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Dear ALA Fellows and Members,

On behalf of the ALA Council, I am pleased to provide you with our Spring/Summer Newsletter with summary of the 2013 Annual Meeting and update on our activities.

The American Laryngological Association held its 134th annual meeting on April 10-11, 2013 at the J.W. Marriott Resort & Spa – Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida. It was held in conjunction with the Combined Otolaryngology Spring Meetings (COSM).

Dr. Clarence Sasaki, ALA President, opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees at the beginning of the first session. He awarded Presidential Citations to Drs. Andrew Blitzer, Daniel Brasnu, Gady Har-El, Steffen Maune, William Richtsmeier, Kiminori Sato, and Marshall Strome. He also acknowledged the hard work of the program committee members, Drs. Ellen Friedman, Dennis Kraus, Albert Merati, Lucian Sulica, and Gady Har-El (chair).

The ALA Guest of Honor for 2013 was Dr. Marvin P. Fried. After being introduced by President Sasaki, Dr. Fried gave us a very well-structured, educational and uplifting presentation on “The American Laryngological Association: Its Legacy in American Medicine”.

Following the first scientific session with five original manuscripts, Dr. Michael Benninger, Immediate Past President, introduced the American Laryngological Association Awardee, Dr. Harvey Tucker. This was followed with the introduction of the Gabriel Tucker Awardee, Dr. Andrew Inglis, by Dana Thompson, MD.

During the third scientific session, the Young Faculty/Practitioner Award was presented to Dr. Seung Won Lee and her colleagues from Bucheon, South Korea, for their original study “Are RLN Re-innervation Techniques Really Effective for Treating Thyroidectomy-Related Vocal Cord Paralysis?”. The first day session concluded with an outstanding panel discussion on “Neurogenic Cough: Concepts and Cases” chaired by Lucian Sulica, MD with panelists Drs. Clark Rosen, Seth Cohen, Kenneth Altman, and Pieter Noordzij.

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The second day of the meeting was a special one. We held the first ever combined meeting of the American Laryngological Association, American Broncho-Esophagological Association, and the European Laryngological Society. In fact, this meeting was held throughout the entire day. The morning session was organized by the American Broncho-Esophagological Association while the afternoon session was under our direction and leadership. The first ALA scientific session was devoted to manuscripts from Europe. The papers, mainly oncologically-related, were presented by our colleagues from Italy, Lebanon, Austria and Poland.

The Daniel C. Baker Jr. Lecture for 2013 was given by Jonas T. Johnson from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Dr. Johnson, a leader and innovator in head and neck oncology in general, and in laryngeal cancer in particular, was introduced by President Clarence Sasaki. Dr. Johnson presented "Management of Laryngeal Cancer: Contemporary Challenges in a Time of Rapid Change". It was truly wonderful to hear his thoughts based on many years of experience.

During the eighth scientific session, President Sasaki awarded the Resident Research Award to Dr. Yaniv Hamzany and his colleagues from Tel-Aviv, Israel and Paris, France for their presentation "Longitudinal and Multidimensional Voice Evaluation after Transoral Laser Cordectomy". The second day meeting concluded with a panel discussion on "Intermediate and Advanced Laryngeal Cancer". Debatable and controversial topics such as voice and swallowing outcome, and management of the N-0 neck were discussed. The panel was chaired by Gady Har-El, MD and panelists included Drs. Michael Hinni, Eric Genden, and Marc Remacle.

The 2013 Annual ALA Meeting concluded with the introduction of the new President, C. Gaelyn Garrett, MD from Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Garrett took the opportunity to recognize and thank Dr. Clarence Sasaki for his leadership and for the outstanding meeting.

The Annual President Reception was held at the JW Marriot Resort. Dr. Sasaki, with help from our tireless and dedicated administrator, Maxine Cunningham, chose the theme of "A Musical Night from Havana". During the reception, Dr. Sasaki awarded the 2013 James Newcomb Award to Dr. Lauren Holinger and the 2013 DeRoaldes Award to Dr. James Netteville. Congratulations to both awardees. I had the honor of joining President-Elect Gaelyn Garrett in the presentation of the President's Watch, Medal and Pin to Dr. Sasaki, recognizing and thanking him for his dedication and service as he concluded his presidential year.

During the first business meeting held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, the following new active fellows were inducted into our association: Dr. Peter C. Belafsky and Michael M. Johns, III. Dr. Tack-Kyun Kwon was inducted as a corresponding fellow; Drs. Jeffrey Laitman, Bernard Rousseau, and David Zealear were inducted as Associate Fellows; and, a record number of 16 new post-graduate members were introduced into the ALA membership: Drs. David Lott, Julina Ongkasuwan, Pavan Mallur, Joel Portnoy, Apurva Thekdi, Laura Matrka, Melin Tan, VyVy Young, Richard McHugh, Lowell Gurey, Neil Pruffer, Joshua Silverman, Paul Bryson, Catherine Sinclair, Amanda Hu, and Michele Morrison. The following fellows were elevated to the category of Emeritus Fellow: Drs. Gerald Healy, Robert Bone, Rinaldo Canalis, and Eiji Yangisawa. At the same business meeting, very important Bylaws changes were presented to the association. They include: 1. Changes in the structure of the Nominating Committee

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and the process of nominating candidates for officership. These changes will make the entire process of the election to the council more transparent. 2. A change that will allow Post-Graduate Members who are diplomats of a foreign certifying board equivalent to the American Board of Otolaryngology and who completed a recognized laryngology fellowship, to apply for corresponding ALA fellowship. Lastly, a nominating committee was elected during the first business meeting.

The second business meeting was held on Thursday, April 11, 2013. Reports were presented by the Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and Historian. A report on the passing of the following ALA fellows was given by the Historian: Drs. John Ballenger and Loring Pratt.

The Nominating Committee presented a proposed slate of officers and council members. The ALA membership voted and approved the nomination. The officers for 2013-2014 are as follows:

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On behalf of the Council, I welcome Dr. Clark Rosen from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to the ALA Council. I look forward to his contributions. The Council also paid a tribute to Dr. Marvin P. Fried for his many years of dedicated service to the association.

Other ALA Updates and Announcement:

The ALA is sponsoring a mini-seminar to be held during the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Dr. Kenneth Altman will lead a panel discussion on "Challenging Cough Cases: A New Frontier in Otolaryngology". Attendance by our membership is encouraged.

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the ALA will be our 135th one (time flies!). It will be held in conjunction with the Combined Otolaryngology Spring Meeting (COSM) at The Caesar's Palace Hotel, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The ALA will meet on Wednesday and Thursday May 14-15, 2014. President Gaelyn Garrett and Program Chair Mark Courey promise an exciting and stimulating program. The "Call for Papers" for the 135th Annual Meeting is enclosed with this newsletter. The preferred method for abstract submission is electronically via our website www.ALAHNS.Org; 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, Tennessee, 37212-8186. All abstracts must be received by October 31, 2013. Please read and follow the instructions carefully.

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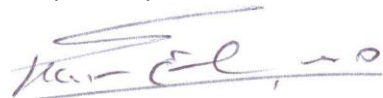
The ALA recognizes the importance of poster presentations and welcomes submissions that reflect outstanding scientific work in either paper or poster format. Please encourage your colleagues, residents, and fellows to submit basic science research, clinical research, or other clinical topics in either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

Enclosed with this newsletter, you will also find the instructions for those wishing to submit papers to be considered for awards. This should be clearly designated on the abstract form. Awards that require manuscript submission to qualify for consideration must be submitted by November 30, 2013.

The ALA continues to require full manuscript submission for all abstracts accepted for oral or poster presentation to the Editor, Dr. C. Blake Simpson by March 15, 2014, Specific instructions are stipulated in the abstract form. Authors not meeting this deadline will not be allowed to present their work at the Annual Meeting. In addition to submission to the ALA, the authors must submit their full manuscript to Julie Nash, Senior Editorial Coordinator of the *Laryngoscope*, by March 15, 2014. The Journal's website provides instructions for manuscript submission.

I thank the ALA Council and Membership for giving me the honor of serving as your Secretary.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gady Har-El", with a horizontal line underneath.

Gady Har-El, MD, FACS
ALA Secretary

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