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Dear Colleagues,

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

### Annual Meeting at COSM, April, 2011

The Society's Annual Meeting, held in Chicago, April 29-30 was a great success. A total of 452 physicians and 508 resident physicians registered for the Triological meeting. Physician registration for the eight society meetings was 1,548, not including the resident physicians and medical students. Several thought-provoking presentations generated much discussion among the attendees. The President, Gerald Berke, MD, gave an excellent presentation on "Scientific Attributes of a Researcher and Member of the Triological Society". An outstanding Ogura Lecture was presented by Lord Bernard Ribeiro, Past President of the Royal College of Surgeons and a Member of the House of Lords. Lord Ribeiro presented "The Impact of Reduced Duty Hours on Surgical Training and Patient Care in the UK". The Guest of Honor address, delivered by Rick Pillsbury, MD, discussed "Principles Which Have Most Influenced My Career".

Dr. Berke honored several special guests including two Senior Fellows, Thomas Calcaterra, MD and Paul Ward, MD, both of whom attended the meeting and spent time with many of their friends and colleagues.

The scientific program was chaired by Michael Stewart, MD who, together with his program committee, designed an excellent program addressing many research and clinical advances. Panels were given on Controversies in Otolaryngology and Neurotology, Sleep Medicine, and Difficult Sinus Cases. Invited lectures addressed Organ Preservation in Head and Neck Cancer and Sialendoscopy. A total of 130 poster presentations and 50 podium presentations were given during the two day meeting. Many of these presentations will be published in *The Laryngoscope* during the coming months.

Thirty new Fellows were welcomed into the Society, many of whom benefitted from guidance and mentorship by our Senior Fellows. Thesis Awards were presented to seven of the new Fellows:

**Mosher Award:** *Robert L. Ferris, MD PhD* of the University of Pittsburgh  
"Rapid Molecular Detection of Metastatic Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma as an Intraoperative Adjunct to Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy".

**Fowler Award:** *Stacey L. Halum, MD* from University of Indiana  
"Neurotrophic Factor-Secreting Autologous Muscle Stem Cell Therapies for the Treatment of Laryngeal Denervation Injury".

**Honorable Mention Awards** were presented to *Carol R. Bradford, MD* of the University of Michigan for her thesis "Biomarkers in Advanced Larynx Cancer", *Gregory J. Wiet, MD* of Columbus, Ohio for his thesis, "Virtual Temporal Bone Dissection System: Development and Testing", *Norman D. Hogikyan, MD* of the University of Michigan for his thesis "Spontaneous Laryngeal Reinnervation Following Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve (RLN) Injury: Evidence for Superior Laryngeal Nerve Source, Central Nervous System Plasticity and RLN Regeneration", *Maie St. John, MD* of UCLA for her thesis "Inflammatory Mediators Drive Metastasis and Drug Resistance in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma".

**With Distinction Award** was presented to *Julie L. Wei, MD*, University of Kansas, for her thesis, "Safety and Efficacy of Once Daily Intranasal Gentamicin Irrigation Compared to Isotonic Saline in the Treatment of Pediatric Chronic Rhinosinusitis".

### **Research Grant Awards**

Since 1994, the Society has awarded more than \$2.5 million in research funding for our Career Development and Clinical Scientist grant programs. Two career development grants were awarded in June, and several clinical scientist awards will be announced in October. Continuing 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.

### **Creation of the Noble Legacy Fund**

At its most recent meeting, the Council reviewed a proposal for and approved creation of the Triological Society's Noble Legacy Fund. The Society will encourage Fellows to consider the Society in their long range financial plans. The purpose of the Noble Legacy Fund is to assure that the Society has a source of funds during any period of uncertainty. The organization has been very fortunate to have a solid financial base, primarily due to the contract with the publishers of *The Laryngoscope*. However, with prudence in mind and with numerous opportunities for supporting additional educational and research ventures, we hope to build the Noble Legacy Fund over the coming years. We are assembling an advisory board consisting of all Past Presidents, along with representatives of the four Sections. We will share further information with all Senior Fellows in the coming months and hope to have a kickoff event at the January Combined Sections Meeting in Miami Beach.

### **New Laryngoscope Editor**

After a lengthy search, Michael G. Stewart, MD of Weill-Cornell Medical Center has been named as the Editor in Chief of *The Laryngoscope*, effective October 1st. He will serve as the ninth editor of the journal since it's founding in 1896. Dr. Stewart follows in the footsteps of Jonas Johnson, MD, who took the reins from Byron J. Bailey MD.

### **Upcoming Combined Sections Meeting**

The four Sections will again meet jointly at the Loews Hotel in Miami Beach, January 26-28, 2012. The four Sectional Vice Presidents, David Barrs, MD (Western), Michael Stewart, MD (Eastern), Gaelyn Garrett, MD (Southern) and Henry Hoffman, MD (Middle) are working with the Program Committee, chaired by Stephen Park, MD and liaisons Albert Merati, MD, Samuel Selesnick, MD, Douglas Girod, MD and Dell Yarbrough, MD to prepare a superb 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. George Adams, Shirley Baron, Paul Holinger, Francis Lederer, Walter Work, Richard J. Bellucci, William Montgomery, G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, John Conley, John Bordley, and Lester A. Brown. The Sections look forward to honoring other Fellows in future meetings.

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](http://www.triological.org).

Sincerely yours,



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