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Dear OSG Colleagues:

We have now finalized preparations for the 81<sup>st</sup> Otosclerosis Study Group meeting which will take place in New Orleans on Saturday September 14, 2019. Dr. William Slattery, our current president, has put together a wonderful scientific program with a historical focus. Dr. Rinze A. Tange, who is the author of [The History of Otosclerosis Treatment](#), has agreed to travel from Amsterdam to New Orleans to present a lecture on "The Fathers of Otosclerosis and Stapes Surgery".

In addition, to the historical program we will allocate fifteen minutes for interesting cases or videos as part of our ongoing "OSG Doc's Discussion". If you have any interesting or unusual cases, please consider presenting them. If we have three or more submissions, we will select the winning presentation and award a \$100 Visa card. Each case will be limited to three minutes. Again, I will be glad to help with any video editing.

We wanted to make sure that the food, wine and ambience matched the quality of the scientific program. Consequently, we are pleased to report that we have been able to secure the entire first floor of one of New Orleans' premier restaurants, [Brennan's](#), for our meeting. They are making special arrangements to provide "The Prisoner" wine along with a filet mignon and lobster entrée which will be followed by their renowned Bananas Foster dessert.

We expect to have another record-breaking attendance in New Orleans. Almost all of the vendors from last years meeting have indicated that they would like to attend this year's meeting. Consequently, it is important that any of your colleagues, who are talented stapes surgeons, not wait until the last minute to apply. If you are aware of colleagues, who you feel warrant membership in our group, please have them download the application from the [OSG website](#) and obtain the necessary letters of recommendation. By so doing, they will be able to attend the upcoming meeting in New Orleans.

This letter also serves as a formal notice for OSG dues. In order to attend the upcoming meeting in New Orleans, all dues need to be up to date. Attached is your dues notice and registration information. As we get closer to the meeting, I will update you regarding any logistics or other OSG business. The charge for this year's dinner will only be \$75.00 per person.

Lastly, if you have any vendors you think would be interested in participating, please have them contact my new administrative assistant, Melissa Askins ([maskins@carolinaear.us](mailto:maskins@carolinaear.us)).

Brennan's has requested that we give them an accurate head count at least a month prior to our event. With such a large number of people attending, they want to make sure that they have adequate entrees and Prisoner wine available. (FYI we went through five cases of Prisoner wine at our last meeting in Atlanta). Please complete and return the enclosed registration/dues form as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa.

I want to personally thank each of you for your continued support of the Otosclerosis Study Group. I look forward to another great meeting in NOLA!

All the best,

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