



## AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

### 138<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The American Otological Society's Annual Spring Meeting will be held at the Boca Raton Resort & Club May 14-15, 2005, Boca Raton, Florida. Enclosed is a combined program and abstract book for the meeting. Please bring this with you to the meeting as there will be a limited number of copies available at the meeting.

#### From the AOS President, Dr. Sam E. Kinney

To My Colleagues: I am pleased to present the program of the 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Meeting in Boca Raton, Florida, May 14-15, 2005. The Scientific Sessions will feature three panel presentations:

1) Non-Syndromic Genetic Hearing Loss, Diagnosis and Patient-Family Counseling with Dr. Margaret A. Kenna as moderator and panelists, Drs. Kenneth Grundfast and Rick A. Freidman.

2) Symposium on Meniere's Disease: Basic Science with Dr. John P. Carey as moderator and panelists, Drs. Zoltan Vass and Alec Salt.

3) An Update on Stereotactic Radiosurgery with Dr. C. Phillip Daspit as moderator and panelists, Drs. John J. Kresl, P. Ashley Wackym, Dheerendra Prasad, John R. Adler, Rick A. Friedman and Robert K. Jackler.

I received 41 abstracts for the 2005 Annual Meeting. These abstracts were sent to the Program Advisory Committee, who rated the abstracts on a scale of 1-5 with one being the highest score. Twenty-six abstracts were selected for the Scientific Sessions.

I have selected Dr. George A. Gates as the Guest of Honor. Dr. Gates will give a presentation on Science in Otology: Past, Present and Future.

Marlene Pulec will accept the Presidential Citation to Dr. Jack Pulec.

### AOS Basic Science Lectureship Fund

At the AOS Midwinter Council Meeting, the Council voted to establish an endowment fund to support an AOS Basic Science Lectureship to be presented at the Annual Meeting. At the discretion of the Council, the yearly profit share the society receives from the American Journal of Otology Inc., the owner of Otology & Neurotology, would be applied toward this fund. In addition, the Council hopes to raise funds for the lectureship through charitable contributions by private individuals and corporations. The Council agreed this would be a separate COIN account with strict guidelines to be used for non-member basic scientists, who are invited to present at the annual meeting, in support of their travel. No honorarium would be given and no more than 5% of the principal would be withdrawn per year.

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

The President's Annual Reception and Banquet will be held at the Boca Raton Resort & Club on Saturday evening, May 14. 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 will play a wide variety of musical styles ranging from cool jazz to swing and rock and roll. Bring your dancing shoes, your favorite dance partner and have a wonderful evening.

Banquet tickets may be purchased through the COSM registration 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 met on February 12, 2005, in Chicago, Illinois. Council members present included Drs. Sam E. Kinney, President, John K. Niparko, Clough Shelton, C. Phillip Daspit, Jeffrey P. Harris, Horst R. Konrad, Antonio De La Cruz and Joseph B. Nadol, Jr.

Dr. Kinney appointed Drs. Karen J. Doyle, Chairperson, Herman Jenkins and David Barrs to serve on the 2005 Audit Committee. The committee will review the financial statements and give a report at the Annual Meeting.

### In Memoriam

Recently deceased member of the Society:

Eugene L. Derlacki, MD 7/21/2004

Harold G. Tabb, MD - 7/3/2004

Dudley J. Weider, MD - 2/18/2005

The Council extends their sympathy to the families.

### AOS Membership Update

The current membership totals 303: Active 140, Senior 76, Emeritus 10, Associate 47, Corresponding 19, and Honorary 11.

### Membership Development

Dr. Clough Shelton reported 8 new members would be inducted into the Society at the 2005 Annual Meeting in Boca Raton, FL.

Five Active Members: Drs. Craig Buchman, Roberto A. Cueva, Richard Kopke, Blake Papsin, and J. Thomas Roland. Three Corresponding Members: Drs. Marcus Atlas, Gabor Repassy, and Haruo Takahashi.

### Award of Merit

Dr. Horst R. Konrad serves as Chairperson of the Award of Merit Committee and will announce the committee's choice at the AOS Banquet on Saturday evening.

### Treasurer's Report

The balance on hand in the AOS Treasury as of January 31, 2005, was 167,096.77.

### Research Fund Report

Dr. Clough Shelton reported the balance in the Research Fund as of December 31, 2004, was 7,905,525. The 2004-2005 actual grants funding was \$199,794.

### Transactions

Transactions of the meetings are now published on the AOS website in .pdf format. Adobe Acrobat Reader is necessary to download this format. The Council discussed having a 5-year publishing format for the Transactions to be distributed in hard copy.

### Website

Membership forms are available on the website. Membership application deadline is September 1.

All abstract submissions are to be submitted electronically via the website or e-mail. Abstract deadline is October 15.

Website: [www.americanotologicalsociety.org](http://www.americanotologicalsociety.org)

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### AOS Ties

The AOS tie is available for purchase at a cost of \$55.00. If your order is received before April 1, it will be mailed in time for you to wear to the Spring Meeting as well as the group photograph. Purchase your tie at the AOS Spring Meeting and receive a \$5.00 discount. We do not accept cash; so bring a check for payment.

### COSM 2005

Please support the AOS by attending the 138th Annual Spring Meeting. Go to the COSM website to register and reserve your hotel reservation.

The COSM website is [www.cosm.md.com](http://www.cosm.md.com)

### E-Mail and Address Changes

If you have a change of e-mail address or mailing address, send to Shirley Gossard, ([segossard@aol.com](mailto:segossard@aol.com)) Administrator, American Otological Society, 2720 Tartan Way, Springfield, IL 62711. We want to build the AOS e-mail database to use for future mailings.

We look forward to seeing you at the AOS 138th Annual Spring Meeting in Boca Raton, Florida.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to direct them to the AOS Administrative Office.