A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lawrence R. Lustig, MD

I am extraordinarily proud to serve as the President of the American Neurotology Society this coming year. Once again the ANS is headed for a banner year. Our membership is at an all-time high, our finances are the strongest they have ever been, and we have a number of initiatives that will further strengthen the society.

I would first like to acknowledge the tremendous work by John McElveen, now past president. Under his tenure the ANS initiated a number of innovative projects, including moving forward with solidifying complex pediatric otology and neurotology under the umbrella of our specialty, successfully hosting the first ANS Council Mid-Winter meeting, beginning a surgical video repository, and initiating a complete overhaul of the ANS website. Our society owes a large debt to Dr. McElveen for his tireless efforts over the past year.

This coming year will offer a similar host of new initiatives and continuing work on these ongoing projects. Dr. Hilary Brodie is continuing to work on building up the ANS Research Fund, which will allow our society to seed research projects important to our specialty in perpetuity. Our goal is to collect $250,000 and we have raised $67,850 towards that goal. If you have not yet donated, we urge you to consider contributing to this important endowed fund.

We are also continuing to work towards having complex pediatric otology and neurotology acknowledged as a core part of our training and practice. While the membership clearly did not think a special subcategory of ANS membership was needed, both the AOS and ANS are working towards modifying the Neurotology Subspecialty Certificate as well as the inclusion of formal language in the description of the Neurotology Fellowship to include complex pediatric and adult otologic and neurologic cases as a core of what we have trained for and do on a regular basis.

An additional project, headed by Dr. Yuri Agrawal will be to work with the American Academy of Neurology to examine outcome measures for the evaluation and management of dizziness, which will facilitate comparison of treatment modalities across sites. The ANS is also a sponsor of the upcoming International Facial Nerve Symposium, hosted by Dr. Bill Slattery and colleagues at the House Clinic. Additionally, we will continue to actively push to maintain our COSM meeting footprint on the Friday through Sunday timeslot.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, we are excited to bring our members a fantastic fall program. Working with Craig Buchman and the Continuing Education Committee, we have developed several panels focusing on such topics as unilateral hearing loss in children, an update on the vestibular prosthesis, and a panel focusing on emerging topics in auditory research. We are also extraordinarily excited to announce that Dr. Thomas Lenarz from Hannover will be delivering the annual Frank Rizer Lecture. Combining that with the Radiosurgery Study Group, the Facial Nerve Study Group, and the House Cochlear Implant Study Group, it truly does promise to be a ‘Super Saturday’, and likely the most educational day for Neurotology all year long. We look forward to seeing you in San Diego in September.

Larry Lustig
MEMBER LOG IN
If you have not set up your user profile on the new ANS Website, I encourage you to do so, it’s very simple. To log in to the website, first enter your username (the email you have on file with the ANS Administrative office) then you will need to set up your password. Once updated, you can login with your email address and new password. Once logged in you will be able to view and update your profile, add a photo, pay dues, make a pledge, and register for the Fall meeting.

If you have not registered for the Fall meeting in San Diego on Super Saturday, September 17th, in the interest of time and convenience, I strongly urge you to do so online rather than onsite. Look under Conferences and click on “Upcoming Fall meeting Super Saturday”, then select the Conference Registration Form to register yourself. An invoice/receipt will be saved in your profile.

MEMBERSHIP DUES
We have set up the website to send an email notification when your annual membership dues are due. The 1st notification will be sent on January 1. As always, you will have up to 90 days to remit your dues. For those needing a hard copy of your invoice to submit to your institution for payment, you will be able to access an invoice within your membership profile. The ANS now accepts all major credit cards. It is imperative the ANS office have the correct email address for you as we will no longer be sending hard copies of the invoice by mail. If your email address has changed, please notify the ANS Administrative office without delay.

ANS/AAO-HNSF/HERBERT SILVERSTEIN RESEARCH AWARD
David H. Jung, MD, PhD, has been named as the recipient of the 2016 ANS/AAO-HNSF Herbert Silverstein Otology/Neurotology Research Award for his project titled, “Novel Neurotrophin-Bisphosphonate Conjugates to Promote Cochlear Synaptogenesis”. Dr. Jung attended college at Stanford University, where he graduated with honors in 1997. After graduation, he completed a one-year pre-doctoral intramural Research Training Award at the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Jung then enrolled in the MD-PhD program at Harvard Medical School. During his PhD, he studied the control of antibody receptor gene rearrangements with Dr. Frederick Alt at Children’s Hospital Boston. Dr. Jung completed his otolaryngology residency and neurotology fellowship at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and Harvard Medical School. He is currently on staff at Mass Eye and Ear as an Instructor at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Jung has been a member of ANS since 2012, starting as a Trainee and is now a Fellow. Congratulations David!

This award is jointly sponsored by the AAO-HNS Foundation and the American Neurotology Society to support a clinical or translational research project focused on diseases, disorders, or conditions of the peripheral or central auditory and/or vestibular system.
Amount: $25,000, ($12,500 per year)
Period: 24 months, non-renewable

ANS Spring Meeting Highlights
Chicago, IL- May 20, 2016

The following ANS members were honored with a Presidential Citation from past President John T. McElveen, Joseph G. Feghali and M. Miles Goldsmith. Other recipients were Dr. Christian Parahy; Professor Carlo Antonio Leone; and Dr. Richard L. Goode.

Pictured left: Dr. John McElveen presents Dr. Miles Goldsmith with his certificate

Pictured right: Dr. John McElveen congratulates Dr. Joseph Feghali

Pictured left: Dr. McElveen presents the William F. House Lecturer, Dr. Per Cayé-Thomasen, a plaque for his outstanding presentation titled, "Changing the Natural History of Vestibular Schwannomas"
What’s New with Otology/Neurotology

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Otology/Neurotology, Inc., I would like to express our gratitude publicly to Dr. Benjamin Crane for serving as the interim Editor-in-Chief of Otology & Neurotology after the tragic and untimely death of our long time friend and Editor, John Niparko, MD. Dr. Crane not only managed the endless flood of submissions, he managed them seamlessly with rapid turnaround times and no delays in publication, no easy task for a journal that receives over 800 original submissions/year. Dr. Crane quickly assumed responsibility for the submission and editorial process, and our authors enjoyed rapid turnaround – not only from submission to decision, but from acceptance to publication. While we can never replace Dr. Niparko and his untiring efforts on behalf of the journal, it is reassuring to know that our journal is and will be in good hands for the foreseeable future. Many thanks, Dr. Crane!

And speaking of the foreseeable future, it is my pleasure to introduce Larry Lustig, MD as our new Editor-in-Chief. Larry brings a wealth of experience – as a basic scientist, clinician, educator, Associate Editor, and administrator to a job that will face numerous challenges in the coming years. As Dr. Lustig stated in his vision statement for the Journal, “As Editor-in-Chief, I will continually strive to ensure the journal remains the beacon it has been for the past 35 years - educational, erudite, relevant, and importantly, enjoyable to read. All success flows from these core basic principles.”

We at the Otology/Neurotology Board of Directors greatly appreciate Dr. Crane’s hard work at a difficult time and look forward to a close collaboration with Dr. Lustig as we continue to grow our journal in prominence, readership, and authorship together.

Bradley W. Kesser, MD
Secretary-Treasurer, Otology/Neurotology, Inc. Board of Directors

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS UPGRADED TO FELLOW

*Audrey P. Calzada, MD - LaJolla, CA
*Matthew L. Carlson, MD - Rochester, MN
Michael B. Gluth, MD - Chicago, IL
*David H. Jung, MD - Boston, MA
Kevin McKennan, MD - Sacramento, CA
*Rick F. Nelson, MD, PhD - Indianapolis, IN
Michael J. Shinners, MD - Northbrook, IL
*Courtney C.J. Voelker, MD, PhD - Beverly Hills, CA

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*Neurotology board certified

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REMINDER!

ANS BIQUINTENNIAL EMAIL BLAST
If you would like to send a survey, query the membership, share meeting announcements, or post a classified ad in the biannual group email to the ANS members, please submit request to Kristen Bordignon, the ANS Administrator by September 15 for inclusion in the subsequent email blast on October 3, 2016. Please include a brief introduction and the link to the survey. NO GRAPHICS or PHOTOS please.
ANS RESEARCH GRANT

The recipient of this year’s $25,000 ANS Research Award is Harrison W. Lin, MD from the University of California, Irvine, for his project titled, “Chronic Implantation of the Facial Nerve for Selective Facial Muscle Contraction”. Dr. Lin is an attending otolaryngologist, neurotologic surgeon, and Assistant Professor in the UC Irvine Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery. Dr. Lin completed his undergraduate studies at Harvard University and obtained his medical degree from the University of Southern California. He then completed his surgical training as a resident at Harvard Medical School in 2012 and as a neurotology and skull base surgery fellow at UC San Diego. Following completion of training in 2014, Dr. Lin joined the faculty at UC Irvine. Dr. Lin has been an ANS member since 2013.

The purpose of the grant is to encourage and support academic research in sciences related to the investigation of otology and neurotology. Appropriate areas of research include diagnosis, management, and pathogenesis of diseases of the ear and/or skull base. Grants that focus on addressing clinical gaps are especially encouraged. Grants may involve cell/molecular studies, animal research, or human subjects research. If you would like to submit a grant for consideration in 2017-18, the deadline for applications is January 31, 2017. Applications should be sent via email to Dr. John Oghalai, joghalai@stanford.edu, Chair of the ANS Research Committee.

Two years ago, the American Neurotology Society launched the 50th Anniversary Research Fund to coincide with the celebration of our society’s milestone anniversary in 2015. To date, we have received $67,850 of the $136,700 in pledges. If you’ve made a pledge and have not sent your payment, please do so at your earliest opportunity, online or by mail. It takes YOU to keep the ANS Research Grant alive!

CALL FOR PAPERS

AMERICAN NEUROTOLOGY SOCIETY
52nd ANNUAL SPRING MEETING
Manchester Grand Hyatt - San Diego
April 28-29, 2017

Deadline for abstract submission: October 15, 2016

Awards Available
Nicholas Torok Vestibular Award ($1500)
Trainee Award ($1000)
Neurotology Fellow Award ($500)

Please visit the ANS website for submission instructions https://ans.memberclicks.net/abstract-submissions-spring-2017