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THE TRIOLOGICAL SOCIETY SENIOR FELLOW NEWSLETTER June/July 2012

Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to bring you some updates on the Triological Society.

115th Annual Meeting at COSM, April 20-21, 2012

The Society's 115th Annual Meeting was held in San Diego. Robert H. Ossoff, DMD, MD presided as President. A total of 419 physicians and 490 resident physicians registered for the Triological meeting. Physician registration for the COSM meeting was 1,158. This total does not include the residents and medical students. This year, the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery returned to COSM after not participating in COSM for several years.

The Presidential address, "Leadership, Legacy and Succession" was given by Dr. Ossoff, and an outstanding Ogura Lecture was presented by Dr. James Netterville on "Listening to Patients and Tumors: Lessons Learned from 25 Years of Treating Patients with Carotid Body and Other Paragangliomas". Dr. Paul Levine, Guest of Honor, gave a timely presentation on "Marketing in Our Specialty: The Need for Honesty, Integrity, and Reality".

The scientific program was chaired by Gaelyn Garrett, MD who, together with her program committee, designed an excellent program addressing many research and clinical advances. Panels were given on Current Concepts in Otology and Pay for Performance. Two State of the Art Lectures were given on "Current Concepts on the Applications of Lasers in Laryngology: Science Not Magic", given by Dr. Mark Courey from University of California, San Francisco, and "PET/CT in Head and Neck Oncology: 2012", presented by Dr. Jonas Johnson of the University of Pittsburgh. More than 120 poster presentations and 51 podium presentations were given during the two day meeting. Many of these presentations will be published in *The Laryngoscope* and some presentations will be available as audio files at www.enttoday.org. Posters may be viewed at www.triological.org.

A record thirty-nine new Fellows were welcomed into the Society, many of whom benefitted from guidance and mentorship by our Senior Fellows. Thesis Awards were presented to six of the new Fellows:

Co-Mosher Awards: Two Mosher award recipients were chosen this year.

Nira A. Goldstein, MD MPH of SUNY Downstate Medical Center was selected for a Mosher Award for her thesis "Validation of a Clinical Assessment Score for Pediatric Sleep-Disordered Breathing".

Judith E.C. Lieu, MD, MSPH of Washington University School of Medicine received the award for her thesis "Longitudinal Study of Children with Unilateral Hearing Loss".

Fowler Award: Quyen T. Nguyen, MD PhD of the University of California, San Diego, received the Fowler Award for her thesis "Surgery with Molecular Navigation Using Fluorescently-Labeled Injectable Systemic Probes".

Honorable Mention Awards were presented to:

Adrien Eshraghi, MD of the University of Miami Ear Institute for his thesis "Local Pre-Treatment of the Cochlea with AM-111 Prevents Electrode Trauma-Induced Hearing Loss in an Animal Model of Cochlear Implantation".

Bruce Haughey, MBChB of Washington University School of Medicine for his thesis "Survival and Prognostic Factors Unique to Surgically-Treated p16 Oropharyngeal Cancer".

With Distinction Award was presented to:

Daniel D. Lydiatt, DDS MD, University of Nebraska Medical Center for his thesis "The Influence of the 'Final Cause Doctrine' on Anatomists of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries Concerning Selected Anatomical Structures of the Head and Neck".

Research Grant Awards

In 2011, \$360,000 in grant funds were awarded by the Society. Through December, 2011 the Society has awarded \$2.8 million in research funding. At the April Council meeting, \$480,000 in grant funding was earmarked for the Society's Career Development Awards and Clinical Scientist Development Awards. Five Career Development Awards (\$40,000 each) were approved for funding August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013: **Wade Chien, MD** of NIDCD for "Gene Therapy for Genetic Hearing Loss", **Anne Getz, MD** of Washington University for "Adverse Outcomes in Endoscopic Skull Base and Sinus Surgery", **Ian Jacobs, MD** of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for "Tissue Engineered Rabbit Model for Pediatric Laryngotracheal Reconstruction", **Jayakar Nayak, MD** from Stanford University for "Basal Cells in Maintenance and Regeneration of the Nasal Epithelium" and **Melissa Pynnonen, MD** of the University of Michigan for "Rhin sinusitis: Variations in Care and Opportunities for Improvement". The Clinical Scientist Awards will be announced in October. The Society's collaboration with the American College of Surgeons has allowed the Society to focus on awarding larger grants to promote the research careers of young scientists as well as to supplement otolaryngology scientists who have NIH funding. The Society continues to be an excellent investment for Senior Fellows and others who wish to leave a legacy of support for scholarly pursuits and research.

2013 Combined Sections Meeting – January 24-26, 2013

The four Sections will meet jointly at the Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale January 24-26, 2013. The Section Vice Presidents, Michael Hoffer, MD (Western), Steven Schaefer, MD (Eastern), Paul Lambert, MD (Southern) and Robert Kern, MD (Middle) are working with the Program Committee, chaired by Stephen Park, MD and the Section Meeting Liaisons, Peter Weisskopf, MD, Robert Kellman, MD, John Pallanch, MD and Ron Amedee, MD to prepare a program that will meet the educational needs of both academicians and private practitioners. Ample networking and social opportunities will be built into the program. Please look for your meeting information and registration brochure in September. Once again, this will be a worthwhile scientific meeting as well as another opportunity to meet colleagues and friends in a hospitable environment. Senior Fellows are given complimentary registration for the meeting.

Many Fellows of the Society have been honored by having awards named after them, including resident research awards and young faculty awards. The named awards for the upcoming Combined Sections Meeting will honor Drs. G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Lester Brown, James Harrill, Francis Lederer, Walter Work, Joseph Ogura, Shirley Baron, Richard J. Bellucci, William Montgomery, and John Conley. The Sections look forward to honoring other Fellows at future meetings.

The Society continues to move forward with plans for creation and implementation of the Noble Legacy Fund, an endowment fund that will help to augment the financial future of the organization and provide opportunities for even greater support of education and research. Further details will be available later this year.

I would like to encourage all of our Senior Fellows to continue to participate in our meetings and to provide feedback to the Society. Your experience and insights are invaluable. If you need information regarding the upcoming meeting, you may call the administrative office at 402-346-5500 or go to our website, www.triological.org.

Sincerely yours,



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