Presidency passes to Dr. Özgirgin

O. Nuri Özgirgin has been elected the new President of the Society. Jacques Magnan handed over the Presidency to Dr. Özgirgin during the 27th 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

27th 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 event 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
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 Ozgirgin
Panelists: Jacques Magnan, Manohar Bance, Robert Vincent, Michael Mc Kenna

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Clinical Science:
Otolgycs MiddleEarTransducer with Contralateral Conventional Hearing Aid in Severe Sensorimotor 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

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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
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27. Politzer Society Meeting
Politzer Prize Winners

28. Politzer Society Meeting
29 September—01 October 2011
www.politzer-athens2011.gr
Congress chair: John E. Xenelis

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