



AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

141st ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The American Otological Society's 141st Annual Spring Meeting will be held May 2-3, 2008, at the JW Marriott Grande Lakes Resort, Orlando, FL. Enclosed is a combined program and abstract book to bring with you to the meeting.

From the AOS President, Dr. Clough Shelton

Dear AOS Colleague:

I am delighted to present the program of the 141st AOS Annual Spring Meeting in Orlando, Florida. The scientific sessions will focus on surgical treatment of disorders of Eustachian tube function, advances in cochlear implants, and implantable hearing devices. The overall goal of this program is to provide up-to-date information pertaining to advances in the understanding and management of otologic and neurotologic disorders.

I have selected Dr. H. Richard Harnsberger as the Guest of Honor. Dr. Harnsberger will present "Decision Support in the 21st Century." Dr. Richard D. Rabbitt will present the basic science lecture, "Pathological Semicircular Canal Afferent Signals Transmitted to the Brain During Benign Positional Vertigo and Their Biomechanical Origins

Our Friday afternoon session will include a panel presentation on "Controversies in Pediatric Cochlear Implantation: Meningitis, MR Imaging and Bilateral Implantation," chaired by Dr. John Niparko with guest panelists, Drs. Craig A. Buchman, Howard W. Francis, Barry E. Hirsch and J. Thomas Roland. Discussants will include Drs. Thomas J. Balkany, Bruce J. Gantz, Gerard O'Donoghue, Lorry G. Rubin and Nancy M. Young.

The Saturday morning session will include a panel on "Surgical Treatment of Disorders of Eustachian Tube Function," moderated by Dr. Dennis Poe. Panelists will include Drs. Charles Bluestone, Sujana Chandrasekhar and Elias Michaelides.

Five new active members, one corresponding member, and one

Honorary member will be inducted into the AOS membership on Friday afternoon at the 12:30 pm Annual Business Meeting.

The black tie President's Reception and Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday evening, May 3. The cocktail reception starts at 6:30 pm with dinner served at 7:30 pm. Dancing will begin at 9:00 pm with *Paradise*, a versatile party band, who plays all the favorites from elegant dinner music to great Top 40 numbers. Bring a partner and enjoy a wonderful evening with your colleagues. The Award of Merit recipient has been selected and will be announced at the banquet at 8:45 pm. Tickets may be purchased through the COSM website when you register for the AOS meeting.

2008 Midwinter Council Meeting Highlights

Audit Committee

2008 Audit Committee appointment: Drs. Moises Arriaga, Chairman, Michael McKenna and H. Alexander Arts. The committee will review the financial statements and give a report at the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Sujana Chandrasekhar was appointed to represent the AOS at the Board of Governors meetings held at the Academy and attend Legislative Day in March 2008, Washington, DC.

AOS Membership Update

The membership currently totals: 292 members.

Members deceased since last Annual Meeting: Drs. Brian McCabe and Mendell Robinson

Treasurer's Report 1/31/2008

AOS Checking Account balance \$79,298

AOS Research Fund balance \$8,882,383

AOS Basic Science Lectureship Fund balance \$239,280

The Council on behalf of the Society agreed to support AMA Resolution 425 restricting the loudness of earphones for portable audio devices. Resolution 425 asks the AMA to: (1) support limiting the maximum output of portable musical devices to acceptable Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) guidelines and (2) lobby the federal

government and/or appropriate federal agencies for the establishment of regulations or rules that would limit the output of portable musical devices sold in the United States to limits within OSHA guidelines.

The Council agreed to send a letter on behalf of the society to the chair of the Joint Commission of Infant Hearing stating the AOS feels an otolaryngology evaluation is very important in the diagnosis and treatment in infant hearing loss.

The Council endorsed the definition of a hearing aid proposed by the ANS: "A hearing aid is a removable device that amplifies sound and transmits sound waves through the air in the external auditory canal, ultimately vibrating the fluids within the inner ear. The sound waves produced, vibrate the tympanic membranes, malleus, incus, stapes, and the inner ear fluids in that order."

The Council once again agreed to their previous decision to only have accredited fellowships on the Match. The Council statement on accredited fellowships was published in the February 2007 newsletter. It is the responsibility of the Match to inform non-accredited fellowships they are only accepting accredited fellowships.

Guidelines Development Task Force has continued to grow. Dr. Jose Fayad represents the AOS on guidelines for cerumen management and Dr. Douglas Backous represents the AOS on BPPV guidelines.

The AOS Council discussed the Physician Work Review surveys. The Council would like to have a set of names of AOS members who would be willing to participate in these physician work review surveys. This would be an email list generated by the AOS Council and when the society is contacted on a short notice, the Council would provide the survey data to the well identified group of people that indicated their willingness to participate. There would be more than one email list generated depending on what category the member indicated he/she would like to be surveyed on.

Membership Applications

The AOS only accepts electronic submission of membership applications. The application is available on the website or from the AOS Administrative Office. All attachments are to be submitted electronically. Also, proposer letters can be signed and saved as .pdf documents and e-mailed electronically. The proposers may use an electronic signature or scan their letter and save as a .pdf document.

American Otological Society Website:
www.americanotologicalsociety.org

Call for Papers

Abstract submissions are electronically submitted through the AOS the website. AOS will start accepting abstracts for the 2009 meeting on July 1, 2008. Abstracts are to be limited to 250 words or less. The title is to be limited to 10 words or less, not counting a, an, the, etc.,. Abstracts submitted are to be based on accepted standards of experimental design, data collection and analysis.

Disclosures/Conflict of Interest and Attestation Documents

If your abstract is accepted for presentation, you will be required to submit a full disclosure of proprietary interests and the presence of any financial relationship with a commercial interest, which is reported to the program participants in the AOS Program and Abstract Book. Full disclosure provides the participants the knowledge from which they may form their own judgments. Failure to disclose this information on submission forms, or failure to return the disclosure form results in exclusion from the AOS activity and from future CME activities for up to two years. The intent of this policy is not to prevent faculty with an affiliation of financial interest from making a presentation. It is intended that any potential conflict be identified openly so that the audience has full disclosure of the facts and may form their own judgments about the presentation.

All guest lecturers and panel participants are also required to follow the above guidelines.

For the listing of the 2008 disclosures, please refer to pages 3-5 of the Program and Abstract book that is enclosed with this newsletter.

All manuscripts are to be submitted electronically to the O&N and the AOS Administrative office two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting . No paper copies. Contact the AOS office if you have any questions regarding your manuscript submission.

Future meeting locations of COSM

2009—Phoenix, Arizona

2010 —Las Vegas, NV

2011—Chicago, IL

2012—San Diego, CA

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