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Dear Fellow ALA Members:

I would like to report on the 129th Annual Meeting of the American Laryngological Association which was held May 1-2, 2008 at the JW Marriott Grande Lakes Resort in Orlando, Florida as part of the Combined Otolaryngology Spring Meetings (COSM).

Dr. Marshall Strome presided at the meeting as a culmination of his year as president of our association. The program that he and his planning committee presented was innovative and informative. Dr. Strome emphasized panel discussions this year in response to participant feedback from prior meetings. As always, the program also included original research presented in both oral presentation and poster formats.

The first day of the meeting began with President Strome's address entitled "Reflections." He then recognized his Guests of Honor, Dr. Marvin Fried and Dr. Clarence Sasaki. Presidential Citations were awarded to two of Dr. Strome's peers, Dr. Andrew Blitzer and Dr. Robert Ossoff, and his program chair, his son Dr. Scott Strome. The Program Committee consisting of Dr. Scott Strome, Dr. Kenneth Altman, Dr. Jonathan Aviv, Dr. Amelia Drake, and Dr. Albert Merati was also recognized.

The program for the first day consisted of two panel discussions, original scientific presentations and the Daniel C. Baker Lecture. The first panel, "Management of Laryngopharyngeal Reflux," was moderated by Dr. Michael Vaezi, a gastroenterologist in Nashville, Tennessee who is an international expert in the subject. Panelists were Dr. Albert Merati, Dr. C. Gaelyn Garrett, Dr. Clarence Sasaki, Dr. Peak Woo, and Dr. Kenneth Altman. The second panel, "Neurolaryngology," was moderated by Dr. Andrew Blitzer. His panelists were Dr. Alan Hillel, Dr. Charles N. Ford, Dr. Gerald S. Berke, and Dr. Steven M. Zeitels.

The 33rd Daniel C. Baker Lecture was again this year presented in conjunction with the Joseph Ogura Lecture, sponsored by the Triological Society. Dr. Charles N. Ford was selected as this year's Baker Lecturer and his topic was "Paradigm and Progress in Vocal Fold Restoration." The Triological Society selected Dr. Paul A. Levine as the Ogura Lecturer with the topic "Would Dr. Ogura Approve of Endoscopic Resection of Esthesioneuroblastomas? An Analysis of Endoscopic Resection Data vs. That of Craniofacial Resection." Registrants for both the ALA and the Triological Society meetings were invited to attend both lectures.

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of Endoscopic Resection of Esthesioneuroblastomas? An Analysis of Endoscopic Resection Data vs. That of Craniofacial Resection.” Registrants for both the ALA and the Triological Society meetings were invited to attend both lectures.

The second day of the meeting was highlighted by the presentations of several awards, an invited State of the Art Lecture, two panel discussions and additional scientific paper presentations.

A panel discussion on “Early Vocal Fold Cancer” was moderated by Dr. Jesus Medina. His panelists were Dr. Randall Weber, Dr. David Eisele, Dr. Dennis Kraus, Dr. Henry Hoffman, Dr. William Mendenhall, and Dr. Daniel Brasnu (Paris, France). The final panel of the meeting, “Pointers and Pitfalls in Laryngology,” was moderated by Dr. Robert H. Ossoff. His panelists were Dr. Michael Benninger, Dr. Mark S. Courey, Dr. Robert T. Sataloff, and Dr. Stanley M. Shapshay.

Dr. Gerald S. Berke presented the State of the Art Lecture, “Some Interesting Clinical and Research Laryngological Observations.”

The following research awards were presented by President Strome:

The Young Faculty/Investigator Award: Bernard S. Rousseau, PhD (Nashville, TN), “Extracellular Matrix Gene Expression after Iatrogenic Vocal Fold Injury in a Rat Model.”

The Resident Research Award: Taha Z. Shipchandler, M.D. (Cleveland, OH), “Laryngeal Transplantation in the Setting of Cancer: a Rat Model.”

First Place Poster Presentation: Yonatan Lahav, M.D. (Boston, MA), “Initial Geographic Presentation of Glottal Dysplasia.”

Second Place Poster Presentation: Heather Coffman, M.D. (Sacramento, CA), “Radiofrequency Ablation of Oral Cavity Squamous Cell Carcinoma in a Hamster Model.”

Third Place Poster Presentation: Lin Ya (Madison, WI), “Inflammatory Response and Collagen Turnover Following Pulsed Dye Laser Treatment of Vocal Folds and Vocal Fold Fibroblast Cells.”

Another highlight of the annual meeting was the announcement of the recipients of two awards recognizing the academic and educational achievements of two of our Fellows. The 20th Annual American Laryngological Association Award was presented to Dr. Gerald Healy by Dr. Ossoff in recognition of his continued support of the ALA in many capacities including being past president and secretary. The Gabriel F. Tucker Award recognizes achievement in pediatric laryngology. This year’s recipient, Dr. Seth Pransky, was announced by Dr. Michael Benninger.

The Neurolaryngology Study Group, sponsored by the ALA, presented yet another informative session. Dr. Roger Crumley’s successor as group leader, Dr. Lucian Sulica, organized and moderated an excellent review and update of the topic “Regulation of Airway Defense Behavior.” Discussion participants included Christine Sapienza, PhD; Donald Bolser PhD; Teresa Pitts, M.A., CCC-SLP (all of Gainesville, FL); and Kendall F. Morris PhD (Tampa, FL).

The JW Marriott Orlando Grande Lakes provided a magnificent setting for the President’s Reception and Banquet with the theme ‘A Star-Studded Night in Orlando.’ As in previous years, the banquet was the

setting for the presentation of the James E. Newcomb Award, given to an individual who has contributed long-standing service to the ALA as well as to the laryngology literature. This year's recipient was our Immediate Past President, Dr. Gayle E. Woodson. The de Roaldes Award was given to Dr. Robert T. Sataloff.

During the Business Meeting, the fellowship approved the nominations of five new Active Fellows: Dr. William Armstrong, Dr. Richard Hayden, Dr. Natasha Mirza, Dr. Vanessa Schweitzer, and Dr. Dana Thompson. Dr. David Vokes was approved as a new Corresponding Fellow. Two members were elevated to Emeritus status: Dr. Edward Applebaum and Dr. H. Bryan Neel III. This year, the ALA welcomed our first Post-Graduate members. These physicians have all completed a fellowship in Laryngology and been sponsored by two Active Fellows. They are Dr. Joel Blumin, Dr. Edward Damrose, Dr. David Garnett, Dr. Nazaneen Grant, Dr. Michael Johns, Dr. Priya Krishna, Dr. Tanya Meyer, Dr. Catherine Rees, Dr. Libby Smith, and Dr. Phillip Song.

The Council of the American Laryngological Association was nominated and elected by the members during the business meetings. The officers for the 2008-2009 are as follows:

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The Council recognized the services of Dr. Robert H. Ossoff who completed his tenure on the Council after having served as a Past President and Past Secretary.

Other ALA Announcements:

As the governing body of the ALA, the Council is responsible for financial oversight of the association. As such, the Council continues to seek cost-effective but efficient means to enhance our ability to disseminate important information to our members. A request for proposals has been initiated to identify a new webmaster and web management group to upgrade our current website. Our goal is to have a website that will not only serve our membership but also serve as a source of information to the general public regarding subjects in laryngology.

Our Historian/Editor and Administrator are in the process of updating member information. If you have not updated your profile, please provide your email address to our administrator, Maxine Cunningham (alahns@comcast.net), by mail (ALA, P.O. Box 128186, Nashville, TN 37212-8186) or by phone (615-322-6326; 615-686-9715). She will then forward your user name and temporary password to access the restricted portion of the website.

This year, our contract for journal affiliation was up for review. After a thorough review of several proposals, the Council selected the *Laryngoscope* as the new official publication of the ALA. This journal affiliation will enhance dissemination of our intellectual property and strengthen our association with the Triological Society.

As each Fellow is aware, annual dues play a vital role in the daily operation of the Association. This past year, collection of annual dues did not reach 100%. As we prepare to invoice each member, I am asking you to remit your dues upon receiving your invoice. If you have arrearage from previous years, it is critical that you bring your dues current. You should expect to receive your invoice by email during the month of September. If our administrator does not have an email address for you, a copy will be sent by mail. Again this year, remittance may be made by credit card or check. We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Call For Papers for the 130th Annual Meeting of the ALA

Our official call for papers is enclosed for the meeting to take place as part of COSM on May 27-28, 2009 at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge in Phoenix, Arizona. Abstracts should be submitted according to instructions on the ALA Abstract Form or at www.alahns.org/abs09.php. Abstracts should be submitted electronically to our administrator via our website, www.alahns.org. Alternatively, abstracts may be submitted by mail to Maxine Cunningham, Administrator of the ALA, P.O. Box 128186, Nashville, TN 37212-8186. All abstracts must be received by **October 15, 2008**.

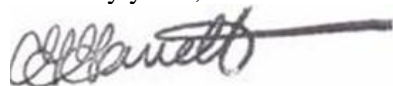
The ALA recognizes the importance of poster presentations and welcomes submissions that reflect outstanding scientific work in either paper or poster format. Please encourage your colleagues, residents and fellows to submit basic science research, clinical research or interesting clinical topics in either format.

Again this year, authors are encouraged to submit their work for award consideration as appropriate for each award category. Those wishing to be considered for awards should designate such on the abstract form. To qualify for consideration for any award, the full manuscript must be received by **January 15, 2009**. Additional information on award criteria can be found on the Call for Papers that is enclosed.

The Council continues to require full manuscript submission for those abstracts accepted for either oral or poster presentation to the Historian/Editor, Dr. Mark Courey, by **March 1, 2009** as stipulated in the abstract form. Authors not meeting this deadline **may not be allowed** to present at the annual meeting. In addition to submission to the ALA, the author must submit their full manuscript to Jackie Lynch, Senior Editorial Coordinator of *Laryngoscope* by **March 1, 2009**. Instructions for manuscript submission can be found on the *Laryngoscope* website.

I am pleased to report on the activities of the ALA over the last year culminating in the Annual Meeting in Orlando this past May. Please mark your calendars to attend the 130th Meeting of the ALA in May, 2009 in Phoenix. A brochure will be forthcoming next spring from the COSM organizers that will provide detailed information about registration and hotel accommodations. Our 129th President, Dr. Roger Crumley, promises to bring additional excitement this year by inviting and honoring many of our Emeriti Fellows and Past Presidents.

Sincerely yours,



C. Gaelyn Garrett, M.D.
Secretary

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