



From the Adams Center:

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The year-end is a good time to donate to the Adams Center

The end of the year is almost here, making it a great time to consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Adams Center. The Adams Center relies on the generosity of Academy members and friends to expand the Center's collections and programs. Only through the support of these donors are we able to preserve and share the history of otolaryngology.

If you would like to join the Friends of the Adams Center, or if you have books, objects, or documents that you would like to donate to the Adams Center, please contact the director at 1-703-519-1579 or tsullivan@entnet.org.



From the Humanitarian Front:

Temporal Bone Lab Launched at Honduran Medical School

In August 2003, in the newly formed temporal bone lab at the University of Honduras School of Medicine Department of Otolaryngology, the first temporal bone was drilled by the residents under the direction of **Richard L. Wagner, MD**, a member of the Academy's Humanitarian Efforts Committee.

The three-year-old program under the direction of **Dr. Obdulio** has eight residents and is located in the capital city of Tegucigalpa, serving a population of 1.5 million. The residents there are challenged by patients that, aside from living in poverty, are malnourished, lack clean water, live in unsanitary conditions, and lack access to healthcare. Chronic otitis media, perforated eardrums, cholesteatomas, advanced head and neck pathology, and sinus disease are ever present in this Central American country.

Traditionally, medical graduates must travel to foreign countries such as Germany, Spain, Mexico, Argentina, and Cuba to receive their specialty training. In 2004, the first graduates of the Honduran otolaryngology program will join the 32 ENTs presently practicing throughout the country.

The need for specialists remains high in rural Honduras as in other rural communities worldwide. The concentration of specialists in the populated cities has left well over half the Honduran population without adequate access to specialty care. Lack of adequate transportation, funds, and long distances to the cities where the



Dr. Wagner provides instruction to residents in the temporal bone lab at the Honduras Medical School.

specialists reside, contribute to the difficulty with access.

Academy members interested in traveling to Honduras and assisting in patient care and teaching at the medical school, should email Dr. Wagner at rwagner@intergate.com or write P.O. Box 339, Coupeville, WA 98239-0339.

2004 Advances in Otolaryngology

George A. Gates, MD, Program Committee Chair for Advances in Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery invites members to join in the 11th Annual Conference, March 16-20, 2004 at the J. W. Marriott Las Vegas, Nevada.

A brochure with registration form were mailed in October to active Academy fellows and members. To learn more, visit www.css.md, call 1-425-697-3383, fax 1-425-697-6303, or contact: Clinical Sciences Seminars, 11505 Makah Road, Woodway, WA 98020-4120.



From the Department of Education: Education Faculty and Committee applications

Education Faculty and Committee applications should be submitted according to the following schedule:

- Task Force on New Materials—nominations are needed only for the areas of General Otolaryngology, Head and Neck, and Otology. Applications are due by **January 16, 2004**.
- All other Education Faculties and Committees—applications due by **March 12, 2004**.

If you are interested in serving on an Education Faculty or Committee, please complete and submit the application at www.entnet.org/activities/committees/ednominations.cfm or contact the Education Department at ce@entnet.org.