THE 13TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOPS ON INNER EAR MEDICINE AND SURGERY

Presented by
The Prosper Ménière Society
March 1-8, 2008
Hotel Theresa in Zell im Zillertal, Austria
www.theresa.at
Dear Prosper Ménière Society members,

I am pleased to announce that the 13th International Symposium and Workshops on Inner Ear Medicine and Surgery will be held March 1-8, 2008, at the Hotel Theresa in Zell im Zillertal, Austria. This will be the third meeting that we have had at the Hotel Theresa. It was a unanimous decision to return again in 2008, as this truly is a wonderful venue for a scientific meeting. The Hotel Theresa is a family-run establishment with easy transportation to the ski slopes, wonderful European spa, and excellent food. The price includes complete use of the facilities and all meals, including a 4- to 5-course dinner every night, prepared by their in-house chef. This is a Wellness Spa, so for those of us who don’t ski, there is plenty to enjoy, such as an indoor pool, four different types of saunas, or a bicycle ride along the river path to a neighboring village. Please visit the hotel’s website at www.theresa.at.

I am also pleased to announce the next Gold Medal Award Recipient, Dr. Alec Salt of the Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Salt was unanimously chosen by the Board Members and the Members of the Prosper Ménière Society and has graciously accepted this honor and invitation. His contributions to our present understanding of endolymphatic hydrops and inner ear fluid homeostasis are tremendous, and we feel very privileged to have him as our Guest of Honor.

The general format of the meeting will be a 2-hour morning and 2-hour afternoon session each day. Each session will start with one hour of didactic presentations, followed by a one hour roundtable discussion of that particular topic. The scientific focus is on all aspects of inner ear medicine and surgery, including basic and clinical science. Highlights this year will be fluid homeostasis, perfusion therapy, bilateral amplification (cochlear implants, bone-anchored hearing aids and conventional hearing aids), tinnitus treatment with transcranial magnetic stimulation, and a 3-D tour of the inner ear. Following a 30-60 minute break, the entire group will meet for dinner in a private dinning room where the real camaraderie can begin. We reserve a special table in the bar for those who wish to “continue the scientific discussions” later into the evening. The meeting is small, with a maximum capacity of 70 people in the meeting room to encourage free discussion, and the dress and atmosphere are casual. An opening wine and cheese reception and banquet are casual to business casual in dress.

I look forward to seeing you in Austria.

Sincerely,

John Dornhoffer, M.D.

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Dr. Alec Salt is presently a Professor of Otolaryngology at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. He has been at the Washington University School of Medicine for approximately 23 years and has been a Professor at Washington University since July 2000. His research interests have been focused on a variety of issues related to the homeostasis of cochlear fluids.

In 1999, Dr. Salt was honored as the recipient of the Guyot Prize from the University of Groningen, The Netherlands, for “important work of great merits in the field of otological and biological research.” This honor has been awarded every 5 years since 1914, and prior recipients include two Nobel Laureates.

He presently has grant support from The National Institute of Health, as the principal investigator for a project on Inner ear fluid interactions. In addition, Dr. Salt has given 41 presentations in the past 10 years and has 63 peer-reviewed publications. This is just a brief summary of Dr. Salt’s accomplishments. His curriculum vita is posted on our website, so please visit www.prospermeniere.com to get more information about his education, research grants, and publications.

Dr. Salt will be honored by his peers at an awards banquet at the conference. He will also present his research in the areas of homeostasis of the cochlear fluids.

Gold Medal Award Winners of the Prosper Ménière Society

1982 Professor Georges Portmann, Bordeaux, FRANCE
1983 George E. Shambaugh Jr., M.D., Chicago, Illinois, USA
1986 William F. House, M.D., Newport Beach, California, USA
1990 Professor Michel Portmann, Bordeaux, FRANCE
Professor Emeritus Toshi Naito, Osaka, JAPAN
1994 Ugo Fisch, M.D., Zurich, SWITZERLAND
Howard House, M.D., Los Angeles, California, USA
Brian McCabe, M.D., Iowa City, Iowa, USA
1995 David Austin, M.D., Idaho Falls, Idaho, USA
1996 Herbert Silverstein, M.D., Sarasota, Florida, USA
1997 Michael Paparella, M.D., Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA
1998 Professor W.P.R. Gibson, M.D., F.R.C.S., Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Joseph E. Hawkins Jr., Ph.D., D.Sc., Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA
1999 Malcolm Graham, M.D., Savannah, Georgia, USA
Remy Pujol, M.D., Montpellier, FRANCE
2000 Derald Brackmann, M.D., House Ear Institute, Los Angeles, California, USA
Thomas Van De Water, Ph.D., New York City, New York, USA
2001 Josef Miller, Ph.D., Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA
Jan Helms, M.D., Ph.D., Würzburg, GERMANY
2002 meeting cancelled
2003 David Lim, House Ear Institute, Los Angeles, California, USA
John J. Shea Jr., M.D., Shea Ear Clinic, Memphis, Tennessee, USA
2006 I. Kaufman Arenberg, M.D., Bayville, New York, USA
2008 Alec Salt, Ph.D., St. Louis, MO, USA
Call for Abstracts

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March 1-8, 2008
at the Hotel Theresa in Zell im Zillertal, Austria

Deadline: December 1, 2007

Mail or fax your registration to:
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Resident Research Awards

At the annual meeting of the Prosper Ménière Society, the International Center for Otologic Training (ICOT) of Savannah, Georgia, honors residents or fellows for excellence in clinical or basic science research on inner ear disorders and/or treatment. At the 2008 meeting, a first prize of $750 and a second prize of $250 will be awarded, along with recognition at the awards banquet and plaques commemorating their awards.

Awards will be made based on submitted manuscripts of unpublished work, and award recipients will be asked to present their research projects at the 13th International Symposium and Workshops, to be held in Zell im Zillertal, Austria, at the Hotel Theresa (www.theresa.at), March 1-8, 2008. Meeting registration will be provided to award recipients. All interested residents or their program directors can contact Brenda Speed, Prosper Ménière Society Administrator, for more information (phone: (501) 686-5018; fax (501) 686-8029; e-mail: speedbrendao@uams.edu). Manuscripts must be received by January 1, 2008, to be eligible for an award. Please encourage all likely candidates to take advantage of this opportunity to participate in a lively forum of basic and clinical researchers!
Inner Ear Fluid Regulation
- fluid dynamics and homeostasis in the normal and hydropic system

Diagnosis of Meniere’s Disease

Surgical and Medical Therapy of Meniere’s disease
- surgical (shunt, nerve section)
- perfusion (steroids, gentamicin)
- Meniett device

Sensorineural Hearing Loss
- diagnosis
- unilateral (BAHA bone anchored hearing aid)
- bilateral
- sudden
- BAHA

Cochlear Implants
- candidacy
- bilateral
- surgical technique
- coding strategies
- outcomes

Tinnitus
- diagnosis
- therapy
- TMS (transcranial magnetic stimulation)
- treatment outcomes

Irrigation and Perfusion of the Round Window Area
- aminoglycosides
- steroids

Chronic Ear Disease
- decision making
- ossicular reconstruction

Superior Canal Dehiscence Syndrome
- diagnosis
- treatment
The Prosper Ménière Society application for Membership

Membership Classification Desired:

☐ Active Physician - $75 per calendar year
☐ Retired Physician, Military, Resident, Ph.D., Audiologist, Other (please circle appropriate category) - $75 for initial calendar year; thereafter, $40 per calendar year
☐ Corporate - $500 per calendar year
☐ Other

Specialty:

☐ Otologist/Neurotologist  ☐ Otolaryngologist  ☐ Neurologist/Neurosurgeon
☐ Neuroradiologist  ☐ Audiologist  ☐ PT/OT  ☐ Other___________________

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☐ YES, please register me for the seminar.

Name ______________________________________ Company _____________________________________________________
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State _____________ Zip ____________ Country __________________________ Telephone _________________________

REGISTRATION FEES - EARLY REGISTRATION THROUGH DECEMBER 1, 2007
Registration includes meeting materials and ticket to Gold Medal Honors Award Reception.

Physician: ☐ Member Fee $400 ☐ Late Fee $500 ☐ Non-member Fee $500 ☐ Late Fee $600
Audiologist/Ph.D./Resident/Military: ☐ Member Fee $300 ☐ Late Fee $400 ☐ Non-member Fee $400 ☐ Late Fee $500

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Hotel Accommodations

Hotel Theresa
Room rates: Half board rate of Euro 125.00 per person per night in double occupancy.
Half board rate of Euro 150.00 per person per night in single occupancy.

Rate includes:
- Breakfast
- Midday buffet
- Evening meal
- Recreational facilities, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, Jacuzzi, sauna area, fitness and gym area, sun house and recreation room.

Please visit The Hotel Theresa Website at www.theresa.at for information on the area and the hotel.

We have a limited amount of rooms at the special rate, so reserve your room early.

For ski areas, ski rates, and ski packages visit: www.zillertalski.at or www.zillertalarena.com
Program Description
This week-long continuing medical education program is intended for practicing otolaryngologists, otologists/neurotologists, neurologists/neurosurgeons, neuroradiologists and audiologists. It will provide a comprehensive overview of inner ear diseases/disorders and their treatments. Basic and clinical researchers will present lectures and conduct plenary sessions on clinical ramifications of inner ear pathophysiology, state-of-the-art interventions, inner ear organ culture techniques, hair cell regeneration, inner ear fluid dynamics and their alterations in pathophysiologic disorders, and autoimmune inner ear disease.

Accreditation
The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Objectives
Upon completion of this course, participants should be able to:
• have a comprehensive understanding of the pathophysiology of inner ear disorders
• identify and discuss appropriate medical and/or surgical treatment regimens for Ménière’s disease and other diseases of the inner ear, including tinnitus
• assess the indications and basic interpretations of diagnostic findings for vertiginous patients
• discuss culture techniques for hair cell regeneration and tissue engineering
• have a comprehensive overview of implantable hearing devices and cochlear implants
• understand inner ear fluid dynamics and homeostasis in the normal and hydropic inner ear
• discuss diagnostic and intraoperative monitoring of the inner ear

Disclosure Policy
It is the policy of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine Office of Continuing Medical Education to ensure balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor in all its education programs. Speakers are expected to disclose to the program audiences any real or apparent conflicts of interest related to the content of their presentations. Speakers are also expected to disclose when any product is not labeled for the use under discussion or is still investigational.