

## **OTOSCLEROSIS** STUDY GROUP

## Dear OSG Members,

The venue for the 86th OSG meeting in South Beach, Florida has been selected. Unbeknownst to me, I squeezed in the site visit during Spring Break. My Speedo bathing suit fit right in. It was truly an eye-opening experience. Despite the distractions, I was able to lock-in the <u>Villa Azur</u> restaurant for our meeting. This is an incredible French/Mediterranean restaurant that can accommodate up to 250 people, which may be necessary based on the 220 individuals who attended last year's meeting in Nashville.

I sincerely want to thank everyone who volunteered to sponsor a neurotology fellow last year. The fellows I talked to really appreciated it. After discussing this with our president, Liz Toh, we have decided to do this again. Those OSG members who live in the Miami area know just how expensive things are. To off-set the costs, we will have had to increase the meal cost to \$100/person this year. (The actual cost would be \$225/person.) If you are interested in sponsoring a fellow, please let me know. If you are sponsoring a specific fellow, please submit their name and contact information.

I have had numerous inquiries regarding the OSG History of Stapes Surgery mugs. If you are interested in donating \$30 to the OSG, the OSG will be glad to present you with a mug. The shipping cost are substantial, so if you want to obtain a mug at the OSG meeting and avoid shipping costs, let me know and I will bring them to the meeting. This year's mugs feature the magnificent 7 of Stapes surgery; Kessel, Toynbee, Politzer, Sourdille, Lempert, Rosen and Shea. Yes, they each have a QR code that highlights their contributions.

Liz Toh is putting together an outstanding scientific program to complement the OSG's Doc's Discussion. If you have an interesting case with good video documentation, please consider submitting it for consideration. Remember, the OSG will award a \$100 visa card to the winner, and I am sure George will sweeten the deal.

Lastly, don't forget, this year's meeting will take place on Friday night and not Saturday night. Kristin has been kind enough to allow us to set up a registration table at the ANS meeting site. This will avoid long lines. Try to get to the venue by 5:30PM. Hor d'oeuvres and wine will be served prior to the business meeting and scientific session. We look forward to seeing everyone in South Beach.

All the best,

John