

POLITZER SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER



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News from the Society

The Videoconferencing activities will be organized in collaboration with LION (Live International Otolaryngology Network)

The LION Foundation that was created in 2006 is dedicated to promote medical and surgical high quality Continuing Education programs. The LION network is being used for live surgery, panel discussion and formal conferences with PowerPoint type presentations. Since 2006 Lion Foundation served for live transmission of several live surgical performances to all over the world. Politzer Society Board of Directors has decided to collaborate with LION for transmission of Videoconferencing Activities. Politzer Society and the LION Foundation anticipate that this collaboration will result in an update to existing developments that will help define the scope, timing and costs of ongoing development in an educational program in Otolaryngology. The parties will continue to evaluate, and pursue as appropriate, other potential sources of improvement. In this regard 2 events will be broadcasted in 2010 and one in 2012.

The 1st Politzer Global Microsurgical Broadcast will be focused on stapes surgery and it is scheduled to 11 May 2010 in Istanbul. This event is integrated with the 21st Academic Week – Otolaryngology – Neurotology Days.

The Second Global Broadcast will be established on 5 October 2010 by leadership of Tubingen and in collaboration with Utrecht, Beziers and Hannover. The topic will be based on middle ear surgery.

In 2012 The third Global Broadcast will focus on Cochlear implantation under the leadership of Professor Joachim Mueller in Wurzburg.

Politzer Society is looking forward to keep this collaboration with LION for the future.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are pleased by launching the new issue of the Politzer Newsletter. In this issue the presentation and details of Politzer Society—LION Foundation takes place. Politzer Society is looking forward for a close cooperation between the LION Foundation. As the communication systems gets more practical and widespread the e-learning systems will increase its dominance in our life.

The feed backs to our communication with National Otolaryngological Societies is encouraging. Even the process has not been finalized yet, the preliminary consequences of this collaboration will reveal itself by creating multinational and multicentre working groups on previously chosen topics by the board of the Politzer Society. The first communication with the commercial companies to give support to the projects encourages us continuing on with this plan.

The organizations for Politzer Scientific activities is continuing on. We are looking forward for the three main scientific events; two videoconferences that will be broadcasted mainly from Istanbul and Tubingen and will be supported by other cities in Europe during 2010 and the traditional biannual Politzer Society Meeting that will take place in Athens in 2011. You will find the details for these three events in this newsletter.

Again we invite you to be involved in Discussion Group and attach your cases of questions into the Forum. This will be a nice source for all of us to refresh ourselves.

We are looking forward to address again with the Newsletter in February. With this opportunity we wish you a very happy and healthy New Year, with Season's Greetings.

Prof. Dr. O. Nuri Ozgirgin



You are cordially invited to attend the 28th Politzer Society Meeting in Athens. This meeting promises to be one of the world's largest gatherings of Otolaryngologists. Skull Base Surgeons, General Otolaryngologists and other clinicians interested in the management of otologic and neurotologic diseases.

The meeting will be a diving -board for advances in patients' care and scientific discoveries.

The program incorporates new diagnosis, management and treatment techniques along with otology, pathophysiology, genetics and molecular biology, evaluation and clinical and surgical management of otologic and neurotologic conditions.

Parallel sessions each day will include round tables, mini seminars, scientific paper presentations, instructional courses, great debates, live cadaver dissections as well as plenary sessions.

Athens is a fascinating city which preserves inimitable testimony of man's genius and human history.

The venue of the congress "Zappeion Megaron" is located in the centre of the city, within the walking distance of the major museums and the chosen hotels.

Social program will underscore the historical and cultural possibilities of the city of Athens and will include pre and post meeting tours, designed especially for international visitors. With the hope to welcome you in the state of the art meeting in the wonderful city of Athens

J.E. Xenelis, Chairman of the Meeting

Video-Conferencing Meetings

Video-conferencing Meeting: The 1st Politzer Global Microsurgical Broadcast
Otosclerosis—Istanbul 11 May 2010 (In Collaboration with LION)

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Video-conferencing Meeting: The 2nd Politzer Global Microsurgical Broadcast
Tympanoplasty—Tubingen 5 October 2010

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Video-conferencing Meeting: The 3rd Politzer Global Microsurgical Broadcast
Cochlear implants - Wurzburg 2012

Details will come soon

INSERT THE DATES INTO YOUR CALENDAR

Video-conferencing Meeting: Otosclerosis—The 1st Politzer Global Microsurgical Broadcast - Istanbul 11 May 2010

10:00am – 12:30am Live surgery: Four simultaneous live operations performed from: Turkey, Germany and The Netherlands. From Istanbul by: Jacques Magnan (FR) and Robert Vincent (FR) from Hannover by Thomas Lenarz (D) and from Utrecht by Wilko Grolman (NL)

02:00pm – 03:00pm Panel discussion on content of live surgeries— Why and How?

Moderator (from Istanbul): Nuri Ozgirgin

Panelists: Jacques Magnan and Robert Vincent (from Istanbul), Thomas Lenarz (from Hannover), Wilko Grolman (from Utrecht).

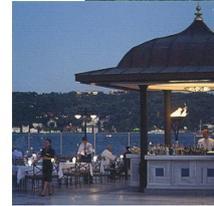
03:00pm – 04:00pm Panel Discussion on Revision Stapes Surgery (from Istanbul)

Moderator: Nuri Ozgirgin (TR)

Panelists (from Istanbul): Manohar Bance (CAN), Jacques Magnan (FR), Michael McKenna (USA), Sarp Saraç (TR), Robert Vincent (FR)



*This meeting is being organized as integrated to 21st Academic Week – Otolaryngology – Neurotology Days, Istanbul University, Cerrahpasa Medical School



Video-conferencing Meeting: Tympanoplasty—The 2nd Politzer Global Microsurgical Broadcast Tubingen 5 October 2010 (Conference chair: Hans Peter Zenner)

The lead surgeons are Hans Peter Zenner (Tübingen, Germany), Thomas Lenarz (Hannover, Germany), Robert Vincent (Béziers, France), Wilko Grolman (Utrecht, Netherlands). The moderators will be Rainer Zimmermann (Tübingen) and Rinze Tange (Utrecht) moderating from Utrecht.

08:00am – 11:00am Live Surgery

Tympanoplasty and Stapes Surgery. Interactive session with simultaneous live surgery from 2 European operating theatres at a time. Moderators : Rainer Zimmermann, Rinze Tange.

02:00pm – 04:00pm International Round Table:

Troubleshooting in middle ear surgery with video demonstrations and comments from Hans Peter Zenner, Thomas Lenarz, Robert Vincent and Wilko Grolman. Moderator : Rainer Zimmermann.

Video-conferencing Meeting: Cochlear implants: —The 3rd Politzer Global Microsurgical Broadcast Wurzburg 2012 (Conference chair: Joachim Mueller)

The details will be announced by the Newsletters and Politzer Society Website.

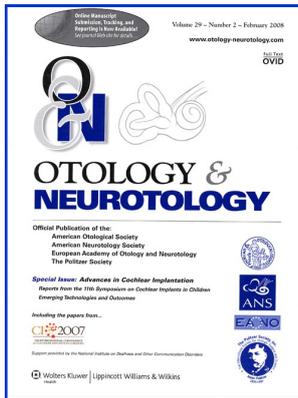
Coming Politzer Society Meeting: Turkey - 2013

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.

Do not miss these Journals:

www.otology-neurotology.com



www.advancedotology.org

To be Online for the Politzer Global Microsurgical Broadcasts

Please visit the Politzer Society Webpage:

www.politzersociety.org

The detailed information for connection; your online questions and for the link will be available in the website before the broadcasts.

The questions will be received by e-mails and will be responded by the moderators or the surgeons in live.

The round tables will be open to questions as well.

The surgical videos will be kept by the LION Foundation and can be retrieved later.

From LION Foundation:**What is the LION (LIVE INTERNATIONAL OTOLARYNGOLOGY NETWORK)**

The Live International Otolaryngology Network was created in 2004 and has had an exciting four years undergoing exponential growth. The LION Foundation consists of a group of mostly academic ENT surgeons organising interactive live surgery, panel discussion and conferences to train and share clinical expertise and experience. The last two main events in May 2008 and 2009 had more than 40 international sites connected with more 4-5 000 professionals participating interactively and watching the surgery. From India to Brazil and from Sweden to South Africa colleagues joined the LION meeting in local conference facilities to interact with the surgeons and conference moderators.

The telemedicine concept allows more people to join the meeting and limits travel for most who wish to participate. Colleagues can join the event from the office or from home provided there is an internet connection with sufficient bandwidth.

LION's mission is to teach, learn and use teleconferencing set-ups to reach out to many colleagues worldwide. LION wants to achieve the next best alternative to visiting a surgeon in his operating theatre, to facilitate a much larger group to benefit from this « virtual visit ».

The future of LION

The live surgery main event will continue once a year in May in forthcoming years.

The Foundation will also work towards a surgery on demand set-up selecting what ENTs want to see and what they want to learn. LION will work towards different types of surgery at the same time, for example otosclerosis, ossiculoplasty, skull base surgery, and other procedures to choose from. It is the aim of the December Broadcast which will be focused this year on myringoplasty with a combination of live surgery, case presentation and panel discussion.

The EAONO and the Politzer Society have joined forces with LION to put together a compelling program of insights and education in otology and neurotology by videoconference.

LION needs to also appeal to residents in the middle of their training program. The HD LION network is ideally suited to medical and surgical education programs in which distance learning technology requires the relay of high-quality images. The LION Foundation is developing an educational program delivered by videoconference for residents and interns in Otolaryngology utilizing its HD technology. Since September 2009 LION has been running a pilot weekly videoconferencing residency and internship training session between the University Medical Center in Utrecht (Netherlands) and the Causse Ear Clinic in Béziers (France). Routine surgical lists held every Tuesday morning have been transmitted between these two sites. Dutch Residents and Interns have been able to follow varied middle ear procedures being performed in France from their own ENT department in Utrecht and have been able to interact live with the surgeon. As a result of the success of this pilot The Medical University of Hannover (MHH) and Marseille University Hospital will soon join these weekly sessions. Next year, a pilot live link has been organized with the West Midlands Regional Higher Surgical Training Scheme in the UK. These live links will also be transmitted over the internet in the future thus allowing a cost effective and easy educational program in Otolaryngology which will also include lectures and case presentations.

The LION will also become on a smaller scale a permanent network. It will help teleconsultation where a clinician can present a difficult patient to one or a group of specialists in the field. It will be possible to ask one or more experts from different countries for advice in special situations.

The LION Foundation needs to emphasise the inclusion of as many countries as possible as its mission statement is to reach out to as many colleagues around the world as we can. LION is now working on different formulae to facilitate more people from different places. This will always remain a core aim of the Foundation.



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

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Are you interested with announcing your Otology Meeting in Politzer Society Website?

Please send the details about the meeting to us.

General Assembly Minutes

After establishing that a quorum existed, the meeting was called to order by President Jacques Magnan at 1545 on Saturday 5 September 2009.

President's Address – Jacques Magnan

President Jacques Magnan congratulated Alec Fitzgerald O'Connor for organizing such a fantastic meeting. In addition, he shared with the membership how grateful he was for the honor of serving them during his term of office.

Introduction of New Board – Jacques Magnan

President Jacques Magnan recognized the service of Dr. Moriyama, Dr. Chong Sun Kim and Dr. Antoli-Candela whose terms of service as members of the Board have been completed. He then introduced the new members of the Board, effective at the conclusion of the General Assembly Meeting: O. Nuri Özgirgin (President); Jacques Magnan (Past-President); Alec Fitzgerald O'Connor (Treasurer); P. Ashley Wackym (Secretary); Per Möller (Program Advisor); Angel Ramos Macias; Roberto Filipo; Seung Ha Oh; Sugata Takahashi; Hans Peter Zenner; Rubens Brito; Manohar Bance; Mohan Kameswaran; and Mirko Tos (non-voting).

Secretary's Report – P. Ashley Wackym

Improved communication with Politzer Society members is a priority for this Board and the Secretary will work toward this end. The following applicants were reviewed by the membership committee and recommended for general membership vote by the Board as they were all viewed as appropriate candidates for membership. After introduction of the candidates identified below, the members attending the general assembly unanimously approved them as members.

Yusuf Hidir, Charbel Rameh, Myrthe Hol, Muharrem Dagli, Yildirim Bayazit, Nageris Benny, Stefano Berrettini, Jonathan D. Blanshard, Sean P.A. Blaney, Onur Çelik, Burhan Dadas, Andrey Davidov, Attila Dezso, John L. Dornhoffer, Michael Gaihede, Subodh Chandra Goswani, Herman A. Jenkins, Mohan Kameswaran, Shi-Chan Kim, Young Ho Kim, Dirk H.P.M. Kunst, Jack Lancer, Ambrose W. Lee, Götz Frederik Lehnerdt, Arsovic Menad, Eduard Matsnev, Timothy Mitchell, Neil Molony, Aziz M. Mustafa, Stephan John O'Leary, Moon Suh Park, Ronald Pennings, Vivek Raut, Wandong She, Rubens Brito, Ashish Varghese, Konstantina Trifa, and David Peter Morris.

It was announced that the Board approved embracing new candidates before formal acceptance as members since the bylaws require election only during the formal Politzer Society general assembly meeting every other year.

Treasurer's Report – Alec Fitzgerald O'Connor

Alec Fitzgerald O'Connor delivered the Treasurer's Report. The financial assets and liabilities were reviewed and the Society remains financially healthy.

New issues – O. Nuri Özgirgin

During his Presidency, Nuri Özgirgin with devote effort to create links with National Otological Societies. He explained that since the Politzer Society is an international society dedicated to otology, our mission should also include fostering relationships with the national otologic societies.

President-Elect Nuri Özgirgin announced that the Politzer Society will establish a link with LION (Live International Otology Network). The URL associated with this can be found at <http://www.lion-web.org/pages/elibrary.html>. He also told the membership that the Board enthusiastically supports exploring this relationship as the infrastructure that has been created has great potential to add value to Politzer Society membership.

Link with Journals

Videoconferencing Symposia

Announcement of upcoming meetings

John Xenelis: 28th Politzer Society Meeting, Athens, Greece

Haruo Takahashi: 9th International Conference on Cholesteatoma and Ear Surgery, Nagasaki, Japan

With no further business to discuss, our new President O. Nuri Özgirgin adjourned the meeting at 1620.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Ashley Wackym, MD
 Secretary

Are you interested with the Politzer Society?

You can find the Membership form in the website: www.politzersociety.org

Please send your CV and photograph to: 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.

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