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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Anil K. Lalwani, MD

*“The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.”
“Excellence is an art won by training and habituation... We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”
Aristotle*

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Despite the sense of doom that appears to be ever present around the corner, the practitioners of medicine are privileged and enjoy a great sense of satisfaction from every interaction while dispensing his/her art. Over the past 50 years, during which the American Neurotology Society has endeavored to enhance public health through high quality continuing medical education, neurotologists have transformed lives by restoring hearing with cochlear implants and refining surgical techniques that enhance therapeutic outcomes while minimizing complications. Thus, though we may lament about ever increasing paperwork, monolithic insurance companies, unfriendly medico-legal landscape, unknown consequences of Obamacare, Accountable Care Organization, and other oppressive inventions, we continue to reap great satisfaction from our professional activities.

Our specialty of neurotology, like medicine in general, is continually evolving. Our challenge, as neurotologists, during the next 50 years is to actively participate in its evolution while we maintain our excellence. We must not let work hour limitations transform our profession into a *job* — defined not by our obligations to our patients — but by the clock. This is especially critical during the formative years in residency training where we must strive to imbue the young trainee with love, passion, and respect for medicine while working within the regulated training environment that seems to value the measurable above all else. Measure we must, but let's not forget the less numerical but equally important benchmarks and milestones. After training, we must continue to mentor and support our junior colleagues as they strive to realize their potential. Creativity should be encouraged. Innovation must be supported. Academic endeavor should be part of every neurotologist's portfolio — whether they are in private practice or in the academic environment — that is the history of our specialty and the root of our success.

Our society, the American Neurotology Society, has and can do much to guide the evolution of neurotology by supporting innovation and excellence in education, research, clinical care. Over the last two decades, we have worked to make fellowship training robust for our trainees and now welcome certified neurotologists to immediate full membership. Through special events for our young members, ANS is striving to promote their nascent professional careers by developing networks among their peers as well as senior members of the society. Research by our members will continue to advance both our understanding of auditory and vestibular diseases and their treatment. In addition to the Silverstein grant, this year, ANS has established a new grant to support research. Simultaneously, in celebration of its 50th Anniversary, a fund raising campaign has been launched to endow the ANS Research Fund that will continue to support cutting edge research into the future. Finally, dissemination of knowledge is the core of our mission. Through superb programs on Super Saturday and at COSM — programs that include invited lectures, panels, scientific presentations — what's new and hot, as well as, what's working and not is presented, discussed and disseminated.

At this half-century milestone for our Society, we have much to celebrate, be optimistic about, and most importantly, look forward to the next 50 years, as we actively participate and guide the evolution of medicine, neurotology and ANS, to continue to meet the needs of our most important constituents — our patients.

I look forward to welcoming you to the 50th Annual Spring meeting in Boston .

Warm regards,
Anil

ANS RESEARCH FUND

Hilary A. Brodie, MD, PhD, Chair



Our vision for the future of the ANS is to continue to promote and help shape the future of neurotology. Since its inception, 50 years ago, our Society has provided an invaluable service of disseminating new information and educating our membership. It has provided the means of sharing our knowledge with one another. Equally important to our society is the development of new knowledge.

The next step in our development is to begin to actively support research in neurotology. To this aim, we have initiated the ANS Research Fund. Our expectation is that over time, the endowment will continue to grow and play a pivotal role in directing and supporting research in our field. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 over the next year from our membership and from industry partners. We are happy to report that to date we have over \$85,000 in pledges from our past and present leadership and early returns from our general membership. Our next step will be to reach out to industry to partner with us on this important initiative.

I would like to thank and acknowledge those members who have generously donated and would ask all of our membership to pull out their checkbooks and join us in this exciting endeavor.

Warm regards,
Hil Brodie

IT THERAPY LEVEL \$500.00

- M. Jennifer Derebery, MD
- Elliot Goldofsky, MD
- Barry Hirsch, MD
- Richard Miyamoto, MD
- Ravy N. Samy, MD
- Fred F. Telischi, MD

GAMMA KNIFE LEVEL \$1,000.00

- Christopher J. Danner, MD
- Bruce J. Gantz, MD
- Joel F. Lehrer, MD
- Stephen Cass, MD, MPH

COCHLEAR IMPLANT LEVEL \$2,500.00

- George W. Facer, MD
- Joel A. Goebel, MD
- Michael LaRouere, MD
- Lawrence R. Lustig, MD
- Nancy M. Young, MD

SKULL BASE SURGERY LEVEL \$5,000.00

- Moises A. Arriaga, MD, MBA
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- Malcolm Graham, MD
- John W. House, MD
- Robert K. Jackler, MD
- Anil K. Lalwani, MD
- John T. McElveen Jr., MD
- Samuel H. Selesnick, MD
- Clough Shelton, MD

NEUROTOLOGIST LEVEL \$10,000.00 or greater

- Hilary A. Brodie, MD, PhD
- Kenneth H. Brookler, MD

Suggested pledge levels, other amounts are welcome.

IT Therapy Level	\$500.00	Skull Base Surgery Level	\$5,000.00
Gamma Knife Level	\$1,000.00	Neurotologist Level	\$10,000.00+
Cochlear Implant Level	\$2,500.00		

I choose to honor this commitment over a period of 1, 2, or 5 years. Payments will be made on an annual basis at the donor's discretion. The ANS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, thus the donation is tax deductible. Payments may be sent to the ANS Administrative office, 4960 Dover St NE St. Petersburg, FL 33703.

- ONE YEAR
- TWO YEAR
- FIVE YEAR

DONOR PRINTED NAME _____ DATE _____

DONOR SIGNATURE _____

THE AMERICAN NEUROLOGY SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANT



We are pleased to share that nine grants were submitted for consideration of the first-ever ANS Research Grant, providing \$25,000 for one year of research support. The grant applications will be reviewed by members of the ANS Research Committee in the coming weeks. Recommendations will be made to the ANS Executive Council in April, and the recipient will be notified. Funding will begin on July 1, 2015.

The purpose of this 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.

Grants are available to physician investigators in the United States and Canada only. The application deadline is Jan 31st of each year with funding to begin July 1.

Inquiries should be directed to John Oghalai, MD, Chair of American Neurology Society's Research Committee at joghalai@stanford.edu

**The following schedule has been coordinated for the
2015 ANS Fall meeting in Dallas, TX
OMNI DALLAS HOTEL
"Super Saturday"
September 26, 2015**

7:00 – 8:00am Facial Nerve Study Group
John P. Leonetti, MD

8:10 – 9:50am Stereotactic Radiosurgery Study Group
P. Ashley Wackym, MD

10:00am – 12:00pm Wm House Cochlear Implant Study Group
Craig A. Buchman, MD

12:00 – 12:30pm Lunch Break

12:30 – 12:45pm ANS Business Meeting

12:45 – 5:30 pm ANS Scientific Program
John T. McElveen Jr., MD - ANS President-elect

NEW THIS YEAR!

ANS REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Everyone is invited to Super Saturday, however, ALL attendees are required to register to attend the ANS Fall program. With steadily rising costs of meeting space, the ANS Long Range Planning Committee approved a nominal registration fee to attend the ANS Fall Meeting beginning in 2015. It is in your best interest to register online or mail a check in advance. Registration will open in May. The registration fee schedule is as follows:

ANS Member - \$100 (after September 1st, \$150)

ANS Trainee Member - No registration fee

Resident/MS - No registration fee

Nonmember - \$200 (after September 1st, \$250)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

General registration & housing for the AAO-HNS Annual meeting, Sept 27-30, 2015 will open May 4, 2015.

In order to secure housing and take advantage of the negotiated group rate at the Dallas Omni Hotel, you MUST register for the AAO-HNS meeting first. There are NO exceptions. There will be a significantly larger block of rooms available at the Omni this year; however, early registration is necessary in order to secure housing at the headquarters hotel. A full list of hotel options will be available on the AAO-HNS website in May 2015.

<http://www.entannualmeeting.org/15/hotels/hotels-and-registration>

BIANNUAL EMAIL TO ANS MEMBERS for Survey or Studies of interest

Please have your requests for inclusion of surveys or membership queries in the group email to the ANS membership roster to Kristen Bordignon, the ANS Administrator by April 15 for inclusion in the next email "blast" on May 1st. You must include a brief introduction, (not to exceed 150 words) and the link. Requests may include announcements, invitations to participate in studies and email surveys of interest to the society. The emails will be on or about May 1 and October 1 annually.

IN MEMORIAM

The Society mourns the loss of six colleagues since the 2014 Spring meeting.

Louis B. Balla, MD
member since 1976

D. Thane R. Cody, MD
member since 1982

Gordon B. Hughes, MD
member since 1983

Charles Lebo, MD
member since 1982

Robert Mathog, MD
member since 1976

John J. Shea, Jr., MD
member since 1976

May their contributions continue to
impact neurologic practice
throughout the world!

ANS & AOS COSM SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE



Friday, April 24

ANS Business meeting - 1:00

New member induction

Hynes Convention Center

Room 302- Level 3

ANS Scientific Session - 1:30-5:00pm

(ANS/AOS Poster award winners announced at 5:00)

Combined Poster Reception - 5:30-7:00pm

ANS/AOS/ASPO/ARS/TRIO

Hynes Convention Center

Exhibit Hall D - Level 2

ANS PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

"GOLDEN GALA" 7:00-9:00 pm

Sheraton Boston, Constitution Ballroom A/B

(Advanced registration - ticket required for entry, business casual)

Saturday, April 25

ANS Business meeting - 7:00am

ANS Scientific Session - 7:30-Noon

Lunch with Exhibitors - NOON-1:00

AOS Business meeting - 1:00pm

Hynes Convention Center

Room 302- Level 3

AOS Scientific Session -1:30-5:00pm

AOS President's Reception/Banquet

6:30-10:30pm

Sheraton Boston, Constitution Ballroom A/B

(Members/invited guests only)

Sunday, April 26

AOS Business meeting-7:00am

AOS Scientific Session -7:30-Noon

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 50TH ANNUAL ANS SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM!

Dr. Anil Lalwani will kick off the 50th Annual ANS Scientific program on Friday, April 24th honoring five colleagues with a Presidential Citation. Drs. Bruce J. Gantz; Robert K. Jackler; John K. Niparko; Robert A. Schindler and Steven A. Telian will be recognized for their outstanding contributions in Neurotology.

Dr. Noel L. Cohen will present the William F. House Memorial lecture; his presentation is titled, "*A Half-Century of Acoustic Neuromas and Cochlear Implants*". Dr. Jeffrey W. Kysar was selected as the William E. Hitzelberger Memorial lecturer; his presentation is titled, "*Butterfly Roof to Round Window: How Engineers Can Build One and Perforate the Other*". Dr. John Carey, accompanied by Drs. Dennis S. Poe and Richard F. Lewis will capture your attention with a panel titled, "*Disentangling Migraine from Meniere's Disease*".

Dr. Benjamin T. Crane was selected as the Nicholas Torok Vestibular Award recipient for his presentation titled, "*An Automated Vestibular Rehabilitation Method for Unilateral Vestibular Hypofunction*". Dr. Christine T. Dinh received the Neurotology Fellow Award; she will present "*Dexamethasone Protects Against Radiation-induced Loss of Auditory Hair Cells in Vitro*". The ANS Trainee award goes to Dr. James Naples for his presentation titled, "*Cisplatin-Induced Ototoxicity and the Effects of Intratympanic Diltiazem in a Mouse Model*". In addition, there are a vast number of oral presentations and posters exploring the latest research and findings. Please see enclosed program book for times and days.

HEY CAMERA BUFFS, SEEKING PHOTOS!!

Do you have photos you'd like to see "in lights" during the ANS President's Reception? We are looking to the membership for photos taken during the last 50 years to include in a continuous slide show during the Reception. Please scan and email your photos to Kristen, preferably in .jpeg format. If you prefer to send the actual photos, please mail to the ANS office. Be sure to include "Who's Who" for each picture! Photos must be received by April 10th for inclusion.

REMINDER!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2015 ANS MEMBERSHIP DUES?

Dues statements were sent *electronically* on January 3, 2015, **payable by March 31st**. If you have not already done so, please submit your payment without delay. If you did not receive the invoice, please provide the ANS Administrative office with a current email address.

You may now use your credit card (MasterCard or VISA) to pay your ANS annual dues online via the ANS website with our secure online electronic merchant, Authorize.net. Alternatively, you may pay your dues by mail, email, or FAX as you have done in the past.

A copy of your invoice is available upon request by contacting Ashley Westbrook, ANS Administrative assistant at:

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