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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Since its origins as the ENG study group, the ANS and its membership have demonstrated an exceptional ability to surmount important scientific and surgical challenges that impact the lives of our patients. The ability of our patients to resume normal lives following treatment for skull base tumors and profound hearing loss attests to the success of these efforts. Currently, we as neurotologists are confronted with a different type of challenge that is neither scientific nor surgical in nature. Instead, the new challenge has emerged from national regulatory pressure.

While all US medicine faces increased regulatory requirements, our tiny subspecialty is under special pressure as we are required to adopt protocols such as electronic medical record (EMR) systems which are designed for primary care or inherently different medical specialties thus changing our unique documentation, communication and even clinical practice routines with unknown implications on patient outcomes.

Over a decade into the EMR experiment, private practice and academic neurotologists have adopted a myriad of creative solutions and homegrown strategies to circumvent designs which are not optimized for our specialty. The ubiquitous challenge and enormous physician time and energy spent in incorporating EMR into neurotology practice reveals an area ripe for investigation, shared solutions and dialogue. Rather than just overcoming challenges posed by EMR, the ANS is a venue which can specifically address EMR requirements as an opportunity to improve our neurotology outcomes by identifying best practices, sharing experience and refining neurotology-specific tools which may yield the oft-quoted, but usually illusory benefits of EMR for our specialty and our patients.

As your incoming president, I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the ANS and our specialty. I will be working closely with the scientific program committee to assure that we highlight the state of the art in our specialty as well as develop programs that will encourage participation by our young neurotologists and trainees during the Fall and Spring meetings. In addition, I have established an ad hoc committee to specifically focus on EMR in neurotology. The ad hoc committee will present their findings emphasizing practical solutions which we can incorporate into our practices during a panel discussion at the Spring ANS meeting. Any members interested in participating in this effort should notify Kristen Bordignon as we will initiate this committee immediately after our Fall meeting.

Please join us for super-Saturday on September 9 before the start of the AAO-HNSF meeting. In addition to the Facial Nerve Study Group, Stereotactic Radiosurgery Committee and the William House Study Group, the ANS fall meeting has a terrific line-up including: the Rizer lecture by Jennifer Lentz who will update us on genetic interventions for Ushers Syndrome, a fellow's video competition with audience voting will be presented on cochlear implant techniques, the Pecha Kucha session will review technical pearls in middle fossa surgery, and an all-star panel will review the state of medical treatment of sensorineural hearing loss.

I hope to see you in Chicago.  
Moisés

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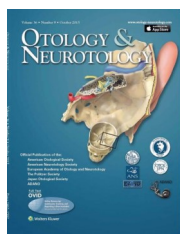
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### MEMBER LOG IN

To log in to the website, first enter your username (the email you have on file with the ANS Administrative office) and password. If you do not have a password set up, enter your email address, then login, you will be directed to a page where you can choose forgot password and a link to set it up will be emailed to you.

Once logged in you will be able to view and update your profile, add a photo, pay dues, make a pledge to the ANS Research Fund, and register for the Fall meeting. If you have not registered for the Fall meeting in Chicago on Super Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, I strongly urge you to do so online rather than onsite. Look under Conferences and click on "2017 Fall meeting-Super Saturday", then scroll down the page to access the select the Conference Registration Form and choose "register yourself." An invoice/receipt will be saved in your profile.

## What's New with *Otology/Neurotology*



Under Editor-in-Chief Larry Lustig, MD, our flagship journal, *Otology/Neurotology* continues to provide outstanding and up to the minute clinical and basic science research from around the country and around the world. I am very happy to report that the Impact Factor for *Otology/Neurotology* increased to 2.024 (1.953 last year; this is the highest IF in over 5 years)!

Breaking the 2.0 barrier is important for us on a number of fronts - it will likely increase the number of quality submissions and places us in the top tier of Otolaryngology journals, very few of whom rank above 2.0. Many thanks to all who have contributed to make our journal the cornerstone for research in our specialty.

In partnership with the American Cochlear Implant Alliance (ACIA), we are pleased to offer in the coming weeks to months an online supplement presenting the proceedings and abstracts of the 14th International Conference on Cochlear Implants 2016 held in Toronto, Ontario in May 2016. We are also hoping to bring you supplements from the 13th International Facial Nerve Symposium at the House Ear Institute Aug. 3-6, 2017 and a very special journal supplement celebrating the 150th anniversary of the American Otological Society.

Our international outreach efforts continue, and we have recently welcomed the Japan Otological Society as affiliate members. If you have international friends or colleagues, we are always seeking international partners to join the journal network. Benefits of affiliate membership include a greatly reduced subscription rate (the same rate as ANS and AOS members), representation on the Editorial Board and possibly as an Assistant Editor, and strong consideration for publication of Society meetings. I am happy to help with recruitment of international society members.

We continue to enjoy strong returns from our publisher Wolters Kluwer from our new contract signed January 2016. Revenue from the journal provides a significant source of income to the ANS and AOS. As part of the new contract, we are now providing all United States otolaryngology residents and Neurotology fellows with a free online subscription to *Otology/Neurotology*.

Finally, you may have noticed a survey request regarding *Otology/Neurotology* in your e-mail Inbox from Wolters Kluwer. We are constantly evaluating what content is most important to you and how best to deliver that quality content. To that end, we very much want your input to make the journal better. Please take a few minutes to complete the online survey and let us know how we're doing and how we can improve. It can only make us better and improve our Impact Factor.

Again, many thanks for your support of the journal – read it, review for it, submit your research to it!

Bradley W. Kesser, MD

Secretary-Treasurer, *Otology/Neurotology*, Inc. Board of Directors

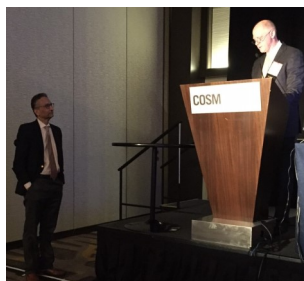
## THE ANS CONGRATULATES 16 TRAINEE MEMBERS ON THE COMPLETION OF THEIR NEUROLOGY FELLOWSHIP IN 2017!

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Shawn M. Stevens, MD  
Cameron C. Wick, MD

We encourage you to apply for ANS MEMBERSHIP. Applications for membership are due November 15, 2017 for consideration and induction in National Harbor, MD on April 21, 2018. Applications and instructions can be found on the ANS Website or send a request by email to [administrator@americanneurologysociety.com](mailto:administrator@americanneurologysociety.com). With low annual dues, membership in the ANS affords you some wonderful benefits and continued relationships with your colleagues.

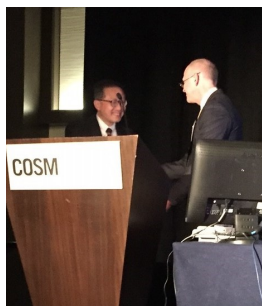
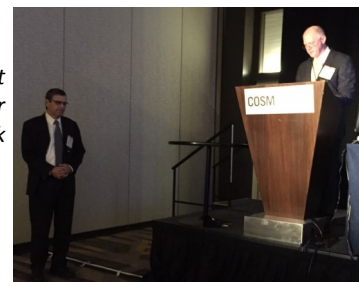
### ANS Spring Meeting Highlights San Diego, CA - April 28-29, 2017

The following ANS members received a Presidential Citation from past President Dr. Larry Lustig - Drs. Steven W. Cheung, Robert K. Jackler and Anil K. Lalwani. Not present but also honored with a presidential citation were Drs. Lloyd B. Minor & Paul A. Fuchs.



*Pictured left: Dr. Lustig reads the citation presented to Dr. Anil Lalwani, "In Recognition of Your Leadership and Outstanding Contributions to Education and Research in Otolaryngology and Neurology in the Areas of Cochlear Gene Therapy, the Genetics of Hearing Loss, and Cochlear Implants"*

*Pictured right: Dr. Lustig shares with the audience the citation awarded to Dr. Robert Jackler, "In Recognition for Your Contributions to Clinical Research by Advancing Our Understanding of Vestibular Schwannoma, and with Your Groundbreaking Work Elucidating the Link Between Tobacco and Advertising in Our Specialty and Society."*



*Pictured left: Dr. Lustig congratulates Dr. Steven Cheung "In Recognition of Your Outstanding Contributions to Our Understanding of The Relationship Between Neurosciences and Ear Disease, as well as Your Lifelong Commitment to Teaching and Scholarship"*

*Pictured right: Dr. Lustig introduces Prof Gerard M. O'Donoghue as the William F. House Lecturer for his presentation titled, "The Struggles of Medical Innovation: Honoring The Legacy of Dr. House". Dr. Lustig selected Dr. Marcus Atlas as the William E. Hitzelberger lecturer. His presentation was titled, "Beating the Drum: An Australian Story of Innovation" (far right)*



## NEUROLOGY BOOTCAMP!

The First-annual ANS Young Members Group Neurology Bootcamp will occur Friday, May 18 - Sunday, May 20, 2018 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

This unique course is designed exclusively for newly-matched PGY5 residents accepted into Neurology 2018- 2020 fellowship and will focus on otologic and neurologic/skullbase temporal bone dissection skills, mentorship and career-focused panel discussions (including, "What My Fellowship Did Not Prepare Me For – Surviving your first 5 years"; "Flying or Flopping - Launching an Academic Career from Fellowship") will be offered.

Invitations will be released following the 2017 Neurology Match. Course directors: Dr. Matthew Bush, [matthew.bush@uky.edu](mailto:matthew.bush@uky.edu) and Dr. Daniel Zeitler, [Daniel.Zeitler@virginiamason.org](mailto:Daniel.Zeitler@virginiamason.org); additional faculty from the Young Member Committee, including Drs. Maura Cosetti, Michael Hoa, Betty Tsai, & Erika Woodson.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### AMERICAN NEUROLOGY SOCIETY 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Meeting

National Harbor, MD  
April 20-22, 2018

Deadline for abstract submission:

October 15, 2017

VISIT WEBSITE FOR INSTRUCTIONS



## ANS FALL SCHEDULE at-a-glance

**"Super Saturday" - September 9, 2017**  
**Sheraton Grand Hotel Chicago**  
**CHICAGO BALLROOM 8,9,10**

### STUDY GROUP SESSIONS

#### Facial Nerve Study Group

7:00 - 8:10a.m.

#### Stereotactic Radiosurgery Study Group

8:20 - 9:50a.m.

#### William House Cochlear Implant Study Group

10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

#### Lunch Break

12:00 - 12:45p.m.

*The ANS is grateful to the following companies for their support of the study groups. With funds, a box lunch is provided for registered ANS attendees immediately following the CI Study group.*

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### SCIENTIFIC SESSION & BUSINESS MEETING

#### ANS Business Meeting

12:45- 1:00 p.m.

#### ANS Scientific Program

**"Neurotology Advances: From the Genome to the Cranial Bases"**

1:00 - 5:15 p.m.

### ANS YOUNG MEMBERS GROUP EVENT

**Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 - 9:00p.m.**

#### "WW(YN)D- What Would Young Neurotologists Do?"

Case discussions, cocktails and camaraderie"

Michael Hoa, MD - Moderator

This Young Members event will take place at a location within walking distance of the Sheraton Grand following Super Saturday. Please contact Dr. Maura Cosetti for details. Maura.Cosetti@mountsinai.org

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### ANS RESEARCH GRANT



The recipient of this year's \$25,000 ANS Research Award is **Dr. Michael S. Harris** from the Medical College of Wisconsin for his project titled, *"Verbal Memory as Outcome Predictor in Adults Receiving Cochlear Implants"*. Dr. Harris completed his fellowship at The Ohio State University and residency at Indiana University.

Dr. Harris is a Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) medical school graduate and recently returned to his roots where he joined the faculty at MCW. In 2017, not only was Dr. Harris awarded with the ANS research grant, but he received the ANS Neurotology Fellow award and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place ANS Poster award at COSM. Dr. Harris has been an ANS Trainee member since 2014 and is eligible for Associate membership this year.

The purpose of the American Neurotology Society (ANS) Research Grant is to encourage and support academic research in sciences related to the investigation of otology and neurotology. Appropriate areas of research include diagnosis, management, and pathogenesis of diseases of the ear and/or skull base. Grants that focus on addressing clinical gaps are especially encouraged. Grants may involve cell/molecular studies, animal research, or human subjects research.

The maximum award request is \$25,000 per year and is annually renewable on a competitive basis. Indirect costs (overhead) are not allowed. Grants are available to physician investigators in the United States and Canada only. We particularly encourage those individuals without a history of K08, R03, R21, or R01 funding to apply. If you would like to submit a grant for consideration in 2018-19, the deadline for applications is January 31, 2018. Email applications to Dr. Ronna Hertzano, [RHertzano@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:RHertzano@som.umaryland.edu), Chair of the ANS Research Committee and ANS Admin, Kristen Bordignon. Submission instructions may be found on the ANS Website.

Three years ago, the American Neurotology Society launched the 50th Anniversary Research Fund. The goal was to raise \$250,000, we have raised just over \$100,000. If you've made a pledge and have not sent your payment, please do so at your earliest opportunity, online or by mail. If you would like to become a contributor, please contact the ANS office.

**THE FUTURE OF THE ANS RESEARCH GRANT DEPENDS ON YOU!**

### COMING SOON!

The combined ANS/AAO-HNS/F online video course on Tympanoplasty!

CME credit offered! Find it on the AAO-HNS/F education portal, AcademyU - <http://www.AcademyU.org?> (requires AAO login)

### REMINDER!

#### ANS BIENNIAL EMAIL BLAST

If you would like to query the membership or share meeting announcements in the biennial group email to the ANS members, please submit request to Kristen Bordignon by September 25. Include survey link and intro text.