL 62711.

Active Members

Annual Dues: Enclosed is an invoice for your dues for 2004-2005. Payment is due upon receipt of invoice.

Taken from the AOS Bylaws

ARTICLE 8. DUES

8.1.0 Annual Dues. The annual dues of the active members shall be determined by the Council. Any changes in dues shall be subject to the approval by a majority of the voting members present at the annual meeting. The annual dues shall be payable on notice from the Secretary-Treasurer on or about July 1 of each calendar year.

8.2.0 Failure to Pay Dues. Any active member whose dues remain unpaid at the end of the fiscal year shall be considered delinquent. Such delinquency shall be reported to the Council at its next meeting. The failure to pay dues for two consecutive years shall result in forfeiture of membership, this action to be determined by the Council.

Change of Address: Please notify the AOS Administrative Office at 2720 Tartan Way, Springfield, IL 62711, or e-mail, segossard@aol.com, any change in your address, phone/fax number, or e-mail. If you have recently acquired an e-mail address, please forward to the AOS office so we may record in our database.

Note: The US Postal Service has assigned the AOS office a new zip code 62711



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Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the 138th American Otological Society's Annual Meeting to be held in Boca Raton, Florida, at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, May 14-15, 2005. Scientific Sessions will be held on Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon.

The President's Banquet will be held on Saturday evening, May 14, 2005.