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News for publication is welcomed.

Welcome to the latest edition of NewsRound, featuring reports from ENT meetings in Scotland, Ireland, Russia and Japan. We also speak to President of ENT Update Europe, Professor Eckel and Chair of WENTs, Claire Hopkins. This edition includes a report from the British Society of Audiology Annual Conference, which was attended by the ENT and Audiology News team. We enjoyed meeting many of our readers there, and look forward to seeing you at upcoming conferences over the next few months!

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Winter Meeting of ENT Scotland (Scottish Otolaryngological Society)



DATE 20 November 2015 **VENUE** Stirling Court Hotel, Stirling, UK **REPORT BY** Mr Panos Asimakopoulos, MSc, DOHNS, MRCS, ST6 East of Scotland, Royal Infirmary Edinburgh, UK

The Winter Meeting of ENT Scotland (Scottish Otolaryngological Society) took place on 20 November 2015 at the Stirling Court Hotel, Stirling. The morning session started with a talk by Mr Arun Iyer from Monklands Hospital on endoscopic anatomy and surgery of the middle ear. Gavin Quail, Visiting Fellow from South Africa, gave an update on anticoagulants. Ady Banigo from Edinburgh discussed the possible implications of HPV vaccination on laryngeal papillomatosis followed by Lesley Hall, NATTINA (National randomised controlled Trial of Tonsillectomy IN Adults) trials manager, who updated the society on the proposed HTA septoplasty trial.

The Guthrie Lecture this year was delivered by Mr Sean Carrie, Consultant Rhinologist at Freeman Hospital, Newcastle. His talk on anterior skull base surgery was received with great interest and enthusiasm. Highlights of his lecture included the changing paradigm in transphenoidal surgery.

The afternoon session was chaired by education convener,



(L-R) Past ENT Scotland President Malcom Laing and President Elect Brian Bingham

Mr Steven Jones. Ten short trainee papers were presented. John Rocke from Aberdeen was awarded both the oral and poster trainee presentation prizes for his studies on salivary gland disease and the accuracy of FNA cytology.

Summer Meeting of ENT Scotland (Scottish Otolaryngological Society)



DATE 9-10 May 2016 **VENUE** Doubletree Hilton Dunblane Hydro, Dunblane, UK **REPORT BY** Miss AE Louise McMurrin, ST4 East of Scotland, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, UK

The Summer ENT Scotland Meeting took place on the 9 – 10 May 2016 at the Doubletree Hilton Dunblane Hydro, Dunblane, Scotland. The Journal of Laryngology and Otology and Royal Society of Medicine Visiting Professors gave a series of lectures on the first day of the meeting. These included advice from Prof PJ Wormald from Adelaide and Flinders Universities on management of the maxillary sinus, and a discussion regarding difficult rhinoplasty from Mr Hesham Saleh, the current RSM President of Laryngology and Rhinology Section. Mr Joe Toner, RSM President of Otology Section, gave a Belfast perspective on otology, comparing the work of William Wilde and Gordon Smyth. Prof Blake Papsin of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, presented his research on vestibular problems in children with sensorineural hearing loss.

Newly designated lifetime member of the society, Mr Bill McKerrow, gave an update on Lyme Borreliosis and its ENT presentations with Fort William General Practitioner Dr James Douglas. An examination of Morbidity and Mortality meetings across all ENT units in Scotland was presented by Stuart Benzie and Ian Smillie, with recommendations about how we could improve our practice.

On the second day of the meeting there were 10 trainee presentations and 12 posters in a session chaired by ENT Scotland education convener, Mr Steven Jones. The best presentation prize was awarded to Deep Sarode for his 'Systematic review of silicone stents after primary DCR', with the prize for best presentation by a medical student awarded to Jonathan Nairn for his report on the management of children with periorbital cellulitis in Glasgow from 2012-2015. The best poster prize went to Tom Milner for his description of using a smartphone light source for flexible nasendoscopy.



(L-R) JLO and RSM Visiting Professors: Professor Ah-See, ENT Scotland Chairman; Mr Saleh, RSM President of Laryngology and Rhinology Section; Prof Wormald; Mr Bingham, ENT Scotland President; Miss Scally, RSM Otology Section Honorary Secretary; Prof Papsin; Mr Toner, RSM President of Otology Section.

Louise McMurrin and Rohit Gohil gave a presentation on the publication rates from previous ENT Scotland trainee presentations, and promoted a trainee led research collaborative and its current projects. Prof Kim Ah-See reflected on the need for realistic medicine as advocated by Scotland's Chief Medical Officer Catherine Calderwood, and noted how we could apply these principles in our practice of ENT.

Mr David Walker gave a presentation on his recent visit to the only ENT department in Malawi, and gave practical suggestions on how we could provide support and training for their staff. Finally Mr Peter Ross and Rohit Gohil spoke about a recent case where they used Optiflow nasal high flow oxygen in the management of patient with a difficult airway. The Winter meeting will take place on 18 November 2016 in Stirling. See you all there!

The 2nd Facial Plastic Surgery UK (FPS UK) Annual Meeting




DATE 4 February 2016 VENUE Royal College of Surgeons, London, UK REPORT BY Anna Slovic, ENT SpR North Thames, London, UK

The 2nd Facial Plastic Surgery UK (FPS UK) Annual Meeting was held on Thursday 4 February 2016 at the Royal College of Surgeons, London. FPS UK is the official ENT society representing ENT UK on facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. The conference featured an impressive line-up of inspiring speakers, sponsors and delegate posters. Almost 100 delegates attended the meeting, with something to be gleaned by all. The conference was also extremely popular with trainees due to its lecture topics, poster prize session and unique affordability.

The conference was led by the first FPS UK President, Mr Tim Woolford, who gave the welcome address, highlighting the organisation's aims of promoting the highest standards of surgical and medical practice for patient benefit, encouraging and supporting training, advising ENT UK council and assisting facial plastic surgery input for BACO, which was a great success. The first talk on the new certification in cosmetic surgery was of great interest to all who wish to practise any facial plastic surgery in the future. Mr Simon Withey, Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, and member of the Cosmetic Surgery Interspecialty Committee informed us about 'groups of closely related procedures', each of which will require separate certification, such as periorbital, nose, ear or head and neck cosmetic surgery. Requirements for certification include a minimum number of procedures (no specifics released, but in keeping with CCT numbers); annual outcome data will need to be submitted and a compulsory RCS risk management course.

This was followed by insightful talks on 'facial skin rejuvenation techniques' such as topical, laser and chemical peel approaches, by Sajjad Rajpar, Consultant Dermatologist, and 'facelifting techniques' by Mr Mosahebi, Consultant Plastic Surgeon on face lift techniques, encouraging ENT surgeons to consider performing facelift surgery and advised how to shorten the learning curve for this procedure.

FPS UK were delighted to welcome their keynote speaker, one of Europe's most distinguished facial plastic and head and neck surgeons, Dr Peter Lohuis, Utrecht, Holland. He spoke about 'Advanced Caucasian and Mediterranean Rhinoplasty', the topic of his 2014 book, describing the rhinoplasty learning curve, the Utrecht rhinoplasty questionnaire and special



The rhinoplasty round table discussion, chaired by Mr East (far right), with panelists Dr Lohuis, Mr Hunter, Mr Andrews (left to right).

problems encountered in rhinoplasty, such as the nasal valve and nasal tip.

A delicious lunch, with the opportunity to examine the sponsor stands and poster displays, was followed by a talk on blepharoplasty of the upper and lower lid, highlighting safe and effective techniques.

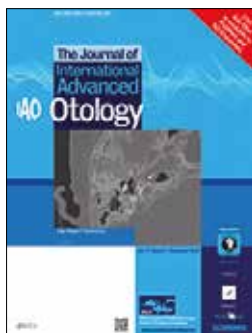
The rhinoplasty forum proved popular with trainees, with short talks on patient assessment (Mr Hannan), septoplasty in rhinoplasty (Ms Kuchai), improving techniques in rhinoplasty via open (Mr East) and endonasal approaches (Mr Saleh). This was followed by a highly educational and practical rhinoplasty round table discussion, chaired by Mr East, with panelists Mr Lohuis, Mr Andrews, Mr Rowe-Jones and Mr Hunter.

The meeting was rounded off with the annual general meeting, with a grateful farewell to the society's first President, Mr Tim Woolford and a warm welcome to Mr Alwyn D'Souza, who hopes to continue to grow FPS UK and introduce training courses to be rotated across the UK. All ENT UK members are eligible to join FPS UK and if you are not an ENT UK member, please contact lidija@entuk.org. The next FPS UK meeting will be held on 2 March 2017 at the Royal College of Surgeons, London, UK.



<https://entuk.org/facial-plastic-surgery>

Journal News from Politzer Society and EAONO



The **Poltzer Society** and **EAONO**, are primarily affiliated with and the supporting sponsors of the Otolaryngology and Neurotology Journal and will continue to maintain this relationship. As of 2016, both organisations will also be affiliated with and support the Journal of International Advanced Otolaryngology and aim to help establish it as an impactful publication for the otology community by supporting it academically and through other means.



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6th Annual Head and Neck Surgical / Oncology Conference - The Management of Laryngeal Cancer



REPORT

DATE 1 April 2016 **VENUE** St Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Merrion Road, Dublin, Ireland **REPORT BY** Karen Davies, ENT SpR, Dublin and Nash Patil, ENT Consultant, Sligo, Ireland

It was a head and neck surgeon's feast for the senses on Friday 1 April as a number of attendees made their annual pilgrimage to St Vincent's Hospital for the 6th Head and Neck Surgical / Oncology conference on 'The Management of Laryngeal Cancer'.

The morning began with stand-out lectures by a variety of field experts encompassing all aspects of the multi disciplinary management of laryngeal cancer. Dr Ronan Killeen sparked an interesting debate on the role of the radiologist in the ordering of staging scans and the role of PET scans in the follow up of laryngeal cancer. After which Prof John Crown kindly gave a spirited overview of translational cancer research and the future role of immunotherapy in the management of head and neck cancer.

Prof Petra Ambrosch, from the Christian-Albrechts-University of Kiel, then delivered her lecture on endoscopic and transoral laser surgery for laryngeal tumours. Her description on the use of laser to perform endoscopic partial laryngectomy for T3 and T4 tumours was absolutely fascinating. This was aptly followed by Mr Patrick Sheahan's talk on open partial laryngectomy and its role in the future of ENT trainees.

After a short break for lunch, delegates were fortunate to hear Prof Ambrosch's second lecture on the endoscopic



Delegates with Prof Ambrosch

management of laryngeal stenosis. Interestingly there was an overall acceptance by the panel of the Blom Singer bi-flanged fistula prosthesis as demonstrated on video by Mr Tom Moran for successful closure of a large fistula.

The afternoon came to an end with Prof Paul O'Neill's lecture on management of the neck, which left us with some relevant food for thought. Prof Aongus Curran has to be commended on his dedication and the strong emphasis that he along with the St Vincent's hospital group has played in six consecutive years of head and neck oncology.

ENT Update Europe 2016

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DATE 9-10 September 2016 **VENUE** Aula der Wissenschaften, Vienna, Austria

Following over a decade of successful 'Update' congresses in Germany, the ENT Update conference is now heading to Vienna in Austria. In Germany, these meetings have become among the most important educational and professional development events for specialists, next to their own national congress.

At the congress, emerging therapies, cutting-edge developments, and relevant papers in otorhinolaryngology from the past year will be summarised by leading European experts in their field. Delegates can meet with fellow ear, nose and throat specialists for an unbiased, comprehensive update over two interactive days.

The scientific board for the congress comprises: Hans Eckel, Professor and Chairman, Department of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Klagenfurt General Hospital, Austria; Heinrich Iro, Director and Head of Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, University Clinic of Erlangen, Germany; Imre Gerlinger, Professor of Otolaryngology, Pécs University, Hungary and Metin Önerci, Chairperson of IFOS Committee for Rhinology and Allergy, Sleep, Facial Plastic Surgery, Hacettepe University, Turkey.



Both clinicians and practitioners can participate in 14 scientific lectures and take the opportunity to interact with colleagues and speakers during the presentations and afterwards, in order to share experiences and further learning. A comprehensive compendium of all lectures will be given to each delegate, for their future reference, along with CME accreditation.



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The British Society of Audiology (BSA) Annual conference

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DATE 25-27 April 2016 VENUE Ricoh Arena, Coventry, UK REPORT BY Suad Hashim, Senior Audiologist, South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust



This year the British Society of Audiology (BSA) Annual conference entitled 'Transforming Knowledge to Sound Practice' was held at the stadium complex Ricoh Arena, situated in Coventry. The BSA conference had apparently undergone a significant revamp and provided unmatched opportunities for delegates, speakers, clinicians, exhibitors and students to acquire knowledge, network and forge valuable relationships in a stimulating environment.

The conference consisted of several exceptional international and UK speakers. The keynote speakers included Prof John Culling who delivered the Ted Evans lecture: 'Clinical insights from cocktail-party modelling', Prof De Wet Swanepoel (South Africa) provided the Action on Hearing Loss (AoHL) Twilight lecture 'Making hearing health more accessible' and Prof Dave Moore (USA) who presented the TS Littler lecture 'Personalised audiology'.

It was clear from the developed programme that a great deal of preparation had gone into organising the much anticipated event in alliance with the BSA special interest groups (SIGs). The three-day event was systematically arranged in a manner allowing delegates to absorb knowledge and formulate questions with potential to have them addressed in upcoming talks and also in a Question and Answer session and interactive workshops in the form of a Journal club.

Day one entailed a greatly solicited Basic Science programme, a forum permitting individuals to learn of, and remain updated with, cutting edge research in auditory science, which was available through the dedicated poster discussion period and oral presentations.

The day concluded with the Ted Evans Lecture presented by Prof John Culling on the topic of 'Clinical Insights from cocktail-party modelling'. He expressed that binaural hearing

supports understanding in noise and additional factors would influence this success or failure. The use of the model allows us to quantify these influences, and has proven successful in identifying the reliability of measuring the benefits of bilateral cochlear implants. Prof John Culling's eye for binaural processing and interest in speech processing in impaired auditory systems was exceptionally displayed as he addressed the significance of using the cocktail model in several clinical applications.

Applied and Clinical Research oral presentations ran simultaneously providing delegates with options, with many likely to attend areas of chosen specialisms. Nonetheless, all had the opportunity to attend keynote sessions and 'Hot topics in audiology' which included research priorities, outcome measures and telehealth.

Dr Douglas L Beck (USA) explored the shift of the audiology profession from solely focusing on hearing where gain is provided based on thresholds derived from loudness versus pitch to listening where factors such as attention, working memory and neurological processing taken in consideration. It was mentioned elsewhere in the conference, that working memory predicts better speech in noise performance particularly in the hearing impaired population. Prof Sven Matty (UK) shed light on current research in assessing the impact of cognitive load on puretone audiometry (PTA). Signifying that assessing individuals with a cognitive component rather than a routine PTA alone may be a superior predictor of speech in noise performance. Ultimately, identifying individuals with complex needs, resulting in personalised patient management in clinics.

Over time, there has been a transition to more patient centred care with many accepting and applying this principle in hospitals and clinics globally. Dr Ariane Laplante-Levesque (Denmark) provided eye-opening tips on developing patient involvement whilst accompanying material on the four guiding principles: identifying individual need; setting joint goals; making shared decisions and supporting self-management was addressed in following talks.

Audiological disorders are a global health concern and although prevalent in the older community, they are not limited to the elderly and to hearing impairment alone. Day three shifted the focus on to paediatric audiology, psychology of balance disorders and auditory processing disorder (APD).

The highlight of the conference was the AoHL sponsored Keynote Twilight lecture by Prof De Wet Swanepoel (South

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Africa) who delivered a leading presentation on 'Making hearing health more accessible: advances in technology and ubiquity of connectivity'. He identified the global shortage and unequal distribution of hearing care providers. The talk focused on initiatives utilising widespread internet access in South Africa to provide an innovating remodel of available hearing care by employing telehealth and mHealth.

The potential of 'internet audiology' due to the rise in developing apps and social media which offer inexpensive, subtle and personalised options for those seeking hearing attention in place of routine assessments and hearing aid fittings was addressed by Prof David Moore (USA) who suggested this may lead to the evolution of more flexible

thinking future audiologists.

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With all the talk of emerging technologies and development of communication methods it is only fitting to end on the following; the BSA will hold the UK's largest virtual audiology conference in October 2017.

The next BSA annual conference will be in held at Doncaster Racecourse in June 2017.



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ENT and Audiology News attends the BSA

We attended the BSA Annual Conference and had a fantastic time. If you weren't able to attend here are our highlights. And if you were there, see if you can spot yourself in our photos!

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REPORT

5th Annual BAA (British Academy of Audiology) Student Conference 2016



DATE 8 April 2016 VENUE Armada House, Bristol, UK REPORT BY Sarah Holliday, Chair of the BAA Student and Trainee Team



On 8 April 2016, we had our Fifth Annual BAA Student Conference, this year held at Armada House in Bristol. The focus of this year's conference was all about getting the students up and involved. The style of the day was based around three workshops along with two other talks on AQP/ non-AQP and complex patients. Both talks looked at subjects we felt students may not be so aware of, so it was great to get a lot of questions and interaction from the room, especially from the talk on AQP. As it's a relatively new concept, many students appreciated the more detailed explanation of what it was, how it works and when to apply it.

The workshops looked at three separate subjects: balance,

adult rehabilitation and assistive devices. All three speakers brought equipment which the students could use and some which they could keep. It was amazing to see so many students taking part and getting up and joining in. We had some really positive feedback about the style of the day and the speakers were very encouraged by delegates' participation.

Throughout the day, we had many breaks which allowed the students time to talk and interact with the exhibitors. We had everything from private companies, to locum agencies, to equipment companies; everything students need find out more about their profession and what they might want to do when they graduate. The students definitely liked all the freebies!



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“Getting together we create a new world of opportunities for kids with hearing loss!” International Conference



DATE 17-20 April 2016 **VENUE** Early Intervention Institute, Russian Union of the Deaf, Saint Petersburg, Russia **REPORT BY** Alla Mallabiu, Zoya Boytseva, 'I Hear You', Saint Petersburg, Russia

The Early Intervention Institute in Saint Petersburg held a seminar for professionals working with children with hearing loss and parents on 17–20 April 2016. Leading the seminar were notable experts in the field of audiology, Cheryl DeConde Johnson and Christine Yoshinaga-Itano. Cheryl DeConde Johnson, Professor of Audiology, is a specialist in the field of education for deaf children. Cheryl's main interests are to ensure that children with hearing problems have the full range of teaching and learning opportunities, as well as access to communication channels, and to include the involvement of relatives. Christine Yoshinaga-Itano, Professor of Audiology at the University of Colorado, USA is a world leader in language studies, language and socio-emotional development of deaf children. Her groundbreaking research clearly shows that early detection and early intervention is a critical factor in the further development of children with hearing loss. Her research was the evidence base for the introduction of universal audiological screening of newborns.

The visit was a part of the 'Peer-to-Peer dialogue' project implemented by the Early Intervention Institute and non-profit, parent-driven organisations 'Hands and Voices' and 'I Hear You', both of which are dedicated to supporting families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

During the four day meeting, several conferences for parents and specialists working with the families of hearing impaired children took place. The presentations were made both by specialists and parents including Christine Yoshinaga-Itano, Cheryl DeConde Johnson, Vicki Hunting, Janet Des Georges,



Alla Mallabiu, Zoya Boytseva, Stephany Olson, Jody Olson, Karen Putz and Prof Inna Koroleva. The agenda included education for deaf and hard of hearing children, collaboration projects between parents and specialists, and parent-to-parent support.

Alongside the conference, several meetings took place in the framework of the project including a meeting with parents from the Saint Petersburg branch of the Russian Union for the Deaf and advocacy ASTRA Training for members of the 'I Hear You' organisation.

The conference provided a platform for effective communication between all participants – deaf parents, hearing parents, and specialists and was a great success for all attendees.



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CEO Appointment at The Ear Foundation



The Ear Foundation has announced the appointment of a new Chief Executive, Melanie Gregory, who will take up post on 1 August 2016, working with the current Chief Executive, Sue Archbold, until she retires in October. Sue Archbold, who was the first employee at The Ear Foundation when it was founded in 1990, says: "We have been extremely fortunate to recruit Melanie, and having got to know her well over the last few years, I am happy that I couldn't be handing over to a better person. I know The Ear Foundation and its great team will be safe and grow in her hands. Melanie has expressed her delight at the exciting and challenging role she is ready to take up and is really looking forward to joining The Ear Foundation team in the near future."

Melanie is a qualified speech language therapist and audiologist and brings 20 years' experience working with adults and children with hearing loss and their families. She currently works with the IDA Institute and has worked extensively with cutting-edge hearing technologies. She has seen the wealth of choice and opportunity that technology brings to those with hearing loss, providing access to language, education and reaching personal potential. Her background and experience make her the perfect person to lead and take forward the work of The Ear Foundation, continuing to work closely with the charity's many partners and stakeholders."



(L-R) Sue Archbold Chief Executive of The Ear Foundation, John Atkins, outgoing Chairman of The Ear Foundation and new CEO Melanie Gregory



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5th Annual Russian Course of Modern Functional Rhinosurgery



DATE 10-13 May 2016 **VENUE** President Clinic, Moscow, Russia **REPORT BY** Dr Anton Kurus, Ph.D ENT Dept, First Pavlov State Medical University of Saint Petersburg, Russia

The 5th Annual Russian Course of Modern Functional Rhinosurgery took place at the President Clinic, Moscow on 10-13 May 2016. The training course was organised by Prof Andrey Lopatin, President of the Russian Rhinological Society and has already become a traditional Spring event for specialists. This year, it attracted 97 ENT specialists from throughout Russia and the post-Soviet territory. Each year leaders of modern ORL-HNS and international authorities participate in the event as tutors, inspirational speakers and clinical experts. This year, Prof Egbert Huizing (Utrecht, the Netherlands), Prof Wolf Mann (Mainz, Germany), Prof Metin Onerci (Ankara, Turkey), Prof Andrey Lopatin (Moscow, Russia), Prof Sergei Karpischenko (Saint Petersburg, Russia), Prof Vladimir Kozlov (Moscow, Russia), Prof Dmitriy Kapitanov (Moscow, Russia) and many others came to share their knowledge and rich experiences with the participants.

The meeting organisers had arranged a prodigious and intensive programme. The conference was opened by a series of lectures concerning basic questions in rhinology and rhinosurgery from historical aspects of the specialty leading on to the principles of endoscopic skullbase surgery.

The first day ended in a round table discussion on septoplasty called '10 frequently asked questions'. The participants were provided with an expert's insight and experience in every discussed procedure and presented with numerous technological advances, subsequently they held a debate around each particular question.

For the following three days presentations were given around important topics such as preoperative preparation, endoscopic surgery of sinonasal system and surrounding areas, together with postoperative care.



Members of the Faculty (L-R) Dr D Polyakov Ph.D (Moscow), Prof W Mann (Mainz), Dr A Shilenkov Ph.D (Jaroslavl), Prof M Onerci (Ankara), Prof Egbert Huizing (Utrecht), Prof S Karpischenko (Saint Petersburg)

Each day of the course began with an online translation from the operation room. Prof Lopatin and his team introduced live surgical demonstrations of various different procedures such as endoscopic maxillotomy, anterior and posterior ethmoidotomy, dacryocystorhinostomy, endoscopic surgery of nasopharynx, frontotomy, sphenotomy and closing of a CSF leak.

Procedures were then followed by questions and answers about indications and techniques which were led by expert discussions between moderators and surgeons.

In the afternoons, lectures took place with a strong clinical focus and provided inestimable expert opinion. As is customary this annual meeting provided participants with unique opportunities to discover and view new prospects of the specialty and was a great motivational overview of what modern rhinosurgery is.

13th BAA (British Academy of Audiology) Annual Conference



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DATE 10-11 November 2016 **VENUE** SECC Exhibition Way, Glasgow, UK

On the 10 - 11 November 2016 the BAA is delighted to be presenting the 13th BAA Annual Conference and Exhibition at the SECC in Glasgow.

Attracting over 600 delegates and an array of international speakers, the BAA conference is the largest audiology conference in the UK. This year the programme has been refreshed and is more streamlined to explore the theme of 'People Make Audiology'. Delegates can expect to receive the latest in audiology research, education and expertise, with inspiring speakers and informative sessions. There will be a new series of talks entitled 'All you need to know about...' which will have online resources available for delegates.

In addition, abstracts are welcome for submission as either free papers or poster presentations. These are an integral part of the conference as they provide the ideal opportunity for those working within the audiology field to share best practice, research and to network with colleagues.

Registration and abstract submission will open shortly, please visit the website for more information.



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The XXIX Marius Plouzhnikov International Conference of Young Otorhinolaryngologists



DATE 19-20 May 2016 **VENUE** The House of Scientists, Saint Petersburg, Russia **REPORT BY** Elena Berezkina, Secretary of International Academy of Otorhinolaryngology –Head and Neck Surgery, Saint Petersburg, Russia



Conference participants in the House of Scientists.

The traditional XXIX Marius Plouzhnikov International Conference of Young Otorhinolaryngologists was held from 19-20 May in Saint Petersburg, Russia. The conference was organised by the ENT Department of First Saint Petersburg Pavlov Medical State University at the House of Scientists, the former Palace of Grand Duke Vladimir. The venue is one of the most beautiful palaces of Saint Petersburg situated on the Neva River Embankment near the famous Hermitage.

The conference was well attended by 250 participants from 13 countries and 37 cities from Europe, Asia, North America and Africa. The conference consisted of two parts, on the first day there was a series of lectures for younger delegates. Well-known experts delivered their teaching lectures on actual problems of ENT. The quality of these lectures made them interesting and useful not only for young doctors but for all participants. The conference started with a lecture from Prof B Schmelzer (Antwerp) on differential diagnosis of orbital mass. Prof P Catalano (Boston) followed by discussing the problem of the importance of the nasal airway in childhood development. Prof M Onerci (Ankara) shared his unique experience in endoscopic frontal sinus surgery, Prof R Hagen (Wurzburg) presented difficult cases in hearing restoration and Prof Y Krespi (New York) shared his view on swell body ablation and nasal airflow. Later, Prof W Mann (Mainz) explained his opinion on otolaryngology beyond laser and scalpel.

Dr M Lehnhardt-Gorjani (Germany) gave an excellent report about PORA webinars for Russian speaking professionals and patients. Prof H Kaddour (London) talked about methods of choice in treatment of thyroid nodule: knife or needle. Prof E Merkulova (Minsk) highlighted her view on acute otitis media in young children, Prof D Kapitanov (Moscow) delivered his lecture on endoscopic management of CSF leak rhinorrhea, Dr M Nersesyan (Moscow) shared her view on modern tendency in management of recurrent juvenile angiofibromas, and Prof D Vicheva (Plovdiv) presented in her lecture the analysis of paediatric rhinosinusitis and the role of adenoidectomy in its treatment. Prof J Berghmans (Antwerp) talked about the problem of preoperative emotional functioning of a child in association with postoperative pain in a child at home after

adenotonsillectomy, followed by Prof M Milkov (Varna) devoting his lecture to the problems of diagnosis and treatment of eustachian tube. All the speakers encouraged young doctors to work towards further scientific research.

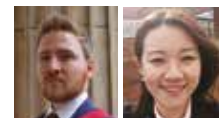
For the first time in the history of the conference three round tables were arranged: 'Rhinology: Maxillary sinus approach' moderated by Prof S Karpischenko (Saint Petersburg), 'Otolaryngology: Secretory otitis media: diagnostic, treatment, prognosis' moderated by Prof O Borysenko (Kiev) and 'Advanced recurrent papillomatosis: treatment modalities and prognosis' moderated by Ass Prof M Ulupov (Saint Petersburg). Interestingly, one of the key ideas of these round tables was to teach young doctors to participate in similar round tables for their future scientific activities.

On the second day there was a competition for young ENT doctors led by the Chairman of the International Jury, Prof B Schmelzer. All the experts were invited to become members of the jury. The presentations from the 50 participating young doctors were divided into three sections: rhinology, otology and laryngology. Each participant had to present his / her abstract in English over an eight-minute period and answer questions from the jury members. The members then evaluated all the presentations and went on to choose prize winners. The prizes were excellent including one-two week training courses in different ENT hospitals in either Austria, Germany, Belgium, USA, Russia and Ukraine and also ENT academic books. The special prize was given by Jury Chairman Prof B Schmelzer, who went on to invite the winner to train at the Middelheim Hospital in Antwerp.

In his farewell speech, Prof S Karpischenko mentioned that participation at this conference often became a significant stimulus in the professional career of young doctors. Many of the former participants became professors and head of departments. Everybody was sure that the tradition of these conferences (founded by Professor Marius Plouzhnikov many years ago), will be continued.

The next Jubilee XXX Conference of Young Otorhinolaryngologists will be held in Saint Petersburg in May 2018.

13th Japan-Taiwan Conference on Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery



DATE 3-4 December 2015 **VENUE** Hitotsubashi Hall (National Center of Sciences), Tokyo, Japan **REPORT BY** Andrew Hoey, CT2 Otolaryngology, Royal National Throat Nose and Ear Hospital, London, UK and Samantha Goh, ST3 Otolaryngology, West Midlands Deanery, Queen's Hospital, Burton, UK



The 13th Annual Japan-Taiwan Conference on Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery was held in Tokyo, Japan in December 2015 in the Hitotsubashi Hall at the National Center of Sciences and was attended by over 400 delegates. It was led by the Conference President Tatsuya Yamasoba, and Honorary Presidents Yasuya Nomura (Japan) and Fei-Peng Lee (Taiwan). Now in its 13th year, the conference was initially founded to promote relations between Japan and Taiwan. It has now started to attract representatives from a wider international community to provide a fantastic forum to promote the exchange of knowledge and experience between ENT colleagues.

Professor Kimitaka Kaga gave the keynote lecture on the 'Historical Development of Japan-Taiwan Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery – Medicine, Culture and Friendship', while Professor Shin-ichi Usami and Dr Yi-Ho Young gave special lectures on 'The Benefit of Genetic Testing for Cochlear Implant Candidates' and 'Potential Application of an Inner Ear Test Battery to Map Affected Territory of Vestibular Disorders', respectively. The vast majority of speakers came from either Japan and Taiwan. However, there was a small international delegation with representatives from Austria, the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom. Talks were split into a number of sub-specialty symposia with separate poster displays and lunchtime hands-on seminars.

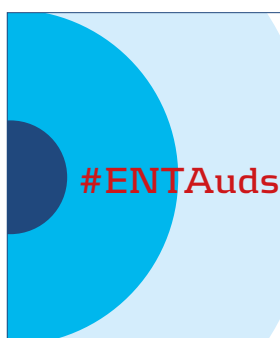
A welcome reception was held before the conference started and the first day was followed by a wonderful gala dinner in the nearby Josuikaikan Hall. The meal of exquisite Japanese food was accompanied by the performance of a traditional Kiyari work-song, which is often sung at festivals and ceremonies.

Tokyo is hosting the upcoming Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2020 and is fast becoming increasingly accessible to foreign visitors with more signs and instructions in English. In addition to the conference we enjoyed a breadth of both traditional and modern activities in Tokyo, from a cultural show at the National Kabuki Theatre to the lights and sounds of the Electric City in Akihabara.

We were warmly received at the 13th Annual Japan-Taiwan Conference on Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and invited to next year's conference in Taiwan. Despite being advertised as an international conference, there were relatively few talks given by trainees outside of Asia. We would encourage fellow trainees to consider attending as it is a fantastic opportunity to interact with and learn from ENT colleagues from very different cultural backgrounds.



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7th World Congress for Endoscopic Surgery of the Skull Base and Brain



DATE 15-18 May 2016 **VENUE** Swissôtel, Chicago, USA **REPORT BY** Nadia Ashraf, ST8 Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Sheffield, UK



This biennial meeting brought together 650 ENT surgeons and neurosurgeons from all over the world in the stunning waterfront 'windy city' of Chicago.

The four day meeting packed in around 12 hours of academic sessions per day. The opening ceremony was followed by a series of keynote lectures covering the history and evolution of pituitary and skull base surgery, imaging and the latest exciting developments in robotic skull base surgery. These opening sessions also included the unveiling of a painting commissioned to illustrate the lighter and darker sides of operating in this anatomically fraught region.

Four parallel sessions ran throughout the conference covering endonasal surgery, skull base, intracranial and rhinology themes. Moderators and speakers included an illustrious list of surgeons: Heinz Stammberger, Valerie Lund, Ricardo Carrau and Gustavo Hadad, to name just a few.

In addition, throughout the four days, there were live cadaveric dissections performed, with the hall being rarely less than packed. The set-up included two dissection teams, usually from different nationalities, operating simultaneously, which led to a degree of competitiveness! The atmosphere was at times more akin to a boxing ring than a dissection hall! The two operating teams meant that different approaches could

be covered in one session and variations in anatomy could also be demonstrated. Surgery covered included everything from extended frontal sinusotomy to pterygopalatine fossa approaches to endonasal access to the petrous apex.

The trade exhibition showcased the latest innovations in 4K endoscopic equipment, navigation systems and simulation models, alongside scientific poster presentations.

Each day ended with an 'ultimate feisty controversy' debate on topics such as open versus endonasal management of malignant anterior skull base tumours.

The conference was held in downtown Chicago overlooking the Chicago river amongst a sea of skyscrapers and was within walking distance of the famous Magnificent Mile, ideal for sampling the famous Chicago town pizza. The Millennium and Grant parks were also close by, with the futuristic Cloud Gate sculpture (affectionately known as 'the bean') and spectacular fountains.

The next meeting, organised by the charismatic Manuel Bernal-Sprekelsen, will be held at the Centre Convencions Internacional de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, 5-8 July 2018.



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'Looking forward' with Professor Eckel



Professor Eckel

In this interview, Professor Eckel, President of ENT Update Europe, tells us more about his involvement with the organisation and about their forthcoming meeting which takes place in Vienna in September 2016.

ABOUT PROFESSOR ECKEL

Prof Hans Edmund Eckel is the senior consultant at the Department of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology, Klagenfurt General Hospital in Austria. He received his medical education at the University of Cologne, Germany, where he specialised in laryngology and head and neck surgery. He served as the president for the European Laryngological Society and as the general secretary of the Austrian ENT Society. He has recently been appointed President-elect of the Confederation of European Otorhinolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery. Prof Eckel has published extensively in the field of laryngology and has been an invited speaker at numerous international meetings.

How did you get involved with ENT Update Europe?

ENT Update has been in existence for more than a decade on a national basis in Germany. Right from the start, the aim of ENT Update was to provide unbiased interpretation and summaries of the latest and most relevant scientific and clinically relevant publications in the field of otorhinolaryngology, head and neck surgery. From the onset, my task was to identify and present top publications in the field of laryngology, which is my personal field of interest and expertise. It has been huge pleasure for me to see the German language ENT Update grow year after year. Therefore, now is the time to launch ENT Update on a European scale.

What excites you most about the programme this year?

ENT Update uses a unique concept: highly qualified, reputable speakers from all over Europe present the most relevant and influential publications issued during the last 12 - 18 months. The entire specialty of ENT will be covered in 14 sessions. Speakers do not focus on their own research projects, but present the most important new medical findings from all over the world. Lecturers have a clear focus on their personal fields of clinical expertise, and comment on the impact of the studies they present for daily clinical practice. Clear

take-home messages are derived from the current medical literature which will enable participants to incorporate the latest international studies in their daily professional career. In addition, the meeting will give many opportunities to interact with speakers and delegates during and after the presentations. Finally, Vienna is the ideal venue for the first ENT Update Europe as it can be reached easily from all over Europe and offers a convenient setting for this exceptional event.

What are the major challenges facing the profession at the moment?

Medical innovation, new technologies or the intensified use of old ones may offer major advantages for the treatment of specific medical conditions. A thorough evidence-based approach to the continuing evolution of our speciality is therefore required to keep pace with the relevant advancement of good clinical practice.

Identifying the true top papers in the field of ENT is no longer feasible for the individual otolaryngologist. Therefore, a stratified and unbiased selection of the most relevant literature is mandatory to meet current professional requirements. This is exactly the core task of ENT Update Europe.



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WENTs (Women in ENT) 'Meet and greet' with guest speaker Cate Scally



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DATE 9 September 2016 **VENUE** The Conservatory, The Royal College of Surgeons, London, UK **PREVIEW BY** Paula Coyle, ST4 Otolaryngology, Lister Hospital, Stevenage, UK

The first meeting of WENTs (Women in ENT) will take place on 9 September 2016 (16.00-17.00) at The Conservatory, The Royal College of Surgeons, England (RCSEng) alongside the ENTUK Annual Meeting.

This will be the first formal meeting since WENTs launched at a surprisingly well attended breakfast meeting at BACO (British Academic Conference in Otolaryngology) 2015. Inspired by Chair, Claire Hopkins and committee member, Laurie Baxter, WENTs events, social media, AOT links and ideas are being run by a committee of female SHOs and registrars who are always looking to recruit. As part of ENTUK, our aim is to inspire, empower and support women in ENT around the UK.

We are privileged to have ENTUK support to hold this event during their Annual Meeting. Cate Scally, our guest

speaker, is the Secretary of the Otolaryngology Section of the RSM, forthcoming President of the Irish Otolaryngology Society and is an inspiration to all female ENT surgeons. WinS (Woman in Surgery) and RCSEng have kindly agreed to sponsor our canapes and drinks. We welcome everyone; male or female, trainee, student or consultant to attend. We hope this meeting will allow us to meet all our facebook members in person, form alliances which can grow into mentorships and research groups, as well as encourage more social events such as informal drinks after the RSM and more formal speaker events.

Please RSVP to ukwents@gmail.com by 17 August 2016.



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INTERVIEW

“Taking inspiration from all those who continue to push through the glass ceiling”



Claire Hopkins

In this interview, Claire Hopkins, Chair of WENTs, tells us more about her involvement with Society and about their forthcoming meeting which takes place at the Royal College of Surgeons England as part of ENTUKs Annual Meeting.

ABOUT CLAIRE HOPKINS

Claire is a Consultant ENT Surgeon with a specialist interest in Rhinology at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals. She has an active research programme and has published extensively in rhinology. She lectures internationally, and sits on the Council of the British and European Rhinological Societies. She has benefitted from great mentorship and encouragement throughout her career to date, but is particularly indebted to Professors Valerie Lund, Wytse Fokkens and Janet Wilson for their support and encouragement. She has two wonderful children, a remarkably understanding husband, a well-worn passport and several years sleep deficit to catch up with in her spare time!

How did you start / get involved in WENTs?

While the number of women in ENT continues to rise at all levels, we remain under-represented in leadership roles such as ENTUK and the Royal College Councils, the SAC, and on the faculty on courses and conferences. As a result, our voices are not heard. Equally, we are invisible to medical students and juniors considering entering the specialty. I often find myself the only woman on a large faculty at meetings and worry that this lack of female presence may actually deter young doctors from considering our specialty; in order to attract the best into ENT we need to recruit from the whole pool of juniors. Equally, amongst my peers I see many talented women who have had less time to commit to leadership roles early in their careers, but are now ready to take on these positions, and would like help to find a way in. WENTs was inspired by the equivalent group of the American Academy of Otorhinolaryngology – it's always a pleasure to attend motivating, enthusiastic meetings that are also well supported by the male ENT surgeons. Interestingly at the last meeting there was a debate as to whether the group was still needed – the answer was an overwhelming YES!

What has been WENT's most significant achievement to date?

I'm really pleased with the number of positive comments that we've received, and acknowledgement that we need to do more to support, encourage and promote (in every sense) women in ENT. For example, the SAC lead and Chairman of the Board of Examiners have asked us to encourage women to consider applying, as these are areas where we are acutely under-represented.

What excites you most about the programme this year?

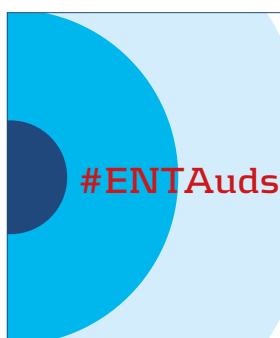
I write this as I learn that Hilary Clinton has made history in securing the nomination to stand for Presidency, at a

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time when we have our first female President of the Royal College of Surgeons. While we all long for the day when this is no longer headline news, we still need to celebrate these milestones, and take inspiration from all those who continue to push through the glass ceiling. Cate Scally is about to become the first female President of the Irish Otolaryngology Society, and I'm sure will have much to share.

What are the major challenges facing the profession at the moment?

We face unrelenting increasing demand for our services coupled with persistent financial restraint. As a result, contract negotiations and cuts to SPA time will result in even less support for those taking on any role in addition to clinical practice. Inevitably, this will further deter those with caring roles or other commitments outside of work – or even those simply wishing to have a healthy work-life balance – from taking on these essential tasks. My own trust refused to acknowledge any work on committees outside of the trust within my job plan, a practice which I'm sure is widespread. We cannot maintain and improve clinical care without educators, examiners, researchers and clinical leaders, and I worry that failure to acknowledge the importance of these roles, and properly remunerate those who perform them, is a major threat to our profession.



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AAA 28th Annual Convention and Exposition, AudiologyNOW!



DATE 13 -16 April 2016 **VENUE** Phoenix Conference centre, Phoenix, Arizona USA **REPORT BY** Dr Jagjit K Sethi, Head of Hearing and Balance Services, Berkshire Healthcare NHS, Foundation Trust, President of British Academy of Audiology

It has been some years since I last attended the AAA's AudiologyNOW! annual conference and yet regardless of the globally challenging economic times, it did not fail to impress me. It remains the largest international gathering of audiologists all under one roof with an impressive array of exhibitors and speakers. The programme committee chaired by Joscelyn Martin did a fantastic job pulling together a packed academic programme. It began Wednesday morning with learning labs and the academy research conference (ARC) followed in the afternoon by the full conference with featured sessions, learning modules and industry symposia. Dr Larry Eng, Academy President opened the conference followed by inspiring speech from Dr Ian Windmill the President Elect. Each day was packed to the rafters with early morning starts at 7.30 and numerous features sessions, learning modules and panel discussions. The choice of speakers and subject matter was phenomenally diverse throughout the four days. There was something for every quarter of audiology.

Understandably, most panel sessions and exhibition halls buzzed with discussions around the pending FDA decision on how hearing aids could be made available in the future in the US. Dr Brian Taylor did a great presentation on the Thursday titled 'How hearables can be successfully integrated in your practice'. Change is clearly afoot with "creative destruction of audiology" as we know it. But is that so bad? For me it was gratifying to see patient centred care and maximising use of technology being the golden threads running through the entire conference. There were clear messages that we as providers of hearing care need to develop our services around what our consumers/service users want and not what we think they want.

Dr Brian Taylor presented how new technological entrants such as personal sound amplification products (PSAPs) could help overcome accessibility and affordability barriers and so improve self-management and uptake. But quite rightly

he urged caution with quality and safety concerns for some PSAPs, whilst others were shown to be electroacoustically akin to current hearing aids at a fraction of the cost. These new technological entrants are likely to be disruptive and unsettling for us all, and whilst we clearly cannot stem the tide of change we can help shape it to accommodate the changes required and expected by new generations.

In the UK the 'Five Year Forward View' has set out the vision for healthcare in England, and similar messages are coming from our home countries. With this in mind I was struck by the similarities being discussed in 'Hearing care in America: Thought leader discussion' chaired by Dr Barry Freeman, Dr Jerry Northern and Dr Brian Taylor. The panel and audience were in agreement that in addition to improving hearing care awareness, early uptake and more self-management, there was also a need for integration and closer working with other healthcare providers.

Despite my best efforts, it was impossible to go to all the lectures I had aspired to attend. But personally for me, attending the AAA AudiologyNOW! conference was not only an opportunity to gather greater academic insight into new technologies and innovative ways of working but also to meet with my counterpart Dr Ian Windmill, the AAA President Elect. It was good to share our thoughts and views on the future direction of audiology, our respective professional bodies and ideas of supportive joint working.

In summary, attending the conference was academically stimulating and professionally invigorating. It was an invaluable opportunity to make and cement friendships and develop new international networks. The next AudiologyNOW! conference will be held April 5-8 2017 in Indianapolis. I hope you see you there!



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