

It is with tremendous enthusiasm that we would like to make you aware of an upcoming educational and professional development opportunity for your current otology/neurotology fellows. On June 5-7, 2020, we will be convening the fifth annual **Otology Fellows Congress and Advanced Course in Ear & Skull Base Surgery** at the Yasargil Surgical Skills Laboratory & Education Center at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock. We expect that this will be a unique and outstanding opportunity for your fellow to focus on some advanced surgical techniques that are well beyond the scope of a typical temporal bone course while networking alongside other otology/neurotology fellows not only from the USA, but also from around the world. The event will include lectures, extensive laboratory dissections, and a number of opportunities for networking.

We have been successful at organizing robust financial support for this course to the point where we expect to accommodate attendance of 24 fellows from the USA and abroad. **The course will be free of charge.** Each attendee will have access to ½ of a whole head specimen as well as two temporal bones. We will be able to offer lodging and meal coverage to all attendees.

A sampling of some of the topics to be covered include:

- Soft tissue flaps in tympanomastoid surgery
- Revision stapes surgery
- Endoscopic ear surgery
- Complex tympanoplasty and ossiculoplasty scenarios
- Difficult cochlear implant cases/cochlear ossification

Additionally, the course offers dissection sessions on a variety of lateral skull base approaches including infratemporal fossa, complex middle ear and advanced cochlear implant techniques, meatoplasty, jugular foramen approaches, and petrous apex approaches, and more.

We expect to have roughly 11 teaching faculty members in attendance, including international distinguished faculty members. For details regarding online registration, tentative schedule, lab facilities, and course faculty, please refer to the event website

<https://www.cmeoutfitters.com/otologyfellowscourse2020/>.

Registration will occur on a “first come first served” basis, so we encourage your fellows to register as soon as possible. **Please be aware that the deadline to register is March 13, 2020!** If you have any questions about this year’s course, please do not hesitate to email at mgluth1@surgery.bsd.uchicago.edu.

Kind Regards,

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