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THE TRIOLOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS AND UPDATES - August, 2014

Dear Triological Society Fellows and Members:

This newsletter is being mailed to our Senior and Emeritus Fellows and emailed to our Active Fellows and members. Future editions will be published on our website only and notifications will be made via email. We urge you to update your email addresses with the Society's administrative office to make sure you receive important information from the Society. Please email Beth at beth@triological.org with your email and/or address updates.

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FOR THE WINTER MEETING CLOSED AUGUST 5th.
ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FOR THE SPRING MEETING IS OPEN THROUGH
OCTOBER 15th. Go to www.triological.org for information.**

2015 Combined Sections Winter Meeting, January 22-24, 2015

The four Sections will meet jointly at the Hotel del Coronado across the bay from San Diego. We hope to see our members and residents from around the country at this newly renovated historic hotel. The Section Vice Presidents, Scott Manning, MD (Western), Ralph Metson, MD (Eastern), Stilianos Kountakis, MD (Southern) and Kathleen Yaremchuk, MD (Middle) are working with the Program Committee, chaired by Mark Persky, MD to prepare a program that will meet the educational needs of otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeons around the country. Numerous networking and social opportunities will be built into the program. Please look for your meeting information and registration brochure this month and view updates on our new website www.triological.org. Once again, this will be an exciting scientific meeting as well as an opportunity to meet colleagues and friends in a beautiful beach-front environment. Senior and Emeritus Fellows receive complimentary registration for the meeting.

Update on the 117th Annual Meeting at COSM, May 14-18, 2014

Jonas T. Johnson, MD presided as President at the Society's 117th Annual Meeting at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. A total of 495 physicians and 542 residents and medical students registered for the Triological Society meeting. Overall registration for physicians, residents, medical students and allied health for COSM was 1,928. The American Head and Neck Society and the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery did not participate in COSM this year, however, all societies will participate in COSM in April, 2015 in Boston.

The Presidential address, “The Real Challenges of Health Care Reform” was given by Jonas Johnson, MD, and an outstanding Ogura Lecture was presented by David Eibling, MD on “When More Than the Patient Is Ill: Healing Sick Systems”. Michael M.E. Johns, MD, the Guest of Honor, gave a very timely presentation on “Don’t Fear Change”.

The scientific program was chaired by Robert Ferris, MD who, together with his program committee, designed an excellent program addressing many research and clinical advances. Panels included on the program were:

- Technology and Tools for Lifelong Learning
- Robotics-Luxury or Necessity
- Migrainous Vertigo-Pathophysiology, Diagnosis and Treatment
- Allergy, Immunotherapy: Shots, Drops or Tablets?
- Fluctuating and Progressive Sensorineural Hearing Loss in Children
- Healthcare Delivery/Affordable Care Act-What Do We Know and What Can We Do?
- Issues You Cannot Ignore in Your Older Patients

Look for some of these panel presentations to appear in the future on the *ENTtoday* website (www.enttoday.org) where you will be able to view videos of select presentations.

Nearly 130 poster presentations and 45 podium presentations were given during the one and one-half 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 for the 2014 meeting as well as all Society meetings since 2009 can be viewed at the Triological website or by going directly to www.triomeetingposters.org.

Dr. Johnson introduced the new President of the Society, Derald Brackmann, MD who will preside at the 118th Annual meeting. **The 118th Annual Meeting at COSM will be held April 22-26, 2015 in Boston. The Triological sessions are Friday and Saturday. Abstract submission is open until October 15th.**

New Active Fellows: The Thesis Committee, chaired by Dana Thompson, MD, reviewed the scholarly work and made recommendations to the Council who approved seventeen theses. These new Fellows were welcomed into the Society at the ceremony and reception held at the Annual Meeting on May 16, 2014. Our new Fellows have benefitted from the guidance and mentorship of our Active and Senior Fellows. Thesis Awards were presented to five of the new Fellows:

Harris P. Mosher Award: **George B. Wanna, MD FACS** of Vanderbilt University was selected for the Mosher Award for his thesis “The Impact of Electrode Type and Surgical Approach on Scalar Electrode Location and Hearing Outcomes in Cochlear Implantation”.

Edmund Prince Fowler Award: **Hinrich Staecker, MD PhD** of the University of Kansas, received the Fowler Award for his thesis “Optimizing atoh1 Induced Vestibular Hair Cell Regeneration”.

Honorable Mention Award for Basic Science: **Kenneth H. Lee, MD PhD** of the University of Texas, Southwestern, for his thesis “Ephs and Ephrins in Cochlear Innervation and Implications for a Biological Approach to Advancing Cochlear Implant Function”.

Honorable Mention Award for Clinical Research: **Andrew R. Scott, MD FACS** of Tufts University, for his thesis “Regional Variations in the Presentation and Surgical Management of Pierre Robin Sequence”.

With Distinction Award: **Howard W. Francis, MD** of Johns Hopkins University, for his thesis “Hearing Outcomes in Older Patients with Cochlear Implants: A Retrospective Study of Clinical and Psychosocial Risk Factors”.

Updates on *The Laryngoscope* and *ENTtoday*

- Make sure you open **ENTUpdate** which you receive monthly via email so you can keep up to date on the latest news, research, and practical techniques from *The Laryngoscope* and *ENTtoday*.
- If you have not yet registered for your personal online subscription to *The Laryngoscope*, we urge you to do so. Many of you are most likely using your institution's online subscription, rather than your personal member subscription. After you register, you can download the app. Email Beth at beth@triological.org for instructions on how to obtain *The Laryngoscope* app.
- Go to www.enttoday.org to view video and listen to audio from the Triological Society's meetings.
- *ENTtoday* received an APEX Award of Excellence for writing, the third APEX Award for the newsmagazine. These awards are designated through an annual competition for publishers, editors, writers and designers.
- To view posters presented at the Triological Society meetings from 2009 to the present, visit our expanded site www.triomeetingposters.org, where you can search by author, title, meetings, or topics.
- TRIO BPs (Best Practice) are available at *The Laryngoscope* website.

Research Awards

In 2013, \$440,000 in grant funds was awarded by the Society. Through May, 2014, the Society has awarded a total of \$3.9 million in research funding to young investigators. At the May Council meeting, \$440,000 in grant funding was earmarked for the Society's Career Development Awards and Clinical Scientist Development Awards which will be awarded in the next fiscal year.

The following Career Development Awards (\$40,000 each) were approved for funding effective August 1, 2014:

Simon R. Best, MD of Johns Hopkins University for "Therapeutic DNA Vaccine for Recurrent Respiratory Papillomatosis", **Matthew L. Bush, MD** of University of Kentucky for "Promoting Early Congenital Hearing Loss Diagnosis with Patient Navigation", **Jolie L. Chang, MD** of University of California San Francisco for "Plasticity of Binaural Integration in Asymmetric Sensorineural Hearing Loss", **Jeremy Meier, MD** from the University of Utah for "Improving Value in Pediatric Tonsillectomy through Shared Decision Making", **Aaron C. Moberly, MD** of Ohio State University for "Personalizing Aural Rehabilitation for Adults with Cochlear Implants", and **Stephanie S. Smith, MD** of Northwestern University for her project "Acute Rhinosinusitis Complications: Risks and Role of Prior Antibiotics".

The Triological Society/American College of Surgeons Clinical Scientist Awards will be announced in October. The Society's collaboration with the American College of Surgeons has given the Society the opportunity to focus on awarding larger grants to promote the research careers of young scientists and supplement otolaryngology scientists who have NIH funding. The Society continues to be an excellent investment for Triological Fellows and members who wish to leave a legacy of support for scholarly pursuits and research.

Resident Research Awards and Travel Grants: The Society continues to advocate for the support of residents through funding of resident research awards and travel grants to assist with funding travel for residents who are chosen to present their podium and poster papers at the Combined Sections Meetings. Many Fellows of the Society have been honored by having awards named after them, including the resident research awards and young faculty awards. The named awards for the upcoming Combined Sections Meeting will honor Drs. James Harrill, Francis LeJeune Sr., Lloyd Storrs, Joseph H. Ogura, John R. Lindsay, Dean Lierle, Shirley Baron, Richard J. Bellucci, William Montgomery, and John Conley. The Sections honor numerous Fellows each year with these named resident awards.

Membership Update: The Society continues to enjoy a robust membership. Active Fellowship has continued to increase and the age of our new Fellows coming into the Society has changed to a younger demographic over the past several years. The Society currently has 525 Active Fellows, 391 Senior Fellows, 262 Resident Members, 122 Post-Graduate Members, 44 Associate Members, and 146 Active Candidates. Active Candidates are those who are in various stages of thesis preparation.

As reminder, **new Candidates for Fellowship may be proposed *through October 1st***. These candidates will be presented by their sponsors at the business meetings of the Sections in January, 2015. Candidate guidelines and application information is available at www.triological.org. Applications must be completed online.

Dues statements for fiscal year 2014-2015 have been mailed. We appreciate your prompt payment.

Highlights in our next newsletter will include new grant awards, the latest information on our scientific sessions, and updates on our social media launch.

Please visit our website at www.triological.org for the latest updates on meetings, research grants, obituaries and more.

Let us know what kind of news you are interested in about the Society! You may email suggestions or questions to info@triological.org or contact Gail at 402-346-5500.



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