

# POLITZER SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER



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Otology in Japan:

It was the 20th Anniversary of Japan  
Otolological Society.

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Otology is amongst scientific topics that are mostly open to further expansion.

Hearing has been the main concern as well as inflammatory and tumoral processes affecting the temporal bone and related structures. The progress on the topic received an incredible haste during the last few decades. The development of assisted hearing devices which are associated with the research developed toward the regeneration of the neural and neuroepithelial tissue are the most prominent and rewarding studies. Genetics, stem cells, proteomics will impulse these researches.

New measures on controlling infections, efforts reestablishing the neuroplasticity, the management of tumors on molecular and chromosomal basis are among the pulsating developments for the near future. Alongside, the development on new surgical techniques and surgical devices, have already established the high standards on treating the otological disorders.

Japan Otology School has been one making the most remarkable and dominant contributions to the scientific progress in this measure. This is the place where the fundamentals of science are very well defined and the methods as well as the designs established properly to access the results with patience and discipline under the highly ethical conditions. In this regard the basic research as well as the clinical work done by the members of this school have always been remarkable and led the science of otology globally.

In regard to its International reputation, The Politzer Society has gained a new mission to create links among the national otological societies as well as promoting and encouraging the establishment of multinational, multicentric working groups. The positive response that we have received until now was encouraging.

We also plan to organize special sessions (Global Otologic Research Conference) that could gather the recently finalized research to be presented during the Politzer Society Meetings. This project has already gained great support from the leading Societies in the field. We are happy that Japan Otological Society is giving support to this impressive project.

## Hot Topic: The 28<sup>th</sup> Politzer Society Meeting in Athens was a success

The four-day scientific program began on 28th of September, Wednesday. The mini seminars and keynote lectures took place in five parallel rooms and displayed early in the morning and following lunches every day. Biofilms in temporal bone infections, microanatomy of cochlea for cochlear implantation, otitis media in pediatric population, hearing presentation in partial deafness, bone anchored hearing aids, totally implantable hearing devices, hair cell regeneration, interventional radiology for skull base lesions, dizziness in the elderly people; auditory neuropathies were among the topics presented during these sessions.

Round tables discussions gathered many prominent otologists of the world to update otology in Politzer Society Meeting. Eight round table discussions and two plenary sessions took place every day during the meeting.

During the first day of the meeting, Surgical challenges in conductive hearing loss, Fluctuating and progressive SNHL in adults and children, Surgical Management of OME, Acute facial nerve palsy, Outcome of otitis media with effusion, Management of complications of mastoid surgery, Middle ear mechanics and Hearing loss in children were the core topics of round table discussions. Middle ear endoscopy has been revised within the plenary session. The members of Clinical Otologic Research Team (CORT) from US displayed an outlook to the future within the second plenary session of the day.



Professor John Xenelis, the Chairman of the 28<sup>th</sup> Politzer Society Meeting



The Round Table discussions were focused on Middle ear atelectasis and retraction pockets, Middle ear and mastoid implants, Classification of cholesteatoma, Cochlear implantation, Otosclerosis, Ear endoscopy and Cartilage Tympanoplasty. Vestibular schwannoma discussion has brought the insights of many experts in the plenary session of the day.

## Important Notice to Politzer Society Members

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The Board of The Politzer Society require you to pay using the Politzer web site. You will be required to subscribe to the journal Otology & Neurotology if you do not receive a personal copy through other organizations as indicated on the website.

If your subscription is not paid your membership will lapse and you will not be able to indicate that you are a Member of The Politzer Society.

The advantages of membership are, an acceptance that you are an Otolologist of repute, you will have a greatly reduced subscription to Otology & Neurotology, reduced delegates fees to all Politzer Meetings and associated Otological Courses (temporal bone etc). You will also have the right to personally present at Politzer Society meetings.

By 2012 the Active Members of The Politzer Society will be published on the website and on the notices associated with future meetings (eg Antalya 2013).

Be sure that you will be on that list!

## 28. Politzer Society Meeting in Athens



Dr. Abraham Jacob, the author of "AR42: A Novel Histone Deacetylase Inhibitor with High Clinical-Translational Potential as Treatment for NF2-Associated Tumors"

Presentation of Politzer Prize papers replaced the plenary session during the second day of the meeting. Five presentations were made basic and clinical sciences each. All selected papers for this final were outstanding and the Prize Jury could hardly select the best among them. "Digital Image Stabilization in the Treatment of Oscillopsia" by David D. Pothier was the winner of the Prize in Clinical Science. "Auditory, Visual, and Audiovisual Speech Perception in CI Users Measured by H1520-PET" by Hyo-Jeong Lee and "AR42: A Novel Histone Deacetylase Inhibitor with High Clinical-Translational Potential as Treatment for NF2-Associated Tumors" by Abraham Jacob shared the Prize in Basic Science.

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of September, Challenging Otosclerosis cases, Cochlear implantation in difficult cases, Temporal bone malignancies, Mastoid obliteration, Ossicular Reconstruction, Cost benefit of aided hearing, Management of dizzy patients and Brainstem implants were the topics of discussion in Round Tables. Jugulotympanic paragangliomas and Management of the lesions in the only hearing ears were the topics presented in Plenary Sessions.



During the last day of the meeting one of the plenary sessions was dedicated to Professor Jan Helms. The other was based on Cholesteatoma. Management of complicated cases of cochlear implantation, Quality of life in vestibular schwannoma, Hearing results of ossiculoplasty, Intracranial complications of skull base surgery, Long term results of cholesteatoma surgery, Dilemmas in otology, Congenital aural atresia and Prevention of failures in otologic surgery were the topics discussed in Round Tables.

The Scientific Program was one of the best among the previously organized Politzer Society Meetings, but also the

Social Program. The Acropolis Museum that is focused on the findings of the archaeological site of the Acropolis of Athens hosted the Gala Dinner of the Meeting. The participants of the meeting had the opportunity of visiting the museum that was built to house every artifact found on the rock and on its feet, from the Greek Bronze Age to Roman and Byzantine Greece, with the guides before the dinner.

The meeting ended with the presentation of coming International Conferences; Politzer 2013 Antalya, Cholesteatoma 2012 Nagasaki and IFOS 2013 Seoul.

The Politzer Society Board of Directors appreciates the efforts made by Dr. Xenelis for the 28th Meeting. Thank you John.

## Regulations for Temporal Bone & Cadaver Dissection Courses to be “Politzer Approved”

**Description:**

Two classes of dissection courses based on a) temporal bones and b) cadaver heads are supported.

**Basic facilities:**

The dissections should be held on full cadaveric heads. Using fresh cadavers are preferable. The ventilation system should be effective for long term dissection. Microscopes should be equipped with secondary oculars to allow the second participant and the tutor to observe the dissection. The drill systems, and microsurgical instruments should be sufficiently delivered. There should be one main dissection system established for the tutor, equipped with video cameras and having confection with a projector to make demonstrations and to guide.

**Application and practice:**

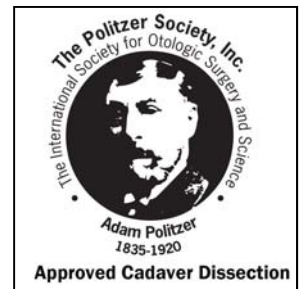
Two trainees per head are allowed. One advisor for six participants should be maintained. To demonstrate the vascular structures of the skull base the use of colored silicones is advised. The course should be supported with the lectures based on the application of anatomical knowledge to clinical practice.

**Broadcasting:**

The course videos should be connected with the videoconference systems for broadcasting online to remote points where other countries could also remotely attend. This can either be established by using professional videoconferencing systems using SDSL connections or through Internet by using ADSL connections.

**Acknowledge:**

The courses should be declared to Politzer Society at least 3 months in advance by also indicating the date, time and type of broadcasting activity. The Courses announced due to the regulations published by Politzer Society will be advertised through the website, discussion forum, newsletter of the Society and will be acknowledged as “Politzer Approved”.

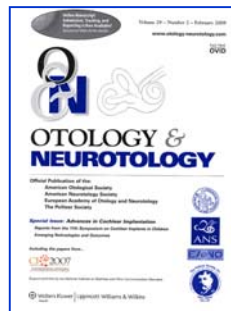


### Politzer Society coming Meetings:

- 2012—3. Videoconference (Joachim Mueller—Berlin, Germany)
- 2013—29. Politzer Society Meeting (Nuri Ozgirgin—Antalya, Turkey)
- 2014—4. Videoconference (Rubens de Brito—Sao Paulo, Brazil)
- 2015—30. Politzer Society Meeting (Sugata Takahashi—Niigata, Japan)
- 2017—31. Politzer Society Meeting (Angel Ramos—Spain)



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# 29<sup>th</sup> POLITZER SOCIETY MEETING

The most prestigious meeting on Otology

**13-17 November 2013** *Susesi Resort - Antalya, Turkey*




Politzer Society continues on its increasing trend with the contributions that it offers to World Otology and with the impact that it owns. The meetings that have been organized since more than 30 years gained great prestige. Beyond the regular meetings, Politzer Society undertakes the responsibility by supporting the worldwide temporal bone dissection courses. A network has already been established among the Otolologic Societies. The Society is now looking forward to own further responsibilities to act in a more effective manner globally. With the Videoconferencing Meetings being organized biannually, it offers online surgical techniques to be remotely received by the interested colleagues worldwide. The Online Otology Discussion forum that has been established by the collaboration of the European Academy of Otology and Neu-



rology has received great interest in a short time. Recently with the inclusion of Global Otology Research Forum to its Prestigious Meetings, Politzer Society will impact the future of otology. 29th Politzer Society Meeting will host the Global Otology Research Forum (GLORF) as the first occasion and this will be the event that could not be missed.

The sessions dedicated to traditional Politzer Society Meetings will also cover different formats such as debates, open discussion sessions which the floor acts as being part of the panels, how do I mana-

ge sessions as well as plenary sessions, panels and round tables. Besides the researches submitted to GLORF, free paper and poster presentations will be available for reporting the clinical studies. The abstracts will be published as a supplement in the Journal of International Advanced Otology and also the full texts will have the priority to be published in the main Journal following peer review.

The month November has obligatorily been chosen because of the very busy Scientific Meeting Schedule of the year 2013. However this served us receiving very convenient prices from the Luxury Hotels that will serve as the Meeting Venues. So the accommodation expenses will make the participants happy.

We wish you keeping your eye with us through the Politzer Society website, Facebook and Twitter sites. The website of the meeting has already been constructed with the address: [www.politzer2013.org](http://www.politzer2013.org). It is also possible to access [www.facebook.com/politzer2013](http://www.facebook.com/politzer2013) and [www.twitter.com/Politzer2013](http://www.twitter.com/Politzer2013)



**1st Global Otology Research Conference:**

Global Otolologic Research Forum (GLORF) has been established by the support of world's leading societies in the field. The ongoing and recently finalized researches on otology and neurotology will have the opportunity of being presented within special sessions dedicated to GLORF.

We are proud of having the privilege of organizing the first Conference of GLORF in 2013. As being aware of the responsibilities, we have already begun working hardly for this mind-blowing mission. We believe that GLORF Meetings beginning with 2013 will create a great impact on the future of otology. This will enable reporting the outcomes of the ongoing researches within the conditions that will mostly be appreciated and where the new ideas will be added into minds for further projections.

The leading otology societies, the leading scientists will be there for discussions. The leading industries will be there to give awards and support further clinical applications.

GLORF Meetings from now on will be the mostly preferred opportunities to report the outcome of months, years of work to receive

