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SENIOR FELLOW NEWSLETTER – MARCH, 2013

Dear Senior Fellow:

As Spring approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to bring our Senior Fellows some updates on Society activities.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT CHOSEN: After the untimely death of Dr. Patrick Brookhouser, a Search Committee was formed, final candidates were chosen and interviewed, and a recommendation was made to the Council at their recent meeting. Myles Pensak, MD, was chosen as the Society's new Executive Vice President. Dr. Pensak has been involved with the Society for many years, serving as President in 2009 and most recently as Treasurer. He is the H.B. Broidy Professor and Chairman of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and the Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Pensak assumes the role from Gerald B. Healy, MD who has served the Society as the Interim Executive Secretary since September, 2011.

COMBINED SECTION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: Your four Section Vice Presidents, Drs. Michael Hoffer (W), Robert Kern (M), Paul Lambert (S) and Steven Schaefer (E) organized the 2013 Combined Sections Meeting at the Westin Kierland in Scottsdale, held January 24-26, 2013. The program chair (Dr. Stephen Park), the Section Program Liaisons (Drs. Robert Kellman, Ron Amedee, John Pallanch, Peter Weisskopf) and the program committee assembled an outstanding scientific program. Many of the panels and sessions that were highlighted in the November newsletter will be featured in the Society's newsmagazine, *ENTtoday*. Jesus Medina, MD, President of the Society, gave a very thought-provoking address titled "Physicians as Teachers: Are We Ready for Changing Times?". The annual Resident Bowl, planned and executed by Drs. David Barrs, Michael Hoffer and Al Merati, was again a resounding success. The team of residents from UCLA won for the second year in a row.

Our resident research awards and resident travel grants help support residents whose papers are chosen for podium or poster presentations. Among the Senior Fellows whose names are attached to honored awards presented at the January meeting were Drs. G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Lester Brown, James Harrill, Francis Lederer, Walter Work, Joseph Ogura, Shirley Baron, Richard Bellucci, William Montgomery, John Conley, and George Adams. These named research awards alternate annually.

Forty new candidates were presented and approved by the Sections.

THESES/NEW FELLOWS: The Thesis Committee, chaired by Rick Pillsbury, MD, reviewed the scholarly work and made recommendations to the Council who approved 18 theses and honored the following individuals:

Co-Mosher Awards: **Joseph M. Chen, MD** (Toronto) - "Cost Utility Assessment of Bilateral Cochlear Implantation: A Health Economic Evaluation in Adults from the Perspective of a Publicly Funded Program"; **Adam M. Zanation, MD** (Chapel Hill, NC) - "How Does Coordinated Multidisciplinary Care Impact Head and Neck Tumor Treatment Planning? A

Prospective Evaluation of a Multidisciplinary Tumor Conference”

Fowler Award: **Subinoy Das, MD** (Columbus, OH) - “Improving Patient Care via a Protein-Based Diagnostic Test for Microbe-Specific Detection of Chronic Rhinosinusitis”

Honorable Mention Awards: **Amy Y. Chen, MD** (Atlanta) - “Temporal Trends in Oropharyngeal Cancer Treatment and Survival: 1998 – 2009”; **Sam J. Daniel, MD** (Montreal) – “Outcomes of an Innovative Ambulatory Minimally Invasive Botulinum Toxin a Injection Technique in a Cohort of Drooling Children”; **John D. Macias, MD** (Phoenix) - “Differential Gene Expression in Cholesteatoma by DNA Chip Analysis”; **Tanya K. Meyer, MD** (Seattle) – “Voice Disorders in the Workplace: Productivity in Spasmodic Dysphonia and the Impact of Botulinum Toxin”.

With Distinction Award: **Joseph Brennan, MD** (San Antonio) – “Head and Neck Trauma in Iraq and Afghanistan: Different War, Different Surgery, Lessons Learned”

The new Fellow induction ceremonies followed by the reception for the new Fellows and the membership will be held on Friday morning, April 12th during the annual meeting in Orlando.

Many Senior Fellows continue to stay involved in the Society by proposing candidates for Fellowship and mentoring their candidates during the thesis process.

SOCIETY FINANCES: The Society’s funds continue to be very well-managed by Prodigy Asset Management. The Society’s revenue stream comes from publishing efforts, dues and investments. The Society awarded \$480,000 in Career Development grants and Clinical Scientist grants during the past year as well as supported resident travel and Section research awards. The Society continues to be an excellent investment for those who would like to support research and education in the profession. We are grateful for contributions made by members in support of these efforts. Further details are available from our administrative office.

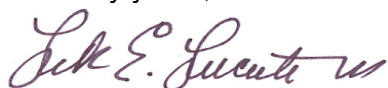
UPCOMING 116th ANNUAL MEETING: The 2013 Annual Meeting will be held in Orlando on April 12th and 13th. Dr. Medina’s Program Chair, Gregory Kreml, MD, and his program committee have assembled a superior program. Meeting highlights include numerous panel presentations, including: Cochlear Implants: Which Device---It Depends; Advances in Office-Based Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures for Otolaryngologists; Molecular Markers in Head and Neck Surgery; and Common Pitfalls in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

The annual Ogura Lecture, “Training Head and Neck Surgeons in the 21st Century: Is It Time for a New Paradigm?”, will be presented by Randal Weber, MD. The Keynote Address, “The Joy and Responsibilities of Teaching Well”, will be given by L. Dee Fink, PhD.

More than 180 clinical and research podium and poster presentations will be given. For those of you interested in the program, it is available at www.triological.org. Our Senior Fellows are given complimentary registration to the Triological Society’s meeting. Registration and hotel information is also available on the Triological Society website and our administrative office staff are available to assist if you have questions (402-346-5500).

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming meeting in Orlando. Please feel free to call upon me if I can assist you in any way.

Sincerely yours,



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