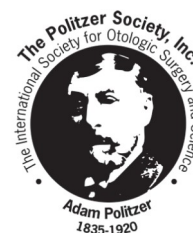


# POLITZER SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER



[www.politzersociety.org](http://www.politzersociety.org)

## News from the Society

- The Board of Directors election has been completed. Members completing their terms of service were replaced and the Board was expanded to 13 so that additional countries could be represented.

- Planning is underway to organize several Politzer Symposia, which will be conducted in "Videoconference" format. The meetings will be held every other year between the regular meetings. Next year, Istanbul and Tübingen will host the videoconference meetings. In 2012 the meeting will be organized in Würzburg.

- An international otological network is being established which will help with sharing information and experience between various regions of the world. Working groups are being formed and these groups are expected to be key components of this project. The contributions made by the leading companies will also be welcome to harmonize the researches with the output of experience and technical developments.

- While the *Otology and Neurotology* will be kept as the Official Journal of the Society, the Board of Directors decided to support the development of the *Journal of International Advanced Otology*.

- Currently, the Bylaws allow election of new members only during the business meeting. The Board has established a membership committee that will manage new applications and to allow them to benefit from the activities of the Society until the memberships are officially confirmed by the General Assembly.

### Politzer Society Board

#### President

O. Nuri Özgirgin (Turkey)

#### Past President:

Jacques Magnan (France)

#### Secretary:

P. Ashley Wackym (USA)

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Alec F. O'Connor (UK)

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Manohar Bance (Canada)  
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Mohan Kameswaran (India)  
Angel Ramos Macias (Spain)  
Seung Ha Oh (South Korea)  
Sugata Takahashi (Japan)  
Hans Peter Zenner (Germany)

## PRESIDENCY PASSES TO DR. OZGIRGIN



O. Nuri Özgirgin has been elected the new President of the Society. Jacques Magnan handed over the Presidency to Dr. Özgirgin during the 27<sup>th</sup> Politzer Society Meeting in London. The term will be four years.

The Board of Directors approved several new projects that will improve communication and add value to membership in the Politzer Society. These include creating a network with various the national and international otological societies, and organizing videoconference meetings.

## 27TH POLITZER SOCIETY MEETING WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

27. Politzer Society Meeting (chaired by Alec Fitzgerald O'Connor) was held in London during 3-5 September 2009, at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Center. There have been 8 plenary lectures, 12 symposia, 19 focus group sessions as well as free paper presentations, sponsored sessions and the Politzer Prize session. Almost all topics of otology and neurotology were discussed by the distinguished participants from all over the world. The high scientific quality of the sessions was the main impression. This year the Hunterian lecture, that is assigned by the Royal College of Surgeons, was also involved in the meeting.

The social program was also gorgeous. The welcome reception was held in the House of Kings in Westminster Abbey, and the Conference Banquet took place in the Painted Hall, Royal Naval College in Greenwich.



Jacques Magnan (upper-left), Alec F. O'Connor (upper right), David Moffat (Hunterian Lecturer, lower left) and Alan Kerr (lower right) during their lectures.



Having been on the Board of Directors since 1998, I am deeply honored to become the new President.

Since 1971 when the Politzer Society was founded great developments have been made in otologic science. The regular meetings have gathered distinguished scientists from all around the world updating knowledge and stimulating innovative basic and clinical research. The Politzer Prizes that have been awarded during the last 20 years have encouraged younger colleagues to develop research interests that have stimulated us all.

I have been excited by the progress the Society has made during the last decade. With my experience of the last 10 years and having obtained agreement within the Board I am now planning to create a new expanding mission for the Society. Plans already conceived are ready to be realized. Worldwide national otologic societies, working independently are sustaining and developing clinical practice and science at a high level. I believe that by linking these national societies under the umbrella of the Politzer Society could result in a new power for stimulating innovation, change and education. The Society must take responsibility for this mission. Whilst even the simple co-ordination will give impact to scientific work, the prospects is open to many new developments.

A new clinical and scientific forum will be integrated in to the official website and become, I hope, a very effective platform for discussing scientific matters and finding solutions to evaluate and manage cases. This online service will be open to members and colleagues throughout the world and will be available for further developments dependent on user needs

The Politzer Society will continue be actively present in the "real world" with its biannual meeting but its entry into the "virtual world" will allow the knowledge and expertise of its members to spread worldwide at the click of a mouse!

O. Nuri Özgirgin  
President



The Officers of the Society

**Politzer Society member, great neurotologist, Antonio De la Cruz has recently passed away.**



Antonio was the director of education at the House Ear Institute. He served as president of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery in 1997-98 and received the academy's presidential citation in 2004 and its Distinguished Service Award in 2007.

Antonio has been titled with a clinical professor of Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery in University of Southern California, 1991. He has been involved in the offices of many international societies and contributed to otology science with 64 publications and two textbooks. He also was an active member of the House Ear Institute's board of trustees since 1984.

Your scientific work will always be a guide for all of us Antonio.

## INSERT THE DATES INTO YOUR CALENDAR

### Video-conferencing Meeting:

#### Otosclerosis—Istanbul 11 May 2010

(During Istanbul Univ. Cerrahpasa Academic Week)

Conference chair: Ozgun Enver

Secretary: Murat Toprak (muratt@tkbbv.org.tr)

Live surgeries (Stapes surgery):

Onsite (Istanbul): by Jacques Magnan and Robert Vincent

Remote: by Wilko Grolman (Utrecht) and Thomas Lenarz (Hannover)

Videoconferencing Panels: Inside live surgeries & Revision stapedectomies

Moderator: O. Nuri Ozgircin

Panelists: Jacques Magnan, Manohar Bance, Robert Vincent, Michael Mc Kenna,



28. Politzer Society Meeting  
29 September—01 October 2011  
[www.politzer-athens2011.gr](http://www.politzer-athens2011.gr)  
Congress chair: John E. Xenelis

### Video-conferencing Meeting:

#### Tympanoplasty:

#### Tubingen October 2010

Conference chair: Hans Peter Zenner

The details are coming

### Video-conferencing Meeting:

#### Cochlear implants:

#### Wurzburg 2012

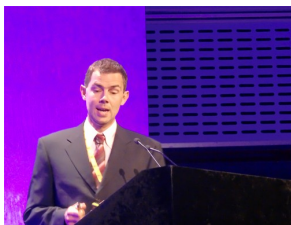
Conference chair: Joachim Mueller

The details are coming



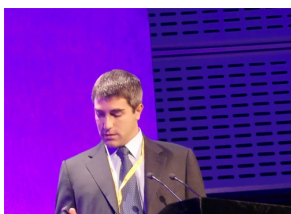
Coming Politzer Society Meeting: Kusadasi—Izmir (Turkey) 2013

### 27. Politzer Society Meeting Politzer Prize Winners



#### Clinical Science:

Otologies Middle Ear Transducer with Contralateral Conventional Hearing Aid in Severe Sensorineural Hearing Loss. *Stephane Tringali, France*



#### Basic Science:

Comparison of Salicylate, Quinine and Noise-induced Tinnitus Development and Time Course in Rats and Evaluation of Audiological Correlates  
*Massimo Ralli, Italy*

The Politzer Forum is active.

Please visit <http://www.politzersociety.org/forum/phpBB3> to find answers to your questions.

Case of the month is being represented by different authors in monthly basis.

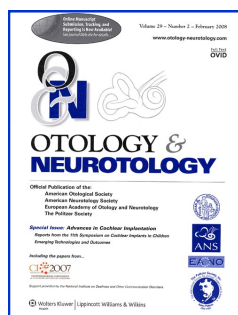
You can find responses to your questions from the masters on any topic.

All you need is to register to the forum.

Politzer Website is acting as a portal. By visiting you will find:

- News from the Society
- Access to the abstracts of last ten years' meetings
- Politzer Forum
- Updated Congress Calendar (on otology and neurotology)
- Links to otological societies
- Links to otological journals
- Historical papers
- Milestones of the Politzer Society

### Official Journal



### Politzer Society also supports:



### Are you interested with the Politzer Society?

You can find the Membership form in the website:

[www.politzersociety.org](http://www.politzersociety.org)

Please send your CV and photograph to:  
[info@politzersociety.org](mailto:info@politzersociety.org)

Membership committee will deal with the new submissions in monthly basis and initiate the "guest member" status.

Due to bylaws, the membership submissions must be subjected to "General Assembly" for approval.

Annual membership payments include subscription to Otolaryngology and Neurotology.

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