From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer
Moisés A. Arriaga, MD, MBA, FACS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN NEUROTOLOGY SOCIETY
Hilary A. Brodie, MD, PhD

As 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
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
John S. Oghalai - 09/11-09/14
Hamid R. Djilalian - 09/13-09/16

Constitution & Bylaws Committee
J. Thomas Roland Jr. - 09/09-09/14, Chair
Ravi N. Samy - 09/11-09/14
Maura K. Cosetti - 09/13-09/16
Daniel H. Coelho - 09/13-09/16

Education Committee
Lawrence R. Lustig - 09/05-09/10; Director, 09/09-09/14
Barry Hirsch - 09/05-09/11 - 2nd term 09/11-09/16
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
Lawrence R. Lustig
Yuri Agrawal
Joseph M. Chen
Douglas A. Chen
Adrien A. Eshraghi
Howard W. Francis
Neil A. Giddings
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Abraham Jacob
Ana H. Kim
James E. Saunders
Hinrich Staecker
Eric P. Wilkinson

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Jose N. Fayad - 09/10-09/15
J. Thomas Roland Jr. - 09/10-09/15
Michael J. LaRovere - 09/13-09/18
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Hilary A. Brodie - Liaison to Neurotology Match

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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

Research Committee
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Craig A. Buchman - 09/09-09/14
Jose N. Fayad - 09/09-09/14
John Dornhoffner - 09/09-09/14
Cliff A. Meegerian - 09/09-09/14
Pamela C. Rosem - 09/13-09/18

Socio-Economic Committee
Jack A. Shohet - 09/08-09/13; 09/13-09/16, Chair
Ian S. Storper - 09/09-09/14
Roberto A. Cueva - 09/09-09/14
James E. Saunders - 09/11-09/16
Jennifer Maw - 09/13-09/18
Soha N. Ghosseini - 09/13-09/18
Steven W. Cheung - 09/13-09/18
Michael D. Seidman - 09/13-09/18

Liaison to AAO-HNSF BOG
Moises A. Arriaga - 09/13-09/16

Liaison to AAO-HNSF BOG Legislative Rep
Sam Marzo - 09/09-09/14

Liaison to AAO-HNSF BOG Public relations
Calhoun D. Cunningham - 09/10-09/15

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*Moises A. Arriaga 09/13-09/16, ANS Secretary-Treasurer
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Colin L. W. Driscoll - 09/12-09/15
*Charles A. Symes - 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. Gubbeles - Scientific Program
Ravi N. Samy - Scientific Program
Peter Von Doersten - Scientific Program
Frank M. Warren III - Scientific Program

Howard W. Francis - Neurotology Fellowship
Nancy Young - Membership & Credentials
Michael D. Seidman - Research
David M. Barrs - Guidelines Development Task Force/Socio-Economic
Douglas D. Backous - Socio-Economic Chair
Robert L. Daniels - Socio-Economic
Jay B. Farrior - 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 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 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
- 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.

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<td>7.6</td>
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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 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 a copy of the 12:30

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 V. Golovsky, MD - EVMS

Returning Trainee members are:

Eric Slattery, MD - Wash U-SL
Courtney Voelker, MD - HEI
Douglas S. Ruh, 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

Aman Grewal, MD - UToronto
J Eric Lupo, MD - HEI
Carleton Eduardo Corrales, MD - Stanford
Cameron C. Wick, MD - Case Western
Daniel J. Givens, MD - Utah
Rusha Patel, MD - Utah
Richard Cannon, MD - Utah
Marc Erro, MD - Utah
Aaron Tward, MD, PhD - MEEI
Douglas M. Hildrew, MD - Tulane
Cameron L Budenz, MD - UMich
Jason A. Brant, MD - U Penn
Brent J. Benscoter, 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 - UT-SW
Sohit P. Kanotra, MD - UToronto
Hernan Goldsztein, MD - CEI
Elina Kari, MD - HEI
Angela S.Y. Peng, MD- Minnesota

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 7:00 AM followed by the Stereotactic Radiosurgery Study Group from 8:10 AM, 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!!