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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN NEUROTOLOGY SOCIETY

*Hilary A. Brodie, MD, PhD*



**A**s we discuss the changing face of American medicine, foremost in the media and in our own conversations are the changes occurring in the health care delivery system with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. The attention to this change in the financing of health care in the United States has, to a degree, overshadowed the more impactful burgeoning of scientific breakthroughs and the dramatic advances in technologies. When we look back 10 years from now, I believe that the effects on patient care and patient health will be far more influenced by the rapid scientific advancements than the financing model. The incredibly successful genomic programs followed by the proteomic advancements and now metabolomics together with the tremendous technological advances are making the field of medicine more exciting now than ever before.

This year's fall meeting will concentrate on these areas of scientific breakthroughs and emerging technologies impacting otology and neurotology. The program will begin with the Franklin M. Rizer Memorial lectureship, which was created to honor a fellow neurotologist who was clearly an early adopter of advancing technologies and innovation. This year's Rizer Lecturer will be Richard A. Chole, M.D., Ph.D. whose talk is entitled "The Chronicity of Otitis: The Role of Bacterial Biofilms". Dr. Chole has been a strong leader in otologic research throughout his illustrious career and has made major contributions to our understanding of bone pathophysiology in the presence of infection and cholesteatoma.

Dr. Adrian James will moderate our first panel who will discuss the advantages and limitations of otoendoscopic surgery concentrating on the controversies of when and when not to use endoscopes. The panel will be comprised of speakers from across the globe who have nurtured this field through its infancy and have developed not only new approaches, but the instrumentation as well to allow for these advances. The second panel will be moderated by Dr. Darius Kohan and will discuss computer-assisted surgical navigation. As imaging resolution improves and the navigation technologies become more accurate, the field becomes ripe for innovative applications. Dr. Carol Bauer, a leader in tinnitus research, will moderate a panel on pediatric otology focusing on tinnitus and vertigo. This panel will deal with some of the more challenging issues within otology.

I would personally like to thank the membership of the American Neurotology Society for the great honor to serve the society as its President. Our society is a vibrant, expanding group committed to the advancement of the field of neurotology. If any members are interested in becoming more involved in the society's activities, please contact me, Moisés Arriaga or Kristen Bordignon.

I look forward to seeing you at what promises to be an excellent meeting in Vancouver.

Warm regards,  
Hilary

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**ANS STANDING COMMITTEES AND ASSIGNMENTS**

The ANS has a number of Standing Committees that play an integral role in the successful structure of the Society. Each year, a vast number of members are called upon by the President to serve on these various Committees. Committee appointments have terms of 3-5 years. Many Committee members have been asked to Chair the Committee after their initial term of service has ended. We'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the following individuals who are currently serving on ANS Standing Committees.

**Audit Committee**

*David R. Schramm - 09/10-09/13; Chair 09/13-09/14*  
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*H. Alexander Arts - 09/09-09/14*  
*Samuel C. Levine - 09/09-09/14*  
*Craig A. Buchman - 09/10-09/15 (Director-elect, 09/14-09/19)*  
*Colin L. W. Driscoll - 09/10-09/15*  
*Nancy Young - 09/10-09/15*  
*Rick A. Friedman - 09/13-09/18*  
*Konstantina M. Stankovich - 09/13-09/18*  
*Fred F. Telischi - 09/13-09/18*  
*William H. Slattery - 09/09-09/14 (Research Chair)*  
*Jack A. Shohet - 09/13-09/16 (Socio-Economic Chair)*

**Scientific Program Committee 2014**

*Hilary A. Brodie, Chair*  
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**Neurotology Fellowship Committee**

*David S. Haynes - 09/09-09/14; Chair 09/13-09/16*  
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*Michael J. LaRouere - 09/13-09/18*

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*Hilary A. Brodie - Liaison to Neurotology Match*

**Membership & Credentials Committee**

*Alan G. Micco - 09/11-09/16 Chair*  
*Michael E. Hoffer - 09/09-09/14*  
*Brandon Isaacson - 09/11-09/16*  
*Robert A. Williamson - 09/11-09/16*  
*Jeffrey J. Kuhn - 09/13-09/18*

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*William H. Slattery - 09/09-09/14, Chair*  
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*Jose N. Fayad - 09/09-09/14*  
*John Dornhoffer - 09/09-09/14*  
*Cliff A. Megerian - 09/09-09/14*  
*Pamela C. Roehm - 09/13-09/18*

**Socio-Economic Committee**

*Jack A. Shohet - 09/08-09/13; 09/13-09/16, Chair*  
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*Roberto A. Cueva - 09/09-09/14*  
*James E. Saunders - 09/11-09/16*  
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**O&N Board of Directors (ANS & AOS appoint 4 members each) (\*ANS representative)**

*Jay Rubinstein - President - 09/13-09/14*  
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*Colin L. W. Driscoll - 09/12-09/15*  
*\*Charles A. Syms - 09/12-09/15*  
*\*Sujana Chandrasekhar - 09/13-09/16*  
*John K. Niparko - O&N Editor-in Chief*

We'd like to thank the following individuals who have recently rotated off of the ANS Standing Committees. Your time and efforts put forth toward the mission of the American Neurotology Society is greatly appreciated.

*Fred F. Telischi - Audit Committee Chair*  
*Thomas L. Eby - Constitution & Bylaws*  
*Michael J. Ruckenstein - Constitution & Bylaws*  
*Alan G. Micco - Education Committee*  
*Eric E. Smouha - Education Committee*  
*Sujana Chandrasekhar - Education Committee*  
*Douglas D. Backous - Education Committee*  
*Robert L. Daniels - Scientific Program*  
*Samuel P. Gubbels - Scientific Program*  
*Ravi N. Samy - Scientific Program*  
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*Frank M. Warren III - Scientific Program*

*Howard W. Francis - Neurotology Fellowship*  
*Nancy Young - Membership & Credentials*  
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*David M. Barrs - Guidelines Development Task Force/Socio-Economic*  
*Douglas D. Backous - Socio-Economic Chair*  
*Robert L. Daniels - Socio-Economic*  
*Jay B. Fariior - Socio-Economic*  
*Gerard Gianoli - Socio-Economic*  
**Special Mention:**  
*Samuel H. Selesnick - AAO - SSAC representative 09/08-09/13*  
*O&N Secretary-Treasurer - 07/07-07/13*

**ANS Members Wanted for Journal Article and Book reviews**

The ANS and AOS Presidents recently sent a letter appealing for their respective memberships to participate as reviewers. The quality of our journal, Otology & Neurotology depends on active participation by the leaders in the field to review the merits of submissions for publication. We have reprinted the recent letters by Drs. Shelton and Lambert below. Thus far only 35 have responded to the request. As the impact factor and scientific importance of Otology and Neurotology grows, its strength depends on our membership promptly agreeing and completing reviews for the journal. An added benefit for the ANS is that the vitality of the journal comes back directly to the ANS financially supporting our academic mission.

*The ANS and AOS are fortunate to own a successful professional journal, **Otology & Neurotology**, which contributes to the educational mission and financial vitality of each Society. A substantial share of the profits is distributed to the two Societies and is used to further their missions. Both the AOS and ANS have established endowments with the intent to fund additional research, and the AOS has already established a new endowed lectureship.*

*As the journal has grown in submitted reports and international impact, obtaining timely expert peer review has become increasingly important. In order to ensure high quality content, rigorous peer review is critical. The Journal's editor, Dr. John Niparko, reports that it has become increasingly difficult to have manuscripts reviewed on a timely basis, due to the lack of sufficient volunteers.*

*We all have many requests for our time, and it can be tempting to say "no" to an electronic peer review request. However, the continued success of the Journal hinges upon these reviews and leads to increased opportunities for the Societies, which ultimately benefit our members. It has been a longstanding policy that members of the O&N Editorial Board and the O&N Inc. Board are required to perform 12 peer reviews per year.*

*If you are already a Board member or a registered peer reviewer, we request that you please accept your assignments promptly and provide your thoughtful reviews on a timely basis. If you are not a reviewer, but wish to contribute to this important professional activity, please contact Marianna Hagan at [Marianna.Hagan@wolterskluwer.com](mailto:Marianna.Hagan@wolterskluwer.com) to volunteer. If you must choose only one journal to provide peer review, please choose the one that supports our Societies' mission, as this will directly benefit all of us and our specialty.*

**Otology & Neurotology  
Reviewer Information: 2011-2013 YTD**

- On average, two peer reviewers are assigned to each manuscript
- Reviewers are usually given two weeks to respond to an invitation
  - At the end of the two weeks, if reviewers have not responded, the invitation expires
- Reviewer are usually given two weeks to complete a review, although they can request more time if needed
- Automatic reminders are sent for the following events:
  - 7 days after an initial invitation is sent and there has been no response
  - 5 days before a review is due
  - 3, 7, and 14 days after a review is late
- After a review is 14 days late, manual reminders are sent as needed until the review is submitted or the Editor terminates an assignment.

Reviewer Invitation Statistics	2011	2012	2013 YTD
<b>Total Reviewers Invited</b> Total number of Reviewers invited during the specified time period. Includes Reviewers who may have been subsequently terminated or un-invited.	1509	1800	1193
<b>Reviewers who Completed Reviews</b> Number of Reviewers invited during the time period who agreed to review and have completed their review.	1061	1216	849
<b>Declined to Review</b> Number of Reviewers invited during the time period who declined to review.	191	250	147
<b>Uninvited Reviewers</b> Number of Reviewers invited during the time period who failed to respond to an invitation in the given time period.	227	309	129
<b>Terminated Reviewers</b> Number of Reviewers invited during the time period whose roles were subsequently terminated by an Editor who chose to make a decision without waiting for the review to be completed.	30	25	9

Reviewer Performance Averages	2011	2012	2013 YTD
<b>Days to Respond to Invitation</b> Average number of days between date Reviewer was invited and date Reviewer agreed or declined to review.	2.8	2.7	3.1
<b>Days to Complete</b> Average days between date Reviewer agreed to the review invitation and the date the review was completed.	11.4	10.6	11
<b>Number of Reviews per Reviewer</b> Average number of reviews completed by each Reviewer during the time period.	3.1	3.2	2.5
<b>Number of Late Reviews</b> Total number of reviews completed after the due date.	269	296	218
<b>Average Days Late</b> For all the Late Reviews specified above, the average number of days those reviews were submitted after the due date.	11.4	8.7	11.4
<b>Number of Early Reviews</b> Total number of reviews completed on or before the due date.	786	922	670
<b>Average Days Early</b> For all the Early Reviews specified above, the average number of days those reviews were submitted on or before the due date.	7.6	7.5	7.8

**APPEAL FOR TRAINEE MEMBERSHIP AND NEW TRAINEE MEMBERS**

A little-used membership category of the ANS is the Trainee membership status. The ANS Trainee membership category was created in 2004 by the ANS Executive Council with hopes that all Neurotology Fellows, Otolaryngology-HNS Residents, and Post Doctorate Researchers would apply for Associate membership at the close of his or her training. Trainee membership permits residents and fellows to participate in ANS scientific meetings free of charge. This is a great way for residents and fellows interested in Neurotology to get involved in the society, know the newest literature and hopefully become ongoing members of the society when they complete training. There is no cost for this membership category, however, administrative review and approval is required by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to receiving trainee membership. Upon approval, the ANS will provide each Trainee member a complimentary subscription to the O&N Journal for the duration of his or her training. Please provide this information to your fellows/residents. The process is simple and the application is available on the ANS website at [www.americanneurotologysociety.com](http://www.americanneurotologysociety.com) under Forms.

The following qualifications are required for Trainee Membership in the American Neurotology Society.

1. The candidate shall have earned a Medical Degree of M.D., Ph.D., or the equivalent.
2. In Training in a field of study related to the field of Neurotology (Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery Residency, Neurotology Fellowship or post doctoral research position).
3. Special interest in the field of Neurotology
4. Highest ethical and moral standards
5. Letter from Department Chair and/or Fellowship Director validating Trainee status including Certification of Trainee status and the duration of the program.

Lastly, please inform your fellows/residents of the American Neurotology Society's "**Trainee Award**" for the best clinical or basic science paper in Neurotology submitted by a Resident or Fellow in training in the field of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. Residents from any approved residency program or Fellows in Neurotology in the United States or Canada are eligible to compete. The deadline for electronic submission of the full paper (not an abstract) is October 15, 2013. The American Neurotology Society has established a cash award of \$1,000 for the winning paper. The author will be expected to attend the Annual ANS Spring Meeting in Las Vegas, NV on May 16-18, 2014 and present the paper personally.

**The new Trainee members for 2013-2014 are:**

Ashley E. Balaker, MD - CEI  
 Sterling B. Riggs, MD - OkU MC  
 Samuel A. Spear, MD - LSU  
 Neal M. Jackson, MD - LSU  
 Harrison W. Lin, MD - UCSD  
 Dan A. Sdrulla, MD, PhD - MEI  
 Peter G. Volsky, MD - EVMS

Aman Grewal, MD - UToronto  
 J. Eric Lupo, MD - HEI  
 Carleton Eduardo Corrales, MD -Stanford  
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 Daniel J. Givens, MD - Utah  
 Rusha Patel, MD - Utah  
 Richard Cannon, MD - Utah  
 Marc Error, MD - Utah  
 Aaron Tward, MD, PhD -MEEI  
 Douglas M. Hildrew, MD - Tulane  
 Cameron L Budenz, MD - UMich  
 Jason A. Brant, MD - UPenn  
 Brent J. Bencotter, MD - MEI  
 David Jung, MD, PhD - MEEI  
 Audrey Calzada, MD - HEI  
 Matthew W. Miller, MD - JHMI

**Recent Graduates include:**

Michael Hoa, MD - USC/HEI  
 Daniel Jethanamest, MD - UMEI  
 Howard S. Moskowitz, MD, PhD - JHMI  
 Aaron C. Moberly, MD - OSU  
 Sean R. Wise, MD - MEI  
 Mia E. Miller, MD - UCSD  
 Kyle P. Allen, MD - UTSW  
 Sohith P. Kanotra, MD - UToronto  
 Hernan Goldsztein, MD - CEI  
 Elina Kari, MD - HEI  
 Angela S.Y. Peng, MD- Minnesota

**Returning Trainee members are:**

Eric Slattery, MD - Wash U-SL  
 Courtney Voelker, MD - HEI  
 Douglas S. Ruhl, MD - Tripler Army  
 Kelly L. Groom, MD - Tripler Army  
 Matthew L. Carlson, MD - Vanderbilt  
 Inna Husain, MD - Northwestern  
 Matthew L. Kircher, MD - MEI  
 Antoine Eskander, MD - UToronto

**REMINDER:** The ANS membership application deadline is November 15, 2013. If you are an Associate eligible to upgrade to Fellow, please do so without delay to avoid a \$100 increase in annual dues on December 1st!



**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**AMERICAN NEUROTOLOGY SOCIETY**  
**49th Annual Spring Meeting**  
**Caesars Palace**  
**Las Vegas, NV**  
**May 16-18, 2014**

**Deadline for abstract submission:**  
**October 15, 2013**

**Awards Available**  
**Nicholas Torok Vestibular Award (\$1500)**  
**Trainee Award (\$1000)**  
**Neurotology Fellows Award (\$500)**

**Vancouver "Super Saturday" sessions with Lunch!**

Enclosed is the program for this Fall's "Super Saturday" Sessions followed by the ANS Fall scientific program. All the sessions will be held in Room 301, Level 3 in the West Building of the Vancouver Convention Centre.

The day begins with the Facial Nerve Study Group from 7-8AM followed by the Stereotactic Radiosurgery Study Group from 8:10-9:50AM, and the William House Cochlear Implant Study Group from 10-12PM. The ANS scientific program begins at 1PM. 3.75 hours of CME credit will be awarded for the ANS Scientific Program only.

In response to suggestions from the membership, and the generous donations from MED-EL, ADVANCED BIONICS, & COCHLEAR AMERICAS, a sack lunch will be provided at noon for attendees of the ANS scientific program. By providing lunch on-site at the meeting location, we hope to avoid the previous issues of travel to and from the restaurants which has often limited attendance at the 12:30-1PM business meeting and early sessions of previous ANS Fall meetings. Mark your calendar!!