



AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

142nd ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The American Otolological Society's 142nd Annual Spring Meeting will be held at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge & Spa, Phoenix, Arizona, May 29-30, 2009. Enclosed is a Program and Abstract book to bring with you to the meeting.

From the AOS President, Dr. Joseph B. Nadol, Jr.

Dear AOS Colleague:

The American Otolological Society (AOS) will hold its 142nd annual meeting on May 29-30, 2009, at the J.W. Marriott Desert Ridge in Phoenix, Arizona, as part of the Combined Otolaryngologic Spring Meeting (COSM). There will be 24 selected free papers, two panels, and two invited basic science lecturers. In addition, the guest of honor, Robert J. Ruben, M.D., will present a paper entitled "The promise of otology." The basic science lectures will be by Scott Plotkin, M.D., Ph.D., entitled "The new frontier: targeted therapies for NF-2-related vestibular schwannomas." The second lecture on May 30 will be presented by Alec N. Salt, PhD., entitled "Opportunities and techniques for local drug delivery to the inner ear."

There will be two panels, first on May 29 on "Management of acoustic neuromas: plotting the collision course of benign disease and patient well being." The moderator is Michael J. McKenna, M.D. and the panel will include five other distinguished otologists/neurotologists. The second panel, held on May 30, is entitled "Diagnosis and treatment of vestibular disorders: recent advances and future directions." The moderator is Lloyd B. Minor, M.D. and his panel will include six experienced clinicians and researchers.

An important theme that will run through this year's AOS meeting will be emerging non-surgical management protocols for otologic disease. Our Program Advisory Committee has identified several "professional practice gaps" and has selected papers, panels, and lecturers in an effort to provide a deeper understanding of advances in otology and neurotology currently and in the future, both in surgical and non-surgical treatments, including management protocols, implantable devices, and

diagnosis and management of vestibular disorders. I am sure it will be an exciting and highly educational meeting for members and guests."

The black tie President's Reception and Dinner/Dance for members and invited guests will take place on Friday evening, May 29th. The cocktail reception begins at 6:30 pm with dinner being served at 7:30 pm in the Wildflower Ballroom. Dancing will begin at 9:00 pm with *Snake Eyes*, comprised of amazingly versatile and talented entertainers renowned as Arizona's Premier Party band. You may recall their appearance at the AOS banquet in 2004. Bring a partner and enjoy a fabulous 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.

There will be eleven new active members and one corresponding member inducted into the AOS membership at the Annual Business Meeting on Friday, May 29, 7:00 am.

2009 Midwinter Council Meeting Highlights

2009 Audit Committee: Dr. Michael McKenna was appointed as chairman. Committee members – Drs. H. Alexander Arts and Lawrence R. Lustig.

Membership report. 295 AOS Members, an increase of 3 from last year. 140 active members; 77 senior members; 15 emeritus members; 36 associate members; 16 corresponding members; 11 honorary members.

Members deceased: Drs. Patrick J. Doyle, Richard E. Marcus, and Joseph Sataloff. At the time of publication of the newsletter, the AOS Administrative Office received notification of the death of Dr. Robert J. Keim on 2/28/2009.

Treasurer's Report 1/31/2009

AOS Checking Account balance \$87,694.52

AOS Research Fund balance \$6.5 million

AOS Basic Science Lectureship Fund balance \$285,350

Dr. Lambert reported the AOS was accredited through 2012; however, the ACCME wanted a progress report and improvement plan.

The following action was taken by the Council.

Educational planning for the 2010 Annual Meeting will be initiated with an identification of professional practice gaps and educational needs (knowledge and/or competence) identified by the Program Advisory Committee and the AOS President early in the planning stages. (Summer 2009)

Abstract submissions will be required to identify the relevant professional practice gaps and educational needs for the proposed abstract. These additional criteria will help determine the selection of abstracts and will be referenced back to the overall goals and objectives for the meeting. (Summer/Fall 2009).

The expanded descriptions of professional practice gaps and educational needs will be distributed to participants along with the program booklet.

The Council will review the manuscripts to identify a conflict of interest and make a decision if that individual should be the presenter or ask the primary author to select another person who does not have a conflict of interest to present the paper.. If a conflict of interest is identified, then one of the following mechanisms will be used to resolve it: Individuals may choose to discontinue their relationship, the individual can elect to alter the educational design or format of the presentation, and select someone else to present that portion of the content. The Council agreed the Program Advisory Committee would no longer be subjected to the anonymity of the paper. A disclosure/conflict of interest statement will be associated with every abstract and the authors on the abstract will be made known to the program advisory committee. Also, there will be suggestions to the authors and examples on the website as to how to resolve a conflict of interest. The conflict of interest oversight committee would consist of members of the Council.

The ACCME suggested during the meeting the AOS identify a place for residents or fellows to host some difficult cases or interesting cases and all during the meeting, attendees would have a chance to look at it and report how they would manage this problem. The Council agreed to implement this in a future meeting. In addition, an AOS Education Committee will be implemented within the next 12 to 18 months.

2009 AOS Program & Abstract Booklet

For the listing of the 2009 disclosures, please refer to pages 3-7 of the Program and Abstract book enclosed with this newsletter.

On page 8 is the list of competency areas to be addressed through the 2009 AOS CME activity/scientific session.

The desirable physician attributes are included in the grid, pages 74 & 75, with respect to the educational objectives and also the content agenda for the May 2009 CME program.

Membership Applications

The AOS only accepts electronic submission of membership applications. The application is available on the AOS website or from the AOS Administrative office, email segossard@aol.com. All attachments are to be submitted electronically. Proposer letters can be signed and saved as a .pdf document and e-mailed.

Call for Papers

Abstract submissions are submitted electronically through the AOS website. Abstracts will be accepted beginning **July 1, 2009 through October 15, 2009** for the 2010 AOS Annual Spring Meeting. Abstracts are limited to 250 words or less and the title may not exceed 10 words (excluding a, an, of, etc...). In order to comply with the updated ACCME regulations, a conflict of interest/disclosure form must be signed by **each contributing author before the abstract may be submitted**. Further instructions regarding abstract submission will soon be available on the AOS web-site.

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COSM 2010
143rd AOS Annual Spring Meeting
April 30, 2010 - May 1, 2010
Bally's Las Vegas