



# 100 Years and Beyond



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## ABEA 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: Rising Stars, Hot Topics, and Thought Leaders

On behalf of the program committee and your ABEA council, I would like to invite all of you to join us at COSM for our annual meeting April 18-20<sup>th</sup>.

Can I challenge each of you to bring a colleague that may not have attended before? There is so much to see and do at COSM and in the DC area this may be our best attended meeting ever. ABEA program topics will naturally appeal to our ABEA membership **but also to our natural colleagues in the ALA, Trio, ASPO, and AHNS this year in particular.** Every Otolaryngologist will find value in the ABEA program as it covers airway inflammation and stenosis, voice, swallow, surgical training, sinus surgery and the voice, General Otolaryngology, simulation, adult and pediatric Otolaryngology....everything but a tinnitus panel. Help us turn a colleague on to the very broad and inclusive essence of the ABEA!

Once again, our third day session has been organized in partnership with our friends and colleagues in the American Laryngological Association. Please see President Jim Burns' excellent column in this newsletter for full details. *Special thanks to my friend, colleague, and ABEA member Dinesh Chhetri who serves as my counterpart leading the ALA program this year. Nice working with you as always.*

As noted above, we have a phenomenal blend of topics and speakers for our meeting this time – all chosen with the practicing Otolaryngologist in mind:

- What is going on in Otolaryngology as it relates to our practices?
- What is the latest and greatest?
- Innovations and reflections in adult and pediatric airway disease
- Our thriving basic science sessions are designed to be clinically relevant

We are particularly proud of the return of the “Discussant” role again this year. Following each of the free paper sessions, one of our distinguished colleagues will comment on the preceding papers with the intent of providing perspective and context **“Where do these papers fit in to your vision of the broncho-esophagology past, present and future?”** The distinguished colleagues in the Discussant role are an “A” list for sure:

- Susan Thibeault
- Robert Buckmire
- Robin Cotton
- Jim Netterville
- Diego Preciado
- Lucian Sulica
- Peter Belafsky

Personally, I am excited the program in general but also about several submissions in particular. I bet you have your favorites as well. “Protective pH neutralizing esophageal irrigations as a novel mitigation strategy” as well as the first major presentation of slide tracheoplasty in adults will definitely draw lots of attention. I am also keen to hear about the latest report on in-office steroid injections for subglottic stenosis. Panels for this year include the joint ALA/ABEA panel moderated by Gaelyn Garrett: **RRP: RIP?** as well as an hour dedicated to a very real every day problem for all of us – dealing with challenging and complicated Tracheotomy conundrums. Finally, the Dysphagia Surgical Society of the ABEA will present a panel led by our past-president Greg Postma.

See you there! Remember – spread the word, bring a friend/colleague. They will love the ABEA meeting.



Plan to attend the bi-annual meeting of the Dysphagia Surgical Society of the ABEA on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm in Chesapeake GH at Gaylord National Resort.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## James Burns, MD

### ABEA President 2018

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the first year of the next centennial for the American Bronchoesophagological Association! I am honored to have worked closely with so many on the council in serving the membership over the past 10 years. In that time the ABEA has grown substantially and I thank all of you for entrusting me with the reigns as president this year. I want to welcome new council members Mark Courey and Michael Pitman and acknowledge the new roles of Seth Dailey (secretary) and Milan Amin (president-elect). I give a special Thank You to Al Merati for agreeing to serve as Program Chair even though this will require him to wear one more “hat” of responsibility this year.

The theme for this year’s spring meeting at COSM is Collaboration. The spirit of collaboration is embodied within the ABEA in many ways, all of which contribute to making the ABEA a vibrant and relevant organization. The various ways in which we collaborate with industry, our patients, hospital administrators, medical specialists and allied health professionals other than otolaryngologists, and with colleagues among worldwide organizations will be highlighted at the spring meeting. The ABEA continues close collaboration with the European Laryngological Society and will be represented at the 12th Congress of the ELS meeting in London with a round table discussion on Technical Innovations in Laryngology led by Mike Hinni. Collaboration with the ALA will continue with a combined ABEA/ALA session on Friday, April 20.

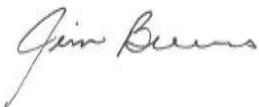
This year’s guest of honor is Steven Zeitels, a past-president of the ABEA, world-renowned innovator, and mentor to many ABEA members including yours truly. I’ve asked Steve to share his experience collaborating with patients in advancing innovative research initiatives. The Chevalier Q Jackson Award will be given to Ellen Deutsch, who I feel embodies the true spirit of Jackson’s mission of teaching and service through her continued efforts with pediatric airway foreign body courses and resident “boot camps” that feature team building exercises utilizing the latest simulation techniques. Robert Hillman, PhD, Co-Director and Research Director of the Center for Laryngeal Surgery and Voice Rehabilitation at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and Adjunct Professor (Communication Sciences and Disorders) MGH Institute of Health Professions will deliver the Chevalier Q Jackson Lecture. This year’s program will include the first annual Jamie Koufman Lecture that will feature T. Colin Campbell, PhD, Professor Emeritus of Nutritional Biochemistry at Cornell University, discussing nutrition and the link between diet and disease.

There are several new changes to the program this year. First, poster presentations require manuscript submission and the top three poster award winners will be given cash prizes. Second, podium presenters are required to submit ONE question that will be used to create an online quiz that can be taken after the meeting on the ABEA website for additional CME. Third, new members who are accepted via vote of the membership will be notified by March 1, 2018, invited to the meeting, and have their registration fee waived (Thank you to Paul Willging for helping with some sweeping changes that involved the membership committee). Finally, scientific session moderators will include ABEA post-graduate members to broaden the reach of our meeting within the membership.

The Past-Presidents Dinner will honor all past ABEA presidents, current council members, and 2018 award winners and special guests. The dinner will be held at the Gaylord Resort, National Harbor, Maryland on Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30PM.

The 2018 Annual meeting promises to be an exciting gathering and an awesome venue at which to present your research and share ideas with colleagues. Thanks to all who submitted abstracts for consideration – there were 129 submissions - our committee is developing the program based on your hard work. You are all encouraged to recruit new active members, post-graduate members, and international colleagues who might be interested in joining the ABEA. I look forward to seeing all of you at National Harbor, Maryland near Washington DC in April 2018 (with a little luck, the cherry blossoms around the tidal basin will bloom that week – a spectacular site not to be missed).

Sincerely,



James Burns, MD  
ABEA President

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## ABEA's Bylaws Have Changed

ABEA members were recently asked to vote on updating the Bylaws. These amendments confirmed and maintained the current practice of the ABEA, and offer a better representation the actual responsibilities of the leadership and membership.

To view the ABEA Bylaws, [click here now](#).

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## Development Committee Report

### Gresham Richter, MD

### Committee Chair

ABEA's Development Committee (Seth Dailey-U. Wisconsin; Scott Rickert-NYU; Gresham Richter-U. Arkansas) would like to thank the membership and council for their contributions and partnership which made a monumental centennial year in fundraising. In 2017, the ABEA collectively received over \$165,000 in donations to bridge the organization into the next century. Notable large donations by Jamie Koufman, Steve Zeitels, and Dana Thompson should be recognized. Contributions received will aid the organization's mission to lead education, research, and innovation in adult and pediatric airway and swallowing disorders. This is performed through the support of the following:

- Education and Research Grants
- Lectureships
- Task Forces
- Awareness Campaigns
- ABEA Annual Meeting
- ABEA's Future

Thank you again and we hope you will continue to support the ABEA. Donations can be received online at [abea.org](http://abea.org). More support is needed to improve our financial reserves and sustain the future. We also ask the membership to attract new members to the ABEA and strengthen our organization in quantity and quality of people. Special thanks goes to longstanding members and those new to the ABEA. We appreciate your dedication to your patients and the scope of our medical and scientific discipline. You can make a donation by [clicking here now](#).

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### HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

We were honored to video Dana Thompson, MD, as ABEA's President during her 2017 Presidential Address as well as our Friday "Super Panel" moderated by Michael Hinni, MD, and panelists Robin Cotton, MD, Bruce Haughey, MD, Jamie Koufman, MD, and Steven Zeitels, MD.

[View President Dana M. Thompson MD Presidential Address here](#)

[View the Global Impact of Disruptive Innovations in Bronchoesophagology and Laryngology – The Story of the Innovator and the Innovation Supported by the Voice Health Institute Endowment here](#)

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On behalf of the organizing committee of Blake Simpson, Tanya Eadie , Lucian Sulica, please join us at this year's Fall Voice Conference in Seattle October 25-7. The very popular SLP pre-conference will be organized by Sarah Schneider, Emily Malik and Lisa D'oyley. Laryngology Fellow's Day will be run by Jeanne Hatcher and Mark Courey and Early Career Laryngology program will be presented by Robbi Kupfer, Dan Fink, and Ashli O'Rourke. Our Keynote Speakers will be Diane Bless and Cara Stepp. The meeting will be in the heart of a very vibrant downtown Seattle retail district. Contact Alyson Conley at [alyson@theassociationcompany.com](mailto:alyson@theassociationcompany.com) for any questions at all. Abstract submissions for the conference open March 1 - more info available at [www.fallvoice.org](http://www.fallvoice.org).



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## From the American Laryngological Association:

Dear Members of the ABEA,

The ALA and the ABEA share common clinical and academic interests and every year we hold consecutive educational sessions at the same meeting room during COSM. At the upcoming COSM meeting, for the second consecutive year, we will also have a combined ALA/ABEA third scientific session on Friday afternoon. I thank the ABEA leadership for allowing me to share with you some highlights of the upcoming annual ALA meeting.

Our program committee, chaired by Dinesh Chhetri, MD, has prepared an outstanding and stimulating educational program including expert panels on state of the art practice and research in laryngology, as well as 35 podium presentations and 70 posters with cutting edge projects and studies. Our special panels will include a discussion by experts on “Laryngeal EMG” on Wednesday afternoon; an exciting and somewhat futuristic panel on “Innovation in Laryngology” scheduled for Thursday morning; and, on Friday afternoon, the combined panel with you, our ABEA colleagues, on “Recurrent Respiratory Papillomatosis.”

I would like to draw your attention to two “superspecial” keynote presentations scheduled for the upcoming 2018 program. The first is the Daniel C. Baker Jr., MD, Lecture which will be delivered by our Past-President Gayle Woodson, MD. Dr. Woodson, an experienced clinician, academician, teacher and leader, will present “Truth, Heresy and Paradigm Shifts.” This certainly promises to be a stimulating talk.

The second keynote presentation is our State of the Art Lecture. This year, we will be going “outside the box”. The lecture will be delivered by Dr. Melina Kibbe who is currently one of the most influential leaders in surgery in the US. Dr. Kibbe is the Zack D. Owens Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery at the University of North Carolina. For her groundbreaking research and technological innovations, she was recognized by President Obama with the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. Dr. Kibbe has been a strong advocate for sex inclusion and against sex bias in biomedical research. Her campaign for “Research for All” resulted in significant policy developments at the National Institute of Health, the Government Accountability Organization and the FDA. Dr. Kibbe’s presentation is entitled “The State of the Art in Managing Conflict and Disruptive Behavior in Surgery.” You do not want to miss this one.

Our special award committees have met and decided on the awardees. I am very pleased to report that the 2018 American Laryngological Association Award will be given to Dr. Eiji Yanagisawa. Dr. Noel Garabedian, from Paris, is our 2018 Gabriel F. Tucker, MD, Awardee. Both award recipients are very well known to the ABEA membership.

As a President, it is true honor and pleasure to be able to recognize people who are special, not only to me, but also to our profession. Please join me during the opening session on Wednesday, as I introduce our Guest of Honor, Dr. Peak Woo, and give Presidential Citations to the New York Laryngological Society (celebrating its 145<sup>th</sup> year!); the tireless Dr. Dinesh Chhetri; and the one and only Ms. Maxine Cunningham.

Again, thank you for allowing me to share with you our 2018 meeting highlights. I look forward to seeing you all in National Harbor.

Respectfully Yours,  
Gady Har-El, MD, FACS  
ALA President



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF  
PEDIATRIC OTOLARYNGOLOGY

The members of ASPO would like to invite all those attending the ABEA to come join our sessions! The theme of the ASPO 2018 Annual Meeting is “Surgery and Surgeons of the Future”. For all program details, visit our website at [ASPO.us](http://ASPO.us), and highlights of this year’s program are below:

On Friday, April 20, the meeting will kick off with a keynote lecture delivered by **Peter Angelos, MD, PhD, FACS**. Dr. Angelos is the Linda Kohler Anderson Professor of Surgery and the Associate Director, MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics at the The University of Chicago. Dr. Angelos will discuss how we deal with complex ethical issues and decision in our current settings, as well as ethical considerations for the healthcare system in the future. Saturday morning’s keynote lecture will be delivered by **Mark Del Monte, JD**, Director, Department of Federal Affairs, American Academy of Pediatrics. Mr. Del Monte will discuss advocacy initiatives and the impact of current and future changes in Washington having an impact on healthcare coverage for children. Our final keynote lecture on Sunday will be given by **David Hoyt, MD, FACS**, Executive Director, American College of Surgeons. We are eager to hear Dr. Hoyt’s comments on where he sees surgery and surgeons of the future from his unique perspective.

In addition to these keynote lectures, the ASPO Meeting features concurrent sessions for the majority of our meeting, which allows us to offer a greater number of podium presentations, quickshot vignette presentations, video abstracts, posters, and mini-seminar sessions. Mini- Seminar sessions allow for greater exploration into clinical and non-clinical topics facing our specialty today and in the future and are listed below:

- Educating in the 21st Century: How Can We Adapt to Face the Challenges of a Changing Student - Teacher Dyad?
- Anesthetic Neurotoxicity Risk: FDA Warnings and Impact on Future Surgical Decision-Making in Pediatric Otolaryngology?
- Airway Tissue Engineering: Challenges Faced in Clinical Translation
- How We Think About Patients, and How Patients Think About Us: Cognitive and Implicit Bias in Clinical Interactions
- Using Value Based Care Models to Develop, Refine, and Negotiate for Interdisciplinary Clinics: Lessons from a Multi-Institutional Experience
- Microcystic Lymphatic Malformations of the Tongue: An Update and Best Practice
- Posterior Glottic Stenosis: An International Roundtable on the Future of Surgery
- Do the Right Thing! The Future of Surgical Competency
- Sialoendoscopy in Pediatric Otolaryngology
- Using Big Data in Pediatric Otolaryngology

Finally, we hope you will join us for one of the many social events planned during the meeting! You and your guests may register for any of the below events during the COSM Registration process.

- Annual Fun Run – Friday, April 20 at 7:00 am
- Combined Poster Session – Friday, April 20 at 5:30 pm
- Development Reception – Friday, April 20 at 7:30 pm, offsite at Public House
- ASPO Banquet – Saturday, April 21 at 6:30 pm

We hope you will join us for this dynamic program as we consider the future of our specialty!

Sincerely,

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## THE TRIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Upholding the Noble Legacy

Dear fellow ABEA members:

I want to encourage you to register and attend the Triological Society meeting this year at COSM. Their program covers many compelling and interesting presentations – including many from the ABEA membership itself. The biggest highlight for me in this connection is our very own Past-President, Dana Thompson, presenting this year’s prestigious Ogura Lecture: “Inspiring Change from Within” on Friday AM (same day as our joint session with ALA). Mark Persky, Trio president will present his address “Patient Trust: Entitled or Earned” that same morning – should be excellent.

There are many panels and concurrent sessions of interest to all of us in the ABEA including one on Head & Neck Cancer Survivorship, a State of the Art in Laryngology panel from ABEA members Julina Ongkasuwan, Tanya Meyer, Jon Bock, Marshall Smith, and Karen Zur.

See you there!



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