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I am very excited about the ALA's 130<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and scientific program to be held in Scottsdale, AZ May 28-29, 2009. Dr. Andy Blitzer's program committee did a superb job in selecting papers with wide and varied content. We have many highly informative papers in a wide array of laryngological areas, including management of unilateral and bilateral vocal fold motion impairment, laryngeal papillomatosis, the aging larynx, spasmodic dysphonia, vocal fold scarring, vocal process granuloma, glottal injection techniques, laryngeal pacing, laryngeal reinnervation, and more.

Our Baker lecturer Dr. Larry Krames is a noted medical artist as well as otolaryngologist. His medical art has been used for patient education around the world, and his reputation as a serious artist continues to grow. His lecture entitled, "DaVinci, Rockwell, Netter, ENT....and me", will describe how art in medicine enhances and expands the art of medicine.

The state of the art lecture will be presented by Prof. Jean-Paul Marie of Rouen, France. Dr. Marie is an expert in the science and surgery of laryngeal reinnervation, particularly with reference to bilateral laryngeal paralysis. We will find his discussion of techniques now being utilized in human patients informative, educational, and useful.

I am particularly pleased with the response of the ALA emeriti to my special invitation for them to attend this year's meeting. Many will be there, including a number of past presidents of the Association. Please be there with us to welcome them back. The Council and I look forward to the meeting and interaction between the Emeriti and our younger Fellows, as well as the new Post-graduate fellow group.

The venue in Scottsdale promises to be beautiful, exciting, and with typically warm and comfortable Arizona weather. Be sure to be there!

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