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## THE TRIOLOGICAL SOCIETY SENIOR FELLOW NEWSLETTER - November, 2012

I am pleased to share the latest Triological Society news with you and all our Senior Fellows.

**2013 Combined Sections Meeting – January 24-26, 2013:** As reported in our last newsletter, the Sections will again meet at the Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale on January 24-26, 2013. To encourage continued participation in our meetings, Senior Fellows are given complimentary registration for the meeting. Experience and insights by our Senior Fellows are of great value to us.

The Program Committee has once again assembled a state-of-the-art program including the popular session *What's the Latest and the Greatest* which will give updates on new health care policies, maintenance of certification, electronic health records and new ACGME criteria. Panel presentations include "Update on Oropharyngeal Carcinoma/HPV and Treatment Algorithms", "Current Diagnosis and Treatment of Meniere's", "The Many Facets of Geriatric Otolaryngology", "Tough Cases in Laryngology", "Sinonasal Malignancies: State of the Art in Management", "Management of Hearing Loss and Speech Delay", "Past, Present and Future Battles in Otolaryngology", and many others. The Point/Counterpoint session focuses on experts who will debate "Preferred Management of Mucosal Cancer-TORS vs TLM", and "Image Guidance Surgery-Standard of Care". The popular *How I Do It* session has been expanded into two sessions with 14 experts giving video-enhanced presentations on subjects as diverse as office based laryngology to septal perforation repair.

Informational brochures were mailed to all members in September, however, 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). I hope you take the opportunity to review the outstanding scientific program which is available on the website.

**Membership Update:** Our 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 513 Active Fellows, 395 Senior Fellows, 232 Resident Members, 154 Post-Graduate Members, 44 Associate Members, and 122 Candidates. Candidates are those who are in various stages of thesis preparation. We have 45 new candidates, whose credentials will be presented at the January business meetings. You may recall that the Society brought in 40 new Fellows at our recent annual meeting. I would like to thank the many Senior Fellows who have proposed candidates and who are assisting them with their theses.

**Research Grants Program:** The Society continues its mission to promote research and provide financial support for the research efforts of young scientists. More than \$3 million in grant funds have been awarded since 1994. Last Spring, five new career development grants, in the amount of \$200,000, were awarded and, this month, six clinical scientist grants were awarded in the amount of \$280,000. This combined grant program with the American College of Surgeons provides \$80,000 in supplemental funding to otolaryngologists who have received NIH awards. These awards are designed to facilitate research career development with the expectation that awardees will submit a competitive R01 proposal prior to the conclusion of their grant period. The new grant was awarded to Bruce Tan, MD from Northwestern University, and five renewals were funded for Seungwon Kim, MD (University of Pittsburgh), Frank Lin, MD (Johns Hopkins), Michael Kupferman, MD (UT Southwestern MD Anderson Cancer Center), Young Kim, MD (Johns Hopkins), and Benjamin Crane, MD (University of Rochester).

**116th Annual Meeting at COSM:** Our next annual meeting will be held at the JW Marriott in Orlando, Florida, April 12-13, 2013. Dr. Jesus Medina, President of the Society, and his Program Chair, Dr. Greg Krempf, are in the planning stages of the scientific program. I will have further updates for you in our next newsletter.

**Resident Research Awards and Travel Grants:** The Society also 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 Society's meetings. The Society awarded more than \$55,000 in travel grants and resident research awards to residents who presented at our 2012 Combined Sections Meeting.

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. G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Lester Brown, James Harrill, Francis Lederer, Walter Work, Joseph Ogura, Shirley Baron, Richard J. Bellucci, William Montgomery, John Conley, and George Adams. The Sections look forward to honoring other Fellows at future meetings.

**Loss of Triological Fellows:** On a sad note, several of our Fellows have passed away this year, the most recent being one of our Past Presidents, Dr. Wes Bradley. A section of our website is devoted to keeping our Fellows abreast of those who have passed and offering profile and/or obituary information. Our website also contains a list of Fellows with whom we have lost contact and we would appreciate any information you can provide about these members.

**Noble Legacy Fund:** We are fortunate that our assets have allowed us to continue to support young otolaryngologists and we continue to work on maintaining the financial security of the Society. As you may recall from a previous newsletter, in January, 2012, we hosted the first meeting of the Past Presidents' Advisory Group. Much of the discussion centered around the newly-created Noble Legacy Fund, an endowment fund that will help augment the financial future of the organization and provide opportunities for even greater support of education and research. The past presidents and sectional representatives provided input into the details of creating the effort to assure our continued financial security, especially through planned giving. The Society continues to be an excellent investment for those who would like to support research and education in the profession. The Society welcomes input from our Senior Fellows regarding any ideas for support of the Society. Please feel free to email me at [Frank.Lucente@Downstate.edu](mailto:Frank.Lucente@Downstate.edu).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank E. Lucente". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Frank E. Lucente, MD, Past President  
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