



# 2016 Changes Add Value

ake plans now to attend the AAO-HNSF 2016 Annual Meeting & OTO EXPOSM, September 18-21, in San Diego, CA. It will provide you with the new research findings, treatment options, and practice management guidance to help you deliver excellent patient care and stay on top of the business of medicine. This year's meeting includes several changes to its structure and the addition of even more education elements.

Changes to the meeting structure include a streamlined process for picking up registration badges, a simplified CME credit system, non-ticketed education sessions, a revised shuttle bus schedule, an upgraded mobile app with more program information, and the

addition of all education session recordings and webcasts through AcademyU®. Other new elements include a community service project in San Diego, the OTOs on the Run 5K, and a Sunrise Yoga session presented by Women in Otolaryngology.

The metamorphosis also continues in the educational opportunities. Several new programs will be introduced, including Pre-Conference Workshops, Lunch with the Experts sessions, an International Symposium track, a new format for viewing posters, a reception to view education simulation products, a dedicated area for simulation education products in the OTO Experience—an expansion of the OTO EXPO-and a Legends in Otolaryngology lecture.

The changes to this year's AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO include:

• Registration badges will not be mailed to attendees. Instead, you will be emailed a registration confirmation with a scannable barcode to expedite the process. You will need to bring the barcode to the registration counter, where your badge will immediately be printed on site. This year we will have satellite registration areas open on Saturday, September 17, in the lobbies of the two largest meeting hotels—the Hilton Bayfront and the Marriott Marquis—where you can pick up your badge instead of going to the San Diego Convention Center. Badges also can be picked up at Registration area in

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# To Infinity and Beyond

Physician-astronaut's experiences kick off meeting

he latest research and advances in treatments are a highlight of the AAO-HNSF 2016 Annual Meeting & OTO EXPOSM. Begin your journey at the Sunday, September 18, Opening Ceremony, where AAO-HNS/F President Sujana S. Chandrasekhar, MD, will elaborate on the member campaign and how with strong leadership, a solid strategic plan, and organized action, AAO-HNS is working for your success.

With a new format this year, the Opening Ceremony also will feature a keynote speaker. Hear the outstanding story of Mae C. Jemison, MD. A former NASA astronaut and the first woman of color in the world to go into space, Dr. Jemison is an engineer, physician, and educator.

During her six years with NASA, she flew aboard the Space

Mae C. Jemison, MD Shuttle Endeavour, STS-47, a cooperative mission between the United States and Japan,

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## Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO<sup>SM</sup> Offers More for Members

AO-HNS has introduced a membership campaign, Value 4U. Through our many programs and resources, we help Members achieve excellence and provide the best ear, nose, and throat care and navigate the unknowns in the current healthcare system.

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sional, and enjoy a fabulous destination—all at one event. It's significant Value 4U.

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#### **Networking**

Gain new insights and perspectives from the experiences of other otolaryngology-head and neck surgery professionals, and build the strength of the community by sharing your experiences and knowledge with fellow colleagues.

#### **Global Perspectives**

Learn from and network with the brightest and most talented medical experts from around the globe. The all-new International Symposium showcases cutting-edge content, including Instruction Courses and Miniseminars, presented by international physicians.

#### Leadership

Leaders and dedicated Members meet during governance meetings, section general assemblies, and committee meetings to develop plans that promote our mission and advance the specialty.

Miniseminar to Explain Process to Join Registry

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# Moving to Next Phase

# Miniseminar to explain process to join registry

he AAO-HNSF Regent<sup>SM</sup> Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) has ended its pilot phase and is gearing up to start accepting applications for Academy Members to participate.

Learn how to join the registry and the benefits of participating during a special Miniseminar at the AAO-HNSF 2016 Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO<sup>SM</sup>.

The Miniseminar, "The Future Is Now, Regent: The First Otolaryngology-Specific Clinical Data Registry," will be presented been made as well as the capabilities it brings to the table. Attendees will be able to see how it works and sign up on-site," said AAO-HNS/F Executive Vice President and CEO James C. Denneny III, MD. "There is a significant financial advantage to signing up early. The first 1,000 who join by September 30 will receive the first year participation and application fees free. After that, we will charge nominal amounts for participating in the registry."

Applications to participate in the registry



following the Opening Ceremony on Sunday, September 18. It will feature four speakers who will present details on the data collected during the registry's pilot phase, how the registry can interface with electronic health record systems, the transition to full enrollment, what data will be collected moving forward, how the data will be collected, and how the data can be used. Ample time will be reserved to answer questions from the audience.

"This Miniseminar is designed to educate our members about the progress that has

will be accepted during the meeting. Session attendees will learn how to join and how to learn more about Regent during the meeting, including the presentation of videos about using the registry.

"We will discuss the clinical areas the registry is covering, what Regent can do as far as quality reporting with CMS, both related to PQRS and MIPS [the Merit-based Incentive Payment System], which replaces it," said Dr. Denneny, the session moderator. "We will talk about performance measures, what we will



measure, and where they come from."

Lisa E. Ishii, MD, MHS, coordinator for Research and Quality, and chair of the Registry Task Force, will present information about the pilot phase of Regent, how it will be governed moving forward, and the data that will be collected.

The other speakers will be Tim Parr, vice president of technology for FIGmd, and H. Louise Eddy, MS, CCC/A, FAAA, executive director of Texas Ear, Nose & Throat Specialists, P.A., Houston, TX. FIGmd operates the technology platform that collects, stores, and disseminates the registry data. Ms. Eddy will present the perspective of a private practice that participated in the Regent pilot phase, Dr. Ishii said.

Regent is key for AAO-HNS/F, its Members, and the sub-specialty societies the Academy and Foundation are working with in developing the registry.

"This is important for several reasons," Dr. Denneny said. "All versions of health-care reform point to value as the key, defined as quality over cost. Regent will allow us to define quality for our patients and aid in controlling cost.

"This registry will be able to collect data from multiple sites and multiple practice types, and help us determine objectively what are the most effective treatments for patients across the breadth of the specialty. We have never had the ability to get data from such a diverse provider population that is free of outside interests in such a rapid fashion."

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and served as NASA's first science mission specialist, performing experiments in material science, life science, and human adaptation to weightlessness.

Prior to working at NASA, Dr. Jemison earned her medical degree from Cornell University, completed her residency at the University of Southern California, and practiced general medicine in Los Angeles. She served as an Area Peace Corps Medical Officer for Sierra Leone and Liberia.

She currently leads 100 Year Starship (100YSS), an initiative seed funded by the U.S. Department of Defense's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency to assure the capability for human interstellar space travel to another star is possible within the next 100 years. She also is the founder and president of two medical technology companies and the Dorothy Jemison Foundation for Excellence.

In addition to giving her Presidential Remarks, Dr. Chandrasekhar will present Presidential Citations to Hosakere K. Chandrasekhar, MD; Karen Jo Doyle Enright, MD,

PhD; John W. House, MD, on behalf of the associates of the House Ear Institute and House Clinic; and Lauren S. Zaretsky, MD. Presidential Citations recognize individuals personally selected by the president who have left a personal imprint on the life and/



Sujana S. Chandrasekhar, MD

or career of the president, and/or have made a lasting impression through their outstanding contributions and dedication to the Academy, Foundation, or greater house of medicine.

Following the Opening Ceremony will be a Miniseminar, "The Future Is Now, Regent<sup>SM</sup>: the First Otolaryngology-Specific Clinical Data Registry." Learn how this qualified clinical data registry can reduce the burden of quality reporting to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, support measure development, inform alternative payment models, and assist with Maintenance of Certification. (See article at left.)

# Download the Annual Meeting Mobile App

here is no better way to stay up to date with the AAO-HNSF 2016
Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO<sup>SM</sup> than with the Annual Meeting mobile app.

A new feature this year gives you the ability to build and manage your meeting itinerary. Simply browse the educational program and add programming to your calendar.

Features of the app include:

- Sort the full event schedule by day, speaker, and/or track, and the ability to rate the sessions
- Claim your CME credits
- Download Instruction Course handouts
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your device, go to iTunes or Google Play and search for "OTO 2016" or scan the QR code.

This app performs well when you don't have a Wi-Fi connection. When connected, the app downloads updates, such as a schedule or room change. Once downloaded, all of



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# The Future of the Specialty

# OTO **EXP**erience

hen you walk through the doors of the OTO Experience, you can see and touch the most innovative surgical equipment and then improve your skills in hands-on and simulation activities. Chat with the specialty's top experts over lunch, asking your toughest questions and gaining critical knowledge. It's more than an expo—it's the OTO Experience. Combining products, services, networking, and supplemental education all in one place, the OTO Experience is not to be missed.

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- NEW! Lunch With the Experts: Enjoy lunch with otolaryngology experts in an intimate setting designed for peer exchange

and discussion.

- Networking Opportunities: Meet with colleagues and industry representatives.
- **Product Theater**: Take in presentations from corporate partners discussing their products and services.
- NEW! Simulation Center: Hone your skills in this area dedicated to companies that offer simulation equipment for training.

# International Symposium to Showcase Research from around the Globe

he AAO-HNSF International Symposium is a new Annual Meeting forum designed to showcase cutting-edge content, including Instruction Courses and Miniseminars, presented by international physicians. Providing a global perspective of popular topics in otolaryngology, this non-CME program will offer high visibility to international activity. The International Symposium will kick off with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1:00 pm on Sunday, September 18.

#### **Sunday, September 18**

- Frontal Sinus Surgery: A Stepwise Approach (presented in Spanish)
- Contemporary Management of Single Sided Deafness (SSD) (presented in Spanish)
- Global Otolaryngology
- Contemporary Concept of Otosclerosis/Otospongiosis Treatment
- Thyroid Carcinoma: An Evaluation of Differing Approaches in the United States and Korea
- Tympanoplasty: Science, Art, or Acrobatics?

### MEDICAL ETHICS Acrobatics?

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Monday, September 19

- Acquired Middle Ear Cholesteatoma: From Principles to Practice
- State-of-the-Art Interventions in the Management of ENT Diseases in the Indian Subcontinent
- Closure Techniques for CSF Leaks and Anterior Skull Base Defects
- French Guidelines of the Use of CT Scan in the Diagnosis of Otosclerosis
- Debate: The Altered Microbiome in CRS — Casuation or Association?
- Concepts, Classification, and Techniques in Hispanic Rhinoplasty

#### **Tuesday, September 20**

- Selective Upper Airway Stimulation in Obstructive Sleep Apnea
- Protocol for Multilevel Surgery for OSA
- Aetiology and Management of Tropical Diseases in Otolaryngology Head-Neck Surgery
- Conservative Surgical Treatment of T3 Laryngeal Cancer
- Grafts Used in Asian Rhinoplasty: Tips, Tricks, and Pearls
- Tuberculosis in Otorhinolaryngology the Asia-Oceania Perspectives

#### Wednesday, September 21

- Complementary and Alternative Medicine Treatment for Otitis Media
- Organ Preservation Surgery for Hypopharyngeal Cancer
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  The Challenge of EES in Asia and
- Our Strategies: Taiwan Experience

# Honorary Guest Lectures

#### **DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH LECTURE**

The H. Bryan Neel III, MD, PhD Distinguished Research Lecture, funded by the Neel family and friends, was established to disseminate information on new developments in biomedical science to the otolaryngologic community. It will be presented Sunday, September 18.

# **NIDCR: Advancing Health Through Research and Innovation**

Martha J. Somerman, DDS, PhD, is the director of the National Institute of Dental and Cranio-facial Research (NIDCR), National Institutes of Health. She is chief of the Laboratory of Oral Connective Tissue Biology at the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. The NIDCR mission is to improve dental, oral, and craniofacial health through research, research training, and dissemination of health information. The NIDCR vision is that these activities will result in NIDCR being recognized as the catalyst of change in transforming how oral healthcare is delivered.

#### MICHAEL M. PAPARELLA, MD ENDOWED LECTURE FOR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS IN CLINICAL OTOLOGY

The AAO-HNSF/International Hearing Foundation/Michael M. Paparella, MD Endowed Lecture for Distinguished Contributions in Clinical Otology recognizes outstanding achievements and significant sustained contributions to clinical otology and neurotology. Given biennially since 1992, the award is co-sponsored by the International Hearing Foundation. It will be presented Monday, September 19.

# Human Otopathology: Renaissance or Return to the Dark Ages

Michael J. McKenna, MD, is professor in

otology and laryngology at Harvard Medical School and surgeon at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. The focus of his research has been on the pathogenesis of otosclerosis and the development of better forms of treatment.

# LEGENDS IN OTOLARYNGOLOGY LECTURE

The AAO-HNSF Legends of Otolaryngology is a new initiative beginning this fall. The Legends of Otolaryngology is a fundraising program that will honor those individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery. Our first Legend is M. Eugene Tardy, Jr., MD. It will be presented September 19.

Dr. Tardy will speak on medical aspects of the Lewis and Clark expedition. He has served in many leadership roles including the presidency of the AAO-HNS/F. He is emeritus professor at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

# EUGENE N. MYERS, MD INTERNATIONAL LECTURE ON HEAD AND NECK CANCER

Established in 1991, the Eugene N. Myers, MD International Lecture on Head and Neck Cancer was endowed by Leslie Nicholas, MD, in honor of his nephew, Eugene N. Myers, MD, FRCS Edin (Hon), a past president of the AAO-HNS/F. Dr. Myers is known for his dedication to management of head and neck cancer and his interest in international medicine. It will be presented Tuesday, September 20.

#### The Changing Role of the Surgeon: Leading the Transformation of Healthcare

Jonathan Irish, MD, MSc, FRCSC, is chief of the department of surgical oncology at Princess Margaret Hospital/ University Health Network (UHN) and Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, ON, Canada. He is also full professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at the University of Toronto.

# JOHN CONLEY, MD LECTURE ON MEDICAL ETHICS

The John Conley, MD Lecture on Medical Ethics was established in 1987. This lecture is dedicated to the subject of ethics. It will be presented Tuesday, September 20.

#### Applying Dr. Conley's Ethical Standards to The Practice of Contemporary Otolaryngology

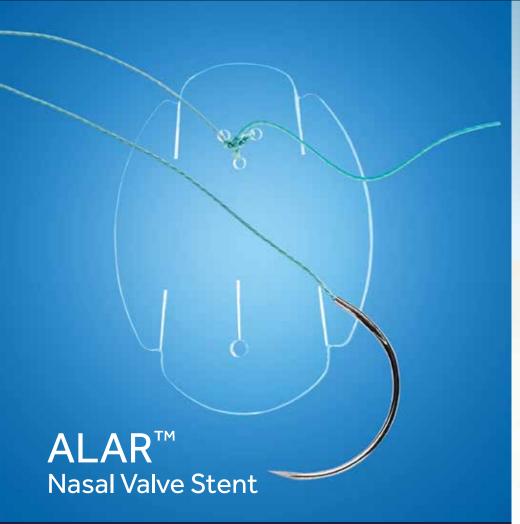
Richard Holt, MD, MPH, is an emeritus professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery and a faculty member of the Center for Medical Humanities and Ethics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and adjunct professor in the department of otolaryngology at the University of Missouri, and a faculty scholar in its health ethics center.

#### **Panelists**

- Susan D. McCammon, MD, is vice-chair, associate professor, and co-director of the Center for Cancers of the Head and Neck, and residency program director in the department of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston.
- Howard W. Francis, MD, is vice-director and professor of the department of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, professor of neurosurgery, and professor of radiation oncology and molecular radiation sciences at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD.
- Kevin Christopher McMains, MD, is adjunct professor in the department of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio; chief of otolaryngology at Audie Murphy VA Hospital in San Antonio; and associate professor in the department of surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD.

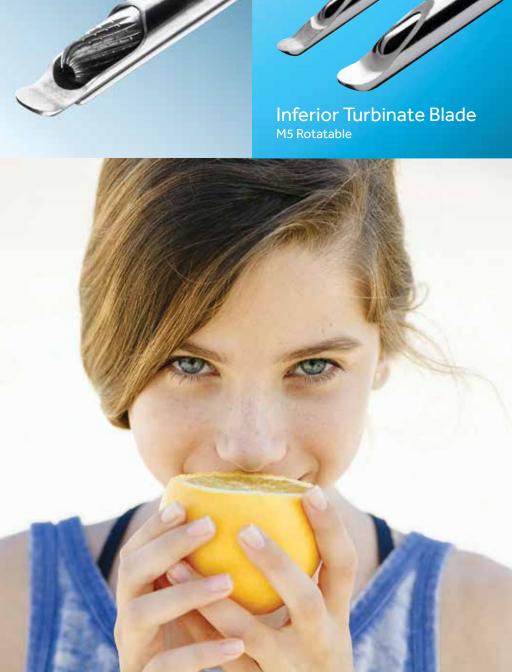
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#### SEPTEMBER 17

# New Workshops to Cover Endoscopy, Ultrasound, Coding

hree new Pre-Conference Workshops will be presented Saturday, September 17, to provide hands-on experience on salivary gland surgery and using ultrasound to examine the thyroid and parathyroid glands, and the transition from volume-based to value-based practice.

The workshop on volume-based medicine is a half-day session while the other two sessions last all day. Register for the workshops on the Registration page of the AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO<sup>SM</sup> website.

# **AAO-HNS/F Hands-On Salivary Endoscopy Course** (8 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits available through ACS)

This one-day course will address advances in minimally invasive salivary gland surgery. The morning session will feature didactic lectures. Following lunch, attendees will be given the opportunity to practice surgical techniques on cadavers with expert feedback from faculty members.

This course will be beneficial for otolaryngologists, head and neck surgeons, oralmaxillofacial surgeons, and related physician assistants and nurse practitioners. The workshop will be presented from 8:00 am–5:00 pm. Rohan R. Walvekar, MD, and Barry M. Schaitkin, MD, are the program directors.

#### ACS Ultrasound Course: Thyroid And Parathyroid Ultrasound Skills-Oriented Course\* (8 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits available through ACS)

The goal of this course is to introduce the practicing surgeon to office-based ultrasound examination of the thyroid and parathyroid glands. The distinction of normal from malignant lymphadenopathy is emphasized with a demonstration of the comprehensive examination of lymph node basins in cervical zones LVI.

The process of ultrasound-guided fine-needle aspiration (FNA) of thyroid nodules and enlarged lymph nodes will be demonstrated in didactic lectures. Other conditions that may mimic thyroid pathology or are relevant to an understanding of cervical ultrasound also will be illustrated. In addition, skill sessions will allow surgeons to learn varied techniques of FNA of lesions in phantom models.

Patient volunteers with thyroid and parathyroid pathology and lymphadenopathy will allow an opportunity for supervised hands-on experience with transverse and longitudinal ultrasound methods. The course will be presented from 8:00 am–4:30 pm. Lisa A. Orloff, MD, and Russell B. Smith, MD, are the course directors.



One of the new Pre-Conference Workshops will focus on the use of ultrasound for the examination of thyroid and parathyroid glands

\*Pre-Requisite: "Ultrasound for Surgeons: The Basic Course, 3rd Edition online course" is a pre-requisite module that must be completed prior to attending this program. The Basic Course is available online and must be purchased separately at the ACS E-Store.

# **The Business of Medicine-Changing Landscapes**

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The upcoming changes involving value-based medicine and how to set up your

practice for success will be discussed. Speakers will review ENT coding, modifiers, and frequent surgical codes. Compliance continues to become more important in medical practice, and key points on compliance will be identified.

A panel will interact with the audience on what's ahead for 2017 and how to make sure your practice is positioned for success during the changing landscape of healthcare today. This workshop is geared toward the managing physician but is open to all. It will be presented from 12:30 pm-5:00 pm.

# Three Sections Schedule General Assembly Meetings

Three General Assemblies will hold meetings during the AAO-HNSF 2016 Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO<sup>SM</sup>.

### Monday, September 19

7:30 am-9:30 am

# Women in Otolaryngology (WIO) Section General Assembly

Join WIO members and supporters for presentations from AAO-HNS leaders, a keynote speaker, section elections, and an awards presentation.

#### 2:30 pm-4:30 pm

## Young Physicians Section (YPS) General Assembly

This event will feature presentations relevant to critical issues facing young physicians

# Tuesday, September 20 7:30 am-9:30 am

# Section for Residents & Fellows-In-Training (SRF) General Assembly

This year's meeting will feature presentations from AAO-HNS leaders, section elections, and an update of the annual SRF survey. Other features of this meeting include the return of the "Speed Mentoring" program, which gives residents and fellows-in-training the opportunity to talk with mentors in roundtable discussions; a keynote discussion; a presentation on "Get to Know the Academy...This Year's Focused Topic: ENT PAC"; remarks from SRF Chair Meghan N. Wilson, MD; and the section election.

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the San Diego Convention Center Saturday through Wednesday. If you do not have your confirmation with you, you can pick up your badge with your government-issued identification, such as a driver's license or passport.

- Badges will contain radio frequency identificaton (RFID) tracking. RFID readers will be installed above the entrances to education sessions and the OTO Experience so your attendance is automatically recorded for CME credit. You still need to complete session evaluations to earn CME, but this is simplified because the sessions you attend will be populated on the CME website when you log on. You also will be able to manually enter sessions you attended.
- No tickets or additional registration fees are needed to attend Instruction Courses, Miniseminars, International Symposia, Masters of Surgery Video Presentations, and Scientific Oral Presentations. Some special events or workshops may require a ticket.
- Shuttle bus service has been modified.
   Buses will run between meeting hotels and the convention center in the early morning and late afternoon.
- The Annual Meeting mobile app will have more program information than in previous years. Download the app by searching for "OTO 2016" in your phone's application store, or go to app.core-apps.com/ aao2016.
- Recordings and webcasts of selected education sessions now must be purchased through AcademyU. Visit the AcademyU Learning Center to place your order at academyu.entnet.org/diweb/start.
- Three Pre-Conference Workshops will be

offered on Saturday, September 17. Register for the workshops at **entannualmeeting. org/16/content/pre-conference-workshops**.

- A Community Giveback Program on Saturday, September 17, will offer free hearing screenings for underserved families through the San Diego Neighborhood House Association.
- Women in Otolaryngology Sunrise Yoga will be offered on Sunday, September 18.
- The OTOs on the Run 5K race on Monday, September 19, will provide exercise and an opportunity to contribute to charity.
- Lunch with the Experts is an opportunity to meet otolaryngology legends and subject matter experts. SOLD OUT.
- The new International Symposium track features non-CME presentations by international otolaryngologists from Sunday, September 18, through Wednesday, September 21, and will include a ribboncutting and Global Otolaryngology opening session on Sunday. Two of the sessions will be presented in Spanish.
- You can earn up to 4 AMA PRA CME
   Category 1 credits by viewing posters
   during designated hours. Poster authors
   will be present for four one-hour periods
   on Monday, September 19, and Tuesday,
   September 20, to discuss their research.
- Learn about simulation education products at the OTO Experience and at a special reception. The EXPO will feature the Simulation Zone, a special area highlighting new training technology. A simulation reception featuring products and abstracts is scheduled for Monday, September 19.
- The Legends In Otolaryngology lecture will feature M. Eugene Tardy Jr., MD.
   Dr. Tardy will speak on medical aspects of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

## International Assembly to Address Global Issues

#### The AAO-HNSF International Assembly is

the flagship annual forum for all international members and attendees of the AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO<sup>SM</sup>. This year, Assembly attendees will be the first to learn more about the new AAO-HNSF International Advisory Board (IAB).

The IAB is the Academy's all-new representative body for international otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeons. The forum, presented from 3:30 pm-5:30 pm

Sunday, September 18, will introduce the the IAB chair and vice chair.

The gathering also will provide an opportunity to discuss global issues that matter most to our specialty, and recognize physicians whose achievements have contributed to the advancement of global otolaryngology, such as the International Visiting Scholars and Nikhil J. Bhatt, MD International Public Service Awardees, among others.

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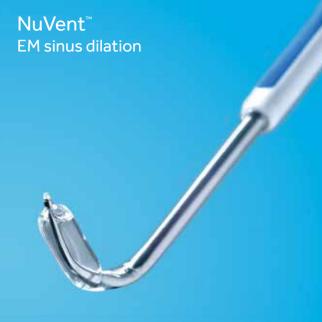


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