

American Neurotology Society Golden Anniversary Celebrations

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The focus of the American Neurotology Society's Golden Anniversary meeting was 'Optimising the evaluation and management of patients with skull base and posterior fossa lesions'. Over 300 otologic and neurotologic surgeons from around the world were in attendance. Educational grants for the meeting were provided by Oticon Medical, Medtronic Surgical Technologies and Stryker Neuro Spine ENT.

Dr John McElveen, President of the ANS, opened the session with a brief history of the American Neurotology Society, including a video clip of Dr William F House playing the role of a resident surgeon in the 1960s TV series, *Medic*. Dr McElveen commented, "Fortunately for us Bill House decided to stick to medicine and not pursue an acting career."

In honour of the 50th anniversary, the House-Hitselberger Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to nine neurotologists from the USA and Europe. The award honours the legacy of two giants in the field of neurotology, Dr William F House and Dr William E Hitselberger, and recognises those individuals who have demonstrated "superb surgical skills and patient care, a commitment toward education and cumulative scientific contributions that have profoundly impacted the field of neurotology". The recipients were: Prof Jean-Marc Sterkers, MD; Malcolm D Graham, MD; Michael E Glasscock III, MD; Prof Mario Sanna, MD; Derald E Brackmann, MD; Prof Emilio Garcia-Ibanez, MD; Joseph B Nadol, Jr, MD; David A Moffat, PhD, FRCS and Prof Ugo Fisch, MD. Although Prof Fisch could not be present to receive his award, he recorded a video message from Vence, France extolling the contributions of Bill House and Bill Hitselberger and thanking the American Neurotology Society for honouring him with the prestigious award.

Following the award ceremony, Dr Larry Lustig moderated a panel titled, 'In the beginning... The evolution of the field of neurotology'. In this panel Drs Brackmann, Moffat, Glasscock and Graham reminisced about the evolution of diagnostic testing and the surgical treatments for acoustic tumours.

Prof Mario Sanna then presented the Franklin



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M Rizer Memorial Lectureship on 'Modern day management of skull base paragangliomas'. With the benefit of internal carotid stents, Prof Sanna demonstrated expanded limits for surgical removal of extensive skull base paragangliomas.

The Optimal Evaluation portion of the scientific programme included a lecture by Dr Joel Goebel (St Louis, USA) on 'Vestibular evaluation on a limited budget', followed by a lecture by Dr Jack Lane (Mayo Clinic, USA) on understanding imaging of skull base lesions.

The Management sessions followed with presentations by Dr Colin Driscoll, MD (Mayo Clinic, USA) on 'Approach selection in skull base lesions', Dr Sean O McMenomey (NYU, USA) on 'Approach modification for enhanced visualisation', Mr David A Moffat (Cambridge, UK) on 'Evolving algorithm for acoustic tumour management', and lastly Dr Ricardo Carrau's (Ohio State, USA) presentation on 'Transnasal neurotology: the expanding role of the rhinologist'.

The Scientific session concluded with the William E Hitselberger Memorial Lectureship: 'When things go south: Management rationale from a neurosurgical perspective' presented by a Duke University neurosurgeon, Dr Ali Zomorodi, followed by a panel discussion, 'Ensuring proper reimbursement in the affordable care act environment: acceptable coding strategies and practice tips for neurotologists'. The panelists consisted of Drs Leonetti and Shohet as well as coding specialist, Rhonda Buckholtz, DPC, CPMA.

The meeting was very well attended and the audience response software (PollEverywhere) allowed instant feedback from the audience to questions posed by the speakers.

This meeting underscored how the American Neurotology Society has evolved over the past 50 years into an international organisation. Since its inception in 1965, its membership has increased to 608 members representing 18 countries.

American Neurotology Society 50th Anniversary House-Hitselberger Lifetime Achievement Awardees



Professor Jean-Marc Sterkers, MD

Jean-Marc Sterkers was born in Saint-Forget, France. His father was an artist who later became a lawyer and his mother was an accomplished pianist. At the age of six, he gave serious consideration to joining the 'Grand Pris' circuit. However, his first aid merit badge in the Boy Scouts planted the seed for a career in medicine. He attended medical school at the University Hospital of Cochin in the Latin Quarter of Paris during the German occupation. His ENT training in Paris was under the direction of Aboulker and Professor Pierre Clerc. While visiting John Shea in Memphis, John suggested that Professor Sterkers visit Bill House in Los Angeles to see the new technique for acoustic tumour removal. He returned to Paris and began doing acoustic tumour surgery and became one of the true pioneers of acoustic tumour surgery in France. During his career he operated on over 2000 acoustic tumours. He organised an international course with Bill House on 'Surgery of the IAC' and received a letter from Bill commending him on his commitment to educating others. He is an avid sailor and has a real passion for French wines, fine food and family.



Malcolm D Graham, MD

Malcolm Graham, was born in Shanghai, China. He attended medical school at McGill University and did his residency at the University of Iowa. As a Canadian citizen he was required to return to Canada, so he established an ENT practice in Victoria, British Columbia. In 1970 he enrolled in a two-week course at the House Ear Institute and discussed the possibility of staying longer and assisting the surgeons. This was the beginning of the House Neurotology Fellowships. Following his fellowship he was asked by Howard House to become the 11th member of the OMG. In 1978 he was recruited to head up Otology and Neurotology at the University of Michigan, which he did from 1978-1986. He then joined Chip Goldsmith in Savannah and is now practising in Atlanta at Emory. His 'wanderlust' has meshed well with his love of teaching. In addition to all the courses he has taught throughout the world, he has published 147 articles, 40 book chapters, six books and has served as president of the ANS.



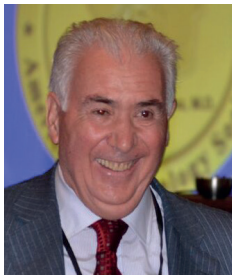
Professor Ugo Fisch, MD

Ugo Fisch was born in Baar, Switzerland. His father died when he was only one year of age. His brother was a dentist and his mother suggested that he study ENT instead of internal medicine, and use his brother as a referral source for tonsillectomies. He recalled attending the Academy meeting in Chicago in October 1964 and hearing Bill House's presentation on 'The translabyrinthine approach for acoustic neuroma'. He was appalled by the comment that was made at the conclusion of Bill's lecture, "Bill, you are a ruthless human vivisector"! He did research fellowships at Johns Hopkins and the House Ear Institute. He returned to Switzerland and became a professor and head of the ENT department at the University of Zurich. He later established the ENT Center at Hirslanden Klinik in Zurich. He has published over 370 papers and two books. In addition, he has trained over 100 neurotology fellows. He continues to teach temporal bone dissection courses in Zurich.



Michael E Glasscock III, MD

The grandparents of Michael E Glasscock III had their own vaudeville act, the 'Rosa King Trio'. At an early age he demonstrated good mechanical skills and creativity, developing his own self-built 'motor scooter' and 'motor bike'. He was born in Longview, Texas, did his ENT training at the University of Tennessee and fellowship at the OMG. After staying with the group, he established the Otology Group in Nashville. He is the founder and Editor in Chief of the AJO, has published over 250 articles and trained 55 neurotology fellows.



Professor Mario Sanna, MD

Mario Sanna was born on the beautiful island of Sardinia off the coast of Italy. His family has lived in Sardinia for many generations. As some of you may know, Sardinia has a long tradition of horse riding, and this awardee excelled. He was encouraged by his father to study medicine, because as a doctor, “you can work anywhere in the world”. He attended the University of Sassari for medical school. It is here that he met his mentor Prof Carlo Zini. He travelled with Prof Zini to Parma where he did his ENT training.

During his honeymoon, he arranged to visit Bill House in Los Angeles. He was impressed by Dr House’s kindness to him and his openness regarding his ongoing research. Mario returned to Italy and began performing acoustic tumour surgery. Professor Sanna is the founder and Director of Gruppo Otorologico, Piacenza-Rome, has published 375 articles, 15 Books and taught 150 temporal bone dissection courses.



Professor Emilio Garcia-Ibanez, MD

Emilio Garcia-Ibanez was born in Valencia, Spain. His father trained with Lempert and Shambaugh and performed the first fenestration procedure in Spain. In 1965, as a medical student, he invented a ‘Super 8’ system for microscopic cinematography. He did his ENT training under Prof Bocca at the University of Ferrara in Italy. He performed a research fellowship with Jack Hough in Oklahoma and also at the House Ear Institute in Los Angeles. He is the former Professor of Otology at the University of Ferrara in Italy and former President of the Spanish Skull Base Society. He is currently the Director of

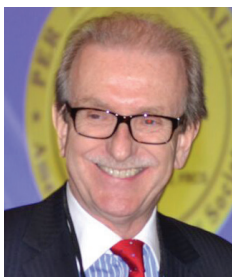
the Instituto Garcia-Ibanez, has taught over 117 temporal bone dissection courses, published 150 papers, five books and is the recipient of the Academy’s ‘Honor Award’.



Joseph B Nadol, Jr, MD

Joseph B Nadol, Jr was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts. His parents instilled in him at an early age, “When you fall off the horse, you have to get back on”. Early on, he traded in his broncos for boats. In addition to being very studious, he also began to fine tune his manual dexterity. He attended medical school at Johns Hopkins, and did his residency at Mass Eye and Ear and would eventually become chairman. He has published over 200 articles, trained 135 residents and has been president of five organisations.

His hobbies include tennis, gardening and sailing. He is the recipient of the Claude Pepper Award for Excellence in Research, the Shambaugh Prize in Otology, the AOS Award of Merit and the Paparella Award for distinguished contributions in clinical otology. And now the House-Hitselberger Lifetime Achievement Award.



David A Moffat, PhD, FRCS

David Moffat was born in Cardiff, South Wales. Mr. Moffat was very confident even as a young child and excelled in the “kilted” Boy Scouts. He has a love for golf, academics and “fast cars and fine wines”! He has published over 200 articles and 35 book chapters. He has edited two text books and served as the President of the Royal Society of Medicine. He has served on the Chairman Panel of Examiners and chaired the Intercollegiate Faculty Board. He is the recipient of the IFOS Gold Medal in 2013 and has trained over 30 neurotology fellows. David filmed a tribute, which was viewed by Bill

House at a special dinner given in Bill’s honour one month before Bill’s death.



Derald E Brackmann, MD

Derald E Brackmann was born in Buckley, Illinois (population 500). He did his residency at the USC and a fellowship at the OMG (House Ear Clinic). He remained with the House Ear Clinic following his fellowship. He has trained 100 neurotology fellows and participated in over 200 temporal bone dissection courses. He has been President of the American Academy of Otolaryngology, AOS, ANS, North American Skull Base and is the immediate Past President of the Triological Society. He has published over 300 articles and chapters, edited or co-edited four text books and is the recipient of the

American Otology Society’s ‘Award of Merit’. He has a tremendous love for fishing and family.