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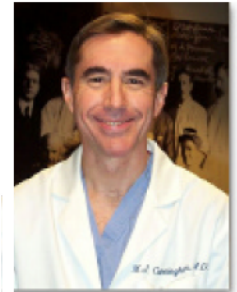
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT MICHAEL J. CUNNINGHAM, MD



Michael Cunningham, MD

Dear Fellow Members,

How quickly time passes! I want to take this time to summarize the important issues and events that have occurred or will occur during this presidency year. I also want to acknowledge those individuals whose assistance I very much relied upon. I apologize in advance for those who performed equally valuable "behind the scenes" work and may go unmentioned.

I hope you will be attending the Annual Meeting, to be held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego on April 27-29, 2007. Under the chairmanship of Blake Papsin, the Program Committee has worked tirelessly to create a terrific scientific program based on the excellent abstracts submitted by you, your residents, and your fellows. More details about the scientific program will be included in Blake's Program Chair Report.

Under the stewardship of Seth Pransky, the Ad Hoc Leadership Committee recommended we enhance ASPO's relationship with its fellow academic and professional societies. Two of the three distinguished invited speakers fulfill this recommendation. Dr. Gerald Healy, the President's Guest Lecturer, is not only known for his otolaryngology accomplishments, but is the current Regents Chair and President Elect of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). He will be the first otolaryngologist to be the ACS president. His talk "Is This All There Is or Is There More" will focus on professional advocacy. Dr. David Clark, the Charles B. Bluestone Lecturer, is Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics, and Medical Director at the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center, as well as the current chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on State Government Affairs. David will speak on political advocacy, at the federal and state level, on behalf of children and pediatric health care providers.

My third invited speaker, Dr. Nancy Tarbell, the Karl Storz Memorial Lecturer, is Chief of the Pediatric Radiation Oncology Unit and Director of both the Office for Women's Careers and the Center for Faculty Development at the Massachusetts General Hospital. She will lecture on "The Promise of Protons in Pediatric Head and Neck Cancer." I have also asked Nancy to participate on the Robin T. Cotton Panel which will focus on pediatric head and neck surgery. Dr. Cotton's associate, Chuck Myer, and his former fellow, Chris Hartnick, will co-chair this panel of several prominent pediatric head and neck surgeons. Dr. Blake Papsin has organized a second panel of equally respected pediatric otolaryngologists and otologists chaired by Dr. Ellis Arjmand to discuss "The Politics of Pediatric Otolaryngology."

The Annual Meeting will not be "all work and no play." Sheila Seid has arranged the ASPO banquet for Saturday evening to be "at sea" in San Diego Harbor aboard the steamship *The Lord Hornblower*. Our International ASPO members have been invited as guests for this event, and I have invited Dr. Fran Catlin and his wife, Rebecca, to be the guests of honor. Dr. Catlin was ASPO's second president, and as you learned in the fall newsletter, Dr. Catlin has been creating beautiful

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MISSION STATEMENT

American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology (ASPO) exists to foster excellence in the care of children with otolaryngologic disorders through education and research and thereby enhance the profession of Pediatric Otolaryngology.

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plaques for each ASPO president beginning with Dr. Seymour Cohen in 1986.

The ability to enhance the Annual Meeting program in these various fashions would not be possible without the generosity of former presidents and present corporate benefactors. The contributions of Drs. Charles Bluestone and Robin Cotton have been mentioned above. The names of Dr. William Potsic and Dr. Charles Ferguson (deceased) are synonymous with the highly sought basic and clinical research awards given annually. Karl Storz Endoscopy agreed to continue its support through 2017 of the lectureship memorializing its founder. Medtronic ENT is supporting the President's Guest Speaker Lectureship, and the Gyrus ENT Division is providing the funding for the Fellowship Directors' Retreat. An educational grant from Alcon Pharmaceuticals continues to support this newsletter.

This past September, the Board of Directors made a significant decision to maintain the Society's longstanding relationship with the Archives of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery as our official journal. I sent an e-mail to the membership outlining the details of that decision, including the associated opportunity of an Archives edition devoted solely to pediatric otolaryngology manuscripts presented at our Annual Meeting. To facilitate this first Archives addition in 2007, the Ad Hoc Publications Committee was created for manuscript review and selection. Space does not allow listing the 20 ASPO members who accepted this responsibility; however, I want to specifically thank Drs. Blake Papsin and George Zalzal who have played the pivotal organizational role. I will be asking the ASPO Board to make the Publications Committee a permanent standing committee for the annual Archives special addition review process.

In December 2006, the Pan Leadership group, composed of the executive committee members of ASPO, SENTAC, AAP ORL-HNS Section and AAO-HNS Pediatric ORL met at SENTAC in San Francisco. In April 2007, this group will again meet at COSM in San Diego. David Nielsen has accepted an invitation to attend the April meeting with the goal of developing a mechanism of uniform review of AAO-HNS projects and practice statements pertinent to pediatric otolaryngology by all four organizations. The Academy's KIDS ENT campaign and the soon to be published JCIH Recommendations for Newborn Hearing Screening have been cited as examples of "missed opportunity to comment" in this regard.

My principal focus has been following up on the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Fellowship Committee in the form of two fellowship directors' retreats. The first of these

was held September 18, 2006 in conjunction with AAO-HNS meeting; the second will take place on April 26, 2007 at COSM. Dr. Gil Rushton, Executive Secretary of the Pediatric Advisory Council to the American Board of Urology, served as facilitator for the September meeting. Gil outlined the historical effort undertaken by the pediatric urologists relative to uniform accreditation of their fellowship programs, an internally administered certification examination, and their recent recognition by the ABMS as a distinct surgical subspecialty. The upcoming April meeting will include presentations by Dr. Michael McKenna, Director of the neuro-otology fellowship at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, and Dr. Corey Maas, Director of the facial plastics fellowship at the University of California San Francisco. Each will speak on the advantages and disadvantages of their respective accrediting organizations - the ACGME and the American Academy of Facial Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery - the latter serving as an example of a specialty-specific accrediting mechanism. At the September 2006 meeting, the majority of the fellowship directors expressed support of a uniform accreditation process. The current meeting's purpose is to establish whether the ACGME or an alternative organization should govern such accreditation, the timetable for its uniform implementation, and whether eventual graduation from an accredited fellowship should be a requirement for full ASPO membership. These are admittedly controversial but highly important issues that will eventually need to be decided by the Board of Directors and voted upon by ASPO membership.

In closing, I wish to recognize several other people who have been instrumental in allowing me to fulfill my duties over the past year. Craig Derkay eased my transition into this position and has provided me with much appreciated continued counsel. Joe Kerschner and I have communicated on almost a daily basis, and joke about the fact that we sometimes speak more often with each other than we do our wives. Jim Thomsen has been an invaluable sounding board in addition to his maintaining our Society's financial vitality. Bob Bahadori probably wishes he never accepted the chair position of the Fellowship Committee, and Sukgi Choi is still hoping I will relieve her of her past Fellowship Committee chair duties; both have worked extremely hard to make the fellowship directors' retreats a reality. Sheila Seid has been as steadfast and reliable an assistant and friend as one could possibly ask for.

I thank you for giving me this wonderful honor and opportunity. With pleasure, I will pass the leadership of this excellent organization to Dr. Scott Manning who I know will serve you well.

Sincerely,

Michael

SECRETARY'S REPORT

JOSEPH E. KERSCHNER, MD

It is hard to believe that almost a year has passed since beginning my role as Secretary of ASPO. I have used much of the advice passed on by Dr. Koltai and have come to an even greater appreciation of the role ASPO plays in the greater organization of otolaryngology. This has primarily come through interaction with the other COSM secretaries in my role on the Secretary's Liaison Committee (SLC). As many of you may know, the SLC is the primary governing body that makes decisions regarding our main annual meeting at COSM. Some important highlights from our most recent meeting in February include that COSM has truly righted its financial picture and is heading towards greener pastures. If COSM had continued its past path of financial losses, there was significant risk that the COSM meetings would be in jeopardy of extinction. Much of this financial success has been garnered through improved meeting planning and arrangements negotiated by the American College of Surgeons. The most recent financials for COSM are as follows:

YEAR	MEETING PROFIT	COSM RESERVES
2004	(\$73,955)	\$113,858
2005	\$6,499	\$120,357
2006	\$42,121	\$162,478
2007	\$57,200	\$219,678

COSM still has a fair way to go before reaching a level of financial security but things are certainly moving in the right direction.

There continues to be discussion regarding the optimal meeting format for COSM. Since each member organization has its own particular interests, it can be hard to accommodate everyone. If all 8 societies are present for a COSM meeting, it can be difficult to accomplish everything in the 4-day meeting format. However, moving the meeting back to a 5-day format has its own difficulties: securing vendors for that time period and the feasibility of attendees staying for the entire meeting. Over the years, due to various reasons, one or more of the societies have not always attended COSM but held their own meeting. For example, ASPO holds a breakout meeting (not in conjunction with COSM) every 4 years. There continues to be some consensus that maintaining a 4-day format may work best during years when one or more of the COSM organizations are not meeting at COSM. This happens more frequently than not. As we continue to attempt to accommodate each society's desires, it is likely that there will need to be some flexibility in scheduling of our annual meeting. However, I will continue

EDUCATION/CURRICULUM REPORT

ELLEN S. DEUTSCH, MD

What comprises appropriate training in pediatric otolaryngology?

Our efforts to define the important aspects of our training are linked to the larger question of how we define and distinguish pediatric otolaryngologists. Over the years, many ASPO members have worked diligently toward answering this question.

In response to these issues, the ad hoc Education/Curriculum committee was created in 2005 by Dr. Derkay during his term as ASPO President. The committee was to look at curriculum content appropriate for pediatric otolaryngology and to see if a "standard" curriculum could be developed for various levels of learners. We developed a list of suggested content items for multidisciplinary trainees ranging from medical students and pediatric residents, to otolaryngology residents and pediatric otolaryngology fellows. We addressed each of these groups with goals specifically targeted to the learners perceived needs. For medical students, early exposure may help students identify the field of pediatric otolaryngology as a career possibility. Pediatric and family practice residents can better serve their patients if they are aware of the gamut of skills and medical management options available within pediatric otolaryngology. Otolaryngology residents should have experience in pediatric otolaryngology as a core component of their residencies, and obviously, pediatric otolaryngology fellows must have an understanding of pediatric otolaryngology that is both broad and deep. Many members of the committee felt that our emphasis should be on developing content for the fellows, so this received the most focused attention.

In addition to addressing cognitive, psychomotor, and behavioral aspects of training, we made suggestions about a broad range of traditional and contemporary educational methodologies and strategies. With increasing knowledge and skill, learners should master new content and progressively develop a deeper understanding of previously learned material, as well as exhibiting increasingly responsible levels of communication and citizenship. This content was presented to the ASPO Board.

Also, during our first year, ASPO was approached by Dr. Robert Miller, of the ABOto, asking for input on the content of material appropriate for a clinically oriented pediatric otolaryngology specialty module to be developed as an option for one of the ABOto maintenance of certification cognitive examinations. We reviewed the master list of topics developed by the ABOto and considered which topic titles, medical conditions, and surgical procedures would

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to take direction from the ASPO Board in securing meeting times and formats that give us the best opportunity of putting together the finest program.

As the year comes to a close, I must say that it has been truly wonderful to serve Dr. Michael Cunningham during his tenure as President. He has been a remarkable leader and has accomplished a tremendous amount. I especially have appreciated the ease with which he offers his friendship and his calm, even-mannered and efficient leadership style (even as we were having dinner together watching his beloved Patriots get bounced out of the playoffs). It has been a wonderful year and I look forward to continued great success as the baton is passed to Dr. Scott Manning.

The 2008 COSM will be in Orlando Florida.

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have particular application in pediatric otolaryngology. We debated the question of whether the approach should be broad, so that a wide range of areas of expertise could be included in the purview of pediatric otolaryngologists; or narrow, so that a core of material would be identified as the foundation of pediatric otolaryngology. These recommendations were also presented to the ASPO Board.

In our second year, during Dr. Cunningham's presidency, we have reformatted and refined the topics and components comprising an education in pediatric otolaryngology, particularly at the fellowship level. In addition, we have had energetic discussions about what makes pediatric otolaryngology special and distinct, how we may develop suitable definitions, and whether we can define consensus metrics that will help evaluate the training efficacy from the learner's perspective.

At the ASPO annual meeting we will present our recommendations for educational content and methodologies, and solicit feedback from ASPO members.

Many thanks to the committee members: Anthony Magit, Scott Manning, Marly Kenna, Ellen Friedman, David Darrow, Mike Rutter, and Orval Brown.

PROGRAM CHAIR REPORT BLAKE PAPSIN, MD

***ASPO/COSM 2007
April 26, 2007 - April 29, 2007
San Diego, CA USA***

This is going to be a great meeting for ASPO members to share some incredibly exciting data with our Otolaryngologic colleagues who are gathering with us at COSM! The scheduler has granted us prime meeting times on Friday and Saturday afternoons and a full day on Sunday. Our executive lobbied hard for this amount of time within COSM because we knew there would be a large number of abstracts submitted for consideration and a difficult time getting enough of our members to the podium. We expect a large turnout attending these scientific sessions and hope you plan to attend all four ASPO sections.

This year's program committee deserves our thanks for their service which included their dedicating significant time and effort to ASPO. The judging process is time consuming and requires committee members give up a number of personal hours to help our society. The committee this year included Udi Shah, Sanjay Parikh, John McClay, Bob Yellon, Andy Inglis, and Ron Mitchell.

One hundred and eighty five abstracts were received and the submission process by all accounts went reasonably smoothly. Slowly, we are learning how to improve the submission and review process as we gain greater experience with the internet based system. Thank you all for your perseverance during the submission and review phases this year. In the end, 45 abstracts were selected for podium presentation and 72 poster presentations were selected. Needless to say, they are of very high quality.

The formal program begins on the morning of April 27 with committee meeting in the morning. Both the RRP and the Pediatric Otology Study group will meet Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. respectively. The formal scientific session begins Friday afternoon with the Presidential welcome, a session including some of the highest scoring abstract presentations, and the Bluestone Lecture entitled "Current Federal Pediatric Issues and Effective Advocacy." This will be followed by what I expect to be a provocative panel on the politics of Pediatric Otology.

Saturday starts with the ASPO fun run at 7:00 a.m. Board members - good news - if you are a lazy loaf like me, you "have" to go to the board meeting at 8:00 a.m. and forgo the run. The afternoon will include 3 podium sessions, the Robin Cotton panel on Head and Neck surgery, and the Karl Storz Lecture entitled "The Promise of Protons in

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ASPO Scientific Program

Friday, April 27, 2007

1:00 p.m. Presidential Welcome & Announcements Michael Cunningham, MD

1st Scientific Session - High Scoring Abstract Submissions Moderator: Michael Cunningham, MD

- 1:10 "Endoscopic Cricoid Split in the Neonate"..... Lesley-Ann Cochrane, MD & David Albert, MBBS, FRCS
 1:18 "Eosinophilia: A Cause of Recurrent Spasmodic Croup Symptoms"..... Laura Orvidas, MD & Dana Thompson, MD, MS
 1:26 "Nasopharyngeal Biofilm Density in the Pediatric Nasopharynx: Recurrent Acute Otitis Media Versus Obstructive Sleep Apnea"..... Giancarlo Zuliani, MD; Michael Carlisle, BS; Aaron Duberstein, MD; Michael Hauptert, DO; Lisa Christensen, BS, BA; Richard Berk, PhD; & James Coticchia, MD
 1:34 "Acute & Chronic Changes in the Subglottis Induced by Graded CO₂ Laser Injury in the Rabbit Airway Model".....Todd Otteson, MD; Vlad Sandulache, PhD; Patricia Hebda, PhD; & Joseph Dohar, MD
 1:42 "Analysis of Unique Genotype-Phenotype Correlations in Hearing Impaired GJB2 Positive Patients"--- Kenneth Lee, MD, PhD; Daniel Larson, BS; Jareen Meinzen-Derr, PhD; Gordon Shott; Daniel Choo, MD; & John Greinwald, MD
 1:50 "The Vestibular Olympics: A Test of Dynamic Balance Function in Children with Cochlear Implants".....Sharon Cushing, MD; Blake Papsin, MD; Adrian James, MA, BM BCh, FRCS; Ruth Chia, MSc Audc; & Karen Gordon MSc Aud, PhD
 1:58 Discussion
 2:15 Introduction of Charles B. Bluestone Lecturer Michael Cunningham, MD
 2:20 "Current Federal & State Pediatric Issues & Effective Advocacy"..... Bluestone Lecturer: David Clark, MD
 2:50 Break with Exhibitors
 3:30 Panel: "The Politics of Pediatric Otology"..... Moderator: Ellis Arjmand, MD
 Panelists: Audie Wooley, MD; Dennis Poe, MD; Margaret Kenna, MD; & Richard Miyamoto, MD
 4:30 Business Meeting (*Members Only*)
 5:30 Adjourn

Saturday, April 28, 2007

- 7:00 ASPO Fun Run
 8:00 Board Meeting (*ASPO Board Members Only*)

2nd Scientific Session - Sensorineural Hearing Loss and the Cochlea Moderator: Robert Yellon, MD

- 1:00 "P53 Modulates Degeneration of the Cisplatin-Treated Mammalian Cochlea: A Potential Therapeutic Target"..... Alan Cheng, MD; Richard Morrison, PhD; & Edwin Rubel, PhD
 1:08 "Neoplasms As a Cause of Unilateral Sensorineural Hearing Loss in Children"--- Marc Thorne, MD; Adrienne Laury, BS; & John Germiller, MD, PhD
 1:16 "Frequency of Hearing Loss Genes in Children with Sensorineural & Mixed Hearing Loss".... Margaret Kenna, MD; Heidi Rehm, PhD; Anna Frangulov, BS; & Bai-Lin Wu, PhD
 1:24 "Receptive Language Level & Academic Status in Pre-Linguistically Deafened Children over Ten Years after Implantation"..... Michel Mondain, MD; Martine Sillon; Adrienne Vieu; Françoise Artieres; Jean-Pierre Piron; & Alain Uziel
 1:32 "In Situ Therapy Can Induce Regeneration of Cochlear Hair Cells in Vivo".....Christine Martins-Carvalho, MD; Emmanuel Mornet, MD; Tristan Montier, PhD; Gerald Valette, MD; Gael Potard, MD; & Remi Marianowski, MD, PhD
 1:40 Discussion
 1:50 Introduction of Karl Storz Lecturer Michael Cunningham, MD
 1:55 "The Promise of Protons in Pediatric Head & Neck Cancer"..... Karl Storz Lecturer: Nancy Tarbell, MD

3rd Scientific Session - Bronchoesophagology Moderator: Andy Inglis, MD

- 2:25 "Failed Extubation in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit: Predictors of Tracheostomy"..... Stacey Smith, MD; Kevin Pereira, MD; & Marion Henry, BS
 2:33 "Late Onset Laryngomalacia: A Variant of Disease".....Gresham Richter, MD; Alessandro de Alarcon, MD; Laura Orvidas, MD; Michael Rutter, MD; & Dana Thompson, MD
 2:41 "Aspiration Following Supraglottoplasty for Treatment of Severe Laryngomalacia "..... Kunal Thakkar, MD; Sheri Poznanovic, MD; & James Schroeder Jr, MD
 2:49 Discussion
 3:00 Break with Exhibitors
 3:30 Panel: "Robin T. Cotton Panel on Head & Neck"..... Moderators: Christopher Hartnick, MD & Charles Myer III, MD
 Panelists: Peter Koltai, MD; John Maddalozzo, MD; Vito Forte, MD; & Nancy Tarbell, MD

- 4th Scientific Session - Head & Neck Surgery/Airway** Moderator: John McClay, MD
- 4:30 p.m. Luminal Epithelium & TGF β -3 Increases Chondrocyte Proliferation & Apoptosis in Murine Cricoid Cartilage In Vitro ---- Efrain Martinez, MD; Jennifer Rudnick, BS; & Leila Mankarious, MD
- 4:38 "Laryngeal & Tracheal Balloon Dilation" Michael Rutter, MD
- 4:46 "Juvenile Angiofibroma: Predictors for Post-Operative Complications & Tumor Recurrence"-----Patrick Fernandez, BA; David Kumpe, MD; Todd Kingdom, MD; & Kenny Chan, MD
- 4:54 "Vascular Anomaly Relational Database Development & Use in Assessment & Treatment"----Jonathan Perkins, MD & Marc Coltrera, MD
- 5:02 "Molecular Signaling in Angiofibromas Post-Embolization: Implications to Therapy"-----Bo-Yee Ngan, MD; Vito Forte, MD; & Paolo Campisi, MD
- 5:10 "Pediatric Aggressive Fibromatosis of the Head & Neck"..... Alok Sharma, MBBCh, FRCS; Bo-Yee Ngan, MD; George Sandor, MD, DDS; & Vito Forte, MD;
- 5:18 Discussion
- 5:30 Adjourn
- 5:30 ASPO President's Reception & Poster Viewing
- 7:30 ASPO Banquet on the "Lord Hornblower"

Sunday, April 29, 2007

- 7:00 Past Presidents' Breakfast
- 8:00 ASPO Business Meeting (*Members Only*)

- 5th Scientific Session - Diagnostic Methods in Otolaryngology**..... Moderator: Ron Mitchell, MD
- 9:00 "Appropriate Hearing Screening in the Pediatric Patient with Head Trauma"..... Michael Bowman, MD; Belinda Mantle, MD; Neil Accortt, PhD; Wenquan Wang, PhD; William Hardin, MD; & Brian Wiatrak, MD
- 9:08 "Early Detection of Meningitic Labyrinthitis with Magnetic Resonance Imaging".....Jonathan Kopelovich, BA; Adrienne Laury, BS; Avrum Pollock, MD; & John Germiller, MD, PhD
- 9:16 "The Significance of Unilateral Enlarged Vestibular Aqueduct"-----Alessandro de Alarcon, MD; Trina Uwiera, MD; Brian Rasmussen, Ellis Arjmand MD, PhD; Jareen Meinzen Derr, PhD; & John Greinwald, MD
- 9:24 "Utility of Temporal Bone CT Measurements in the Evaluation of Inner Ear Malformations"----Judy Chen, MD & Kay Chang, MD
- 9:32 "Is Acute Mastoiditis a Preventable Complication of Acute Suppurative Otitis Media in Children?"..... David Ho, MBBS; Brian Rotenberg, MD; & Robert Berkowitz, MD
- 9:40 Discussion
- 9:50 Break with Exhibitors

- 6th Scientific Session - Disease of Waldeyer's Ring**..... Moderator: Udi Shah, MD
- 10:20 "Adherent Biofilms in Adenotonsillar Diseases in Children"----Khalid Al-Mazrou, MD & Abdulaziz Al-Khattaf, PhD, MSc
- 10:28 "Incidence of Peritonsillar Abscess After Intracapsular & Extracapsular Tonsillectomy"-----Matthew Kohler, BSc; Ellen Deutsch, MD; Robert O'Reilly, MD; Joe Glutting, PhD; Richard Schmidt, MD; & James Reilly, MD
- 10:36 "Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs & Post-Operative Bleeding Following Adenotonsillectomy in Pediatric Patients"-----Anita Jeyakumar, MD; Todd Brickman, MD; Mary Williamson, MD; Christopher Discolo, MD; Kenneth Whittemore, MD
- 10:44 "Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents (NSAIDs) Use Following Tonsillectomy: No Evidence of Increased Hemorrhage Rates" Colin Barber MB ChB, FRACS & Brian Anderson MB ChB, PhD
- 10:52 "Perioral Burns Following Adenotonsillectomy: An under-reported Yet Potentially Serious Complication"-----Michael Nuara, MD; Albert Park, MD; Stephen Alder, PhD; & Marshall Smith, MD
- 11:00 Discussion

- 7th Scientific Session - Things Rhinologic**..... Moderator: Sanjay Parikh, MD
- 11:10 "Effectiveness of Adenoidectomy in Treating Pediatric Sinusitis: A Systematic Review"-----Eric Deussing, MD; Marian Hyatt, MSc; & Scott Brietzke, MD
- 11:21 "Long-Term Improvements in Quality of Life After Surgical Therapy for Pediatric Sinonasal Disease"..... Emily Rudnick, MD & Ron Mitchell, MD
- 11:26 "Predictive Factors for Success After Transnasal Endoscopic Treatment of Choanal Atresia in Children".....Natacha Teissier, MD; Vincent Couloigner, MD, PhD; Martine Francois, MD; & Thierry Van Den Abbeele, MD, PhD
- 11:34 "A Prosthetic Nasopharyngeal Airway in the Management of Sleep Disordered Breathing in Syndromic Craniosynostoses"-----Michelle Wyatt, MA, FRCS; Jay Ahmed, MRCS; Rebecca Heywood, MRCS; & Susanna Leighton, BSc, FRCS (ORL-HNS)
- 11:42 Pediatric Pre & Post Septal Periorbital Infections Are Different Diseases - A Retrospective Review of 262 Cases"----- David McIntosh, MBBS, FRACS; Andrew Botting, MBChB; & Murali Mahadevan, FRACS
- 11:50 Discussion
- 12:00 Lunch

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- 1:00 p.m. Introduction of Presidential Keynote Speaker Michael Cunningham, MD
 1:05 Presidential Keynote Address: "Is This All There Is Or Is There More?"..... Gerald Healy, MD
 1:35 Presentation of Potsic and Ferguson Awards..... Michael Cunningham, MD & James Thomsen, MD

8th Scientific Session - Interesting Odds and Ends

Moderator: Anthony Magit, MD

- 1:45 "The Otolaryngologic Manifestations in Children with Eosinophilic Esophagitis".....Belinda Mantle, MD; Todd Otteson, MD; Alka Goyal, MD; & Margaretha Casselbrant, MD, PhD
 1:53 "Age Specific Prevalence of Abnormal Middle Ear Pressures in Young Children During the Respiratory Season"..... Cuneyt Alper, MD; Birgit Winther; Ellen Mandel; Owen Hendle; Margaretha Casselbrant, MD, PhD; & William Doyle
 2:01 "Pediatric Microtia: Techniques in Pediatric Auricular Reconstruction: A Personal Review of 800 Microtia Patients".....J Arturo Bonilla, MD
 2:09 "Suspension or Repose Genioglossus Advancement - Surgical Treatment of OSA beyond T&A"..... Sally Shott, MD
 2:17 Report of the Ad Hoc Education Committee Ellen Deutsch, MD
 2:25 Discussion

9th Scientific Session - Otology: Basic Science

Moderator: Joseph Kerschner, MD

- 2:40 "Effects of Cotrimoxazole on Resistance and Integrons in the Intestinal Flora of Children with Chronic Otitis Media"..... Anne Schilder, MD, PhD; Erwin van der Veen, MD; Tim Timmers, MD; Maroeska Rovers, MSc, PhD, Ad C Fluit, PhD; & Maurine Leverstein van Hall, MD, PhD
 2:48 "MUC2 Expression in Human Middle Ear Epithelium of Otitis Media Patients".....Matthew Ubell, MD; Joseph Kerschner, MD; Amy Burrows, BS; & P Ashley Wackym, MD
 2:56 "Electron Microscopy Study of Hydrogen Peroxide Ototoxicity in a Chinchilla Animal Model"..... Sam Daniel, MD; Fadi Akache; Marc Nader; & Raymundo Munguia
 3:04 "Alloiococcus Otitidis in Otitis Media"..... Shyan Vijayasekaran, MBBS, FRCS; Ruth Thornton BSc; Karen Prosser, MBBS; Peter Richmond, FRACP; David Stroman PhD; Selma Wiertsema, PhD; & Harvey Coates, MBBS, FRACS
 3:12 "Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction Quantification of Middle Ear Pathogens in Nasopharynx: Otitis Prone Versus Sleep Apnea" Aaron Duberstein, MD; Michael Carlisle, BS; Kelvin Kwong, BS; Michael Hauptert, DO; Zhong Dong, MD, PhD; Richard Berk, PhD; & James Coticchia, MD
 3:20 Discussion
 3:45 Break

10th Scientific Session - The Larynx and Voice

Moderator: Scott Manning, MD

- 4:15 "Unilateral Vocal Cord Paralysis Following PDA Ligation in Extremely Low Birth-Weight Infants: A Benign Complication?----W. Andrew Clement, FRCS (ORL); Hamdy El-Hakim FRCS (ORL); Ernest Phillipos, MD; & Judith Coté MN, RN (NP)
 4:23 "Botulinum Toxin Injection for External Laryngeal Muscles in Pediatric Laryngeal Paralysis: Preliminary Results in a Small Consecutive Series".....Hamdy EL-Hakim, FRCS (ORL)
 4:31 "Simplifying Laryngeal EMG to Assess Pediatric Vocal Fold Immobility: Technical Challenges & Preliminary Results".....Andrew Scott, MD; Peter Chong MD; Christopher Hartnick, MD
 4:39 "WNT1 Is Critical for Midface Development".....Sarah Rohde, MD; Diego Porras, MD; Christopher Brown, PhD; & Steven Goudy, MD
 4:47 Discussion
 5:00 Adjourn

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Pediatric Head and Neck Cancer" delivered by Dr. Nancy Tarbell. The poster reception follows the scientific session and then our banquet is taking place on "Lord Hornblower," a fine maritime vessel I'm told.

Sunday begins with the Past Presidents' breakfast at 7:00 a.m. and then a members' business meeting at 8:00 a.m. After that, we unfurl another banner slate of excellent podium sessions, a special report to the membership from the Ad Hoc Education committee, and the Presidential Keynote address "Is This All There Is or Is There More" delivered by Dr. Gerald Healy. In addition, the Ferguson and Potsic awards will be handed out to the top clinical and basic science manuscripts as judged by the program committee this year.

The committee is extremely proud of the high quality program we have been able to assemble thanks to the high quality of the submitted work from our members and their trainees. We look forward to a fantastic meeting and look forward to seeing you there.

PEDIATRIC OTOTOLOGY STUDY GROUP BLAKE PAPSIN, MD

As many of you know, an otology study group was proposed and met for the first time at SENTAC last December in San Francisco. The group was formed to try to develop a forum within which pediatric otolaryngologists with a more focused interest in otology could discuss clinical and political issues of the day. Our initial meeting was attended by 20 surgeons and our discussion centered on the development of a profile for the pediatric otologist in the context of both otology and pediatric practices. The specific issue of cochlear implantation and the "ownership" of this procedure was a central part of the discussion.

The attendees also felt that there was a need to discuss research that could be carried out by the group to help validate the group and pediatric otology as a real subspecialty. Clinical discussion of interesting cases was limited at our initial meeting but all felt that this would be an important aspect of future meetings (i.e. management of cholesteatoma, ossiculoplasty, atresia repair, implantable hearing aids, vestibular assessment). We all felt that the group should continue to meet and we set the second meeting for Friday, April 27, 2007 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. at ASPO.

In the next month, you'll receive a notice via the ASPO email system giving the specifics for this meeting and encouraging your participation. I'll invite your input regarding topics to be covered and ask a few of you to present cases of interest for discussion. This group is still in its infancy and the turnout at this meeting will help gauge the level of interest and help determine the amount of time and energy that need be directed towards this endeavor in the future. I look forward to seeing you all and this stimulating meeting of pediatric otologists.

Blake Papsin MD
Secretary of the Pediatric Otology Study Group

Along with many things in life, there is growth and change.

In the Fall ASPO Newsletter, we showed a photo of Michael Cunningham's sons, Sam, and the newborn twins, Elijah and Joshua. Now this is growth!



The Cunningham children: Elijah, Sam, & Joshua

MEMBERSHIP/CREDENTIAL REPORT SCOTT SCHOEM, MD

- ❶ For new members, ASPO offers a reduced registration fee to attend the following year's meeting. This is designed to welcome new members and provide them with a financial incentive.
- ❷ Fellowship directors, please encourage your fellows to carefully read the ASPO website's published rules on membership criteria located at:
http://www.aspo.us/UserFiles/File/pdf/ASPO_application_2006.pdf
- ❸ ASPO is now very clear on the categories of membership, especially distinguishing between "Member" and "Associate Member." If there continues to be any confusion among applicants, this can be resolved prior to the application process.
- ❹ This year ASPO received 18 membership applications: 14 member, two associate, and two international.
- ❺ ASPO members can now benefit from a significantly reduced print subscription to *International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology*, a monthly journal edited by Professor Robert Ruben. ASPO members can subscribe to the print version of the 2007 volume at the discounted price of \$137. To initiate a subscription, ASPO members should contact the publisher directly.
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- ❻ A special rate has recently been negotiated for ASPO members for the *Archives of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery*. This rate is a direct result of our ongoing relationship with *Archives* and through efforts to establish a special ASPO issue for *Archives* each spring following our annual meeting.
- ❼ Online-only subscription is \$95. The rate doesn't apply to print+online subscriptions and is not intended for use by institutions. If you are a member of AMA you are eligible for free online access.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ASPO/COSM 2007

April 26, 2007 - April 29, 2007

San Diego, CA, USA
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Thursday, April 26, 2007

A.M. ALA, TRIO
P.M. ABEA, ARS
Evening: ALA-B

Friday, April 27, 2007

A.M. ARS, ABEA, AOS
P.M. ALA, ANS, ASPO
Evening: ABEA-R, AOS-B, ALA-R, 1st Poster-R

Saturday, April 28, 2007

A.M. ANS, TRIO, AHNS
P.M. AHNS, AOS, ASPO
Evening: TRIO-B, ASPO-B, ANS-R, 2nd Poster-R

Sunday, April 29, 2007

A.M. ASPO, TRIO, AHNS
P.M. AHNS, ASPO

INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC ENDOSCOPY DAY 2007

April 30, 2007 (Monday)

(Immediately following ASPO)
San Diego, CA, USA
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9TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON RECENT ADVANCES IN OTITIS MEDIA 2007

June 3, 2007 - June 7, 2007

St. Pete Beach, FL, USA
www.hei.org/research/confer/confer.htm

EUROPEAN CONGRESS 2007 EUFOS/EAORL-HNS

June 30, 2007 - July 4, 2007

Vienna, Austria
www.eufos-vienna2007.org

6TH MOLECULAR BIOLOGY OF HEARING & DEAFNESS CONFERENCE

July 11, 2007 - July 14, 2007

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/node6233.html>

AAO-HNS/FASO 2007

August 9, 2007 - August 11, 2007

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AAO-HNS ANNUAL MEETING & OTO EXPO 2007

September 16, 2007 - September 19, 2007

Washington D.C., USA
www.entnet.org/meetings

93RD ANNUAL ACS CLINICAL CONGRESS

October 7, 2007 - October 11, 2007

New Orleans, LA, USA
<http://www.facs.org/clincon2007/index.html>

IAPO 2007

October 19, 2007 - October 21, 2007

Sao Paulo, Brazil
www.iapo.org.br

AAP CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

October 27, 2007 - October 30, 2007

San Francisco, CA, USA
<http://www.aap.org/nce/>

SENTAC 2007

November 29, 2007 - December 2, 2007

Milwaukee, WI, USA
www.sentac.org

31ST ARO MIDWINTER MEETING

February 16, 2008 - February 21, 2008

Phoenix, AZ, USA
<http://www.aro.org/mwm/mwm.html>

ASPO/COSM 2008

May 1, 2008 - May 4, 2008

Orlando, FL, USA
www.aspo.us

ESPO 2008

June 8, 2008 - June 11, 2008

Budapest, Hungary
www.espo.eu.com/content/news.html

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http://www.aspo.us/faqdesk_index.php?faqPath=3

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MEMBER LOCATOR

http://www.aspo.us/member_search.php

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http://www.aspo.us/information.php?info_id=18

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http://www.aspo.us/information.php?info_id=12

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

http://www.aspo.us/UserFiles/File/pdf/ASPO_application_2006.pdf

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