

Edmund Prince Fowler

It says something about the intellectual wealth of the Triological Society that Edmund Prince Fowler, Sr., MD, succeeded Max Goldstein, MD, as president in 1932. Both were giants in otology, prolific authors and advocates for the hard of hearing. In honor of Dr. Fowler's contributions to otolaryngology, the Society established The Edmund Prince Fowler Award in 1971, given each year for the best thesis in basic research.

After earning his MD from Columbia University, Dr. Fowler joined the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital and became a clinical professor at Columbia University in 1933. He was a decorated colonel of World War I. He was president of the American Otological Society in 1937, recipient of the first Award of Merit from that society in 1952 and founder of the first hearing center in the United States (in New York City). To the legacy of the prodigious researcher and "Dean of Audiology", as he was called, we attribute the invention of the modern clinical audiometer. He tested many patients and soon became aware of the fact that some patients with severe or unilateral losses had suprathreshold hearing values, a condition he coined as "recruitment". This clinical finding resulted in the Alternate Binaural Loudness Balance test, the first to separate cochlear from retrocochlear losses.

In his address to the sections in January 1932, Dr. Fowler described specific recommendations for hearing tests on schoolchildren. He also asked his colleagues to be thoughtful: "Let us not forget to treat the patient as a sensitive human being," he said, "and aid him in surmounting the drawbacks and psychological reactions to his disability."

At the 38th Annual Meeting in Atlantic City, NJ, in 1932, Dr. Fowler shared the spotlight with Edward B. Dench, MD, first president of the Triological, then 72 years old. (Dr. Dench had been named Honorary President of the Society in 1931 until his death in 1936.) At the meeting George Richards, MD, editor of the Transactions, outlined a list of guidelines for submissions. During the same meeting the council approved a resolution supporting the ABO and its work in raising educational standards in the specialty as part of an effort to stem the tide of proposals for examinations for specialists by each of the 48 states.

Dr. Fowler died in 1966, six months after the last of his 113 papers was presented (at 94 years of age!) at a meeting of the American Otological Society.

This honor was created to perpetuate the ideals of the great teacher for whom it was named and to bestow upon a worthy recipient the responsibility of furthering the highest standards of perfection in the study, teaching and practice of Otolaryngology.

Please see the list of award winners on the following pages.



Year	Edmund Prince Fowler Award
1971	Richard R. Gacek, MD <i>The Vestibuloocular Pathways in the Cat</i>
1972	Duane W. Nagle, MD <i>Method for Establishing Electronystagmograms for Normal Humans Subjected to Caloric Stimulation</i> Raimund G. Rueger, MD <i>title unknown</i>
1973	Robert J. Ruben, MD <i>Development and Cell Kinetics of the Kreisler Mouse</i>
1974	Robert I. Kohut, MD <i>title unknown</i> Willard B. Moran, Jr., MD <i>title unknown</i> Gershon J. Spector, MD <i>The Electron Transport System in the Cochlear Hair Cell</i>
1975	Gregory J. Matz, MD <i>The Ototoxic Effects of Ethacrynic Acid in Man and Animals</i> Richard L. Vorhees, MD <i>title unknown</i>
1976	Shokri Radpour, MD <i>Organization of the Facial Nerve Nucleus in the Cat</i>
1977	LaVonne Bergstrom, MD <i>Osteogenesis Imperfecta: Otologic and Maxillo Facial Aspects</i>
1978	Diran O. Mikaelian, MD <i>Development and Degeneration of Hearing in the C57/b16 Mouse</i>
1979	William L. Meyerhoff, MD <i>Hypothyroidism and the Ear</i> Clarence T. Sasaki, MD <i>The Development of Laryngeal Function: Etiologic Significance in the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome</i>
1980	Robert A. Schindler, MD <i>The Ultrastructure of the Endolymphatic Sac in Man</i>

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1981	Don E. Gebhart, MD <i>Tympanostomy Tubes in the Otitis Media Prone Child</i>
1982	Michael E. Johns, MD <i>The Clonal Assay of Head and Neck Tumor Cells: Results and Clinical Correlations</i>
1983	Bruce W. Jafek, MD <i>Ultrastructure of Human Nasal Mucosa</i>
1984	David E. Schuller, MD <i>An Assessment of Neck Node Immunoreactivity in Head and Neck Cancer</i>
1985	Marvin P. Fried, MD <i>The Effects of Radiation Therapy on Microvascular Anastomoses</i>
1986	Michael Friedman, MD <i>Factors Influencing Parathyroid Allotransplantation in Rats</i>
1987	Stanley M. Shapshay, MD <i>Laser Applications in the Trachea and Bronchi: A Comparative Study of Soft Tissue Effects Using Contact and Noncontact Delivery Systems</i>
1988	Timothy T.K. Jung, MD <i>Prostaglandins, Leukotrienes and Other Arachidonic Acid Metabolites in the Pathogenesis of Otitis Media</i>
1989	Robert T. Sataloff, MD <i>Embryology of the Facial Nerve and Its Clinical Applications</i>
1990	Soly Baredes, MD <i>Blood Flow of an Experimental Head and Neck Carcinoma</i>
1991	Douglas E. Mattox, MD <i>Central Nervous System Changes Associated with Noise-Induced Hearing Loss: An Electron Microscopic and Freeze-Fracture Study of the Chick Nucleus Magnocellularis</i>
1992	Vanessa G. Schweitzer, MD <i>Cisplatin Induced Ototoxicity: The Effect of Pigmentation on Inhibitory Agents</i>

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1993	Ralph F. Wetmore, MD <i>The Effects of Acid Upon the Larynx of the Maturing Rabbit and Its Possible Significance to the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome</i>
1994	Paul Lambert, MD <i>Inner Ear Hair Cell Regeneration in a Mammal: Identification of a Triggering Mechanism</i>
1995	Michael Pratt, MD <i>Evaluation of Random Skin Flap Survival in a Porcine Model</i>
1996	P. Ashley Wackym, MD <i>Molecular Temporal Bone Pathology</i>
1997	Allen Hillel, MD <i>Study of Laryngeal Muscle Activity in Normal Human Subjects and in Patients with Laryngeal Dystonia Using Multiple Fine-Wire Electromyography</i> D. Bradley Welling, MD <i>Clinical Manifestations of Mutations in the Neurofibromatosis Type 2 Gene in Vestibular Schwannomas (Acoustic Neuromas)</i>
1998	No Award
1999	Debra L. Tucci, MD <i>Conductive Hearing Loss Results in a Decrease in Central Auditory System Activity in the Gerbil</i>
2000	Rick A. Friedman, MD <i>A Transgenic Insertional Inner Ear Mutation on Mouse Chromosome 1</i> Michael D. Seidman, MD <i>The Effects of Dietary Restrictions and Antioxidants on Presbycusis</i>
2001	J. Christopher Post, MD <i>Direct Evidence of Bacterial Biofilms in Otitis Media</i>
2002	Richard D. Kopke, MD <i>Enhancing Intrinsic Cochlear Stress Defenses to Reduce Noise-Induced Hearing Loss</i>
2003	Chung Ku-Rhee, MD PhD <i>Platelet-Activating Factor-Induced Hearing Loss Medicated by Nitric Oxide</i>

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2004	Shawn D. Newlands, MD <i>Relationship of Static and Dynamic Mechanisms in Vestibular Compensation</i>
2005	Steven W. Cheung, MD <i>Frequency Map Variations in Squirrel Monkey Primary Auditory Cortex</i>
2006	Alan G. Micco, MD <i>Electrical Resistivity Measurements in the Mammalian Cochlea After Neural Degeneration</i>
2007	Bradley W. Kesser, MD <i>An In Vitro Model System to Study Gene Transfer in the Human Inner Ear</i>
2008	Eric M. Genden, MD <i>The Basic Science of Tracheal Transplantation: Cytokine Expression in the Murine Tracheal Transplantation Model</i> Marlan R. Hansen, MD <i>Effects of Erb B2 Signaling on Response of Vestibular Schwannoma Cell γ-Irradiation</i>
2009	Ravindhra G. Elluru, MD PhD FACS <i>Fibroblast Growth Factor 18 Provides Directional and Proliferative Cues to Developing Upper Respiratory Tract Cartilage</i> Andrew P. Lane, MD <i>Chronic Rhinosinusitis-Associated Olfactory Loss: Creation of an Animal Model</i>
2010	Philip D. Littlefield, MD <i>Laser Stimulation of Single Auditory Nerve Fibers</i>
2011	Stacey L. Halum, MD <i>Neurotrophic Factor-Secreting Autologous Muscle Stem Cell Therapies for the Treatment of Laryngeal Denervation Injury</i>
2012	Quyen T. Nguyen, MD PhD <i>Surgery with Molecular Navigation Using Fluorescently Labeled Injectable Systemic Probes</i>
2013	Subinoy Das, MD FACS <i>Improving Patient Care Via a Protein-Based Diagnostic Test for Microbe-Specific Detection of Chronic Rhinosinusitis</i>

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2014	Hinrich Staecker, MD PhD <i>Optimizing atoh1 Induced Vestibular Hair Cell Regeneration</i>
2015	Bradford A. Woodworth, MD <i>Resveratrol Ameliorates Abnormalities of Fluid and Electrolyte Secretion in a Hypoxia-Induced Model of Acquired CFTR Deficiency</i>
2016	Gregory A. Grillone , MD FACS <i>The Color of Cancer: Margin Guidance for Oral Cancer Resection Using Elastic Scattering Spectroscopy (ESS)</i>
2017	Syed F. Ahsan, MD FACS <i>An Animal Model of Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) for Treating Tinnitus – A Proof of Concept Study</i>
2018	Murugappan Ramanathan, MD FACS <i>Disruption of Sinonasal Epithelial Nrf2 Enhances Susceptibility to Rhinosinusitis in a Mouse Model</i>
2019	Amber U. Luong, MD PhD FACS <i>Aspergillus Fumigatus Induction of IL-33 Expression in Chronic Rhinosinusitis with Nasal Polyps is Protease Activated Receptor 2-Dependent</i>
2020	Alexander Gelbard, MD <i>The Proximal Airway is a Reservoir for Adaptive Immunologic Memory in idiopathic Subglottic Stenosis</i>
2021	Adam J. Luginbuhl, MD <i>The Synthetic Triterpenoid RTA-408 Limits Radiation Damage to Normal Tissue, Enhancing Vascular Integrity, and Improves Post-Irradiation Surgical Outcomes</i>