

AMERICAN BRONCHO-ESOPHAGOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (ABEA)

SPRING/SUMMER 2015 ABEA NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Gregory A. Grillone, MD, FACS

It has been a wonderful and exciting year serving you as president of the American Broncho-Esophagological Association.

First, I want to remind everyone of our upcoming annual meeting on **April 22 and 23 at the Sheraton Boston Hotel**. It's not too late to register, just go to this link <http://cosm.md/registration-information/>.

The program committee received an unprecedented number of abstracts this year and has developed what promises to be an outstanding scientific program. The theme of this year's meeting will be the past and future of minimally invasive surgery (MIS) of the upper aero-digestive tract. Dr. Steven Zeitels will deliver the Presidential Keynote Address which will focus on the history of MIS in our field. Dr. Bert O'Malley, this year's Chevalier Jackson Lecturer, will share his vision of what the future of MIS looks like based on the lessons learned from the TORS story.

In our continuing effort to promote collaboration with our European colleagues and to provide a broad perspective on management options, our panels will include members of the European Laryngological Society.

Special thanks to Pieter Noordzij and the entire program committee for their exceptional effort in organizing the scientific program.

I am very pleased to announce Dr. M. Stuart Strong as my Guest of Honor in recognition of his visionary contributions our field, his altruistic approach to his students, residents and patients, and for the profound influence he has had on so many of us.

I am also very pleased to award presidential citations to Dr. Kenneth Grundfast, Dr. Geza Jako, Dr. Stanley Shapshay and Dr. Charles Vaughan (posthumously) in recognition of their longstanding support and mentorship.



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Dr. Steven Zeitels has been a highly prolific surgical innovator and leader in the field of bronchoesophagology and laryngology and has been a staunch supporter of the ABEA for many years. In recognition of his many contributions to our field I am very pleased to present him with this year's Chevalier Jackson Award.

We will again be hosting a Speed Mentoring session for our residents and fellows on **Thursday, April 23, 5:30 - 6:00 pm, in Hall D of the Hynes Convention Center**. The purpose is to engage residents, fellows and young faculty and provide feedback to them on research projects or other career topics. If you are willing to serve as a mentor and share your knowledge and expertise please contact Katie Fitzgerald at kafitzgerald@facs.org.

Our challenge to the membership to propose young colleagues for membership in ABEA has paid off. This year we have more than 20 new applicants who will be inducted into the society during the second business meeting on Thursday.

Vice-President Jim Burns and Immediate Past President Ellen Deutsch have continued their efforts to reorganize the committee structure of the ABEA. This has been an arduous but very important task that promises to meet the growing needs of the society and provide opportunities for more members to become directly involved with the ABEA. We have received your feedback on the proposed restructure and we plan to vote on the necessary bylaws changes at annual business meeting.

In the last newsletter I mentioned plans to upgrade the ABEA website. I am very happy to announce that the new website is now live. New features include: a member's only area for dues payments, donations and profile updates (including photos); an online real-time membership application process; and a repository for photos, videos and historical files.

I would also like to remind everyone that the ABEA relies heavily on philanthropy. It is critical to our success. I encourage each member to consider giving within their means to help support the educational and other initiatives of the ABEA. Any amount is greatly appreciated. We have streamlined the process to help make giving easier <http://abea.wildapricot.org/Donate>.

Finally, I would like to give special thanks to the entire ABEA council and to Katie Fitzgerald, our ACS administrator. It is their hard work and dedication that has made this year such a success.

Thank you for giving me the honor and privilege to serve you as president of this esteemed society. I look forward to seeing you all at the annual meeting in Boston!

Gregory A. Grillone, MD, FACS.



EDITOR'S SECTION

ABEA Editor

Albert Merati, MD, FACS

Dear ABEA community:

As we celebrate another successful meeting and program full of clinical and scientific innovation, I was thinking about the boundaries and possibilities of research in broncho-esophagology. I was curious what more our members could/would do with access to research funds and support. I asked several of our colleagues the same simple question:

What would you study if you were given \$10,000,000 in research funding?

For me, I would try to answer the simple question "What is the nature of idiopathic vocal fold paralysis?" Of course, many of our colleagues have pondered this before. Viral and vascular etiologies have been considered but nothing has been done conclusively. When I compare this to the work that helped clarify the viral etiology of Bell's palsy, I feel like we are way behind. Of course when you wake up in the morning and your face doesn't work, most people see a physician that day...patients wake up breathy and hoarse and may attribute this to laryngitis or phonotrauma. We just don't see the "idiopathic vocal fold paralysis" cases very early in the course of the problem. This is one of the challenges to understanding the condition, in my opinion.

A few responses from ABEA members:

Sid Khosla, Cincinnati: I would study tissue engineering to rebuild the entire vocal fold using mucosa, lamina propria, muscle, and nerve

Gresham Richter, Little Rock: I would study distraction chondrogenesis for subglottic stenosis

Greg Postma, Augusta: I would study prophylaxis and long term treatment to limit dysphagia following chemoradiation

What would you study? Send a response to me at amerati@uw.edu and perhaps we will extend this discussion to the next research forum and newsletter.

ABEA Needs YOU!



Do you have a newsworthy item or would you like to submit a news article for ABEA's Newsletter?

ABEA is looking for contributing authors to expand the newsletter.

The next deadline is August 15, 2015.

Please send your newsletter item to abea@facs.org.



ABEA's 2015 Speed Mentoring!

Sign up to be a MENTEE

ABEA will be hosting our 2nd Annual "Speed Mentoring" event during our Annual Meeting and Poster Session. This event is to engage residents, fellows, young faculty (and those young at heart!) as mentees, receiving feedback and advice about career planning or current research projects from experts and leaders in laryngology.

If you would like to be a mentee and receive knowledge and expertise from experts during the ABEA poster session – sign up today!

The commitment:

- Spend 8 minutes with 1-2 mentors at a time, for 3 brief sessions, **between 5:30 and 6 pm on Thursday, April 23**, at the beginning of the poster session, and physically next to the poster session.
- Present a research proposal or career question for which you would appreciate feedback and advice.
- Keep an open mind about suggestions from those with experience.

The process:

- You will stand at a small table introduce yourself and describe your project or question.
- Your mentor will provide suggestions
- After approximately 8 minutes, you will move on to speak with an additional mentor(s), describe your question and receive suggestions; and then repeat this again one more time.
- You will participate in a total of 3 brief mentoring sessions, then enjoy the rest of the poster session!

The benefit:

- You will receive valuable feedback and knowledge from experienced faculty.
- You will gain fresh and objective perspectives and invaluable guidance.

Speed Mentoring will be held from 5:30 - 6:00 pm, Thursday, April 23 in Hall D of the Hynes Convention Center

Request for MENTORS

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If you are willing to be a mentor, and share your knowledge and expertise for 30 minutes during the ABEA poster session - no preparation needed – we are looking for you!

The commitment:

- Spend 8 minutes each with 3 mentees (individually) between **5:30 and 6 pm on Thursday, April 23**, at the beginning of the poster session, and physically next to the poster session.
- The mentee will present a research proposal or career question; you provide feedback and advice.
- You do not need to be the subject matter expert for the research; you are helping them hone their concepts and presentation.

The process:

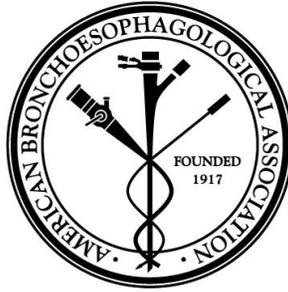
- You will stand at a small table
- Introduce yourself and allow the mentee to introduce him or herself, and to describe their project or question. Provide supportive suggestions.
- After approximately 8 minutes, the first mentee will move on to speak with another mentor, and a new mentee will arrive to speak with you.
- Speak with 3 mentees, then enjoy the rest of the poster session!

The benefit:

- You will help to cultivate our upcoming colleagues
- You will have the satisfaction of sharing the wealth of your experience with appreciative learners

If you are interested, RSVP to Katie Fitzgerald at ABEA Headquarters at abea@facs.org. Please send your name, email address, and **phone number for texting onsite at COSM. Email us today at abea@facs.org. Space is limited for both Mentors and Mentees!**





SUPPORT THE ABEA TODAY!

We would also like to recognize the following members who have made notable contributions to the development efforts of the ABEA:

President's Circle: Jonathan Aviv, Andrew Blitzler, Ellen Friedman, Gregory Grillone, Gady Har-El, Ian Jacobs, Peter Koltai, Jamie Koufman, J. Scott McMurray, Gregory Postma, Clarence Sasaki, Peter Sasaki, Peak Woo, Eiji Yanagisawa, Steven Zeitels

Leadership Circle: Michael Benninger, Seth Dailey, Edward Damrose, Ellen Deutsch, Michael Hinni, Ian Jacobs, Albert Merati, Reza Rahbar, Karen Zur

To make your contribution, visit the ABEA website www.abea.net and click on "Support ABEA". You may log into the new ABEA Members area at www.abea.net or fill in the form directly online.

The American Broncho-Esophagological Association



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Opportunities for bequests are welcomed.

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ABEA c/o American College of Surgeons
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THE 10TH ANNUAL ELS WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD IN POZNAN ON THE 24TH OCTOBER 2015

ORGANIZERS:

Prof. Wojciech GOLUSINSKI, Poznan

Prof. Maciej MISIOLEK, Zabrze

Programme of the workshop: Lectures and hand-on sessions:

1. The Biology Endoscopy concept in the evaluation of laryngeal cancer. Prof. Cesare PIAZZA, Italy
2. NBI in laryngeal neoplasms. Prof. Fred DIKKERS, Holland
3. NBI in benign mass lesions. Prof. Markus HESS, Germany
4. Videostroboscopy. Prof. Ewa NIEBUDEK-BOGUSZ, Prof. Bozena WISKIRSKA-WOZNICA, Poland
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6. Digital Volume Tomography. Prof. Markus HESS, Germany
7. Intraoperative rigid endoscopy. 0°, 70°, 120° Prof. Markus HESS, Germany
8. Computational fluid dynamics (CFD) in air flow analysis in the larynx. Prof. Maciej MISIOLEK, Poland
9. Case report – interdisciplinary approach. Prof. Wojciech GOLUSINSKI, Prof. Agnieszka TROJANOWSKA, Poland
10. Response evaluation in laryngeal cancer. Prof. Andreas Dietz, Germany
11. Development of a Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSSs), based on large Patient-specific Bayesian networks in laryngeal cancer. Prof. Andreas Dietz, Germany



For more information:

<http://elsoc.org/gestor/upload/ELS%20Workshop%20preliminary%20programme%281%29.pdf>

ABEA MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ian Jacobs, MD recent thesis titled "The Development of an In Vitro and In Vivo Derived Tissue-Engineered Cartilage for Pediatric Laryngotracheal Reconstruction in a Rabbit Model" was recently accepted by The Triological Society with an Honorable Mention for Basic Research. Dr. Jacobs will be inducted as an Active Fellow at the society's 118th Annual Meeting held in conjunction with COSM.

Karen Zur, MD recent thesis titled "Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve Reinnervation in Children: Acoustic and Endoscopic Characteristics Pre and Post Intervention. A Comparison of Treatment Options" was recently accepted by The Triological Society. Dr. Zur will be inducted as an Active Fellow at the society's 118th Annual Meeting held in conjunction with COSM.



Stephen Conley, MD has been appointed Associate Editor of the Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal



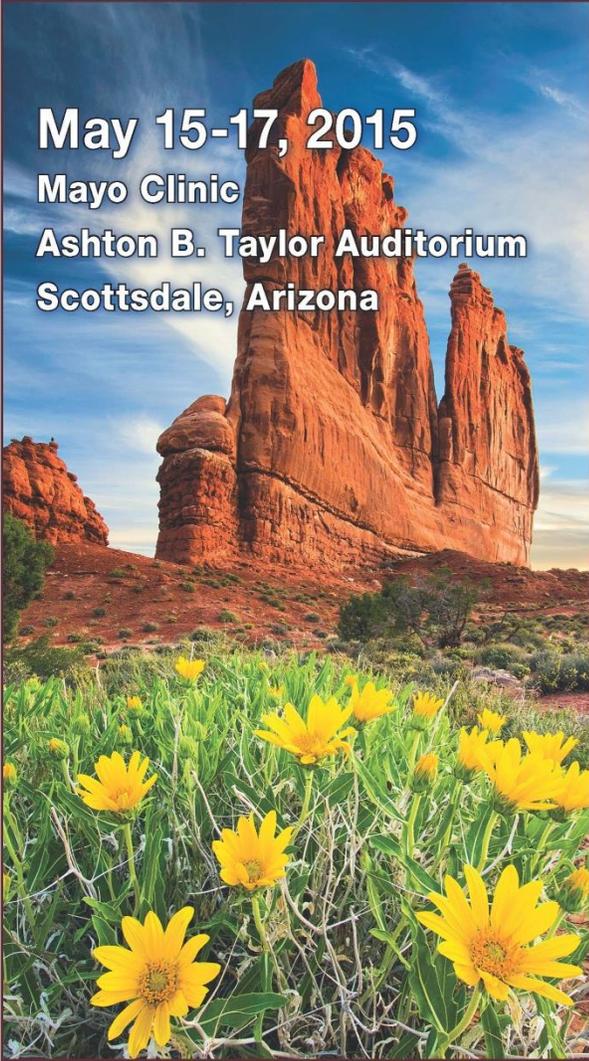
The Fall Voice Meeting will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the Sheraton Station Square from **October 15 -17, 2015**. It is a voice and dysphagia-focused scientific meeting. The meeting is multidisciplinary and has pre-conference activities for fellows and recent grads.

Abstract Submission is now open and closes May 15, 2015. Previously published work will be considered. Registration for the Meeting is now open. Website is www.fallvoice.org for more information.



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Highlights:

- Evidence-based lectures
- Interactive audience participation
- Case presentations reviewed during panel discussions
- Opportunity to interact with Mayo and guest faculty members
- Application for AMA Category 1 and ASHA credit

Full program details, including schedule, faculty, accommodations and registration will be available four months prior to the meeting date. For more information, contact Mayo School of CPD:

Website: www.mayo.edu/cme

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We look forward to welcoming you to Wisconsin this summer and The American Club in all its charm and hospitality – for more information visit www.bestevidenceENT.com or contact me directly (Diann Fiscus at Dfiscus@mcw.edu)!

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