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## THE TRIOLOGICAL SOCIETY SENIOR FELLOW NEWSLETTER

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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to bring you the latest update of Triological Society activities.

**COSM Program:** It is a pleasure to report that we had a spectacular program at COSM in Las Vegas on April 30-May 1. Attendance was higher than ever. For the Triological Society portion of the program registrants included 460 physicians and 495 resident physicians. Total COSM registration for the eight societies was 1,884 physicians and residents, a major increase over the average of 1,243 in the previous three years.

We were gratified to welcome 29 new Fellows into the Society at the opening ceremony. Many of these new fellows have benefitted from mentorship by Senior Fellows.

Our Program Committee, chaired by Lanny Garth Close, M.D., crafted a superior program that touched on many of the advances in clinical practice. Panels included "Contemporary Management of Laryngeal Cancer", chaired by Jonas T. Johnson, M.D. and "Pearls in the Management of Sinus and Skull Base Tumors", chaired by David W. Kennedy, M.D. One of the highlights included a panel on Ethical Issues that was coordinated by Robert Maisel, M.D. and included Anna Pou, M.D., Rick Pillsbury, M.D., Lanny Close, M.D., and Gerry Berke, M.D. as panelists. They discussed a number of vexing problems that arise in training and practice, including dealing with disasters.

Gady Harl-EI, M.D., Guest of Honor, spoke on "The Role of Individualized Medicine in Management of Early Glottic Cancer, and Marvin P. Fried, M.D., the Ogura Lecturer, presented "Teaching and Learning-Then and Now". Both presentations showed a tremendous amount of scholarship, insight and experience. I was pleased to give the Presidential Address on "Upholding the Noble Legacy: *Noblesse Oblige*," a talk that examined the relationship of our history to our legacy, pointing out some obligations of nobility and challenging listeners to ponder their own legacy as individuals and as part of the organization.

The Mosher Award was presented to Adrian L. James, M.D. from Toronto. His award-winning thesis is entitled, "The Assessment of Olivocochlear Function in Neonates with Real Time Distortion Product Otoacoustic Emissions". The Fowler Award was presented to Philip Littlefield, M.D. for his thesis "Laser Stimulation of Single Auditory Nerve Fibers". Dr. Littlefield, attending the meeting after immediately returning from service in Iraq, received a strong ovation from the audience and his family who accompanied him.

Honorable Mention Awards went to Peter Belafsky, M.D. of Sacramento for "Manual Control of the Upper Esophageal Sphincter", Seth Cohen, M.D., of Durham, NC for his thesis "Impact of Dysphonia in a Primary Care Population: An Epidemiological Investigation", Seth Dailey, M.D., Madison, Wisconsin for "Local Vascularized Flaps for Augmentation of Reinke's Space", and to Jeffrey Spiegel, M.D. of Boston for his thesis "Facial Determinants of Female Gender and Feminizing Forehead Cranioplasty".

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I was delighted to have the privilege of presenting Presidential Citations to the following outstanding individuals: Lanny Close, M.D. (for service to academic medicine through involvement in many organizations), Robert H. Miller, M.D. (for service as publishers' liaison, professional leadership, and fostering educational goals), Myles L. Pensak, M.D. (for orchestrating the transformation effort for the Society), Richard M. Rosenfeld, M.D., M.P.H. (for leadership in critical thinking and outcome analysis as well as for doing an excellent job in succeeding me at SUNY-Downstate) and Nancy Snyderman, M.D. (for her unique ability to combine medicine and the media, bringing human interest reporting and analysis to the world of medicine as it affects the world).

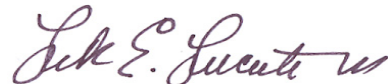
**Increased Support of Research:** The recent growth of the Triological Society's investment portfolio has afforded an increase in grants for 2010 to over \$300,000. Over recent years the Society has worked collaboratively with other otolaryngology societies and the American College of Surgeons to focus on larger career development grants of \$40,000 - \$80,000. 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.

**Focus on Sectional Meetings:** At both the Orlando meeting of the combined sections and the Las Vegas meeting of the Triological Society, there were intense discussions of numerous issues related to the previous practice of having 4 sectional meetings during the winter of each year. Due to significant loss of commercial support and the reluctance/refusal of exhibitors to commit to attending and supporting meetings with fewer than 60-80 members, the Society has had to explore combinations of sectional meetings. During recent years we have seen several combinations of two sections (generally the Middle and Southern Sections). In 2010 and for the next two years we are committed to having all four sections meet in a single site with a single exhibition hall. The 2011 meeting will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona on January 27-30 and the 2012 meeting will be held in Miami Beach on January 26-29. In response to many requests from members to resume the individual sectional meetings, we have created an exploratory committee consisting of the secretary-treasurers of all four sections, chaired by Kenneth Grundfast M.D. Our CME Coordinator, Robert Ossoff, M.D., D.M.D., will assist the efforts of this working group. Feedback from our Senior Fellows on the role and viability of the Sectional meetings would be gratefully appreciated.

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**Thanks to the Triological Staff:** One of my final presidential actions was to present a small token of thanks to the three extraordinary Triological staff members whose efforts had much to do with the success of the meeting - Gail Binderup, Marsha Holbert and Beth Slovinski. Our Society is indeed fortunate to have them handling many of our activities.

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