From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

Bradley W. Kesser, MD

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Moisés A. Arriaga, MD

The American Neurotology Society is a vital and dynamic organization that facilitates and disseminates scientific research, clinical innovation and practical implementation of advances in neurotology. The ANS Spring Meeting at the COSM will highlight all these aspects including a tremendous array of scientific free papers and posters as well as featured presentations.

The two ad hoc committees created during this presidency, the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Committee and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, will present their findings. The EMR committee has been soliciting contributions, clinical phrases and shortcuts for presentation (with attribution) during their panel; additionally, a special section of the ANS website has been created to serve as a repository of neurotology phrases and order sets that can be modified and used by the membership.

With recognition that excellence and innovation depend on inclusion of the ideas and strengths of all its members, the Executive Council of the ANS has focused specific attention on diversity and inclusion in the ANS including considerations of gender, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, and practice setting (academic or private). At the Mid-Winter meeting, the ANS Executive Council agreed on a four-pronged approach to this issue including:

- **Formal study:** Elizabeth Toh, MD will present the summary of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee’s research on our membership with a historical review and study of the demographics of the current membership, leadership, and panel and meeting participation by all members.

- **Official Position:** Together with the American Otological Society, the ANS will present a joint policy statement on diversity and inclusion in our respective societies.

- **Structural Change:** The Diversity Committee will be changed from an ad hoc committee to a standing committee of the ANS (following membership approval), and the chairperson of the Diversity Committee will hold a seat on the Executive Council.

- **Program Review:** Prior to finalization of future fall and spring meeting scientific content, the program will be reviewed by the diversity committee with consultation with the Education committee and Executive Council to assure diversity and inclusion are considered.

The William House lecture by Robert Labadie, MD will present, “How we can (and should!) Use Imaging to Improve Cochlear Implantation”; and the William Hiteelberger lecture by Robert Jackler, MD will discuss “The Future of Otology/Neurotology.” Larry Lustig, MD will present an invited lecture, “Genetic Therapy in Hearing Loss.”

Presidential citations for outstanding achievement and professional contribution to Neurotology will be presented to four giants in our field: Derald Brackmann, MD; Donald Kamerer, MD; Fred Owens, MD; and Antonio De la Cruz, MD. The posthumous citation of Fred Owens will be presented as a memorial scientific panel, “Vertigo Treatment: Meniere’s, Migraine, and Both”, and a memorial panel, “Congenital Aural Atresia - State of the Art” will be presented in honor of Antonio De la Cruz.

On a personal note, it has been an unparalleled honor for me to serve as your President over the past year. The ANS is a wonderful organization with an important role in our specialty. I look forward to its continued excellence under the able leadership of our incoming president, Barry Hirsch, MD.

See you in National Harbor at the COSM in April!

Moisés
As many of you know the official Journal of the American Otological Society and the American Neurotology Society is Otology & Neurotology. As co-owners of this prestigious Journal, thanks to the generosity of Dr. Michael Glasscock, we are thrilled to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the American Otological Society with a special supplement issue titled, “The Sesquicentennial Of the American Otological Society”.

“The AOS, as the second oldest medical society in the United States, had much to reflect on. In it are the papers presented at the 150th AOS meeting history panel, moderated by our chief historian, Dr. Robert Jackler as well as other papers on other subjects including: assessment of hearing during the early years of the AOS, and women of the AOS. All of the papers will be “searchable” for those interested in our history now, and in the years to come. We are thrilled to share with you that all ANS & AOS subscribers will receive a copy of this special issue. Thanks go out to my co editors Robert K. Jackler, MD and Larry R. Lustig, MD, and to the authors who contributed to this landmark publication”.

Submitted by Dr. Samuel H. Selesnick, Immediate past President, AOS & past President, ANS 2009-10.

In other O&N news, the fiscal strength from the O&N Journal continues to provide a significant source of income to the ANS and AOS. In February, a 2018 royalties guarantee from publisher Wolters/Kluwer resulted in a $75K distribution to each of the Societies.
**THE ANS WELCOMES A RECORD-BREAKING 28 NEW MEMBERS in 2018!**

Applications for membership are due November 15, 2018 for consideration and induction on May 3, 2019.

The following new members will be inducted into the Society at the 1st ANS Business Meeting in National Harbor, MD on Saturday, April 21st at 1:00 P.M.

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**YOU ASKED FOR IT AND WE LISTENED!**

ANS WILL LAUNCH AN ONLINE CME EVALUATION FORM AND CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE FOR THE UPCOMING ANS/COSM MEETING IN NATIONAL HARBOR, MD ON APRIL 21-22, 2018.

THE ANS SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED 7.5 AMA PRA CATEGORY 1 CME CREDIT HOURS. YOU WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AN ONSITE EVALUATION FORM TO OBTAIN YOUR CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE. At the close of the meeting, ALL REGISTERED ANS ATTENDEES will receive an email from the ANS website with detailed instructions on how to complete your required CME evaluation form, report your hours, and download a CME certificate of attendance for your records. Attendees will have two weeks to complete their CME evaluation. We will still report your hours to ACS and record your attendance. (Registered means you have PAID THE ANS REGISTRATION FEE or have been approved to receive COMPLIMENTARY ANS REGISTRATION FEE and are on the PAID/COSM attendee list. This applies to members, nonmembers, and any registrants requesting CME credit.)
Dr. Glasscock passed away on February 17, 2018 at the age of 84. Dr. Glasscock was a giant in the field of neurotology/otology, a leader among his peers and a mentor to hundreds of students and colleagues. The American Neurotology Society and the American Otological Society will be eternally grateful to Dr. Glasscock for his bounteous generosity, when he gifted theOtology & Neurotology Journal to the Societies.

**ANS & AOS COSM SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE**

**GAYLORD NATIONAL HARBOR RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER NATIONAL HARBOR, MD**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 20**
- AOS Business meeting - 1:00pm
- New member introduction
- AOS Scientific Session - 1:30-5:00pm
  - Maryland Ballroom C- Level 2 of conference center
  (ANS & AOS Poster award winners announced at 5:00)
- Combined Poster Reception - 5:30-7:00pm
- ANS/AOS/ASPO/TRIO
  - Prince George’s Exhibit Hall A
- WiN RECEPTION (Women in Neurotology) - 6:00-7:00pm
  - Location: Chesapeake DE (conference center)
- ANS PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION - 7:00-8:30pm
  - Location: National Harbor 4-5 (conference center)
  (Members/invited guests only—complimentary with paid registration—business casual)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21**
- AOS Business meeting - 7:00am
  - Committee Reports
- AOS Scientific Session - 7:30am - Noon
  - Maryland Ballroom C- Level 2 of conference center
- ANS Business meeting - 1:00pm
  - New member introduction
- AOS Scientific Session - 1:20-5:00pm
  - Maryland Ballroom C- Level 2 of conference center
- AOS President’s Reception/Banquet - 6:30-10:45pm
  - Woodrow Wilson Ballroom A
  (Members/invited guests only—Advanced ticket purchase required)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22**
- ANS Business meeting - 7:00am
  - Committee Reports
- AOS Scientific Session - 7:30-Noon
  - Maryland Ballroom C- Level 2 of conference center

**SPECIAL EVENT - FRIDAY, APRIL 20**
There will be a “celebration of life” for Dr. Michael E. Glasscock at 12:00 noon on Friday, April 20, 2018 following the TRIO Scientific Program and immediately preceding the AOS Business meeting in Ballroom Maryland C during COSM. All are welcome.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**ANS SUPER SATURDAY** is OCTOBER 6, 2018
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