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The American Laryngological Association held its 132nd Annual Meeting on April 27-28, 2011 at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Tower in Chicago, Illinois during the Combined Otolaryngology Spring Meetings (COSM). As Secretary, it is my pleasure to provide you with a recap of the meeting and other noteworthy matters related to the Association.

Dr. Andrew Blitzer's term as President concluded his year with an innovative annual meeting. Once again, the ALA received a record number of abstracts that provided Dr. Blitzer and his program committee, chaired by Dr. Soly Baredes, with a grand variety of laryngology topics. The selection process resulted in excellent oral and poster presentations, panel discussions, and a State-of-the Art Lecture during each scientific session. Attendees actively participated in well-planned opportunities with an exciting exchange of ideas during the discussion periods provided.

Dr. Blitzer opened the first day of the meeting with his Presidential Address, "The Evolution of Laryngology with an Eye to the Future ". He then introduced the recipients of his Presidential Citations: Drs. Charles Ford, Marvin Fried, Allen Hillel, Gayle Woodson, Eiji Yanagisawa, and Steven Zeitels. Dr. Ford was unable to attend this year's meeting so he received his certificate at a later date. Dr. Marshall Strome was presented the 2011 Guest of Honor Award. Recognizing this year's program committee, Drs. Nicolas Maragos, Blake Simpson, Marshall Smith, Steven Zeitels, and Soly Baredes, who served as the committee chairperson, Dr. Blitzer expressed his gratitude for the diligence the committee had used in formulating the program.

There were fourteen original manuscripts presented during the first scientific session. Dr. Zeitels presented the first of two State-of-the Art Lecture with his topic, *Current and Future Directions in Laser Surgery of the Larynx*. Dr. Clarence Sasaki concluded the morning session with the Daniel C. Baker Jr. Lecture entitled "*The Animal Spirits: A Curse on the Vagus Nerve.*"

The second day's scientific session began with the first of eleven oral presentations. Dr. Kristina Simonyan's presentation, *Functional MRI*

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and Understanding the Neural Control of the Larynx” was the second State-of-the-Art Lecture. Dr. Blitzer, who has been an avid supporter of the Post-Graduate membership, appointed one of its members, Dr. Michael M. Johns, to moderate a panel of his colleagues. The panelists, included Drs. Lee Akst, Joel Blumin, Tanya K. Meyer, and Catherine Rees, discussed “*The Challenges and Future Directions of Laryngology – A Post Graduate Member Perspective.*”

The following awards were also presented during the Annual Meeting: Dr. Lawrence DeSanto became the 25th recipient of the American Laryngological Association Award, presented by Dr. Richard Hayden.

Dr. Ellen Friedman presented Dr. Mark Richardson the Gabriel F. Tucker Award for his contributions to the subspecialty of pediatric laryngology.

Dr. Blitzer presented the following research awards:

Dr. David Francis received the Young Faculty/Investigator Award for his paper, “*Extra-Esophageal Reflux & Surgical Fundoplication: What Parameters Predict Symptomatic Improvement?*”

Dr. Jeffrey Houlton received the Resident Research Award for his presentation, “*Voice Outcomes Following Adult Cricotracheal Resection.*”

A total of 49 posters from the ALA were highlighted during the combined poster session. These posters were reviewed by a committee that selected the three most outstanding posters: Dr. Rahul Shah received First Place for his topic, *National Perspective on Tracheotomy Outcomes and Complications Presents Opportunities for Targeted Improvements*; Second Place was awarded to Dr. Yo Kishimoto for his poster, “*Explant Culture of Fibroblasts Obtained from Chronically Scarred Rat Vocal Folds;*” and Dr. Laura White’s poster, “*Co-Prevalence of Tremor in Patients with Spasmodic Dysphonia: A Case-Control Study*” received the Third Place award.

The second meeting day concluded with the Neurolaryngology Study Group. This year’s invited speaker was Dr. Reza Shaker who selected as his topic, “*UES, Pharynx, and Larynx during Reflux: Critical Volume, Reflexes and Assist Device.*” Dr. Lucian Sulica once again selected a timely and well received topic for discussion.

The Mayfair Ballroom, with a magnificent view of Chicago along the River Walk was the setting of the President’s Reception. This year’s theme, “A Tribute to Chicago Jazz”, was complemented by music by a native Chicagoan jazz musician, Brian Danzy. As is customary, the Newcomb Award and deRoaldes Award were presented at the President’ Reception. Both of these awards recognize their recipients for outstanding contributions in the field of laryngology. The 2011 recipient of the Newcomb Award was Dr. Jamie Koufman and the 2011 deRoaldes Award was presented to Dr. Gerald Healy. We congratulate each for their service to the Association and to our subspecialty. The evening was highlighted by the presentation of the Presidential Medal and watch to Dr. Blitzer in recognition of his dedication and effort during his presidential year.

During the two business meetings, reports were given by the Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, and Historian. These reports will be available within the Transactions on-line. The Historian announced the passing of four fellows, Dr. Joyce Schild, Dr. Frank Ritter, Dr. Haskins Kashima, and Dr. John Frazer during the past year. After approval by ballot, the fellowship inducted seven candidates as Active Fellows: Drs. James A. Burns, Dinesh K. Chhetri, Seth H. Dailey, Ramon Franco, Christine G. Gourin, Karen M. Kost, and Pierre Lavertu. Dr. Akihiro Shiotani was inducted as a Corresponding

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Fellow. This year, there were six candidates who were approved for Post-Graduate membership: Drs. Dale Ekbohm, Daniel Novakovic, Joanna D'Elia, Reena Gupta, Sunil Verma, and Swapna Chandran.

The Council of the American Laryngological Association was nominated and elected by the fellows during the business meetings. The officers for the 2011-2012 are as follows:

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The Council recognized the services of Dr. Marshall Strome who completed his tenure on the Council after having served as a President, Past President and Councilor.

Other ALA Announcements

The initial year of the ALA supported fellowship match in laryngology was successful. Those who participated reported excellent results and it is expected more programs will join in the process. We extend our gratitude to Drs. Marvin Fried, Clark Rosen and Al Merati for their efforts to organize this process. For others who wish to learn more about the ALA's role or how to become a participant, you may contact Dr. Fried at mfried@montefiore.com.

We recognize that maintaining our website, www.alahns.org, is an important service to our fellowship. Our editor and administrator constantly consider what type of information will prove beneficial and efforts are always underway to improve the distribution of materials. But we need your assistance to have a site that will work for our Fellowship. Please go to the website to verify your information is accurate. If not, please provide the correct information to our administrator, Maxine Cunningham, by mail (ALA, P.O. Box 128186, Nashville, TN 37212-8186) or email, (maxine-alahns@comcast.net),). Once received, she will then forward you a user name and temporary password that will provide access to the restricted portion of the website. We continue to seek your suggestions for the website.

Another issue is related to the collection of annual dues which is vital to the daily operation of the Association. As we prepare to invoice each member for the 2012 annual dues, please insure you are up to date on all outstanding dues. If you are delinquent, it is critical that you bring your dues current so your membership status will be in "good standing," per the by-laws. You should expect to receive your invoice by email by the end of September. If our administrator does not have an email address for you, a copy will be sent by mail. Again this year, remittance may be made by credit card or check. Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

During Dr. Crumley's presidency in 2009, he created a special fund, ***The Sustainers Fund***. This Fund was established to further support the ALA's mission of education and research. With the

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restrictions in corporate sponsorship, this Fund will be vital to maintain the historical legacy of our Association. Each Council member supports this Fund and we encourage you to make an extra donation with your dues.

Call for Papers for the 133rd Annual Meeting of the ALA

Our official call for papers is enclosed for the 2012 Annual Meeting to be held as part of COSM on April 18-19, 2012, at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, California. Instructions for submission are included on the abstract form and on our website, www.alahns.org. The preferred method for abstract submission is electronically via our website; however, if you are unable to submit it electronically, you may submit by mail to Maxine Cunningham, Administrator of the ALA, P.O. Box 128186, Nashville, TN 37212-8186. **All abstracts must be received by October 31, 2011.**

The ALA recognizes the importance of poster presentations and welcomes submissions that reflect outstanding scientific work in either paper or poster format. Please encourage your colleagues, residents and fellows to submit basic science research, clinical research or interesting clinical topics in either format.

Again this year, authors are encouraged to submit their work for award consideration as appropriate for each award category. Those wishing to be considered for awards should designate such on the abstract form. Awards that require manuscript submission to qualify for consideration must submit it by **December 15, 2011**. Additional information on award criteria may be found on the Call for Papers that is enclosed or on the website.

The ALA continues to require full manuscript submission for all abstracts accepted for oral and/or poster presentation to the ALA Editor, Dr. Mark Courey, by **January 15, 2012** as stipulated in the abstract form. Authors not meeting this deadline **will not be allowed** to present at the annual meeting. In addition to submission to the ALA, the author must submit their full manuscript to *The Laryngoscope* by **January 15, 2012**. The Journal's website provides instructions for manuscript submission.

I am pleased to report on the activities of the ALA over the last year culminating in the Annual Meeting in Chicago this past April. Please mark your calendars to attend the 133rd Meeting of the ALA in April. A brochure will be forthcoming next spring from the COSM organizers that will provide detailed information about registration and hotel accommodations. Our 132nd President, Dr. Michael Benninger, along with his program committee, promises another year of excellent educational opportunities and excitement by presenting a program you will thoroughly enjoy.

Sincerely yours,



C. Gaelyn Garrett, M.D.
Secretary

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