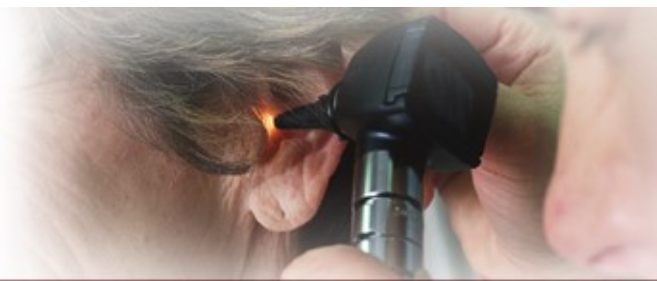


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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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1868 was a tumultuous time in America. The country, still reeling from Lincoln's assassination 3 years earlier, impeached and then acquitted his successor, Andrew Johnson. Internal change and external growth took place simultaneously as the country expanded westward, with the creation of the Wyoming Territory by an act of the United States Congress. Growth was also taking place in medicine at this time, 150 years ago. On July 11, 1868, seven otologists from the state of New York, one from Missouri and one from Ohio met in Newport Rhode Island and founded the American Otological Society. The first President, Dr. Williams from Cincinnati, oversaw the development of a society whose mission we hold dear to this day – "the advancement of aural science and art". While meetings in the late nineteenth century consisted primarily of vexing case presentations, and thus are very much different than the meetings of today, the founders of the society clearly recognized the need for otologists to share their discoveries and frustrations, and, in so doing, advance our field.

In the spirit of this mission, the Saumil Merchant Basic Science Lecturer for the 150th annual meeting next April in San Diego will be Dr. James Hudspeth. Dr. Hudspeth is an Investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Director of the F. M. Kirby Center for Sensory Neuroscience of Rockefeller University. He is a world renowned scientist studying cochlear hair cell physiology. Also at the upcoming meeting, two panels will be held. The first panel will be presented on middle ear related topics including physiology, surgical implications, and innovative medical treatment. This topic was selected in direct response to the preferences that the attendees noted on the exit questionnaires from our recent 149th annual meeting. The second panel will be an enlightening reflection upon the rich 150-year history of the American Otological Society. But arguably of greatest importance for the annual meeting will be the papers submitted by members of the society and others with interest in our field. We encourage your submissions, which are due by October 15, 2016.

The membership of the American Otological Society should recognize that the AOS continues to be an important supporter of otological research. The number of submissions for research funding continues to rise. This year, six outstanding proposals will be funded by a total distribution of \$390,000 to the investigators. What the future holds in otologic research will continue to unfold, and the members of the American Otological Society should be proud of our Society's role in funding the investigators addressing the challenges that lie ahead.

On a personal note, I am honored to serve the American Otological Society as President. The American Otological Society has had a profound impact on my professional life, both early in my development as an otologist, and later as my career has matured. I continue to learn from the American Otological Society annual meeting, yet beyond that, I have forged important professional relationships and friendships through the AOS, which, like our mission, I hold dear.

In recognition of the 150th anniversary and the impact the American Otological Society has had on its members, it is our pleasure for the executive council to host all members (free of charge) to a special celebration - the 150th Gala at the iconic Del Coronado Hotel on Saturday evening April 29th, 2017. The Society will provide transportation for the short 6 mile drive to the Del. I am sure this will be an exceptional evening. I will look forward to seeing you there and toasting the next 150 years.

Warm regards,
Sam

AOS RESEARCH FUND

It was a banner year for research grant submissions. The AOS Research Advisory Board reviewed 21 grants and recommended funding for 6 grants in the amount of \$390,000. The AOS Council approved funding for the following grants in 2016-17.

Gregory J. Basura, M.D., Ph.D. - “*Multi-Sensory Modulation of Tinnitus Correlates in Primary Auditory Cortex*” - University of Michigan - \$80,000 (Clinician Scientist Award - renewal)

Richard K. Gurgel, M.D. - “*Exploring the Impact of Hearing Loss on Impaired Cognition in Older Adults*” - University of Utah - \$80,000 (Clinician Scientist Award - renewal)

Aaron C. Moberly, M.D. - *"Variability in Speech Recognition for Adults with Cochlear Implants"*
The Ohio State University - \$80,000 (Clinician Scientist Award)

Soroush Sadeghi, M.D., Ph.D. - *"In Vivo Optogenetic Stimulation of Vestibular Nerve Afferents and Efferents"* - State University of New York at Buffalo - \$50,000 (Research Award)

Judith E.C. Lieu, M.D., M.S.P.H. - *“Development of Preschool Hearing-Related Quality-Of-Life Measure”* - Washington University St Louis - \$50,000 (Research Award)

Elise Cheng, M.D. - “Zwitterionic Substrates for Prevention of Fibrosis Following Cochlear Implantation”
University of Iowa - \$50,000 (Research Award)

NEW THIS YEAR! If you would like to submit a grant for consideration in 2017-18, a letter of intent must be submitted by November 1, 2016. The letter of intent must state the grant mechanism sought for the proposal, the Principal Investigator and Institution(s), a working title, and a one page statement of the specific aims. The letters of intent are to be submitted via email to Dr. John Oghalai, Executive Secretary of the AOS Research Fund at joghalai@stanford.edu and to Kristen Bordignon, AOS Administrator, administrator@americanotologicalsociety.org. Successful applicants will be notified by December 1st and must submit their full grant application by January 31, 2017.

The AOS Council extends its thanks to the AOS Research Advisory Board for their exemplary service: Dr. John P. Carey, Executive Secretary; Drs. Jay T. Rubinstein, Marlan R. Hansen, Keiko Hirose, Hinrich Staecker, John S. Oghalai, John Greinwald, and our consultants, Drs. Jeffrey R. Holt, Xiaowei Lu, and Jennifer Melcher. The AOS Research Advisory Board is comprised of AOS members serving 7-year terms and three consultants serving 5-year terms.



Dr. John Carey completed his 7-year term as the Research Advisory Board Executive Secretary. Dr. Carey has been an invaluable asset to the Board, distributing over \$2.5 million dollars during his term. His impeccable organizational skills, his vast knowledge and guidance will be greatly missed. The AOS Council is pleased to welcome Dr. John Oghalai as the incoming Executive Secretary.

Fiscal Year	# of Awards	Total Funds	Breakdown
2016-2017	6	\$390,000	3 Research Grants, 3 CSAs
2015-2016	7	\$368,537	3 Research Grants, 2 Fellowships, 2 CSAs
2014-2015	3	\$171,800	1 Research Grant, 1 Fellowship, 1 CSA
2013-2014	4	\$294,642	1 Research Grant, 3 CSAs
2012-2013	6	\$280,612	2 Research Grants, 2 Fellowships, 2 CSAs

**WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME
FOUR NEW MEMBERS TO THE AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY IN 2016**

Applications and instructions are available on the AOS website or from the AOS Administrative Office
The deadline to apply is September 1st for consideration in 2017



Oliver F. Adunka, MD
The Ohio State University
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Active Member



Ana Hae-Ok Kim, MD
Columbia University
New York, NY
Active Member



Daniel J. Lee, MD
Mass Eye & Ear Infirmary
Boston, MA
Active Member



Daniel J. Tollin, PhD
University of Colorado
Aurora, CO
Associate Member



NEW MEMBERS WITH PROPOSERS

Left to right: Drs. Harold Pillsbury; Larry Lustig; Oliver Adunka; Daniel Lee; John Carey; Daniel Tollin; Herman Jenkins; Alex Arts, Ana Kim. Stage: Dr. Debara Tucci, AOS President

AOS Past President, Dr. John House, presented Dr. Charles M. Luetje with the distinguished ***AWARD OF MERIT*** in recognition of his career-long dedication to his patients, his leadership in the American Otological Society and his early work in cochlear implants in Kansas City.

★ *Dr. Charlie Luetje and his wife Sandy*



*Dr. House presents the Award of Merit
to Dr. Luetje*



★ ★

IN MEMORIUM

Francis I. Catlin, MD - member since 1975
Maureen Hannley, PhD - member since 1995
Raul Hinojosa, MD - member since 1989
Christopher J. Linstrom, MD - member 2003
John K. Niparko, MD - member since 1995

AOS 149th ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS!

A special thank you to Dr. Debara L Tucci for organizing a spectacular and innovative program for the 149th Annual meeting held May 19-20, 2016 in Chicago. **PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS** were presented from left to right to Drs. Karen J. Doyle-Enright, Paul R. Lambert, Steven A. Telian, David L. Witsell, Nancy M. Young, and John K. Niparko (posthumously).



Pictured left: AOS Guest of Honor, Dr. Blake Wilson
"The Development of the Modern Cochlear Implant and the First Substantial Restoration of a Human Sense Using a Medical Intervention".

Pictured right: Dr. Andy Groves, the Saumil Merchant Basic Science Lecturer. *"30 Years of Hair Cell Regeneration: Promising Progress or Pie in the Sky?"*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The 150th annual AOS President's Reception and Banquet will be held in the Crown Room of the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego on Saturday, April 29, 2017. As Dr. Selesnick mentioned in his President's message, complimentary tickets will be offered to all AOS members registered for COSM.

Look for details about the banquet registration process and ticket acquisition in the coming months. Only those members who have secured tickets in advance may attend.

You won't want to miss this sesquicentennial ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

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 150th ANNUAL MEETING
 MANCHESTER GRAND HYATT
 SAN DIEGO, CA
 APRIL 28-30, 2017

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15, 2016

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AWARDS AVAILABLE

Resident Research Travel Award (2)
 &

Best Presentation from
 Research Performed in a Private Practice Setting

NEW!

Thanks to a donation from a leader in the American Otological Society community, the AOS has established an award for best presentation from research performed in a private practice setting in the amount of \$500. The goal of the award is to encourage otologists in private practice to present their best research to the American Otological Society. Private practice, in this context, refers to practices that are not primary sponsors of a residency or fellowship training program. Depending on the submissions, an award may or may not be granted in any given year. The award has been funded for a maximum of six years. Any author who has indicated that he/she would like to be considered for the award will be expected to attend the Annual AOS Spring Meeting and present the paper as an oral presentation. The recipient of the award will be announced at the Spring meeting.

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