



## AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

### 145th ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The American Otological Society's 145th Annual Spring Meeting will be held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt, April 21-22 2012, San Diego, CA. Enclosed is the Program and Abstract book to bring with you to the meeting.

**From the AOS President: Dr. Herman A. Jenkins**

Dear AOS Colleague:

The 145<sup>th</sup> Annual American Otological Society Spring Meeting will be held in San Diego, CA, April 21-22, 2012 in conjunction with COSM. Highlights of the Scientific Program include a presentation from AOS Guest of Honor, Dr. Vicente Honrubia, entitled, "Vestibular Testing, after 50 Years Still a Challenge." Dr. Carol A. Bauer will present the Basic Science Lecture, entitled, "Neuroscience of Tinnitus." A panel entitled, "Challenges and New Frontiers in Cochlear Implantation" moderated by Dr. J. Thomas Roland will conclude the Program. A vast number of presentations focused on Basic Science, Cochlear Implants, and Clinical Trials and Research are sure to capture your attention as well. This will be an exciting and highly educational meeting for members and guests.

The black tie (optional) President's Reception and Dinner/Dance for members and invited guests will take place on Saturday evening, April 21st. The cocktail reception begins at 6:30 pm with dinner being served at 7:30 pm. Dancing will begin at 9:00 pm. Bring a partner and enjoy a fabulous evening with your colleagues. Banquet tickets may be purchased through the COSM website when you register for the AOS meeting.

The Award of Merit recipient has been selected and will be announced at the banquet at 8:45 pm.

Two new Active members, Drs. Colin Driscoll and Richard J. H. Smith, and two new Corresponding members Drs. S. Armagan Incesulu and Henryk Skarzynski will be inducted into the AOS membership at the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, April 21st.

### 2012 Midwinter Council Meeting Highlights

**2012 Audit Committee:** Dr. David Haynes was appointed as Chairman. Committee members – Drs. Jose Fayad and Steven Cheung. The Committee will audit the books and report at the Council meeting and Business Meeting in San Diego.

**Membership Report:** There are 298 AOS Members. 142 Active; 30 Senior; 66 Emeritus; 35 Associate; 16 Corresponding; 11 Honorary members.

**Treasurer's Report:**

AOS Checking Account balance \$95,665  
 AOS Research Fund balance \$7.8 million  
 AOS Basic Science Lectureship Fund balance \$415,000  
 AOS Research & Education Fund balance \$396,000

The AOS Research and Education Fund will award two Resident/Fellow Research Travel Awards in the amount of \$2000.00 per recipient at the 2012 Spring Meeting. The award will be presented to Dr. Bryan Ward for his research in "Long-Term Hearing Outcomes following Surgical Plugging of the Superior Semicircular Canal by Middle Fossa Approach." Dr. Michael Hoa will receive the award for his research in "Petrous Apex Cholesterol Granuloma Histopathology: An Analysis of the Histopathology of Surgical Management and Histopathologic Evidence for the Exposed Marrow Theory."

In 2005, the Basic Science Lectureship fund was established and is currently fully funded. In 2010, a Research and Education Fund was established with a goal of \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 in its corpus. Once the goal is reached, (within the next 5 years), the AOS will offer a "Young Investigator Award" intended for young faculty in the amount of \$25,000. Profit share the AOS receives from the O&N Journal provides funding for these two awards.

**AOS Editor-Librarian**

Dr. Debara Tucci, AOS Editor-Librarian, continues to work on the website with plans to consolidate each meeting with brief summaries of presentations and slides from the honored speakers and guest lecturers. AOS Transactions are no longer being published. The AOS website will provide easy access to the contents of each spring meeting.

**AOS/ANS Joint Council Reaccreditation:** Dr. Lambert reported the AOS/ANS Joint Council is currently undergoing a Reaccreditation.

**COSM Secretaries:** Dr. Lambert reported COSM had agreed to \$500,000 in its reserve fund before any additional disbursements were made to the Societies. Once this is achieved any overage would be disbursed to the participating Societies. In 2011 there was a surplus of \$34,000, however, instead of dispersing it to the Societies, the SLC approved a \$30,000+ allocation from the COSM reserve fund to be utilized for electronic poster presentations.

**COSM Schedule** – The 2013 AOS meeting will be held in Orlando, FL - April 13-14, 2013. The following location and meeting space has been confirmed for COSM 2014; May 14-18, 2014 at Caesar's Palace - Las Vegas, Nevada.

**AAMI Cochlear Implant Committee:** Dr. Bruce Gantz will continue to represent the AOS on the AAMI Cochlear Implant Committee. This is an FDA committee in which the AAMI is an organization that brings together manufacturers and the FDA to set the appropriate guidelines for companies to be accountable for their devices. This is an ongoing committee and final report is due within the next 6 to 8 months.

**Mini-seminar Proposal for 2012 AAO-HNS Annual Meeting:** Dr. Alexander Arts submitted a miniseminar on behalf of the AOS; however, the Academy has not assigned the mini-seminar dates at the time of this publication.

**Neurotology Codes** have officially been adopted and are available on the ABOto website.

#### 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 [otosociety@yahoo.com](mailto:otosociety@yahoo.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

Abstracts will be accepted beginning **July 1, 2012 through October 15, 2012** for the 2013 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 filled out by the primary/contributing author(s) before the abstract may be submitted. Only electronic submission of abstracts will be accepted.

**American Otological Society Website**  
[www.americanotologicalsociety.org](http://www.americanotologicalsociety.org)

**To: AOS Membership**

**From: Shirley Gossard, AOS Administrator**

This will be my last AOS Spring Meeting, as I will be retiring from the AOS at the end of the AOS fiscal year 6/30/2012. It has been a pleasure to work for the AOS since July 1, 1996. I will be forever grateful to all of you for the support and guidance you have given to me these past 16 years. I have administered 15 Annual Spring Meetings. In addition I have traveled and stayed in the most wonderful and beautiful places. I will truly miss all of you. I will look forward to seeing you at the upcoming AOS spring meeting in San Diego.

My assistant, Kristen Bordignon, has been appointed by the AOS Council to serve as the AOS Administrator beginning July 1, 2012. I have listed her contact information below.

**Please Note:** Payment of your dues for the July 1 2012—June 30, 2013 fiscal year are to be mailed to the new AOS address as listed below. Please be sure to note this to your accounting department when submitting your dues for payment. Invoices will be mailed by July 1, 2012, to your address we have on file.

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