

# POLITZER SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER



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### As The Treasurer of the Politzer Society

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As The Treasurer of the Politzer Society I am sometimes asked where does the Politzer subscription go!

Let me explain; over the past few years annual subscriptions have fallen with an ever aging of Society members, those who were founder members are now retired from active practice and do not have to pay annually. We therefore rely on the income from our bi-annual meetings. Although we have a list of putative members their contact details are often not up to date and so their subscriptions are difficult to collect. Hopefully our new WEB SITE will stimulate members to get in touch and re-register with us. Beginning very soon there will be facilities to pay your subscription on-line.

The administration, at the moment, is a little bit expensive as we collect dues from 20 different countries which are transferred from Euros into GB pounds as are they are kept in a British bank. We also have to negotiate with Otology & Neuro-otology to get the Journal out to those registering for it. If you are an ordinary member and are not on the list as obtaining a personal copy through another organisation then the Otology & Neuro-otology subscription is part of your Politzer subscription. The rate is in fact very reasonable at less than 10 Euros a Journal per year. In these days of internet searches with closed categories you may well miss lots of articles that you wouldn't if you flick through its pages every month. Otology & Neuro-otology for me is a delight each month I always find things novel, new and informative. We should all be persuading our junior colleagues to register for a personal copy. At every biennial meeting we offer a series of bursaries and of course the POLITZER PRIZES. In Athens this September we will be presenting each paid up member with the Politzer Certificate of Membership that can be framed and displayed indicating your election to the world wide Society of Otologists. Last of course your subscription gets you into the bi-annual meeting at a reduced rate so for every other year you pay nothing! So all in all it's excellent value for money!.

### Hot topic: Global Otology Research Forum (GORF) announces its foundation

Global Otologic Research Forum (GORF) 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 GORF as combined with the most prestigious meetings in the field. The regulations and the board formed by the founder members are also announced. The details take place in page 2.

### From the President of GORF Committee

Dear Colleagues

The Global Otology Research Forum (GORF) carries an important mission to promote excellence in science and technology research in the field of otology, and their essential roles in fostering social and economic development and progress.

This initiative will be held under the auspices of the the leading Otology and Neurotology Societies around the World, with the consensus of organizing a special event for the research groups .

GORF will be supported by: The European Academy of Otology and Neurotology; American Otological Society; American Neurootology Society; Japan Otological Society; Korean Academy of Otology; British Society of Otology and Politzer Society.

We welcome the projects , basic and clinical research, to a discussion atmosphere to stimulate further thoughts, new ideas and share the experience to give light for the new ideas have been the purpose on this new project.

We invite the owners of the ongoing and recently finalized research projects to submit their presentations to the 1st Global Otology Research Forum that will take place on 13 November 2013 in Antalya (Turkey), as a joint meeting with oficial biannual Politzer Society Conference.

The most important aims are to:

- improve knowledge and skills in otology for junior faculty members and promising candidates for future researchers.
- attune the attitudes and goals of future opinion leaders in otology throughout the world.
- establish networks among medical doctors responsible for research in otology develop new ideas for geriatric health programs and harmonize practices.

The official website is: [www.glorf.org](http://www.glorf.org) . Prof. O. Nuri Ozgirgin will chair and handle all the communication as being the Chairman of the Politzer Society Meeting , and Professor Armagan Incesulu has been assigned as the Scientific Secretary coordinator of this first event in Antalya. We are looking forward to this new leading scientific event that will provide stimulus for new developments.

Prof. Angel Ramos



### Athens is ready to welcome the participants of the 28th Politzer Society Meeting.

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Professor John Xenelis, The Chairman of the Meeting, worked hard to offer you an extremely interesting scientific program. The current version of the scientific program can be accessed through: [www.politzer-athens2011.gr/en/content.php?Mid=8&sub1=1](http://www.politzer-athens2011.gr/en/content.php?Mid=8&sub1=1) . **Abstract submission for free paper sessions is still possible but there is very limited time. June 15, 2011 is the last day for submissions.** Additionally Panel speakers should send their abstracts before June 26, 2011.

If you have not received the second announcement it is also available in pdf format. ([www.politzer-athens2011.gr/uploads/file/FINAL2ann.pdf](http://www.politzer-athens2011.gr/uploads/file/FINAL2ann.pdf)). All the information needed about the meeting is present in: [www.politzer-athens2011.gr](http://www.politzer-athens2011.gr).

The scientific program is accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) to provide CME activity for medical specialists. The EACCME is an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS), [www.uems.net](http://www.uems.net). EACCME credits are recognized by the American Medical Association towards the Physician's Recognition Award (PRA). To convert EACCME credit to AMA PRA category 1 credit, contact the AMA.

## Global Otologic Research Forum Organization Regulations



**Description:** Research forum covers that “Presentation of the clinical and basic researches either in progress (the preliminary reports should be prepared) or recently finalized” are reported. The activity will be titled: “The Global Otology Research Forum”

This Organization is already supported by the leading Societies on Otology and Neurotology of the world.

**The Committee:** “Global Otology Research Forum Committee (GORFC)” is formed by the representatives of the Founding Societies. The founder members (GORFC) are titled as:

President: Angel Ramos

Vice presidents: Samuel Selesnick, Herman Jenkins and Milan Profant

General Secretary: O. Nuri Ozgirgin

Committee members: Jacques Magnan, Gerry O´Donoghue, Anil Lalwani, Bruce Gantz, Hans Peter Zenner, Ken Kitamura, Alan Uziel, Franco Trabalzini, Kwang Sun Lee and Manohar Bance.

**Meetings:** Politzer Society Meetings are organized biannually. One of every two Politzer Meetings are managed by the President of the Society. The President’s meeting (organized every four years) is scheduled for “The (1st) Global Otology Research Forum” (for the years 2013, 2017, 2021 etc.) The President’s Meeting hosts the GORF to be scheduled as one additional day to the Politzer Meeting’s Scientific Program. Between each, those persons interested in presenting their research may submit their work to the American Otological Society and the American Neurotology Society annual meetings. These submissions would be judged with the goal of seeking the very best research presented, and judged in the same manner as the submissions that originate from the US.

**Announcement:** The regulations of the Forum, as well as invitations for the researchers for their application are announced through the Webpages of the founder Societies as well as by newsletters.

**Organization of the sessions:** The sessions are organized in parallel sessions, as basic and clinical. The time allowed for each presentation is 20 minutes including the discussion. In this situation 2x20 researches can be presented in one day and this can be doubled by putting new rooms into the scientific program.

**Prize:** The presentations are awarded with a prize. In organizations associated with Politzer Meetings the “Politzer Prize” award can be nominated. Any other awards will be open to suggestions by Societies, Foundations and Companies in the field to be discussed and decided by the GORFC.

The leading Industrial Companies in the Field can nominate awards for selection by the Scientific Committee. (The personal communications that I made with the CEO’s of Leading Industries in the field show that they will be very much willing to support for researches)

**Selection of presentations:** The deadline for presented submissions ends 6 months before the meeting. The Chairman of the Meeting, with the aid of the local scientific committee, initially classifies the submitted presentations to facilitate the work load of the selection committee and then distributes them blindly to the selection committee. The GORFC also serves for the Scientific Committee to decide the final Scientific Program. The task will be to select the eligible submissions to be presented during the meeting. The rest (remaining submissions) will automatically be displayed as posters. The scientific program is announced 3 months in advance of the meeting.

**Financial support:** The presenters will be responsible from their own transport, registration and accommodation expenses. The founding organizations may find solutions for sponsorships.

The official website of the organization is: [www.glorf.org](http://www.glorf.org). This website will be active very soon.

### First event:

The first forum organization takes place in joint with the 2013 Politzer Conference that will take place in Antalya Turkey.

For the first event “GORF Antalya 2013” Prof. O. Nuri Ozgirgin ([ozgirgin@politzersociety.org](mailto:ozgirgin@politzersociety.org)) will chair and handle all the communication as also being the Chairman of the Politzer Society Meeting of 2013. The GORF Meeting will be scheduled to 13-16 November 2013 with the Politzer Society Meeting.



The venue has already been decided as: Cornelia Diamond (<http://www.corneliasort.com/diamond/diamondeng.html>) and Susesi ([http://www.susesihotel.com/index\\_en.htm](http://www.susesihotel.com/index_en.htm)) hotels which are adjacent. Professor Armagan Incesulu ([incesulu@advancedotology.org](mailto:incesulu@advancedotology.org)) has been assigned as the Scientific Secretary of this first event in Antalya.

## Otology Discussion Forum

Submission of difficult or interesting cases are being made regularly to the discussion forum executed by the Politzer Society and European Academy of Otology and Neurotology. Nearly 6000 users of this discussion forum receive the new messages and comments twice a week. Topics attached to the discussion forum until now and the number of comments introduced are mentioned below. The next step will be resuming the discussions to include a final comment by the experts on the topic to give the “Message to take home”.



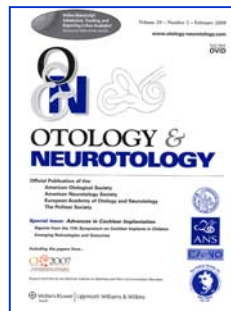
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### A survey request from the Secretary of EAONO, Professor Franco Trabalzini.

This survey aims to better understand “european” trends in cochlear implant surgery. In this study we are interested in subjective opinions and insights of otologists with experience and knowledge in this field. Participation is voluntary, all information will be kept confidential. To be part of this survey, please visit:

[Click here to complete the survey and then click the "submit" button](#)

Do not miss these Journals:



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Please insert the dates into your calender:

**29. Politzer Society Meeting, in joint with First GORF  
13-17 November 2013—Turkey**

News on Athens Meeting —continues from page 1



**Some additional information on Politzer Athens Meeting:**

**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
- Street party: Thission Square, in the Historical Centre

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**The new website of Politzer Society: What is new?**

The new website of Politzer Society has been designed to be fully interactive. The link to the “Otology Discussion Forum” as well as to the abstracts of previous Politzer Society Meetings, Newsletters, other societies on Otology and Neurotology, supported journals’ websites, GORF website, temporal bone dissection courses, coming international meetings on Otology and Neurotology are all included in the Website of Politzer Society.

The website had direct access to “Worldpay” which will directly access you to the Politzer Society Account and this will facilitate your online payments instead of sending your Credit Card information.



**The preparations for Politzer 2013 now begins.**

The Politzer Society Meeting in 2013 will take place in Atalya—Belek region, during 13-17 November 2011. The first GORF will take place in joint with the Politzer Society Meeting.

In November Antalya will still be quite warm and the weather may allow swimming. The venue will be adjacent two hotels situated in the coast: Cornelia Diamond (<http://www.corneliaresort.com/diamond/diamondeng.html>) and Susesi ([http://www.susesihotel.com/index\\_en.htm](http://www.susesihotel.com/index_en.htm)). The inside facilities will be so interesting and attractive that in case of rain, no one will lack the outdoors.

The Local Committees of the Meeting are now being assembled. In regard to tracking and inviting the researches on specific topics small working groups are being established. Professor Armagan Incesulu ([incesulu@advancedotology.org](mailto:incesulu@advancedotology.org)) has already been nominated as the Scientific Secretary of this first event and she will be more than happy to respond your e-mails regarding the scientific program and questions on GORF . There will be flexibility on designing the scientific program to have a nice balance between the Politzer Society Scientific Program and GORF presentations.

Serenas Tourism will handle all organization details, which has great experience and familiarity to the international otology faculty as they perfectly succeeded with the International Cholesteatoma Conference of 2008. Assoc. Prof. Tuncay Ozcelik ([to02-k@tr.net](mailto:to02-k@tr.net)) will act as the Organizing Secretary.

The meetings will be chaired by myself. The first announcements of the 29th Politzer Society Meeting in joint with the First GORF will be available with the Athens Meeting.

Antalya will be looking forward to host the Members of International Otology Schools once more in 2013. We will be expecting to see you there following Politzer Athens.

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