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I begin this message as I ended the last one; change is inevitable. We can be the change we wish to see in the future, or we can have someone else design that future for us. Based on what I have seen with the current “computerization” of medicine, I am inclined to think that we as physicians could have done a much better job designing our future and for a lot less money. During the upcoming Spring Meeting in Chicago we will examine the impact of Electronic Medical Records (EMR) on the practice of medicine and share with the ANS membership the results of the EMR Survey in which many of you participated. Hopefully, this information will be useful to you and our Society during any future discussions with our legislators and with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Although the benefits promised with the “computerization” of medicine have been more hype than reality, it should not deter us from utilizing technology to enhance our practice of medicine. To this end, the ANS has undertaken a joint venture with the Academy to establish a cloud based “video repository” which can be utilized to educate members of both Societies. The relationship the ANS has forged with the Academy this year has continued to develop. Working closely with Jim Denny and members of the Academy’s education division, video based educational seminars are currently being developed. The ANS is fortunate to have members from the “ANS Young Members Group” who are willing to perform video editing and course development. The five members are Drs. Maura Cosetti, Matthew Bush, Esther Vivas, Laura Brainard and Aaron Remenschneider. The ANS has provided sophisticated video editing software to these individuals and the first video seminar is scheduled for completion August 1, 2016. In addition to the seminars, we will also have a video repository for videos of historical significance. Please contact me if you have videos that you feel warrant consideration.

Another initiative the ANS has undertaken this year is upgrading the ANS website. Although cyber security will remain a top priority, the website will become much more interactive and useful to our members. The specific features are outlined by Dr. Arriaga in this newsletter.

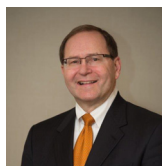
One of the developments that remains a major source of concern to our members is the proposed subspecialty certification in Complex Pediatric Otolaryngology (CPO). This has been a contentious issue for otolaryngologists across the spectrum of practice – academicians, private practitioners, general otolaryngologists, and otologists/neurotologists. Despite the unanimous objections of the ANS Council, as well as the objections from the Academy, there does not appear to be a change in the position of the ABOto. While we all have a great deal of respect for our colleagues who have completed fellowships in pediatric otolaryngology, the Council of the American Neurotology Society is concerned that hospital administrators and credentialing boards may attempt to limit access of our ANS members to their facilities without some form of “pediatric” designation. To circumvent this potential problem and to ensure the public is made aware of our members’ expertise with respect to “pediatric” otologic surgery, the ANS Executive Council has proposed a new membership category, “Advanced Pediatric Otolaryngology.” The specific requirements for this designation are detailed in this newsletter and the proposed amendment to the ANS bylaws will be voted on at the upcoming Spring Meeting.

We have much to look forward to at our Spring Meeting in the “Windy City.” The education committee and the scientific program advisory committee have put together an excellent program. In addition to the presentations selected by the program advisory committee, we are fortunate to have Dr. Per Cayé-Thomasen from the University of Copenhagen present the “William F. House Memorial Lecture” entitled “*Changing the Natural History of Vestibular Schwannomas*.” In addition, there will be a joint ANS/AOS Panel on “*Current Controversies in Superior Canal Dehiscence Syndrome*” which will be moderated by John Carey. Clough Shelton will chair a panel entitled “*Facial Nerve Injury: 2016 State of the Art Evaluation & Management*.” Both panels will incorporate “Polleverywhere” audience response software, so make sure your cell phones are charged.

Let me conclude, by saying that during my term as President of the ANS I have made every effort to ensure that the ANS controls its own destiny. It has been a real honor and privilege to have served as president during the Golden Anniversary of the ANS. I want to personally thank the membership and the ANS Council for giving me this opportunity.

All the best,
John

ACADEMY CORNER



I would like to express my gratitude to Dr. McElveen for allowing me to give our ANS colleagues a brief update of what's going on at the Academy. We have just concluded our second Specialty Unity Conference and continue to make advances in bringing all of the societies in otolaryngology into a more collaborative framework. The ANS is certainly a great help in this regard under the leadership of by Drs. McElveen, Arriaga and Kesser who organized a meeting with the Foundation's educational staff and myself to work out a most generous donation by the ANS of educational surgical videos that will be placed on Academy U and co-branded. The Academy and the ANS as well as AOS worked collaboratively in responses to the PCAST and IOM regarding hearing healthcare access.

The new Learning Management System that houses Academy U has had a successful rollout and is in the process of populating the site with new educational opportunities. This system expands the opportunity to deliver educational materials across all of the popular venues. The Foundation thanks the ANS along with other specialty societies who are contributing to the massive effort to create a "Core Curriculum" that will benefit the entire specialty. Drs. Sonya Malezadeh and Richard Smith are leading this effort that is progressing well.

Finally, the Foundation's Clinical Data Registry, Regent is progressing on course and just beginning the pilot phase. We anticipate opening the registry to full participation in the fall of 2016. There will be seven Advisory Committee's representing clinical areas practiced by the house of otolaryngology. Each specialty society, including the ANS will have representation on their appropriate clinical committee. I would encourage members of the ANS to participate in our registry effort which I believe will be a game-changing advance for our specialty.

Should there be any questions or suggestions relating to any programs affecting ANS members please contact me directly at

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HOUSE-HITSELBERGER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

In honor of the 50th anniversary, the House-Hitselberger Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to nine neurotologists from the USA and Europe. The award honors the legacy of two giants in the field of neurotology, Dr. William F. House and Dr. William E. Hitselberger, and recognizes 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.



The presenters and honorees (H) of the lifetime achievement award from left to right: Colin Driscoll, Michael McKenna, Joseph Nadol (H), Hilary Brodie, Emilio Garcia-Ibanez (H), Clough Shelton, Nancy Young, David Moffat (H), John McElveen, Mario Sanna (H), Moises Arriaga, Derald Brackmann (H), Craig Buchman, Jean-Marc Sterkers, (H), Michael Glasscock (H), Larry Lustig, Malcolm Graham (H). (Not pictured Prof Ugo Fisch (H))

TEMPORAL BONE HISTOPATHOLOGY UPDATE

Michael J. McKenna, MD



The specialty of otolaryngology is on the verge of losing its ability to examine the pathology of the ear. If this were to occur, we would no longer be able to characterize the pathology of a host of problems that we see and treat on a daily basis. It will stifle our ability to develop new and effective treatments and to evaluate the results of our clinical interventions. Without this fundamental discipline, our specialty will justifiably lose all credibility with our medical and surgical colleagues and our patients. The study of human otopathology has been and continues to be the foundation for advancements in patient care.

In 1980, there were 32 active temporal bone laboratories throughout the world with 25 located within the United States. The field was thriving with a critical mass of investigators. The work performed within these facilities is largely responsible for the pathologic characterization of many of the diseases we treat on a frequent basis, including otosclerosis, Meniere's disease, chronic otitis media and many others. Today, there are three remaining labs in the world, all located within the United States. This abrupt decline resulted from a significant reduction in research funding for human otopathology and departmental discretionary funds used to support these labs. Most alarming is the near extinction of the technical and pathological expertise.

Recently the American Academy of Otolaryngology, the American Otological Society, and the American Neurotology Society have joined forces to prevent this catastrophe. We are working with political representatives to help maintain an important national and international resource for the betterment of our specialty and patients. We ask our members to voice their concern to their State and Federal representatives, and remember that many of them our patients as well. We ask that you get involved.

ANS WEBSITE

The ANS Website is undergoing major renovation. The homepage screenshot is shown below.

Website highlights:

- The new website will feature a responsive design, making it easier for you to view the site on different devices.
- Navigation is being restructured for a more user friendly experience.
- Members will be able to access their individual account to renew dues, register for the conferences, and more. With the new account feature, you'll be able to access your transaction history at any time and easily update your information on file with the ANS.
- More forms are being automated for ease of member use.
- Important Announcements and Upcoming Events will be easily visible throughout the site.
- The new site and structure will provide a platform for future enhancements and new content features.



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**OTOLOGY & NEUROLOGY UPDATE**

Our flagship journal, *Otology & Neurology*, continues to thrive in an increasingly challenging and evolving publishing world. Royalties and profit share revenue from the publication of our journal remain a major source of income for the ANS and AOS and will continue well into the future. I'm proud to report on two major issues affecting *Otology & Neurology*: The execution of a new six-year contract and the search for a new Editor-in Chief.

We have recently negotiated a new six-year contract with Wolters Kluwer Health, our publishing partner, which has resulted in less risk and greater reward for the ANS and AOS. The contract will take us into 2021 and ensures a solid revenue stream to the AOS and ANS from the journal's royalties and profits. A few noteworthy terms of the contract:

- Electronic subscription for residents and fellows at no cost to them or the Societies.
- Journal publication frequency 10 issues/year with increasing page allotment each year, moving to 50% print/50% online pages in 2018.
- Annual online only supplement at no cost to the Societies
- \$10,000 Research and development fund for 2017 and 2019
- Ongoing support for the Editor-in-Chief and editorial office.

We are deeply indebted to Dr. John Niparko for his leadership and stewardship of the journal for the last 8 years. His countless hours of hard work, his dedication, and his creativity and innovation have taken the journal to its highest impact factor and have solidified its position as one of the highest rated, premier journals in our specialty.

Dr. Niparko's term ends December 31, 2015, and a search committee has been hard at work to identify the next Editor-in-Chief. The call for applications has been announced (applications are now closed), and the first round of candidates has been assessed. Finalists for the position will be interviewed at the COSM meeting in Chicago in May, with an announcement of the new Editor-in-Chief by the AAO-HNSF Meeting in the Fall.

I'd like to thank publicly Chuck Syms, the President of the O&N Board of Directors, Kristen Bordignon and Ashley Westbrook, our administrators, Kathy Alexander, our consultant, and the members of the Editor search committee for their thoughtful approach to a challenging process and their insight into what type of leadership the journal needs.

Thank you for your interest and support of *Otology & Neurology*.

Bradley W. Kesser, MD
O&N Secretary-Treasurer

ANS & AOS COSM SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE



COSM EVENTS - Hyatt Regency Chicago- East Tower

Friday, May 20

AOS Business meeting - 1:00

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

Grand Ballroom AB - Gold Level

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

ANS YOUNG MEMBERS SYMPOSIUM - 5:15-6:15pm

Grand Ballroom AB - Gold Level - All welcome

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

ANS/AOS/ASPO/TRIO

Riverside Exhibit Hall - Purple Level

ANS PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION - 7:00-9:00pm

Columbus Ballroom G-J- Gold Level

(Advanced registration - business casual)

Saturday, May 21

AOS Business meeting - 7:00am

AOS Scientific Session - 7:30-Noon

Grand Ballroom AB - Gold Level

Lunch with Exhibitors - NOON-1:00

ANS Business meeting - 1:00pm

New member introduction

ANS Scientific Session - 1:20-5:00pm

Grand Ballroom AB - Gold Level

AOS President's Reception/Banquet - 6:30-10:30pm

Crystal Ballroom - West Tower

(Members/invited guests only-advanced ticket purchase required)

Sunday, May 22

ANS Business meeting - 7:00am

ANS Scientific Session - 7:30-Noon

Grand Ballroom AB - Gold Level

REMINDER!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2016 ANS MEMBERSHIP DUES?

Dues statements were mailed on January 3, 2016, payable by March 31st. If you have not already done so, please submit your payment without delay to avoid O&N suspension.

You may 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. A copy of your invoice is available upon request by contacting the ANS Administrative office.

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"Super Saturday" September 17, 2016 2016 ANS Fall Meeting Hilton Bayfront San Diego

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 – 12:45pm Lunch Break

12:45– 1:00pm ANS Business Meeting

1:00 – 5:15pm ANS Scientific Program

Lawrence R. Lustig, MD - ANS President-elect

A FRIENDLY REMINDER!

ANS REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Everyone is invited to Super Saturday! ALL attendees are required to register to attend the ANS Fall program. It is in your best interest to register online or mail a check in advance.

Fall Registration will begin online in June

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)

CALL FOR PAPERS

ALL STUDY GROUPS

See details on page 148 of enclosed program

ADVANCED PEDIATRIC OTOTOLOGY MEMBERSHIP

The ANS Executive Council is concerned that the upcoming ABOto certification in Pediatric Otolaryngology may mislead patients about the qualifications of ANS members to perform pediatric otology. In order to inform the public about ANS members' training and experience in advanced pediatric otology, a new membership category has been proposed to be voted upon during the business meeting of the ANS meeting at COSM in Chicago. Qualification for this membership category will be attaining the status of ANS fellow and submitting a case list of 20 pediatric otology cases including demographic, indications, procedure and outcome. The certificate will state,

"By virtue of your advanced training and experience in Pediatric Otology, this certifies that you qualify as an Advanced Pediatric Otology Member of the American Neurotology Society."

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 25 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.