

lished after being revised by members of the Head and Neck Surgery and Oncology Committee. Most otolaryngologists are familiar with this publication, and the new revision has been very well received.

Two monographs were recently published. The first, "Thyroid and Parathyroid Disorders," was co-edited by Maisie L. Shindo, MD and Gregory W. Randolph, MD. It includes both medical and surgical chapters, which together form an excellent reference book. A second recently published monograph is "Benign Disorders of the Voice" edited by Michael Benninger, MD. Again, this outstanding monograph summarizes the latest in the diagnosis and management of non-cancerous lesions as well as functional laryngeal disorders.

Two monographs are in their final review stages. The first, "Cutaneous Malignancies of the Head and Neck" was edited by Gregory J. Renner, MD and Gary L. Clayman, MD, DDS. It is based on the very successful 2001 Cherry Blossom Conference. A second monograph, "Guide for Conservation of Hearing in Noise," was developed by the Medical Aspects of Noise Subcommittee of the Committee on Hearing and Equilibrium. It is an outstanding 6th edition of a very popular monograph. The first edition of this monograph was published in 1965, and it has been one of our best sellers for the last 36 years.

Additional monographs that are currently in their early stage of development include: "Rhinologic and Otologic Aspects of Skull Base Medicine and Surgery;" "Basic



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Dental Sciences for the Otolaryngologist;" "The Care of a Child with Tracheotomy;" "Orbital Reconstruction;" and "The Use of Botox in Otolaryngology."

*Cherry Blossom Conference:* The Monograph Faculty assists the Foundation's Department of Education with the development and organization of the Annual Cherry Blossom Conference. The upcoming 2003 conference will take place in Washington, DC on March 21-23, 2003. The topic is rhinologic and otologic aspects of skull base medicine and surgery, and it will be organized by the Skull Base Surgery Committee of the Academy. This conference will emphasize topics related to the skull base that are important to every practicing otolaryngologist. Topics will include fungal sinusitis, CSF leak, CPT coding, facial nerve and vocal cord rehabilitation, endoscopic sphenoid sinus surgery, intraoperative navigation systems, "malignant" external otitis, and work-up of asymmetric hearing loss.

Early spring is a great time to visit our nation's capital. The cherry trees do blossom, and we believe that you will find this educational program applicable to your practice. Look for program and registration details in this issue of the *Bulletin*.

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## From the Humanitarian Front: Niue—An International Medical Aid Mission

The Humanitarian Efforts Committee has posted on the Academy website a list of institutions that receive otolaryngologists. Go to [www.ENTLink.net](http://www.ENTLink.net) and click on Humanitarian. Click the area(s) in which you wish to serve on the map of the world.

The Polynesian Island of Niue in the south Pacific was the location of the international humanitarian medical aid mission undertaken by Richard Wagner, MD of the USA and Marc Izzard, FRCS of New Zealand.



During the one-week mission more than 26 surgeries on Niue islanders were performed.

This remote volcanic island, which is isolated in the south Pacific with its closest neighbor Tonga some 500 miles across the ocean, is far removed from having specialist

care. Other than basic care delivered by three family doctors, the islanders requiring a specialist need to travel to New Zealand, 1,500 miles to the south.

The international team, along with anaesthesiologist Ian Chapman, travelled to the island to provide ENT services to the 1,800 Pacific islanders who reside there. Coordinated efforts with the staff at Lord Liverpool Hospital in Alofi, Niue, made it possible to examine more than 200 patients and perform more than 26 surgeries during the one-week stay in November.

Of the patients seen in clinic visits, there was a slight predominance of females. Islanders 11 to 20 years of age and over 50 years of age represented half of all patients. Well over half of the patients seen during the mission had ear complaints. Chronic serous otitis media, nasal polyps, and thyroid masses were the conditions that required surgery. The project was coordinated through my efforts and the governments of Niue and New Zealand.

Richard Wagner, MD

## Three Residents Receive Humanitarian Travel Grants

Our Humanitarian Efforts Committee has awarded three travel grants of \$1,000 each to residents participating in humanitarian service. The next grant application deadline is June 30, 2003. For further information, visit [www.ENTLink.net](http://www.ENTLink.net) and click Humanitarian.

Kyle Seung Choe, MD, who will complete his training at NY Eye & Ear Infirmary this year, travelled to China in August of last year as part of a three-physician team. Their focus was on patient care and educa-

