

# POLITZER SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER



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### Why Be a Member of the Politzer Society?

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The Politzer Society is a relatively young organization. We were founded in 1978. During that year, the first cellular telephone was introduced in Illinois, the first test tube baby was born in England, Sweden was the first to ban aerosol cans, Germany stopped producing the Volkswagen Beetle and National Lampoon's Animal House movie featuring John Belushi was released. Peter Dennis Mitchell, a British biochemist, was awarded the 1978 Nobel Prize for Chemistry for his discovery of the chemiosmotic mechanism of ATP synthesis. Nelly Furtado, Laetitia Casta, Ashton Kutcher, Niklas Bäckström, Jérôme Rothen, Rachel Stevens, Dirk Nowitzki, Yıldırım Baştürk, Moon Hee Jun, and Aya Ishiguro were all born in 1978. Some of our members had children born that year and some of our new members were born that year.

Nearly half a century ago there was tremendous excitement around the innovative approaches that were being developed all across the world to establish middle ear reconstruction techniques and the ability to eradicate cholesteatoma while maintaining an intact canal wall. There continues to be refinement of techniques, yet the controversies associated with these topics do not elicit the same level of passion as they did in the past. This is not surprising as when I was a medical student at Vanderbilt the MRI was introduced and while all of the faculty were amazed at the level of detail that could now be visualized, to my cohorts and me we were taking in new information and a CT was the same new information as an MRI. We were nonplused and because of this I understand why our younger members cannot understand why our older members get so excited about controversies associated with cholesteatoma management. The Politzer Society has grown and evolved, which has kept us relevant.

Mansfield F.W. Smith is the person who introduced me to the Politzer Society and Gordon Hughes further encouraged my participation. I am so glad that these fantastic individuals made a dedicated effort to engage me. Their enthusiasm and insight into what is important to our specialty helped me in my development as an otologist. In 2011 we are all faced with too many meetings, troubled economic times, increasing pressure to deliver clinical care with reduced opportunities to pursue academic interests. The Politzer Society provides a smaller microcosm in which we can explore important issues in otology on an international basis. The meetings being held every other year seems to be the correct frequency and I cannot emphasize how important this is for our field. The programs created for each meeting that I have attended have consistently been of high quality and the exchange of ideas, including spirited controversy, due to the international nature of the meetings challenges the paradigms we work within.

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### Hot topic:

### The new website

## POLITZER SOCIETY EXECUTES THE NEW WEBSITE

The professionally designed website have many new aspects so that you will need to put its bookmark to your web browser. Indeed now the Politzer Society webpage will serve as a portal. The forum, news section, Politzer Meetings, scientific material, otology meetings, temporal bone dissection courses are some of these new aspects.

**The forum** has been renovated. You will receive your username and password by an e-mail to go in. You can post new questions as well as browse through the discussions on different topics to learn other's ideas. The business issues will also be there. Politzer Society and European Academy of Otology and Neurotology business issues will be communicated through the forum. The members of the forum will be notified with every new message attached to the forum. We invite you being actively involved there.

As mentioned earlier by the Newsletter, Politzer Society now holds international platform for listing the calendar and organization of the different **temporal bone and skull base dissection courses**, especially those using heads from fresh cadavers allowing to study skull base and neurotologic surgery. There will be a section being updated regularly to announce the coming cadaver dissection courses. If you inform us with your course (scientific contents, program, dates etc.) and if your course is being regularly organized then it will be there. There is no platform in the world gathering the announcements of all courses displayed around the world. This section may also serve for holding scientific contents (instructions, videos, demonstrations, power-point presentations) in the future.

**Abstracts of more than a thousand presentations made in Politzer Society Meetings** since 1998 were there in the previous website. Probably it was not sufficiently promoted that very few knew about its presence. It will be easier accessing to these abstracts.

Creating a platform to connect the **National and Regional Otologic Societies** was in the scope of Politzer Society. The list of these societies will take place in our pages. Also a heading will be present within the forum for inter communication of the officers of these Societies. This network will offer new facilities.

All **membership activities** will take place in the website. With this opportunity we propose to you once more, being a member of Politzer Society. Due to our current commitments the society members under 65, if they are not the members of EAONO, AOS, ANS and JOS, should be subscribed to Otology and Neurotology. So it is necessary to enter the information related with the membership of above mentioned Societies. It is much easier now to be a member. There will be financial advantages of being Politzer Society Member such as registering to the Politzer Society Meetings and subscription to journals "Otology and Neurotology" and "The Journal of International Advanced Otology" with reduced fees. Now you do not need to transfer money through the banks or even send your credit card information, but payments to the Society will be online through the secure sites and directly to the Bank Account. You will be noticed about your dues and debts automatically.

Now the listing of all coming **Otology Meetings** will be in Politzer Society web page. It will be very easy to track and browse the international meetings on otology and related sciences. As it is possible for submitting the temporal bone dissection courses, it will be possible submitting the international event on otology. This section will serve for communicating directly with the organizers. There is also a section in the forum for discussing about the coming and passed events.

Now Politzer Society is preparing itself to Organize the **Global Otology Research Forum** with the collaboration of leading Otological Societies in every four years as a joint meeting with Politzer Meetings. The first will take place in 2013, in Antalya. There has been a consensus so far and the details are now in process. New information will be found through the website and Newsletter soon.

In the website there will be a section that you could post **teaching materials for residents and fellows**. As many of us are preparing such lectures these might serve for being shared with them. This will be open to usage for practicing otolaryngologists all around the world. Mostly of powerpoint and pdfs produced for teaching, that don't breach copyright or patient confidentiality will be in this section. The author would have to verify that it meets those standards.

As an initial move with the new website these are the main aspects but not the all. The other information such as links to international societies, milestones of Politzer Society, prize information and list of Politzer Prize winners, history of the society and many others are also available. So let's go and visit the new website.

## News on Athens Meeting

### SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

It is with great pleasure to announce you that due to the extended participation, the scientific program of the 28<sup>th</sup> Politzer Society Meeting has been expanded and will start on Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup> 2011, in the morning.

We expect that the 28<sup>th</sup> Politzer Society Meeting will engender productive discussions, novel hypotheses and will foster new collaborations, all of which are critical to the development of our field. It will allow the participants to keep abreast of the rapidly evolving trends in these fields and also equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to perform at an even higher level in their clinical practice.

Considering the value and the demanding need for continuing education we have guaranteed accreditation by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. Participants will receive CME credits, which are also recognized by the AMA towards the Physician's Recognition Award (PRA).

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Our President Dr. O. Nuri Özgirgin and Past-President Dr. Jacques Magnan, together with many others, have created new ways for us to interact via the internet. The new Politzer Society website includes case presentations, as well as the virtual courses via the Live International Otolaryngology Network (LION). The aim of the non-profit foundation LION is to create a permanent interactive worldwide high-speed network for Continuing Education in Otolaryngology and to promote distance learning using modern videoconferencing technologies. These new technologies allow us to interact in ways that did not exist a decade ago.

Please maintain your commitment to the Politzer Society and participate in the meetings as well as our new online resources. Identify colleagues who would be appropriate members and encourage their application. This is the time to apply online so that their membership can be finalized via ballot at the meeting to be held in Athens (<http://www.politzersociety.org>).

In 1920, a few months before his death, during the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Austrian Society of Otolaryngology, Politzer declared, *"it is the duty of all who have at heart the advance of science, to look undismayed into the future and with all the forces to assume the uninterrupted work. Upon you, my younger colleagues, does this duty rest. It requires now, more than ever, devotion, industry, and perseverance. You are confronted with more difficult tasks than we, your elders, had in former days, when it was granted us in quiet times to consecrate ourselves to scientific pursuits."*

Today, we have very few quiet times, but I cherish the interaction, opportunity to discuss with colleagues around the world the issues and challenges we all love and live for as otologists. Thank you for your friendship, fellowship and willingness to exchange ideas. Please remain engaged in the Politzer Society and recruit members who will join us in interacting together at our meetings. Our future is bright.



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**News on Athens Meeting —continues from page 1****AWARDS**

**Politzer Society** wishing to support and promote research, will award 2 prizes of 1.000 Euros each to the best clinical and the best basic science paper, presented at the meeting by candidates not exceeding 40 years of age.

A special abstract of 600 words, including the purpose, material, methods, results and conclusion should be submitted earlier than March 31, 2011. For further information and submission please visit the Congress website: [www.politzer-athens2011.gr](http://www.politzer-athens2011.gr)

The **Organization of the 28th Politzer Society Meeting** will award the 3 best Poster Presentations. All abstracts will be anonymously reviewed while then the Award Committee, consisting of eminent scientists, will select the highest ranking abstracts, irrespective of topic.

The winners will be informed on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and they will be invited to present their paper in a 15-minute lecture and receive their award, during the Opening Ceremony of the 28<sup>th</sup> Politzer Society Meeting, on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:**

Submit your abstract for the opportunity to present your research amongst the World Class Faculty, International Leaders and Decision Makers of Otolaryngology and Neurotology.

**IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES:**

**Deadline for Abstract Submission: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

Deadline for Guaranteed Hotel Accommodation: June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Deadline for Late Bird Registration: September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**SOCIAL PROGRAM:**

Opening Ceremony: in Astir Palace Resort

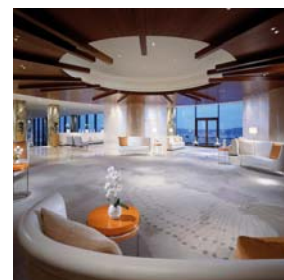
Welcome reception: at the pool level of Astir Palace Resort

Faculty Dinner: at the New Acropolis Museum

Gala Dinner: at the Atrium of Zappeion Conference & Exhibition Center

Beach Party

For more details you may visit [www.politzer-athens2011.gr](http://www.politzer-athens2011.gr)



## Global Otology Discussion Forum

### Regulations for using the forum

The "Global Forum on Otology" belongs to Politzer Society and has been founded primarily for use of Politzer Society and European Academy of Otology and Neurotology.

The physicians, medical doctors, audiologists involved in the field can be part of the Forum.

The members of both Politzer Society and EAONO are the natural members of the forum.

Beyond the members of the two societies it is possible to be involved in the forum either by invitation or submitting personally. It is necessary to enter the personal information (Title, full name, affiliation, e-mail, telephone and fax numbers) during the first visit to the forum.

The personal entries will be submitted to confirmation of the administrator of the forum.

It is possible to be exempted from forum mailings anytime.

The members who submit any information to the forum will be responsible from its content.

All the forum members will be notified by an e-mail with every new submission. (It is possible to be exempted from automatic e-mailing)

Every entry to the forum will be submitted to the moderator's confirmation.

All posts must be in English language

The users should refrain of making commercial announcements.

It is possible to propose new discussion headings.

The members should keep the user names and password safe and it is not allowed to share this information with anyone else.

The contents of the forum have privacy and cannot be shared with others and cannot be posted anywhere else.

The forum administration fully respects the personal privacy.

The Moderators of the Forum are: Dr. O. Nuri Ozgirgin and Dr. Hans Peter Zenner.

### A survey request from the International Working Group on Endoscopic Ear Surgery (IWGEES)

The International Working Group on Endoscopic Ear Surgery (IWGEES) being led by Dr. Muaz Tarabichi, is conducting a survey of the patterns of using the endoscope in ear surgery in the otology community. We had asked for your input in the previous newsletter, but there were some technical issues that prevented many colleagues from participating. Please click on the link below to fill up the survey.

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dFJpMWVnYmVZU3ZvdmpzNmdCVXhIOUE6MA>

As well, Please visit our web site to know more about our grouping: [www.endoscopicearsurgery.com](http://www.endoscopicearsurgery.com)

Do not miss these Journals:



Contact e-mail: [info@politzersociety.org](mailto:info@politzersociety.org)

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Please insert the dates into your calendar:

**29. Politzer Society Meeting**  
**14-17 November 2013—Turkey**