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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Peter C. Neligan, MB, FRCS(I), FRCSC, FACS

NASBS comes of age!

The NASBS Resident and Fellows Workshop took place in New Orleans on July 9-12. The workshop was a great success, and we are particularly grateful to our sponsors and partners in industry for supporting this workshop. Stryker (Platinum), Carl Zeiss Meditec, Inc and Medtronic (Silver), Integra (Bronze) with additional support from Synthes CMF, provided instrumentation and support. Without their help the workshop would not have happened. Past President, Dr. Dan Nuss, was responsible for securing the excellent venue at Louisiana State University.

We're really looking forward to our next annual meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona. This is the 21st Annual Meeting of the NASBS. The theme of the meeting is "Innovations and Excellence in Skull Base Surgery: The Future is here." Program Co-Chairs, Ian Witterick MD, and Jim Evans MD, are hard at work finalizing details of the program, and its shaping up to be a spectacular program. So plan to join us in Scottsdale. On-line abstract submissions are open. You can access the online submission site through our website (<http://www.nasbs.org>). The deadline for submission is October 15, 2010. As usual we will have our Pre-Meeting Courses on Feb 16 and 17 followed by the 21st annual Meeting Feb 18-20. The Presidential invited speaker is Dr. Laurent Lantieri, a plastic surgeon from Paris who has performed the world's largest series of face transplants. This promises to be a lecture of interest to all. Dr. Al Rhoton has, once again, agreed to teach his 3D anatomy course, a feature of our meeting that is becoming somewhat of a tradition. We're also planning some interactive sessions that promise not only to be instructional but also entertaining.

So plan to join us in Scottsdale. and thank you for your continued support of NASBS.



JOURNAL UPDATE

Dennis Kraus, MD

Considerable progress continues to be made in terms of both the re-organization of the editorial board and a working relationship between the Co-Editors in Chief, Dennis Kraus, M.D. and Michael Gleeson, M.D. The reorganization of the editorial board in terms of section editors, members of the editorial board, and emeritus members has been completed. From a content prospective, there are a number of invited articles that had been requested. Moreover, a number of efforts have been made to request original material. Each individual who has a preferred paper at the Phoenix meeting in 2012 will receive a request to submit a manuscript to Skull Surgery Journal. Lastly, an effort is under way by which case reports will be limited in future journals. An online section will be created by which case reports will be featured in an online setting without appearing in hard copy in the journal. Again, the membership is encouraged to submit articles to the journal.

SUMMER COURSE SUMMARY

Daniel W. Nuss, MD, FACS, Past-President, North American Skull Base Society, 2009

The North American Skull Base Society would like to thank our generous supporters and sponsors of this course:

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The 2010 NASBS Skull Base Surgery Workshop for Senior Neurosurgical Residents & Head & Neck Fellows took place on July 9-12 in New Orleans, at the LSU School of Medicine. The course was chaired by Dr. Peter Neligan (NASBS President) and Dr. Daniel Nuss (NASBS immediate Past President), and featured keynote speaker and master neuro-anatomist Dr. Albert Rhoton (also a Past President of NASBS), who provided the course's fundamental lectures on surgical anatomy. Dr. Rhoton's incredible collection of anatomically intricate dissections, for which he is renowned worldwide, was presented for the first time in digital 3D format.

The laboratory segments of the course took place in the state-of-the-art LSU School of Medicine's Klein Center for Advanced Practice, with 35 surgical stations, each provided with full operating-room set-up. Course participants included residents and fellows from neurosurgical and otolaryngological programs nationwide, and the emphasis was on interdisciplinary work between specialties. Major approaches to the skull base, including both open and endoscopic access to the anterior, middle and posterior fossa, were performed on fresh cadaveric specimens, each of which had been made ready with arterial and venous vascular injection for optimal simulation of the surgical setting (thanks to LSU Faculty members Jay Ulm, Vittorio Russo, Francesca Graziano, and Frank Culicchia). Specimens were also carefully prepared and CT scanned prior to the labs (thanks to LSU Faculty members David Beahm, Richard Whitworth and William Swartz), so that participants could take advantage of available image-guided CT navigation .

Course faculty in attendance included Drs. Rhoton, Nuss, Jon Robertson (also a Past President), William Couldwell, Chad Zender, Rohan Walvekar, Carl Heilman (NASBS Vice President), Moises Arriaga, Michael Chicoine, Frank Culicchia, James Lin, Madison Michael, and Sandeep Samant.

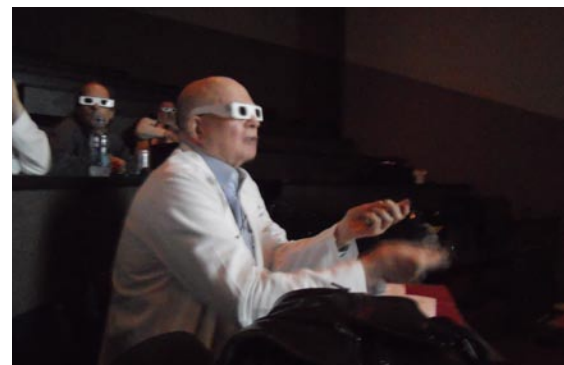
The course was an exceptional experience for all who attended. The goals of promoting senior residents' and fellows' proficiency with skull base surgery, and understanding the unique importance of interdisciplinary work in skull base surgery, were achieved in great measure. Spicy delicious food and great music and dancing at Mulate's Orignian Cajun Restaurant were inspiring too!



NASBS Course participants (in surgical gowns), along with faculty and staff, view a demonstration on overhead monitors in preparation for surgical exercises.



Course faculty and participants watch an in-lab lecture on surgical technique, prior to hands-on dissections.



Dr. Al Rhoton giving his incomparable 3D neurosurgical anatomy lectures.

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21st Annual North American Skull Base Society Meeting

“Innovations & Excellence in Skull Base Surgery: The Future is Here”

February 18-20, 2011, Pre-Meeting Courses: February 16-17, 2011
Scottsdale, Arizona

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Online Submission NOW OPEN!

NASBS will be accepting online submissions for either oral or poster presentation. Awards will be available for Residents and Trainees.

Topics include:

- Ant Cranial Base
- Sellar/Suprasellar Tumors
- Head and Neck Tumors
- Skull Base Vascular Lesions
- Temporal Bone/Otology/Acoustic Tumors
- Endoscopic Techniques
- Meningiomas
- Chordomas
- Skull Base Radiosurgery
- Skull Base Anatomy
- Innovative Technologies
- Skull Base Trauma
- Rehabilitation
- General Topics

Deadline for submission is October 15, 2010.

We encourage everyone to submit an abstract, whether or not you are a member of the NASBS. For general information regarding the meeting please contact:

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