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I would like to report on the 130th Annual Meeting of the American Laryngological Association which was held May 28-29, 2009 at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge in Phoenix, Arizona as part of the Combined Otolaryngology Spring Meetings (COSM).

Dr. Roger L. Crumley presided at the meeting as a culmination of his year as president of our Association. The format that he and his program committee presented was innovative and gave the attendees a variety of information. The number of outstanding abstract submissions was greatly increased this year, resulting in a program highlighted by original research podium and poster presentations. Discussion periods also encouraged audience feedback, greatly enhancing the exchange of information.

The first day of the meeting began with President Crumley's address entitled "Honoring Our Past, Valuing Our Future." Following his talk, he recognized his Guest of Honor, Dr. Gayle Woodson. Dr. Crumley bestowed Presidential Citations to Dr. Geza Jako, Dr. W. Frederick McGuirt Sr., Dr. H. Bryan Neel III and Dr. Clarence Sasaki. This year's program committee, chaired by Dr. Andrew Blitzer, and comprised of Drs. Steve Bielamowicz, Natasha Mirza, Clarence Sasaki, David Terris, and Steven Zeitel, were recognized by President Crumley and thanked for working diligently to bring his vision to life. Dr. Crumley reflected briefly on Fellows whose contributions to the Association have often been overlooked throughout the years. Several Emeriti Fellows accepted the invitation extended by the Council to attend the meeting and received complimentary registration.

The format for the first day consisted of fourteen original scientific presentations, the Daniel C. Baker Lecture and a presentation, "New Clinical Trial Initiatives and Funding Opportunities at NIDCD," by Dr. Gordon B. Hughes. Dr. Lawrence Krames, selected as the 34th Daniel C. Baker Lecturer, delivered a very energetic talk titled "DaVinci, Netter, Rockwell, ENT...and me."

The second day of the meeting was highlighted by further award presentations, an invited State of the Art Lecture and fifteen additional scientific paper presentations. Additionally, Dr. Crumley led an open-floor discussion on "Management of Bilateral Vocal Fold Motion Impairment."

Dr. Jean-Paul Marie, of Rouen, France, presented the State of the Art Lecture, "Human Bilateral Reinnervation for Transplantation."

The following research awards were presented by President Crumley:

The Casselberry Award: Randal C. Paniello, MD (St. Louis, MO). “Improved Recovery of Adductor Function by Early Injection of the Posterior Cricoarytenoid Muscle: A New Paradigm for Vocal Fold Paralysis.”

The Young Faculty/Investigator Award: Tsunehisa Ohno, MD, PhD. (Nashville, TN), “Regeneration of Aged Rat Vocal Folds Using Hepatocyte Growth Factor Therapy.”

The Resident Research Award: David O. Francis, MD. (Seattle, WA), “Impact of Surveillance on Survival in Laryngeal Cancer Patients.”

First Place Poster Presentation: Ryan T. Branski, M.D. (New York, NY), “Cigarette Smoke and Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS) Metabolism: Implications for the Pathophysiology of Reinke’s Edema.”

Second Place Poster Presentation: Masaru Yamashita, MD, PhD
(Madison, WI), “The Establishment of a Scarring Model in Mouse Vocal Fold Lamina Propria.”

Third Place Poster Presentation: Changying Ling, PhD (Madison, WI), “Quantitative Analysis of Cell Density and Distribution in Rat Vocal Fold Lamina Propria Following Injury.”

Dr. Crumley announced that several Requests for Proposal were submitted for consideration to receive the Seymour H. Cohen Award for research support in pediatric laryngology. After careful review by the Cohen Committee, chaired by Dr. Lauren Holinger, Dr. Swapna Chandran, of Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children, was selected to study reflux effects in the pediatric larynx. We look forward to hearing the results of this research at a future ALA meeting.

During the scientific session on the second day, the Association recognized recipients of two prestigious awards of academic and educational achievements. Dr. Stanley Shapshay received the 21st Annual American Laryngological Association Award presented by Dr. Clarence Sasaki. This Award was given in recognition of Dr. Shapshay’s ongoing support of the ALA in many capacities including being past president and historian-editor. Dr. John A. Tucker, chairman of the Gabriel F. Tucker Award, presented Dr. William Crysdale with the Gabriel F. Tucker Award in recognition for his achievements in pediatric laryngology.

The second meeting day was concluded with the Neurolaryngology Study Group. Dr. Lucian Sulica who succeeded President Crumley as the chairman/facilitator, organized and led a very informative discussion entitled, “Evaluation and Management of Vocal Tremor”. The format of this session provided open discussions and participation was excellent.

The JW Marriott Orlando Desert Ridge provided a stunning setting for the revamped President’s Reception. To acknowledge Arizona’s culture, the ballroom was decorated in southwestern décor and music was provided by a Native American guitarist. As the evening progressed, President Crumley used this setting for the presentation of the James E. Newcomb Award to Dr. Andrew Blitzer for his contributions to the Association. For his outstanding accomplishments in laryngology, Dr. Marvin Fried, the Vice President/President-Elect, was presented the deRoaldes Award by President Crumley and Secretary Gaelyn Garrett.

During the Business Meeting, the fellowship voted on and approved a By-Laws amendment to separate the Historian-Editor position on the Council. This amendment will create a position for the Historian who will be charged with updating and maintaining the history of the Association. The fellowship approved the nominations of a record number of newly inducted Active Fellows: Dr. Eric Genden, Dr. Yolanda D.

Heman-Ackah, Dr. Joseph Kerschner, Dr. Reza Rahbar, Dr. John M. Schweinfurth, Dr. C. Blake Simpson, and Dr. Marshall E. Smith, MD. Dr. Thomas Cleveland was approved as an Associate Fellow, and Dr. Charles Ford was elevated to Emeritus Status. There were fourteen Post-Graduate Members added to the membership rolls. They are Dr. Lee Akst, Dr. Robert Andrews, Dr. Ronda E. Alexander, Dr. Alessandro de Alarcón, Dr. Robert A. Buckmire, Dr. Seth M. Cohen, Dr. Seth Dailey, Dr. Scott Gibbs, Dr. Scott Kaszuba, Dr. Adam Klein, Dr. I-Fan Theodore Mau, Dr. Melissa Mortensen, Dr. Michael Pitman, and Dr. Craig Zalvan, MD. These physicians have all completed a fellowship in Laryngology and been sponsored by two Active Fellows. We anticipate that each of these fine physicians will successfully attain membership in the Triological Society and ultimately will become Active Fellows in the ALA.

The Council of the American Laryngological Association was nominated and elected by the members during the business meetings. The officers for the 2009-2010 are as follows:

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The Council recognized the services of Dr. Robert T. Sataloff who completed his tenure on the Council after having served as a President, Past President and Past Treasurer.

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. The association website, www.alahns.org, is now on-line for members and visitors. 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 by email (alahns@comcast.net), by mail (ALA, P.O. Box 128186, Nashville, TN 37212-8186) or by phone (615-343-0429; 615-812-6170). She will then forward your user name and temporary password so you will be able to access the restricted portion of the website. Please contact the Administrator to obtain additional information and your log-in. The site is still "a work in progress" so please visit it often to see the new enhancements. Suggestions for the website are welcome and should be forwarded to Maxine Cunningham.

As each Fellow is aware, annual dues play a vital role in the daily operation of the Association. For 2009, collection of annual dues reached almost 75%. As we prepare to invoice each member, I am asking you to remit your dues upon receiving your invoice. If there is a past due obligation on your invoice from previous years, it is critical that you bring your dues current to maintain active membership. 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.

In order for the Association to improve its financial assets, President Crumley announced the creation of the *Sustainers Fund*. This fund will allow Fellows and friends of the ALA to make a contribution in various

amounts to the general operating fund. The fund received several donations during our annual meeting. When you receive the invoice for your 2010 dues, additional information will be provided.

Call For Papers for the 131st Annual Meeting of the ALA

Our official call for papers is enclosed for the annual meeting to be held as part of COSM on April 28–May 2, 2010, at Bally's Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV. Abstracts should be submitted according to instructions on the ALA Abstract Form or at www.alahns.org. 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 31, 2009**.

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, 2010**. 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 oral presentations to the Historian/Editor, Dr. Mark Courey, by **March 1, 2010** 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, 2010**. 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 Phoenix this past May. Please mark your calendars to attend the 131st Meeting of the ALA in April, 2010 in Las Vegas. A brochure will be forthcoming next spring from the COSM organizers that will provide detailed information about registration and hotel accommodations. Our 130th President, Dr. Marvin Fried, promises another year of excellence and excitement by creating a program you will thoroughly enjoy.

Sincerely yours,



C. Gaelyn Garrett, M.D.
Secretary

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