Dear Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to share the latest Triological Society news with you and all our Senior Fellows.

Triological Society New Fellows: During our 116th Annual Meeting, the Society welcomed eighteen new Fellows into the Society. The following new Fellows received awards for their thesis submissions:

Co-Mosher Awards: Joseph M. Chen, MD of Sunnybrook Health Sciences Toronto - Cost Utility Assessment of Bilateral Cochlear Implantation: A Health Economic Evaluation in Adults from the Perspective of a Publicly Funded Program

Adam Zanation, MD of University of North Carolina - 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 of Ohio State University - Improving Patient Care via a Protein-Based Diagnostic Test for Microbe-Specific Detection of Chronic Rhinosinusitis

Honorable Mention for Clinical Research: Amy Y. Chen, MD of Emory University - Temporal Trends in Oropharyngeal Cancer Treatment and Survival: 1998-2009

Sam J. Daniel, MD of Montreal Children's Hospital - Outcomes of an Innovative Ambulatory Minimally Invasive Botulinum Toxin a Injection Technique in a Cohort of Drooling Children

Tanya K. Meyer, MD of University of Washington - Voice Disorders in the Workplace: Productivity in Spasmodic Dysphonia and the Impact of Botulinum Toxin

Honorable Mention for Basic Research: John D. Macias, MD of Phoenix, AZ - Differential Gene Expression in Cholesteatoma by DNA Chip Analysis

With Distinction: Joseph A. Brennan, MD of San Antonio Military Medical Center - Head and Neck Trauma in Iraq and Afghanistan: Different War, Different Surgery, Lessons Learned

2014 Combined Sections Meeting, January 10-12, 2014: The Sections will meet at the Loews Miami Beach, site of the 2012 Combined Sections Meeting. Emails are being sent to all members to remind them of deadlines for the upcoming meeting. We hope many of our Senior Fellows will be able to participate in this meeting. Senior Fellows are given complimentary registration. Numerous social opportunities are built into the program. The experience and insights of our Senior Fellows are of great value to the Society.

The Program Committee, chaired by Dr. Mark Persky, has assembled a state-of-the-art program including the popular sessions What’s the Latest and the Greatest, Point-Counterpoint, and the How I Do It video session which will give updates on the latest advances in vertigo, sleep apnea and facial nerve paralysis, as well as presenting the pros and cons of thyroid tumor treatment and treatment of unilateral deafness. A few of the panels to be given include “New Treatment for ET Disorders and Related Problems”, “Treatment of Aggressive Skin Carcinomas”, “Technical Pearls for Primary Functional Rhinoplasty”, and “Pediatric Potpourri: Updates and Innovations”. Additional panels and presentations will focus on “Money, Medicine and Ethics”, “Controversies in Otolaryngology”, and “Facing New Challenges in Otolaryngology Practice”. Brochures were mailed to members, 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. I hope you take the opportunity to review the outstanding scientific program.
**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 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 the following: Eastern Section - Drs. Richard J. Bellucci, William Montgomery, John Conley; Southern Section – Drs. G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, James Harrill, and Francis LeJeune; Middle Section – Drs. Walter Work, Joseph Ogura, George Adams and John Lindsay; Western Section – Dr. Shirley Baron. The Sections look forward to honoring other Fellows at future meetings.

**Membership Update:** Thanks to the many Senior Fellows who have proposed candidates and who are assisting them with preparation of their theses. 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 512 Active Fellows, 396 Senior Fellows, 243 Resident Members, 121 Post-Graduate Members, 44 Associate Members, and 141 Active Candidates. Active Candidates are those who are in various stages of thesis preparation. Many new candidates have been proposed recently and their credentials will be presented by their sponsors at the January business meetings.

**Research Grants Programs:** The Society continues its mission to promote research and provide financial support for the research efforts of young scientists. More than $3.6 million in grant funds have been awarded since 1994. Five Clinical Scientist grants were awarded this month in the amount of $240,000. This combined grant program with the American College of Surgeons provides $80,000 in supplemental funding to otolaryngologists who have received NIH K 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 Clinical Scientist awardees are:
- Devraj Basu, MD of the University of Pennsylvania (new award)
- Frank Lin, MD of Johns Hopkins (renewal)
- Michael Kupferman, MD of UT Southwestern MD Anderson Cancer Center (renewal)
- Bruce Tan, MD of Northwestern University (renewal)
- Benjamin Crane, MD of University of Rochester (renewal)

The Career Development grants provide support for the research career development of otolaryngologists-head and neck surgeons who have made a commitment to focus their research endeavors on patient-oriented research. Five Career Development grants, awarded for a one to two year period in the amount of $40,000 each were awarded in June, 2013 to:
- Alexander Hillel, MD from Johns Hopkins
- Amy Lassig, MD from University of Minnesota
- Amber Luong, MD from University of Texas
- Andrew McCall, MD from University of Pennsylvania
- Albert Park of the University of Utah

Additional information on these grant awards is available at [www.triological.org](http://www.triological.org). The Society is an excellent investment for those who wish to support research and education and we are grateful for the member contributions that help support these efforts. I am happy to furnish information to you on the Noble Legacy Fund.

**117th Annual Meeting at COSM:** Our 2014 annual meeting will be held at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, May 14-18, 2014. Dr. Jonas Johnson, President of the Society, and his Program Chair, Dr. Robert Ferris, are in the planning stages of the scientific program. I will have further updates for you in our next newsletter.

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.

Sincerely yours,

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