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Presidents Message



Guy J. Petruzzelli, MD, PhD
NASBS President

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and the Annual Meeting Scientific Committee, it is my great pleasure to welcome all to Chicago for the 18th Annual Meeting of the North American Skull Base Society. I am very proud of our program and we have worked hard to represent all areas of our society on the podium. We are honoring two pioneers in the field of skull base surgery, Drs. Victor Schramm and Bahman Emami, for their fundamental contributions in surgery and radiation oncology. In line with our themes of Innovation, Teamwork and Excellence, Pulitzer Prize nominated author Michael Millenson will be delivering a keynote address on Demanding Medical Excellence. The weather looks to be fantastic, baseball is back in Chicago, and our venue is only a short distance to the lakefront.

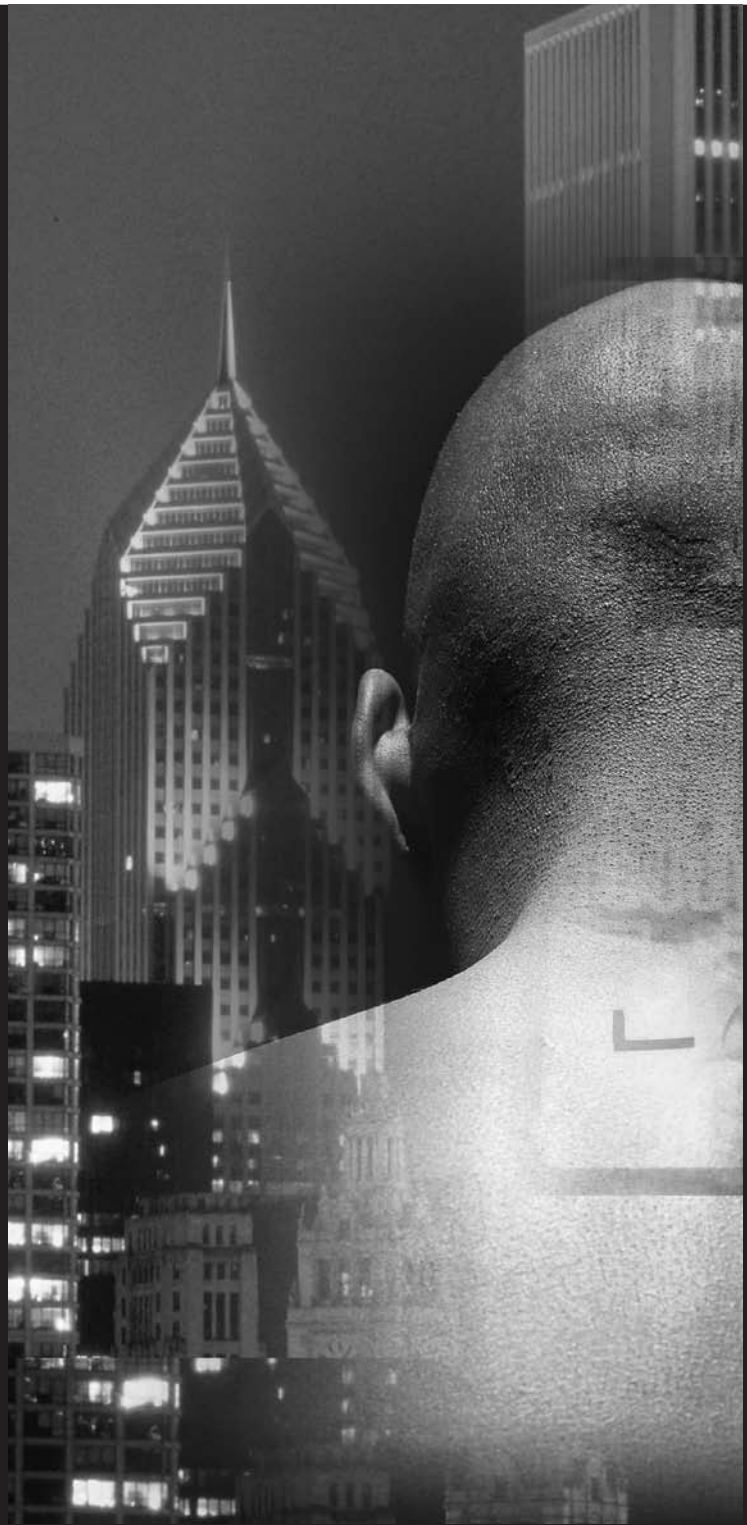
I look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting.

With Kindest Personal Regards,

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Dennis H. Kraus, MD
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NASBS Treasurer's Report

Dennis H Kraus MD, NASBS Treasurer

The NASBS treasury remains stable for the fiscal years of 2005 and 2006. Assets for December 31, 2005 and 2006 were \$438,695 and \$329,58, respectively. Liabilities for the same time period were \$281,454 and \$112,270, respectively. The total net assets for December 31, 2005 were \$157,240 and were \$217,316 at the end of fiscal year 2006.

Please note that interpretation of these figures must be performed with care, as there is a significant difference in both revenues and expenditures between the two billing cycles associated with an early February 2006 meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona and a late May 2007 meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

In summary, the NASBS remains financially viable with slight improvements in the bottom line, pending expenses for the upcoming national meeting in May.



Franco DeMonte, MD
Secretary

NASBS Secretary's Report

Franco DeMonte MD, NASBS Secretary

Greetings to all! The NASBS remains healthy with a growing membership. There are currently 450 members from 10 subspecialty areas and 22 countries. We salute our new members:

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Please join me in welcoming our new members into the fold.

Sincerely,

Franco DeMonte
Secretary, President-Elect NASBS

The North American Skull Base Society is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). We are pleased to announce that NASBS recently completed the five-year re-accreditation process and has been accredited through November 2009 as a provider of continuing medical education for physicians. We would like to express our appreciation to Dr. Steven Newman and the NASBS CME Committee for their invaluable assistance in this process.

Chemoradiation Followed by Surgery for Advanced Paranasal Sinus Cancer:

A Trial of Combined Therapy to Improved Outcome

Treatment of advanced paranasal sinus cancers requires extensive surgical resection of midface and anterior skull base structures. Such treatment is inevitably accompanied by deformities and functional deficits. Survival has not improved significantly despite aggressive surgical therapy.

North American Skull Base Society is sponsoring a trial that is designed to test the efficacy of chemoradiation and surgical salvage and to determine if such combined therapy can reduce the extent of surgery and hence the associated morbidity.

The accrual on the trial has been on hold due to changes on the study committee. Dr. Nancy Lee from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer will now oversee the radiation therapy portion of the trial. Members of the Skull Base Society are urged to participate in the study to ensure timely achievement of accrual goals. Please contact Sandeep Samant (901 604 4050) for information regarding the study.

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Annual Meeting of the North American Skull Base Society

The 18th Annual Meeting of The North American Skull Base Society will be held from May 24-27, 2007 in Chicago, Illinois. The theme this year is “Innovation, Teamwork and Excellence in Skull Base Surgery”. The meeting will begin with a practical dissection course on Thursday the 24th at Rush University Medical Center. The morning session will feature endoscopic and open surgical approaches to the anterior cranial fossa. Vijay Anand and Ted Schwartz are putting that together and will be assisted by a team of experienced and eminent endoscopic surgeons. The afternoon session will focus on the middle and posterior cranial fossa. This segment is being organized by Siviero Agazzi, Mario Ammirati, and Alan Micco, again assisted by a panel of distinguished surgeons. The scientific program has sought to emphasize Guy Petruzzelli’s vision for this year’s meeting. A careful and concerted effort has been made to include allied specialties such as radiation and medical oncology who participate in an ever increasing fashion in the management of cranial base neoplasms. In addition, we have sought to emphasize comprehensive multi-disciplinary approaches and functional outcomes with cranial based surgery. Victor Schramm and Bahman Emami are the honored guests. Both individuals are leaders in the field of head, neck, and cranial base oncology. Among the other featured speakers is Michael Millenson, author of an acclaimed book “Demanding Medical Excellence”.

Spring time in Chicago is beautiful. The meeting will be at the Westin Hotel on North Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago, just a few blocks from Lake Michigan and the Oak Street Beach. Other nearby attractions include The Art Institute, Navy Pier, and the John Hancock Building Observatory Deck. We certainly hope our members take advantage of these attractions and bring their family along for a trip that will be memorable and truly enjoyable. Until then.....

Warm Regards,

Sam Marzo and Vik Prabhu



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NASBS Resident Skull Base Course

The NASBS skull base dissection course for chief residents was held at the Medical Education and Research Institute (MERI) in Memphis Tennessee on August 25 – 28, 2006. Dr. Jon Robertson and Dr. Saleem Abdulrauf organized the course. The instructors included Drs. Jeffrey Bruce, Franco DeMonte, John Golfinos, Carl Heilman, Michael Link, Al Rhoton and Harry Van Loveren. Thirty neurosurgery chief residents attended the course from across the country. The residents performed skull base dissections including the OZ, middle fossa, posterior transpetrosal and far lateral approaches. The course was supported by educational grants from Medtronic, Zeiss and Styrker corporations.

This year the NASBS Chief Resident Skull Base Dissection Course is scheduled to occur on August 25 – 27, 2006. The plan is to include residents from Neurosurgery, ENT, and possibly oculoplastics.

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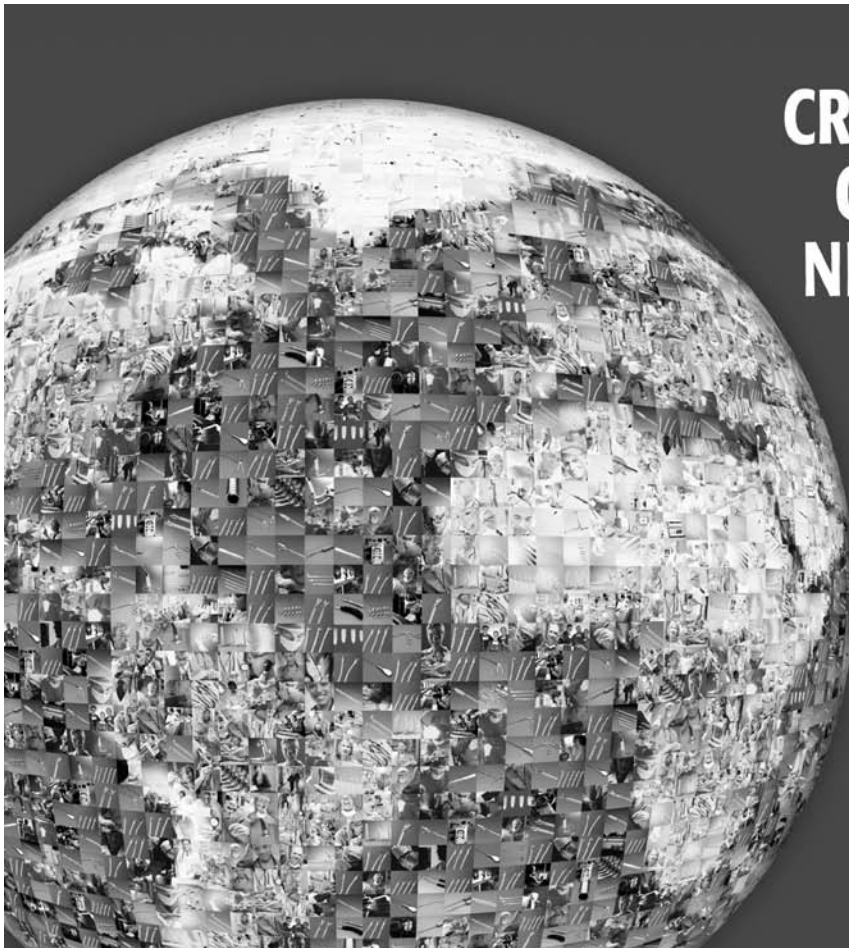


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MEMBERSHIP IN THE NORTH AMERICAN SKULL BASE SOCIETY

The North American Skull Base Society (NASBS), founded in 1989, is a professional medical society that facilitates communication worldwide between individuals pursuing clinical and research excellence in skull base surgery. The purposes of the Society include the following:

- To promote the public welfare through the advancement of skull base surgery and related sciences.
- To disseminate information about the anatomy physiology and clinical management of diseases involving the skull base.
- To promote education and basic and clinical research relating to diseases of the skull base.
- To promote mutual fellowship and cooperation among various scientific disciplines and organizations.
- To support, coordinate, and enhance efforts to generate scientific information useful to specialists in the care of diseases of the skull base.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Individuals with backgrounds in neurosurgery, otolaryngology, head & neck surgery, radiology, neuroradiology, otology, neurotology, plastic & reconstructive surgery, and others interested in skull base diseases are welcome to apply.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Scientific Journal

Members will receive the official journal of the society, *Skull Base Surgery*, a quarterly publication that contains peer reviewed original articles, review articles, and position papers. It will also present news and information on an international scope to keep members aware of recent and upcoming events, activities, and evolving developments in skull base surgery.

Continuing Medical Education

Members will receive listings of continuing medical educational opportunities in skull base surgery, as well as scientific courses sponsored by NASBS and will receive reduced registration fees for national scientific meetings.

Society Newsletter

Members will receive copies of the annual newsletter of the Society. The newsletter includes a report from the Society President, information updates on the Society, announcements and information on upcoming events, and other news as appropriate.

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- North American Membership (\$100.00 Processing Fee)

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Signature	Date	Social Security #
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