

ARO Member News

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2013 Elections

We are pleased to reiterate Drs. Middlebrooks and Tucci's earlier email notification, and again congratulate the newly elected Council Members:

President-Elect:

Ruth Anne Eatock, PhD

Councilor:

Howard W. Francis, MD, MBA

We will officially welcome them to the Council at the 2013 MidWinter Meeting.

A complete list of current Council members is available at:
<http://www.aro.org/org/council.html>.

Travel Awards

Greetings!

With this last issue of the ARO Member News for 2012, the ARO Council and ARO Headquarters extend best wishes to you for a wonderful Holiday and joyous New Year. We look forward to hearing from you with information for alerts and newsletter articles. We have exciting events planned for the 2013 meeting in Baltimore and will look forward to seeing you there, learning about your research, and providing ways for you to take an active role in the ARO.

Sincerely,
Linda Hood, PhD
Editor ARO

36th MidWinter Meeting

On behalf of the Program Committee, we look forward to welcoming you to the upcoming annual meeting of the ARO in Baltimore in February. I would like to thank the committee for their hard work in putting together what is promising to be an outstanding meeting. While many aspects of the meeting will retain its familiar rhythms and traditions, this year we have made a number of new changes that we think will make the overall experience even better. For starters, we have shortened the time for symposia and workshops, now scheduled for 2 hours each. This has allowed us to increase the number of symposia that we can offer without extending the meeting time or taking away valuable free time to roam the posters and meet with the exhibitors (or grab a beer with friends and colleagues). For the first time, we are also featuring two 'Young Investigator Symposia'. These unique symposia, including "The Neurophysiology of Human Auditory Processing" and "Short and Long-term Neural Plasticity in the Auditory Brainstem" will highlight up-to-date research by post-docs and junior faculty members. We encourage you to attend these exciting sessions, and hope that we can see more proposals for the following year. Lastly, we will be accepting proposals for symposia for the 2014 meeting in mid-April, so meet with your colleagues in Baltimore and begin planning! As always, if you have any ideas to change or improve upon the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

See you in Baltimore!

Larry Lustig, MD
Program Chair

After receiving a large number of applications (164) we are still reviewing all applications and expect notifications to go out the middle of next week. All applicants will receive communications from ARO Headquarters at that time.

Thank you for bearing with us as we review your applications, and best of luck to you all!

We would like to thank the following organizations who participated as part of the 2013 Travel Award program. Their support, in addition to funds provided by the ARO, helped the association provide an increased number of awards this year for students and trainees to attend the upcoming MidWinter Meeting:

- **NIH**
- **Advanced Bionics**
- **American Academy of Audiology Foundation**
- **American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Foundation**
- **Cochlear Americas**
- **Cochlear Limited**
- **Elsevier**
- **Hearing Health Foundation**
- **Knowles Hearing Center**
- **Otonomy**
- **Pfizer**

We thank these supporters for making the ARO Travel Awards program possible. We greatly appreciate their participation.

2013 MWM Exhibitors

Mark Your Calendar: 36th Annual MidWinter Meeting

February 16-20, 2013
Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel
Baltimore, Maryland
[Meeting Agenda](#)

Meeting Registration:

Register for the 2013 MidWinter Meeting online through:
<http://secure.aro.org/>.

Don't forget the last day for early registration is December 31, 2012.

Hotel Information:

The Baltimore Marriott Waterfront hotel is located at 700 Aliceanna Street Baltimore, MD 21202, USA.

The group rate is \$209. For reservations, call 1-800-228-9290 and mention the ARO group. Or use the following link to be redirected to the online reservation portal:

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/AssocforResOtolary>

The final day to make your reservation at the ARO's group rate is January 24, 2013.

Baltimore Scape

The 40th Anniversary of ARO

In celebrating the 40th year anniversary in 2013, the ARO is planning to have a short ceremony, right after the Award of Merit presentation, and will recognize those who have attended all 36 MidWinter Meetings followed by a Reception and Slide Show of yesteryears of fond memories of the MidWinter Meetings.

Early History of ARO:

ARO was formed from the Research Committee Meeting of the AAOO (American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology). Harold Schuknecht (Harvard Medical School and Mass Eye and Ear Hospital), Juergen Tonndorf (Columbia University), and David Lim (Ohio State University) formally proposed to establish the new research society from the Research Committee Meeting. After a long debate among those who attended the 1973 Research Committee Meeting, it was then decided to establish the new research society. Paul Ward (the Chair of the Research Committee) was empowered to appoint a nominating committee to come up with officers of the Research Society. Bob Butler (as chair), Bob Kohut, and Bill Melnick were members of the nominating committee and they recommended the slate of officers. At the first annual meeting in 1974, David Hilding (Yale University) was elected as President and Harold Schuknecht, Juergen Tonndorf, Vicente Honrubia, James Snow, and David Lim as members of the Executive Council. The first by-laws were drafted by the By-Laws Committee (Harold Schuknecht as chair, and Juergen Tonndorf, and Anderson Hilding as members). The ARO by-laws were approved at the 1974 annual meeting and ARO was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1974. ARO replaced the Research Committee Meeting and continued to meet with the AAOO meeting in Chicago. The record indicates that there were 180 charter members who attended the first Business Meeting.

The current exhibitors for the 36th MidWinter Meeting include:

- **Intelligent Hearing Systems**
- **Interacoustics**
- **National Temporal Bone Registry**
- **Plural Publishing**
- **Springer**
- **Tucker Davis**

Also, we are pleased to list the following 2013 sponsors:

- **Springer**
Welcome Reception
- **Med-El**
Travel Awards Luncheon
- **Elsevier**
Browse Table
- **IOS Press**
Browse Table
- **S. Karger**
Browse Table

Exhibitor booths and sponsorships are still available if your company would like to participate as part of the meeting. Please review the [Exhibitor Prospectus](#), and contact contact [Sue Parker](#), Sales Associate, at 856-423-7222 x227 with any questions.

Membership Dues

Still need to renew your 2012-2013 dues, or renew early for the 2013-2014 membership year? Login to the [member services website](#) to pay online. If you need your login information for this website, email the [ARO Headquarters](#) for assistance.

Reminder, you must be a current member to receive the member registration rates to attend the 2013 MidWinter Meeting.

Founding Members



ARO MidWinter Meeting:

ARO decided to have its MidWinter Meeting separate from the AAOO meeting on a trial basis since we were not sure if taking an uncharted path would be successful. The first MidWinter Meeting took place in 1978 at the Happy Dolphin Inn in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida with a very happy outcome and ARO prospered and outgrew the Happy Dolphin Inn. The MidWinter Meeting redefined the ARO from this point on.

Past hotels



Over the years, ARO met at different meeting venues including the Happy Dolphin Inn (1978-1984), Clearwater Beach Holiday Inn (1985-1988), Tradewinds Resort at St Pete Beach (1989-2001), Adams Mark Hotel at Daytona Beach (2003-2004), Fairmont Hotel at New Orleans (2005), Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel at Baltimore (2006, 2009, 2011, 2013), Hyatt Regency Hotel Denver (2007), Wyndham Phoenix Hotel in Arizona (2008) ♦ Disneyland Hotel at Anaheim, California (2010), and the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel San Diego (2012). Among all the hotels where we've held the MidWinter Meetings, the Happy Dolphin Inn and the Tradewinds Resort at St. Pete Beach stand out as our most favorite meeting locations with many fond memories. As the ARO scientific meeting grew in size and complexity, finding beach-side hotels that could accommodate the ARO MidWinter Meeting was beyond our fiscal capabilities. Thus, ARO decided to have the MidWinter Meeting site alternate between the East coast and West coast. The hope was that attendance at the MidWinter Meeting would be dictated by the quality of the scientific presentations rather than the meeting locations. The MidWinter Meeting attendance has fluctuated between 1,400 and 1,600. The lowest meeting attendance occurred at the Denver meeting in 2007. Meeting attendance has stabilized around 1,600, and is now considered the "must" meeting to attend with those in the field of basic and clinical auditory neurosciences. It is remarkable that Prof. Tonomori Takaska from Sendai University brought an average of 20 members from his department for many years. I believe that his effort contributed to popularizing ARO in Japan as attested by the high number of Japanese members.

ARO Membership:

ARO membership fluctuates between 1,700 and 2,000 representing 35 countries. The largest membership, besides the U.S., is Japan then followed by the United Kingdom and Germany. In the past, members from overseas were not considered for officer positions. The International Committee campaigned to make changes and Karen Avraham was the first overseas member to serve as President. ARO also established a Student organization, spARO, and their members also participate in the governance of the ARO.

ARO Award of Merit:

ARO has awarded a total of 38 Awards of Merit to distinguished scientists in recognition of their scientific contributions. It is considered a high honor to receive this competitive award. [Click here](#) to view the full list of Award of Merit recipients.

Journal of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology (JARO):

One of the accomplishments of the ARO is the establishment of its own journal known as JARO. It was largely the effort of Gerry Popelka and Art Popper. Eric Young was selected as the Editor-in-Chief and the first issue came out in March 2004. JARO has become one of the most important scientific journals in the field.

Dr. Memorial: Dr. William F. House

Among many accomplishments, ARO developed an extensive Travel Award program bringing in many students and young trainees to attend the ARO MidWinter Meeting. ARO continues to explore ways to serve its members and promote the organization.

Submitted by David Lim, MD

William F. House, MD, often called the father of modern Neurotology, passed away on December 7, 2012 on his farm in Oregon. He was 89 years old. Dr. Bill, as he was affectionately known by patients, changed the practice of Otologic Surgery; introducing many new surgical approaches and surgical tools, and pioneering the use of the operating microscope. He partnered with engineer Jack Urban to develop one of the first clinical cochlear implant systems; the first system to be approved by the FDA (in 1984). It was highly controversial when Bill House first provided cochlear implants to children in 1980, yet now it is the standard of care for deaf children. In 1979, Bill House and neurosurgeon William Hitselberger were the first to implant electrodes on the human brainstem (cochlear nucleus) to restore hearing sensations in patients with no auditory nerve. Bill House firmly believed in a team approach to solving complex problems, insisting that a successful cochlear implant program required not just a surgeon, but audiologists, speech pathologists, engineers and psychologists. Many of Bill House's innovations were controversial when first introduced, but have become standard practice today. William House was a tireless advocate for improving the quality of life for the hearing impaired and restoring hearing to the deaf. He never patented his inventions and innovations because he firmly believed in widely spreading knowledge to help patients. Dr. House had an enormous impact on Otology worldwide as surgeons flocked to the House Ear Institute (now House Research Institute) to learn new surgical techniques from the master. His life and career helped dramatically improve the quality of life for countless patients with hearing and balance problems. His legacy will live on as the innovations he brought to Otology continue to inspire clinicians and help patients, "So all may hear".

Submitted by Bob Shannon, PhD