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I am pleased to share with you and all of our Senior Fellows some recent and upcoming developments in the Triological Society:

Outstanding Meeting at COSM The Society's annual meeting was held in Las Vegas, April 28-30 in conjunction with the annual COSM meeting. Attendance was outstanding with 944 physicians registered for the Triological meeting and a total of 1946 physicians registered for COSM. Gady Har-El MD delivered the Guest of Honor address on "The Role of Individualized Medicine in Management of Early Glottic Cancer, and Marvin P. Fried MD gave the Ogura Lecture on "Teaching and Learning-Then and Now". The Mosher Award was presented to Adrian L. James, MD of Toronto, Canada for his thesis entitled "The Assessment of Olivocochlear Function in Neonates with Real Time Distortion Product Otoacoustic Emissions". The Fowler Award was presented to Philip D. Littlefield, MD of Washington, DC for his thesis on "Laser Stimulation of Single Auditory Nerve Fibers". The scientific program, coordinated by Lanny G. Close MD and his program committee, consisted of terrific papers, panels and posters, many of which will be published in The Laryngoscope during coming months. I would like to offer sincere thanks to all of the fellows, staff and guests who made this meeting such a great success.

Membership Statistics from the EVP Patrick E. Brookhouser, MD, our EVP, reports that the Society currently has 483 Active Fellows, 364 Senior Fellows, 211 Resident Members, 195 Postgraduate Members, 43 Associate Members and 150 Candidates. Candidates are otolaryngologists who have been proposed for fellowship and are in various stages of thesis preparation. We have 31 newly proposed candidates, whose credentials will be presented at the January business meetings. I would like to thank the many Senior Fellows who have proposed candidates and who are assisting them with their theses.

Grant Awards From 1994 to the present, the Society has awarded 76 research grants totaling \$2,451,394 for our two grant programs – career development and clinical scientist. Six new career development grants of \$40,000 each have been awarded to the following individuals: Peter Belafsky MD, PhD from University of California at Davis, Eunice Chen MD, PhD from Dartmouth College, Oliver Adunka, MD from University of North Carolina, Stacey Ishman, MD MPH from Johns Hopkins, Adam Zanation, MD from University of North Carolina, and Kourosh Parham, PhD MD from University of Connecticut.

We are in the third year of the combined Triological/American College of Surgeons Clinical Scientist grant program. A new grant was awarded to Michael Kuperferman, MD of the MD Anderson Cancer Center. This combined annual award is given to an otolaryngology researcher to supplement funding from their NIH grant. These awards are jointly funded at the rate of \$80,000 per year for the term of the investigator's NIH grant. Two renewals were awarded to Seungwon Kim, MD (year 3) of University of Pittsburgh and Young Kim, MD (year 2) of Johns Hopkins.

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Upcoming Combined Sectional Meetings The four Sections will again meet jointly at the Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale Arizona, January 27-29, 2011. The four Sectional Vice Presidents, David W. Eisele, MD (Western), Kenneth M. Grundfast, MD (Eastern), William W. Shockley, MD (Southern) and D. Bradley Welling, MD PhD (Middle) have worked closely with the Program Committee, chaired by Stephen Park, MD and liaisons Mark Courey, MD, David Eibling, MD and Paul Willging, MD to prepare a superb program. The following are the Sectional Guests of Honor: Robert A. Schindler, MD (Western), Loring Pratt, MD (Eastern), Harold C. Pillsbury, MD (Southern) and David E. Schuller, MD (Middle).

Many Fellows of the Society have been honored by having awards named after them, including resident research awards and young faculty awards. The named awards for the upcoming combined sectional meeting include the following: Drs. George Adams, Shirley Baron, Lawrence Boies, Lloyd Storrs, William Montgomery, John Conley, John Bordley, and Lester A. Brown. The Sections look forward to honoring other Fellows in future meetings.

The Program Committee has created several very stimulating panel discussions including What's the Latest & Greatest in (various topics), The Nasal Valve and Functional Rhinoplasty, Management Options for Unilateral Vocal Fold Paralysis, Audiological Management of the Hearing Impaired Child, Melanoma Treatment Controversies, Practical Guidelines for Managing Allergic Rhinitis, Robotic Surgery, Transtympanic Drug Delivery, Lessons and Confessions from 30 Years of Patient Care and My Proudest Case and Why. There will also be a Point/Counterpoint Session in which experts will debate open versus endoscopic management of skull base lesions, balloon versus traditional sinus management and stereotactic radiation versus surgical resection for vestibular schwannomas. A "How I Do It" session will be held with 18 experts giving video-enhanced presentations on subjects as diverse as diagnosing laryngopharyngeal reflux to pearls for atresia repair. Clearly, this will be a worthwhile scientific meeting as well as another opportunity to meet colleagues and friends in a hospitable environment.

The registration fee for Senior Fellows is waived for our upcoming January meeting. I would like to encourage all of our Senior Fellows to continue to participate in our meetings and to provide feedback to the Society. Your experience and insights are invaluable. If you need information regarding the upcoming meeting, you may call the administrative office at 402-346-5500 or go to our website, www.triological.org.

Sincerely yours,



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