A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
John T. McElveen, Jr., MD

It was Lord Acton who once said, “History is not a burden on the memory, but an illumination of the soul.” With the upcoming meeting in Dallas being the actual 50th Anniversary of the American Neurotology Society, we as a Society have an opportunity to reflect on our past, honor some of those who have gotten us to where we are and prepare ourselves for an ever changing future.

This year, in honor of our 50th Anniversary, the ANS will be presenting the “House-Hitselberger Lifetime Achievement Award” to a select group of neurotologists. This award is meant to honor the legacy of the two giants in our field, Dr. William F. House and Dr. William E. Hitselberger, and to recognize those individuals who have demonstrated a lifetime of exemplary surgical expertise, a commitment to clinical research and a willingness to share their knowledge with others.

I had the good fortune of being close friends with both Bill House and Bill Hitselberger. Each of them was dedicated to clinical research. Last year, under the leadership of Dr. Anil Lalwani, the ANS established a research endowment spearheaded by Dr. Hillary Brodie to help fund innovative research in Neurotology. It would be a real tribute to both “Bills” to complete the endowment for this fund at our 50th Anniversary meeting in Dallas. I hope each of you will support this initiative. Please use the pledge form included in this newsletter. The names of the individuals contributing will be displayed at the upcoming meeting.

Over the past 50 years a tremendous amount of change has taken place within our specialty and there is no reason to expect that the next 50 years will be any different. Jim Rohn, an American entrepreneur and motivational speaker summed it up nicely when he said, “If you don’t design your own... plan, chances are you’ll fall into someone else’s plan. And guess what they have planned for you? Not much!” With the current medical environment, this quotation is particularly apropos. One of the changes that impacts each of our practices is the transition to the electronic medical record. I have asked Dr. Jack Shohet, Chair of the ANS Socioeconomic Committee to work with the members of his committee to create a survey to assess the impact of EMR on our practices. This will be sent out October 1st. Please take time to complete this very important survey.

Although we currently have 557 members representing 18 countries, it is becoming increasingly clear that within the current healthcare environment there is strength in numbers. Consequently, it is essential that the ANS work closely with the Academy to further our mutual goals. The ANS is very fortunate that the Executive Vice President of the Academy, Dr. Jim Denny, shares this vision. In recognition of our collaborative efforts with the Academy, this newsletter includes the inaugural feature of the “Academy Corner” where our members will be updated on Academy developments relevant to neurotology. In addition, I have asked Dr. Craig Buchman to work with the ANS Young Members Group to develop a neurotologic video resource in conjunction with the Academy. I would also encourage each of you to attend the Academy’s “Power of Data: Creating a Data Registry for Otolaryngology” which takes place in Hall B from 10-11:30 on Sunday following the opening ceremony. You will have an opportunity to personally meet Dr. Jim Denny, who will be moderating this session.

Let me conclude with a quote from Mahatma Gandhi. He once said, “You must be the change you wish to see in the world.” The changes that we have seen in the past 50 years have been substantial and members of the ANS have been at the forefront of many of them. Going forward it will be incumbent on each of us “to be the change” we wish to see in our future, and despite all the obstacles before us, I think that future is bright.

All the best,
John T. McElveen, Jr. M.D.
THE ACADEMY CORNER

Dear Colleagues,

This has been an exciting year for the Academy! With the need for collaborative action within the house of otolaryngology never greater, the AAO-HNS hosted a specialty wide unity conference in March. As we approach our Annual Meeting September 27-30 in Dallas, there are a number of changes on the horizon. At this year’s meeting we are introducing a new format that integrates the Scientific Program and Instruction Courses. Instruction Courses are now included in the registration fee. We are also featuring a coding and ICD-10 workshop preceding the start of the meeting.

We are rolling out the new AcademyU®, the AAO-HNS Foundation’s otolaryngology education source, which will be available following the meeting. This will allow additional educational content to be disseminated through multiple devices and permit interactive learning activities increasing the availability and flexibility of our educational offerings.

We will also be introducing our first otolaryngology-based Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR). The registry, called Regent, will be presented at a Miniseminar immediately following the Opening Ceremony. After completion of a pilot program, we anticipate the registry will be up and running early next year. The data collected will allow quality reporting as well as multiple other functions our members will need in the future. Please join us in Dallas.

With warm regards,

James C. Denneny III, MD
Executive Vice President/CEO
American Academy of Otolaryngology-HNS

REMINDER!

ANS biannual blast email to membership:

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 1, 2015.” Please include a brief introduction and the link to the survey. NO GRAPHICS or PHOTOS please.
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Applications for membership are due November 15, 2015 for consideration and induction in Chicago, IL on May 21, 2016. Applications and instructions can be found on the ANS Website or send a request by email to administrator@americanneurotologysociety.com

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AN 50TH ANNIVERSARY RESEARCH FUND EFFORTS

One year 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 $52,750 and $108,000 in pledges. If you’ve made a pledge but have not sent your payment, please do so at your earliest opportunity. Our goal is to raise $250,000.00 from our membership and industry partners before the end of the calendar year. We need your help, we are nearly half way there! Please use the form above and return it to the ANS Administrative office with your payment.

ONE YEAR  TWO YEAR   FIVE YEAR

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A huge thanks to Dr. Herb Silverstein, (left), an accomplished pianist and composer, who entertained guests for the duration of the 50th Annual ANS President’s Reception. Seated right is Dr. Charlie Luetje, ready to break out in song!
**ANS YOUNG MEMBERS RECEPTION & PROGRAM**

**Time:** Saturday, Sept 26th 6:00 - 8:00p.m.  
**Location:** Wild Salsa, 0.5 mi from convention center

“Ups And Downs of Playing It By Ear: Mistakes, Mishaps, and Misadventures of the Young Neurotologist and How to Avoid Them”

With advice from: Drs. Colin Driscoll, Marlan Hansen, Brian McKinnon and Deb Tucci

Eligible members include any ANS Fellow or Trainee member within 8 years of graduation from fellowship (based on the criteria used by the Young Physicians Section of the AAO-HNS) and those currently in fellowship. If you are eligible and did not receive the electronic invitation to our Dallas event, please contact Maura Cosetti at mcoset@lsuhsc.edu

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Wednesday, September 30**

**ANS Mini-seminar**

“New Developments in Management of Eustachian Tube Dysfunction”

The ANS/AAO Mini-seminar led by Dr. Dennis S. Poe will take place Wednesday from 9:15 - 10:45 A.M. in Room West Fork of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center. Participants include Drs. John T. McElveen Jr., Roy R. Casiano, Brian Rotenberg, Michael H. McDonald, and Carlos Yañez.

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

AMERICAN NEUROTOLOGY SOCIETY  
51ST ANNUAL SPRING MEETING  
Hyatt Regency Chicago  
May 20-22, 2016

**Deadline for abstract submission:** October 15, 2015  
**Awards Available**

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

Please visit the ANS website for submission instructions

The first recipient of the $25,000 ANS Research Award is Christine T. Dinh, MD, from the University of Miami, for her project titled, “Cochlear Irradiation and Dosimetry: Apoptosis, Necrosis, and Hearing Loss.” Dr. Dinh was the recipient of the 2014 Trainee Award and the 2015 Neurotology Fellow Award as well.

The ANS would like to thank those members of the Research Committee who reviewed nine grant applications, Dr. John S. Oghalai, (Chair), Drs. Larry Lustig, Tom Roland, Marlan Hansen, and Hinrich Staecker.

If you would like to submit a grant for consideration in 2016-17, a letter of intent must be submitted to by December 31, 2015, one month prior to the January 31, 2016 deadline for the application. The letter of intent must state the grant mechanism for the proposal, the Principle Investigator and Institution(s) for the work, contain an abstract with title of no more than 500 words to summarize the proposal. Letters should be sent via email to Dr. John Oghalai, joghalai@stanford.edu

Chair of the ANS Research Committee.