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**SENIOR FELLOW NEWSLETTER  
MARCH, 2010**

As the Spring of 2010 approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to bring our Senior Fellows some updates on Society activities.

**Highlights of Combined Sectional Meetings:** All four Sections participated in a combined meeting in Orlando, Florida, February 4-7, 2010. The four Vice Presidents, Drs. Casselbrant, Youngblood, Horn and Beatty, and their program committees, prepared an outstanding program of scientific and social activities. Donald Palmisano, MD, JD, Past President of the AMA, gave a rousing Keynote Address on "Health System Reform and the Arrogance of Power". Guest of Honor Lectures given by Drs. Fred Owens, H. Bryan Neel III, Charles Bluestone and Ms. Jean Moog covered such diverse topics as cochlear implants, the role of evolution in otitis media, and the value of membership in the Triological Society.

In addition to free papers and posters, panels and special lectures were presented on the following topics: Comprehensive Review of Meniere's Disease, Controversies in Pediatric Tonsillitis, Otitis and Sinusitis, Controversies in Airway Management, Surgical Salvage for Recurrent Head and Neck Cancer, Office Procedures 2010, Inflamed Larynx, Management of Congenital Facial and Neck Masses, Genomics and Individualized Medicine, Sinus Surgery Guidelines, Septoplasty and Nasal Valve Surgery, Health Care Reform 2010, H1N1 and Other Pandemics, and Robotic Surgery. I gave the Presidential Address on ENT and the Magic Kingdom.

**Publishing Strategy Meeting:** On October 22-23, Society leaders and members of the Laryngoscope leadership met with representatives of Wiley-Blackwell Publishers to review the status of the journal and make future plans. Among the topics that were covered were improved customer service, electronic journals, mobile access to content, cost benefits to members and future supplements.

Upcoming initiatives include Trio Best Practices, derivative content (videos), How I Do It, and Contemporary Reviews sections. There was also a major focus on "ENT Today," the tabloid format that is rapidly gaining in popularity. Wiley Blackwell assumed publication of ENT Today in January, 2010. In his role as Coordinator of the Intellectual Property Effort, Myles Pensak MD, has also worked on creating several new initiatives which will be brought to you in a future newsletter. Editor Jonas Johnson MD introduced 4 new associate editors: Drs. Clark Rosen (Laryngology), Robert O'Reilly (Otology), Robert Kern (Sinonasal) and Anil Lalwani (Triological Best Practices).

**Theses/New Fellows:** The Thesis Committee, which continues to be coordinated by Rick Pillsbury, MD, reviewed the scholarly work and made recommendations to the Council at the February meeting. The Council approved 29 theses and honored the following individuals:

**Mosher Award** - Adrian James, MD, Toronto, Canada - The Assessment of Olivocochlear Function in Neonates with Real Time Distortion Product Otoacoustic Emissions

**Fowler Award** - Philip Littlefield, MD, Washington, DC - Laser Stimulation of Single Auditory Nerve Fibers

**Honorable Mention:**

Peter Belafsky, MD, Sacramento, California - Manual Control of the Upper Esophageal Sphincter

Seth Cohen, MD, Durham, NC - Impact of Dysphonia in a Primary Care Population: AN Epidemiological Investigation

Seth Dailey, MD, Madison, Wisconsin - Local Vascularized Flaps for Augmentation of Reinke's Space

Jeffrey Spiegel, MD, Boston, Massachusetts - Facial Determinants of Female Gender and Feminizing Forehead Cranioplasty

Membership induction ceremonies and a reception for the new Fellows and the membership will be held on Friday morning, April 30th, during the annual meeting in Las Vegas.

**Strong Finances for the Society:** The Society's funds continue to be very well-managed by Prodigy Asset Management. The revenue from publishing efforts, dues and investments continue to allow the Triological to award approximately \$280,000 in grants and research support annually. The Society is also grateful for contributions made by members who wish to support this effort. Further details are available from the Omaha office (address on reverse side).

**Continued Involvement of Past Presidents** It is a pleasure to see the number of Past Presidents who remain involved in Society activities including Dr. Myles Pensak (intellectual property), Rich Pillsbury (theses), Roger Crumley (member recruitment), Bryan Neel (history) and, of course, Pat Brookhouser who resumed his role of Executive Vice President after completing his presidency. I hope to follow their example by continuing Senior Newsletters and other activities in subsequent years.

**Relocation of the Omaha Office:** The central office of the Society has recently been relocated to 13930 Gold Circle, Omaha, NE 68144. The phone and fax numbers are unchanged. The Society is very fortunate to have highly-skilled and dedicated staff members, including Gail Binderup, Administrator, Marsha Holbert and Beth Slovinski. I hope that you join me in thanking them for their efforts and results.

**Upcoming Annual Meeting:** The 2010 Annual Meeting will be held in Las Vegas on April 30th and May 1st. Lanny G. Close MD and his program committee have assembled a superior program which will include panels on Ethics, Head and Neck Controversies and Sinus Surgery. Gady Har-El MD is my Guest of Honor and will deliver a presentation on "The Role of Individualized Medicine in Management of Early Glottic Cancer". Marvin P. Fried MD will deliver the Ogura Lecture "Teaching and Learning - Then and Now". For those of you interested in the program, it is available at [www.triological.org](http://www.triological.org). Program booklets, for those of you unable to attend, can be obtained after the meeting by contacting the Society office.

I hope to meet as many of our Senior Fellows as possible at the Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. Please be assured of my desire to serve the membership and the Society in any way possible.

Sincerely yours,



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