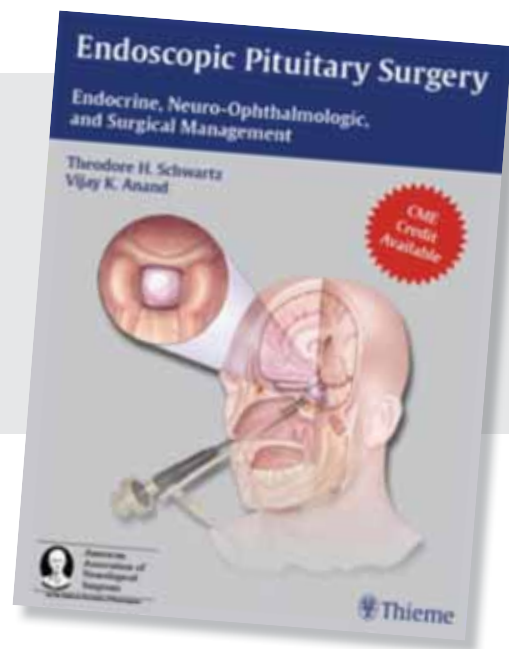


Endoscopic Pituitary Surgery: Endocrine, Neuro-ophthalmologic and Surgical Management

By Theodor Schwartz and Vijay Anand

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“Practical Endoscopic Skull Base Surgery” published by the same authors in 2007 has been one of the most useful books that I read early in my practice and beautifully illustrated all the caveats and pitfalls awaiting someone embarking in endoscopic skull base surgery. So, I was eagerly awaiting their second combined book, and I was not disappointed. It is even better illustrated than their previous book, it is balanced, authoritative and clear; there are some excellent chapters on anatomy of the area, radiologic assessment of pituitary tumours as well as chapters dealing individually with prolactinomata, TSH producing tumours, acromegaly and Cushing disease. But where the book really shines, and testifies to the majestic overview of the authors, is in beautifully and objectively discussing all the current controversies in the area. Although the authors make it clear that they belong (like most of us) in the endoscopic era of management of pituitary tumours, they nevertheless provide the podium to a very balanced discussion of the merits of the microscopic versus endoscopic approach, (“Microscopic and Endoscopic Transphenoidal pituitary surgery: A reasoned and balanced dialectic”), which, I must admit, made me a much less fanatic proponent of the endoscopic approach. The same balanced, informed approach is also applied to a number of other current controversies in pituitary surgery, such as the use intraoperative MRI and the use of 3D endoscopes. A number of international experts, a virtual “who is who” of endoscopic skull base surgery have contributed with chapters, including Carl Snyderman, Paolo Cappabianca, Dharambir Sethi, Giorgio Frank and Ernesto Pasquini, Daniel Kelly and Felice Esposito. There are also three excellent small chapters on management of postoperative sinusitis, the management of arterial injury and CSF leak that will prove useful to us lesser mortals, who despite all our best efforts, have the complication.

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Amsterdam, the Netherlands



Vive Toulouse !

If you were one of over 1200 delegates who attended the recent ERS meeting in Toulouse, you will know what a successful meeting it was, both academically and socially. For those of you who couldn't make it, you missed a great treat! Despite potentially competing meetings, one of the largest attendances of any ERS meeting gathered in the south of France for the 24th ERS and 31st ISIAN.

I was delighted to be able to present three exceptional rhinologists with Honorary Memberships of ERS – Professor Jean-Michel Klossek, from Poitiers, France; Professor Hiroshi Moriyama, Tokyo, Japan and Professor Heinz Stammberger, Graz, Austria – for their outstanding contributions to the society and rhinology in general which was received with well-deserved acclaim from the large audience gathered for the Opening Ceremony.

As usual at the biennial meeting, two prizes were awarded, one in Basic Science and one in Clinical Research. From an excellent field of applicants, Dr. K. Golebski received the Basic Science Prize for his paper on 'High degree of overlap between antiviral and allergic regulatory responses in airway epithelial cells' and Dr. C. Huart, the prize for Clinical Research for her paper entitled 'Time-frequency analysis of chemosensory event-related potentials to characterize the cortical representation of odours in humans'. Each received a cheque for € 1,500.

Prizes were also awarded to members of our ERS Junior members group which was inaugurated in 2010 and who ran specially dedicated poster and free paper sessions during the meeting. For the best contributions to the commented poster session, Dr. R. Pilan and Dr. M. Cornet each received a prize for their posters on 'Prevalence of chronic rhinosinusitis in Sao Paulo' and 'The micro-debrider - a step forwards or an expensive gadget?' respectively. For the best free papers, 3 other Junior members each received a place on a full day Medtronic cadaver FESS workshop place which is run in Cambridge, United Kingdom. The winners were Dr. Pusateri (Endoscopic management of inverted papillomas), Dr. Farnetti (Endoscopic endonasal surgery in clival chordomas) and Dr. Nguyen (Does surgery on the olfactory cleft modify the sense of smell in patients with polyps and adenomatoid hamartoma?).

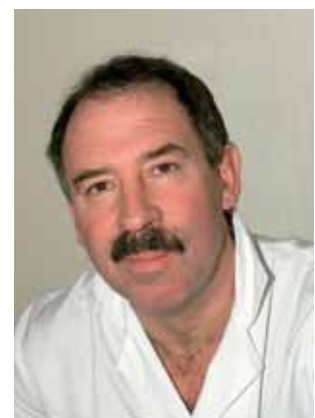
Professor Heinz Stammberger



Professor Hiroshi Moriyama



Professor Jean-Michel Klossek



I am pleased to report that ERS is in good shape, with membership having risen from around 600 between 2004-2007 to over 1400 in 2011. This is mainly due to block-membership having been taken up by a number of national rhinologic societies, which provides the many benefits of membership including electronic access to 'Rhinology' at a significantly reduced rate. Junior members have also increased markedly from 36 in 2005 to 416 last year and it is worth emphasising that this is free for any young rhinologist up to 35 years of age.

A number of national delegates and regional representatives have demitted office and I would like to thank George Muhlfay, delegate for Roumania (who is replaced by Codrut Sarafoleanu), Joan Montserrat Gillis, delegate for Spain (replaced by Isam Alobid), Dr. Greenberg, associate delegate for Israel (replaced by Dr. Braverman) and Don Leopold, regional representative for the USA (replaced by John Pallanch).

We also extend our sincere thanks to Professor Roger Jankowski who has done sterling work as our Honorary Treasurer and who is replaced by Ms Claire Hopkins.

Finally Professor Fokkens and I look forward to welcoming you in Amsterdam, June 22nd - 26th, 2014, where we anticipate another great meeting.

See you there!

London (UK), July 2012
Valerie J. Lund
General Secretary ERS



ERS- Clinical-Research Grant 2013/2014

In co-operation with the *Foundation of Rhinology and Facial Plastic Surgery* (RhiPla-Stiftung Ulm, Germany) the European Rhinologic Society offers financial support for **clinical research** in the field of **rhinology**. There is an increasing demand for evidence-based results of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, in particular surgical interventions. This is why this specific grant aims to support controlled clinical studies in all fields of rhinology including surgery of the nose, sinuses and anterior skull base.

The support amounts to € 10,000 EUR in a 2-years-period

It can be used for equipment, material or personnel. A preliminary report is requested after 1 year, a final report after 2 years. An oral report should be presented at the biannual ERS-Congress.

Applicants should be ENT-specialists (age-limit 45 years) and members of ERS. Applications should be made on-line and include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CV and scientific background including previous publications and grants- Affiliation and members of the working group- Letter of recommendation from own head of department- Title, concept and goals of the planned research-project- Detailed description of the financial budget of the grant |
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Please send applications with the documents by email to:
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58TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ARS
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Bern, Switzerland, September 6 - 8, 2012

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15TH CROATIAN INTERNATIONAL RHINOSURGICAL ADVANCED SCHOOL
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Bologna, Italy, October 14 - 17, 2012

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II ADVANCED ENDOSCOPIC SKULL BASE SURGERY
Barcelona, Spain, November 28 - December 01, 2012

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THE SIXTH ALPINE NASAL COURSE
Crans-Montana, Switzerland, January 19 - 23, 2013

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Maribor, Slovenia, February 01-03, 2013
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10TH INTERNATIONAL COURSE IN ADVANCED SINUS SURGERY TECHNIQUES
Amsterdam, the Netherlands, March 7-8, 2013

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7TH INTERNATIONAL BIENNALE MILANO MASTERCLASS
Milan, Italy, March 22 - 27, 2013

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COSM 2013
Orlando, FL, USA, April 10 - 14, 2013

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20TH IFOS WORLD CONGRESS
Seoul, Korea, June 1 - 5, 2013

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14TH INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON RECONSTRUCTIVE AND AESTHETIC SURGERY OF THE NOSE AND FACE "AROUND THE NOSE"

Nijmegen, the Netherlands, June 12 - 14, 2013
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32 I.S.I.A.N.
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*** 25TH CONGRESS OF EUROPEAN RHINOLOGIC SOCIETY, 33rd I.S.I.A.N**
Amsterdam, the Netherlands, June 22 - 26, 2014

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*** 26TH CONGRESS OF EUROPEAN RHINOLOGIC SOCIETY, 35rd I.S.I.A.N**
Dubrovnik, Croatia, June 2016

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