

October 28, 2020

To: ANS/AOS Members

From: Kristen Bordignon & Ashley Eikenberry, ANS/AOS Administrative Team

Hi all,

ANS/AOS receives multiple requests for mass e-mailings and Surveys and Questionnaires to the membership. We realize that our membership has unique expertise which can further our societal objectives of professional education and advancement of neurotology, however the number of requests for email lists and distribution of surveys was growing. The ANS Executive Council wished to provide our membership access to all the possible information that they would like without having multiple e-mail become an ineffective tool.

In 2014, ANS introduced a biannual email "blast" to the membership to include announcements, invitations to participate in studies and email surveys of interest to the society. The emails will be sent in May and October annually. Although you may not find every announcement or survey relevant to you, those who took the time to prepare the surveys would appreciate your consideration and participation. We have 4 surveys, ANS/AOS Virtual Spring Meeting preliminary information, instructions to update your website profile, research grant funding, Cochrane scholarships call for applications, educational resources and virtual course announcements.

Please have your requests for inclusion of surveys or membership queries in this group email sent to all ANS members to Kristen Bordignon, the ANS Administrator, by May 1 for inclusion in the next email "blast."

With that said, here is the 2nd "biannual" email of 2020. Please take a moment to open the attached pdf, you will find a wealth of information relevant to the Societies. You can access all the links within the pdf. I will post this on the ANS website margin under "Announcements".

Thank you to SO MANY of you who attended the first VIRTUAL "Super Saturday" in September. We broke all prior attendance records with 555 registered attendees from 23 countries! The feedback we received was tremendous! We are working on the best way for members to hear/view the panels & guest presentations from the study groups and the Scientific Program on the ANS website under the Media Center. This feature is available for members only and you must be logged on to access. We should have the YouTube links up very soon in case you missed it or want to hear it again.

Thanks,
Kristen & Ashley

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
THE COSM VIRTUAL MEETING PLAN IS UNDERWAY
WITH NINE SOCIETIES PARTICIPATING IN 2021!**

**ANS WILL BE LIVE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH
&
AOS WILL BE LIVE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH**

THE PRELIMINARY PROGRAMS WILL BE FINALIZED IN MID-DECEMBER

Details will be posted on the ANS/AOS websites as we receive them from COSM.
There will be a LONGER viewing period if you cannot watch in REAL TIME

COSM REGISTRATION WILL OPEN JANUARY 14, 2021
ONE LOW REGISTRATION FEE OF \$150 COVERS ALL SOCIETIES!!

COCHRANE SCHOLARSHIP
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS DUE 11/30/2020!

The journal Otology & Neurotology is seeking applications for 2 Cochrane scholarships. Funds (\$4000 per scholarship) will be provided to attend one or more Cochrane course in the US or Europe. Following completion of the course(s), the scholar will be expected to contribute a Cochrane-equivalent review or meta-analysis (topic of the scholar's choice) suitable for publication in O&N. After publication of the review, scholars will then be invited to join the Editorial Board of O&N to assist with editorial review of similar types of manuscripts submitted for publication.

The application consists of a typed, single page (no smaller than 12 point font) description of how this scholarship would contribute to the career goals of the applicant. The ideal candidate is a junior faculty member, though mid-career faculty and fellows will also be considered. Send the application via email to:

Lawrence Lustig
Editor-in-Chief, Otology & Neurotology
l.lustig@columbia.edu

For information regarding available Cochrane Courses and writing Cochrane reviews, please see the following links:

[Cochrane Training](#)

[How to Write a Cochrane Review](#)

LOOKING FOR RESEARCH FUNDS?

**AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY RESEARCH FOUNDATION
RESEARCH GRANTS AND TRAINING FELLOWSHIP AWARDS**

SAVE THE DATE - LOI DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2020

If you would like to submit a grant for consideration of funding in 2021-2022, a LETTER OF INTENT and BIOSKETCH, including details regarding other existing support, must be submitted by November 1st of the year prior to funding. The next funding cycle begins July 1, 2021. The letter of intent must state the desired grant mechanism for the proposal (Clinician Scientist Award, Fellowship grant, Research Grant or Clinical Investigation), the Principal Investigator and Institution(s), a working title and abstract and include Specific Aims and a proposal summary (2-page limit on abstract and aims); BIOSKETCH as a separate document.

Complete applications will be invited from selected applicants based on the Research Advisory Board's review of the letters of intent. Applicants will be notified whether they are invited to submit a full application the first week of December. Completed applications must be received by January 31st.

You may direct specific questions to Dr. John S. Oghalai, Executive Secretary, American Otological Society Research Foundation. Email: john.oghalai@med.usc.edu and Dr. Andrea Vambutas, Executive Secretary-Elect American Otological Society Research Foundation Email: avambuta@northwell.edu or AOSRF assistant Kristen Bordignon. Email: administrator@americanotologicalsociety.org

Complete instructions are available on AOS website, check here for the answer to many of your questions.

<http://www.americanotologicalsociety.org/aos-grant-submission-instructions>

ANS RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE - MARCH 1, 2021

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE ANS RESEARCH FUND!
WE ARE THRILLED TO OFFER THREE \$25,000 GRANTS!**

A special thanks to Dr. Ronna Hertzano who has chaired the ANS Research Committee for the last three years, and because of her hard work and dedication to ANS, she was asked to serve a 2nd three-year term.

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS OF THE ANS RESEARCH GRANT!](#)

MEMBER SURVEYS from YOUR COLLEAGUES AND TRAINEES

Please take the time to respond to the surveys. Those who are seeking this data would really appreciate it. In the past the response has been poor at best, let's support our colleagues and take a few minutes to respond.

Dear colleagues,

Are you a good judge of surgical skills? This survey is designed to test your perception of trainee otologic surgery and should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. You will be asked to watch three 5-second videos of mastoidectomies and answer a set of questions following each. Participation in this study is voluntary and confidential. No identifying information will be collected about you. This study is approved by our IRB. Clicking on the link below implies consent to participate.

<https://redcap.musc.edu/surveys/?s=T9J4EL3XEX>

Thank you for your participation,

Mallory Raymond, MD
Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
Medical University of South Carolina

Ted Meyer, MD, PhD
Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
Medical University of South Carolina

SUBJECT: Preoperative Evaluation of Otosclerosis

Dear Colleagues,

We are interested in current practice patterns amongst otologists/neurotologists regarding preoperative evaluation of suspected otosclerosis.

We are asking for your anonymous participation in a 7 question, 2-minute survey, accessed through the following link: **<https://forms.gle/1j2sfiTuhNVS6wFt7>**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Seilesh C. Babu, MD
Michigan Ear Institute

The Mount Sinai Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery is performing a study on gender differences within ENT regarding work-life balance, mentorship, compensation, leadership, and career satisfaction. Extant research has illustrated that differences by gender in compensation and scholarly productivity exist within numerous surgical specialties, and our aim is to explore these possible differences within ENT. These differences, should they exist, would form the foundation of any future interventions aimed at building a more gender-equitable future.

We will be collecting responses to this short survey via a RedCap database, which allows for immediate anonymization of responses. Data will be analyzed only in aggregate form. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Please follow this link to complete the survey: <https://redcap.mountsinai.org/redcap/surveys/?s=RK3PF4ANXE>

Annie Arrighi-Allisan
Sacks ENT Research Fellow
M.D. Candidate | Class of 2022
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

SURVEY: Cochlear Implant Practice Patterns, Part 2

Dear Colleagues,

Many cochlear implant practices are constrained by the increasing cost of cochlear implants and the decreasing reimbursements. In order to remain viable, many programs have found solutions which ultimately hinder the accessibility of cochlear implants to our patients.

For the above reasons, we are interested in exploring the cochlear implant practices of our society members through this short 3 minute, 10 question survey, which is a follow up survey to the previous one sent out earlier this year.

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WZR8CK6>

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian Chen, M.D. and Michael Avillion, M.D.
Tripler Army Medical Center
Honolulu, HI

IMPORTANT! The DEADLINE for applications for NEW members is NOVEMBER 15, 2020

As the newly appointed ANS Membership & Credentials Chairperson in 2019, Dr. Ravi Samy did such a fantastic job his first year, we are stoked he has two more years to fulfill his term! One of the things that stood out was his genuine effort to reach out to our international colleagues as well as those here in the US & Canada. We had 26 new ANS members in 2020, nearly breaking the record of 28 in 2018. We hope to beat that number this year and we already have 17 excellent Candidates! Please encourage any colleagues who are not yet ANS members to join the American Neurotology Society.

With low annual dues, membership in the ANS has some great benefits. These include the following:

- One-year subscription to our flagship journal *Otology/Neurotology* - 10 issues of the leading clinical research papers in the field
- Reduced member rates at the ANS Fall Meeting (aka "Super Saturday" - including the Third Window Study Group, the Facial Nerve Study Group, the Stereotactic Radiosurgery Study Group, and the William House Cochlear Implant Study Group)
- Reduced member rates at the ANS Spring meeting at COSM
- COMPLIMENTARY registration for the ANS President's Reception at COSM
- The ANS semi-annual newsletter to keep you apprised of ANS business
- Access to the online forum DocMatter if you choose to join!
- Advocacy - have your voice heard in matters important to otologists/neurotologists at the Academy level (e.g., Clinical Practice Guidelines, Guidelines for Facial Nerve Monitoring), and local, regional, state, and federal government.
- Research funding - currently \$75,000 annually
- Opportunity to potentially serve in a leadership capacity on the ANS Executive Council or Committees

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

The ANS is committed to continued education, lifelong learning and professional development of all of our members. We recognize the particular importance of on-line learning opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic, and so are pleased to provide the following educational resources for the Neurotology community. Dr. Walter Kutz and team will be updating this webpage frequently. If you have something to add, please send it to the ANS administrative office for action and review.

Simply click on the links below to be directed to the site. You will find this tab listed as "Educational Resources" on the ANS website as well.

<https://www.americanneurotologysociety.com/educational-resources>

REMOTE LECTURE SERIES

[Great Lakes Otolaryngology Consortium](#)

[USC COVID lectures](#)

[University of Kentucky CORONA Initiative](#)

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Otology & Neurotology in the COVID-19 Era:

[International Virtual Bootcamp Course on Endoscopic and Exoscopic Ear and Lateral Skull Base Surgery](#)

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

Saturday, November 14, 2020

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

[Headmirror.com](#)

[House Ear Clinic Grand Rounds](#)

[Otolaryngology Atlases-Stanford University](#)

[Surgeon's Log 2020 by NASBS \(North American Skull Base Society\)](#)

[The Hertzano Lab](#)

MEMBER INSTITUTION COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The American Neurotology/Otological Society is not affiliated with any institution or private practice.

Otology & Neurotology in the COVID-19 Era:

International Virtual Bootcamp Course on Endoscopic and Exoscopic Ear and Lateral Skull Base Surgery

www.endoexoear.org

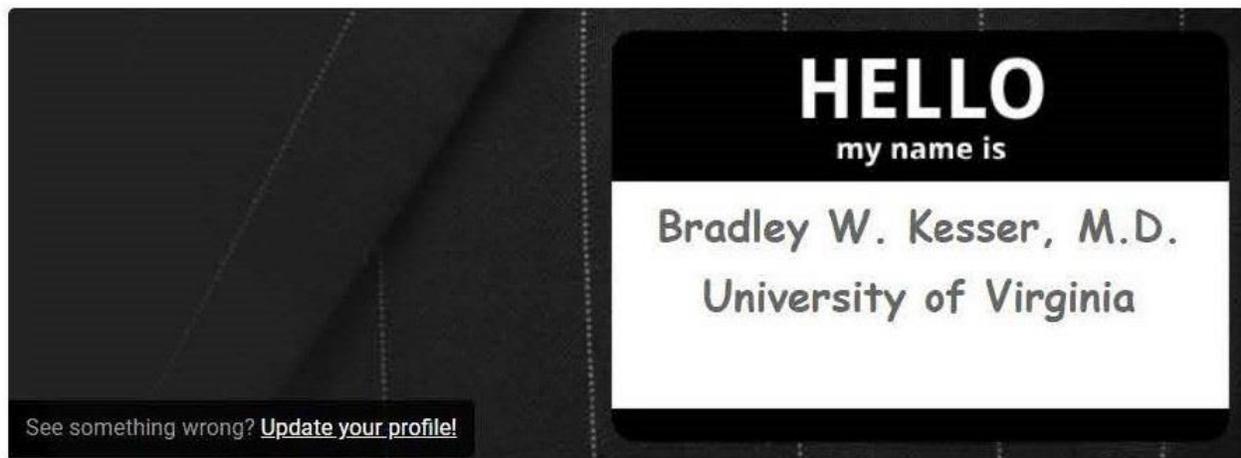
DATE: Saturday, November 14, 2020

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

ANS DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE IS HARD AT WORK!

The ANS DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE is collecting more data from our growing membership. We have now added additional attributes to each member profile. We encourage each of you to update your profile at your leisure and at your own discretion. We would love you to add a profile picture since we miss seeing so many of you in person. 😊

Here is a visual aid to help you update your profile. Thank you ANS President, Dr. Brad Kesser for letting me borrow your profile as an example. FIRST, you must be logged in to get started. Your username is the email address you are receiving this email from. If you do not remember or know your password, log in without one, choose “forgot password” and a link to reset it will be emailed to you from www.ans.memberclicks.net



Welcome to the ANS Member's Only Area

[View and/or Update Your Profile](#)

[Search the ANS Membership Directory](#)

MEMBERS: When logged in to the ANS Website, (your username is your email address and password is of your choosing), you will see the HOME SCREEN with this "HELLO" badge. Next, choose VIEW and/or UPDATE YOUR PROFILE

My Profile Search Directory

- Change Profile Picture
- Change Password
- Contact Preferences
- Message History
- Invoices
- Submissions

MEMBERS: Choose small gray box called MY PROFILE to add a picture, pay your dues, see all invoices, change password, view email sent by the ANS Administrative office, see all submissions you have completed including CME evaluations, registration for Fall meeting, and abstracts.

SEARCH DIRECTORY - In the upper right corner, you can enter a members last name and find their email, city, state. **MEMBERS ONLY FEATURE.** You can also choose an **ADVANCED SEARCH** by typing in the name of a city or state. For example, if you are looking for a colleague in Chicago, you would type Chicago and be directed to advanced search, where you would find all 7 members listed with Chicago as their city.

Edit

In an effort to gather more demographic information and areas of special interest of our members, we have added additional questions to your member profile. This is not viewable to anyone but you. In order to complete this information, click on **EDIT** in the right corner. Fields that are editable are have a box or a radio button for responses.

Username
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Fellow

Member Status
Active

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GENDER

None
 FEMALE
 MALE
 NONBINARY
 PREFER NOT TO ANSWER

If you are interested in serving as a member of a panel or speaker, please indicate your area of expertise. May select more than one.

Basic Science
 Business of medicine
 Cholesteatoma and Chronic Otitis Media
 Cochlear Implantation – Basic Science
 Cochlear Implantation – Clinical Science
 Cochlear Implantation – Surgical Techniques
 Dizziness and Vestibular disorders
 Endoscopic Ear Surgery
 Facial Nerve disorders
 Leadership Development
 Meniere's Disease and other Inner Ear Disorders
 Middle Ear Surgery
 Pediatric Otology
 Radiotherapy
 Skull Base Surgery
 Vestibular schwannomas and other CPA tumors
 Other

Please choose all that apply

Race and ethnicity (may select more than one)

African American or Black
 American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian (Far East, Southeast Asia, Indian subcontinent)
 Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish
 Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander
 Middle Eastern or North African
 White
 Some Other Race or Ethnicity
 I prefer not to answer

What is your practice setting?

None
 Academic practice
 Administrative or Business
 Employed practice
 Military
 Private practice
 Research only
 Retired

Where did you do your clinical fellowship?

None

These are the last two questions, there will be a list of fellowship programs to choose from or simply click NONE. Don't forget to hit SAVE.

This concludes the biannual email, please have your requests for inclusion of surveys, membership queries or announcements in this group email sent to all ANS/AOS members to Kristen Bordignon, by May 1 for inclusion in the May email "blast". The next email blast will go out in late May 2021. In the interim, if you have other announcements, virtual programs, employment opportunities, etc...Please forward to the ANS Administrative office. All content will be vetted prior to posting.