The History of the Research Study Club

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Ophthalmology & Otolaryngology

• Surgical specialists didn’t exist before the last decades of the 19th century.
• Ophthalmology, Laryngology and Otology – separate in Europe, EENT – combined in U.S.
• Three phases of surgical specialty development
  – 1900 – 1918 Unique individual achievements with Austria, Hungary and Germany dominant.
  – 1919 – 1945 WWI → maturation of specialties
  – 1946 – Present the “modern era” + sub specialization
• American College of Surgeons founded in 1914
1896

- First meeting of the Western Ophthalmological, Otological, Laryngological, and Rhinological Association Kansas City, MO.

1900
1903

- WOOLRA changes its name to the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology.
- The following year women are officially admitted into the Association.
- Kate Wylie Baldwin, a Philadelphia otolaryngologist, is the first woman elected to membership.
1910

- Population of Los Angeles 319,198
- Flexner report
  - Agitation for reforms in medical education.
  - 75 proprietary schools closed (1906-1920).
  - Institution of BS requirement for admission.
  - 4 year curriculum.
Medical Schools in Los Angeles

• University of Southern California
• College of Physicians and Surgeons, Los Angeles*
• Los Angeles Medical Department, University of California (Not UCLA)
• College of Medical Evangelists
  • 1884 - Present
  • 1904 - 1910
  • 1909 - 1914
  • 1909 - Present
1910’s and 1920’s
Postgraduate Education

- Most specialists were Vienna trained.
- Few specialty boards.
- Residencies were isolated experiments.
Ophthalmology

• 1864 American Ophthalmology Society formed.
• 1884 American Journal of Ophthalmology
• 1916 American Board of Ophthalmology becomes the first surgical specialty
• 1901 Cataract extraction – Smith
• 1905 Cyclodialysis for Glaucoma – Heine
• 1906 First corneal transplant – Zirm
• 1907 Iridenclisis for Glaucoma – Holth
• 1909 Sclerocorneal trephination – Elliot
• 1911 Vacuum cataract extraction – Hulen
• 1915 Forceps extraction – Knapp
• 1917 Color blindness – Ishihara
• 1922 Photometric spectacle lens – Tscherning
• 1927 Surgical repair retinal detachment – Goin
Otolaryngology

- 1864 Am. O & O Society
- 1868 Am. Otologic Society
- 1879 American Laryngologic Society
- 1895 Tri-ologic Society
- 1869 Archives of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology
- 1924 American Board of Otolaryngology becomes the 2nd certifying board
• 1902 Septoplasty – Freer
• 1906 Endoscopy – Jackson
• 1909 Tonsillectomy - Waugh
• 1912 Sinus surgery – Killian
• 1913 Otosclerosis fenestration – Jenkins
• 1924 Sinus surgery – Lynch
• 1926 Displacement therapy – Proetz
• 1930 Laryngofissure – Thompson
Los Angeles Area Hospitals

• Saint Vincent’s
• Good Samaritan
• California Hospital
• Children’s Hospital
• White Memorial
• Orthopedic Hospital
• Hollywood Hospital
• County Hospital

• Est. 1869, “New” 1925
• Est. 1896, “New” 1927
• Est. 1898, “New” 1930
• Est. 1902, “New” 1912
• Est. 1913, “New” 1918
• Est. 1922
• Est. 1924, Q of A 1926
• Est. 1858, “New” 1930
L.A. Area Hospitals – 1920’s

California Hospital

Good Samaritan

St. Vincent’s

CHLA
1922 – The Idea

- Perceiving a need for postgraduate study, Isaac H. Jones, MD brings Robert Barany to give lectures.

- 13 in attendance.
The Next 10 Years

• “The Research Study Class”
• Various subjects selected and discussed.
• Lectures, dissection, demonstrations and social sessions.
• American Postgraduate education was just beginning to come into its own
• RSC was part of a national beginning of post graduate education
Early Meetings

- Members self taught except for occasional visits of distinguished guests.
- “Frequent” intervals throughout the year.
- Meetings held at the Eye and Ear Hospital followed by dinner.

Program of Research Study Class October – December 1929
1932

- The Tenth Olympic Games opens in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum was enlarged to seat 105,000 spectators.

- Amelia Earhart takes off from Los Angeles to make the first solo nonstop transcontinental flight across the United States by a woman.
The Research Study Club of Los Angeles is incorporated

- To form a club for the encouragement and cultivation of the study and research on those branches of medical science known as: “Otolaryngology” and “Ophthalmology”
The Founders – June 24, 1932

- Edwin S. Budge, MD
- Frank E. Detling MD
- Don S. Dryer MD
- A. Ray Irvine MD
- Simon Jesberg, MD
- Isaac H. Jones, MD
- Harold S. Muckleston, MD
- Pierre Viole, MD
- Clifford B. Walker, MD
Charges

• To engage lecturers of repute
• To secure and use cadaver material
• To charge for lectures
• Engage or purchase buildings
• Publish books and treatises
• No stock
• Not for profit
First meeting - 1932

- John F. Barnhill, Indianapolis
- Harry L. Baum, Denver
- Edmund Fowler, New York
- Vern Knudsen, Los Angeles
- Seely Mudd, Cal Tech
- Georges Portmann, Bordeaux, France
- All Otolaryngology
1933

- The USC School of Medicine established affiliation with CHLA.
- The 1933 class of medical students, numbering 30 and including five women, graduates.
- Los Angeles County opens a new modern county hospital on State Street.
1933- Guiding Spirits

- John Barnhill MD.
- “the dean of American Oto-Laryngology.”
- Ran courses in anatomy and cadaver surgery.
- His book: Surgery of Head and Neck dedicated to the RSC.
1933- Guiding Spirits

- Edward Jackson MD.
- “the dean” of American Ophthalmology.”

- RSC Dedicated VIII Nerve Book to him.
1934

Webb Weeks, NYU - Eye Dissection

Harry Gradle, Northwestern-Glaucoma

Dr. Anton Elschnig, of Prague

“thrilled by the sight of the grand old master doing one perfect intra-capsular extraction after another, at arms length on patients in the semi reclining position.”
- Annual Banquet in the banquet hall of the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.
1935

Cost of course $50.00.
The Elk’s Club in Westlake Park – outside bedroom and private bath for $12.00/week.

Didactic lectures at the Elk’s club with dissection course at the USC Medical School.

Eye clinics at the Los Angeles General Hospital.
1936

• First week Ophthalmology, second week Otolaryngology.
• Round Table luncheons – “the heart of the course.”
• Wives allowed to stay at the Elks Club. $4.00 per day.
1937

- **Surgical Anatomy of the head and Neck** by John Barnhill published.
- Professor Alfred Bielschowsky (University of Breslau, Germany): **Motor Anomalies of the eye.**
- John O. McReynolds: **Pterygium Operation.**
- Professor Vern Knudsen: **Artificial aids of hearing.**
- Arthur W. Proetz: **The displacement method of treatment.**
- Seeley Mudd: **The effect on cancer of the Giant X-Ray tube.**
1941

• Ralph Lloyd
  – Stereocampimeter

• Albert Carl Furstenberg
  – Studies on Osteomyelitis of the frontal bone
  – Menieres Syndrome

• Every afternoon, one hour devoted to visiting attendees who were invited to bring motion pictures and other exhibits, shown for the benefit of all.
The War Years (1942-46)

- **OUR PURPOSE, DURING THE WAR.**

If there ever is a time when we should do our best work and maintain the highest standards, It Is Now. In certain parts of the country, some well-meaning people have thought it best to discontinue scientific meetings on account of the war. The attitude of the Research Study Club is exactly the opposite. Whether the “Protector” or the “Protected”—and each of us is either the one or the other, Total War means all of us. That side will win this war whose People are more wise, more alert and more realistic. We are not defeated—nor do we intend to be. In this spirit, we will continue our post-graduate work throughout the “duration”– and after. By doing this, we take our stand as a part of the great National Plan to continue all constructive activities as far as possible, during this time of trouble.
1943

- Largest Faculty ever (26)
- Georgiana D. Theobald, Professor of Optomology at Rush, first female presenter.
- Dr. Samuel Crooks, anatomist from CME – Loma Linda took over the dissection course
1943

- UCLA cadaver dissection course (20 cadavers graciously provided by Walter Macpherson, CME)
- Still $4.00 per day at the Elk’s club (Westlake park renamed Douglas McArthur Park)
- Fee still $50.00 plus $50.00 for cadaver course
All in active Military admitted free.

Honor Role:

HONOR ROLL OF THE RESEARCH STUDY CLUB

Arnold, Ferris—Major . . Army
Ashley, Rea E. . . . . . . . . Navy
Baum, W.W.
Beck, Fred W.
Behrens, Herbert C.—Lieut. Army
Borley, W. E.
Brownsberger, Sidney—
  Captain . . . . . . . . Army
Bryant, Ben L.—Lt. Comdr. . . . . Navy
Budge, Edwin S. Jr.—Lieut. . . . . Navy
Burger, Raymond A.—
  1st Lieut. . . . . . . . . Army
Cameron, Walter G.
Campion, George S.
Donohoe, E. D.—Major . . . . Army
Dow, Julian—Major . . Army
Duncan, R. A.—Captain . . Army
Fajer, Herman I.—Captain . . Army
Fletcher, Russell
Garfield, F. Edwyn, Lt. Comdr. . . Navy
Goldberg, Percy H.—Major Army
Hall, Colby—Captain . . Army
Harner, C. E.—Comdr. . . . . . . . . Navy
Homme, Owen H.—Major . . Army
Horner, Warren D.—Comdr. . . . . Navy
Hunt, Carson E.

Irvine, Rodman—Captain . . Army
Jensen, Carl D. F.
Jones, Lister T.
Kaplan, Harry E.—Lt. Comdr. . . Navy
Kilgore, Geo. L. . . . . . . . . . . . Navy
Leeson, Le Val—Col., Royal Cana-
dian Army Medical Corps.
Lower, Raymond
Malis, Sol.—Major . . Army
Marks, Roland F.
Miller, Alden H.—Lieut. . . . . Navy
Morris, John K.—Captain . . Army
MacPherson, Wm.—Captain . . Army
Nesburn, Henry R. . . . . . . . . Navy
Pressman, Joel J.—Lt. Comdr. . . Navy
Smedley, Robert C. . . . . . . . . Navy
Smith, Harold D. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Army
Southgate, Paul . . . . . . . . . . . . . Navy
Stevens, Joseph B.—Lt. Comdr. . . Navy
Stewart, John A.
Wanamaker, Frank H.
Wilson, Clinton—Major . . Army
Wilson, Warren A.—
  1st Lieut. . . . . . . . . Army
1945

- Attendance over 350, limited by housing and inability to secure transportation.
- 1st endowment.
- 2 improvements:
  - The “Bull Pen”
  - Registration by mail

“Occasionally, we have thoughts of our own which should not be denied. A parlor on the fourth floor of the Elk’s Club, where one may foregather with his fellows and relax over a cup of coffee or a glass of beer and indulge in an informal Bull Session at the end of each afternoon.”
1946

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MID-WINTER POST-GRADUATE CLINICAL CONVENTION
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY 21 TO FEBRUARY 1, INCLUSIVE

1947

• UCLA Medical School chartered by the regents of UC
• Two week meeting cost $50
• Cadaver course $50
  – UCLA
  – CME
The Committee:
Isaac Jones
Orrie Ghrist
Pierre Viole
Harold Whalman
Walter Crane
Leland Hunnicutt
A.Ray Irvine
Alfred Robbins
Simon Jesberg
George Keper
Harold Muckleston

1950’s

- Still at the Elks Club
- Meeting Cost now $100
- Must be AMA member to be eligible to attend!
- Dropped the dissection course.
- Still 2 week meeting, ENT first week, Eye 2nd week.
1950
1955

Jules Stein Eye Institute and UCLA Medical Center
1960’s – The Vendors

- Alcon
- Allergan
- American Optical
- Audio-digest
- Ayerst
- Barnes –Hind
- Bausch and Lomb
- Bradley Optical
- Broemmeel Pharmaceuticals
- Danker & Wohlk
- Doctors contact Lens Service
- Jenkel-Davidson Optical
- Keeler Optical
- Robert Levy and Frederick Lewis Artificial Eyes
- Parsons Optical
- V. Mueller
- Person & Covey
- Smith Miller & Patch
- Spratt Optical
- Storz Instrument Co.
- SMR
- Max Von Stirne Co.
- Carl Zeiss
1962- The National Scene

• With a large membership and the consequent problems of finding appropriate facilities for the yearly annual meeting, the issue of splitting the Academy came to the fore.

• The Triological Society passed a motion calling for a separate Academy of Otolaryngology. Over the next 15 years, the Academy focused a considerable amount of time and effort into carefully examining the pros and cons of dividing.
Cadaver course reintroduced.
Otologic surgery via CCTV – OMG.
Meeting at Statler Hilton Hotel.
One week, overlapping programs.
1965 – 1970’s

- **Ophthalmology CCTV (1969).**
- “Statler” Hilton now the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel.
- RSC begins funding research projects.

**ENT Speakers**

- D. Plester – Dusseldorf
- Paul Hollinger – Chicago
- Jerome Hilger – Minnesota
- Walter Work – Ann Arbor
- William House – L.A.
- John Tonkin – Australia
- Michael Paparella – Minnesota
- Brian McCabe – Iowa
- Tauno Palva – Finland
- B. R. Alford – Texas
- Richard Farroir – Florida
- Ugo Fisch – Zurich
- John Shea- Tennessee
1965-1970’s

- Ichiro Kirikae – Tokyo
- Edward Maumenee, John Hopkins
- J.R. Hudson – London
- Jose Barraquer – Bogota, Columbia
- Jan Worst – Holland
- John Henderson, Mayo Clinic
- Claes Dohlman, Boston
- Alfred Huber – Zurich
- Giambattista Biette – Rome
- Michael Hogan – San Francisco

Memorial Lecture
Two New Medical Schools

1966
Drew

1967
UCI
1974

• The Academy adopts a resolution for “internal restructuring into two separate operating divisions.” Then-president John J. Conley referred to this division as a ‘trial experience’ that would help the membership to determine if a complete separation was desirable.

• ENT evolving into regional specialty
• Need for academic autonomy.
• Dwindling number of EENT’s
• Legal and Tax ramifications led to “Incorporation”
1978

• In 1978, a year after the Academy incorporated, the membership voted to dissolve the AAOO and create an American Academy of Otolaryngology and an American Academy of Ophthalmology.

• In 1979, the AAOO was officially dissolved.

• Second Generation taking over at RSC.
Panel Discussions

- Otology
- Facial Plastic
- Adult Head and Neck
- Pediatric
- Laryngo-Tracheal Bronchial and Esophageal

1980’s

- Meeting down to 5 days in ‘79, 3 days by ‘91
- Meeting $175 to $295
- Orbit Dissection Course only, $100
- Room at the Hilton increased from $44 to $110.
1980’s – Prestigious Faculty

- Kleinsasser
- Krause
- Fee
- Myers
- Johns
- Fairbanks
- Gardner
- Jahresdoerfer
- Fisch
- Graham
- Cotton
- Jafek
- Smith
- Biller
- Tardy
- Stark
- Tasman
- Dohlman
- Younge
- Smith
- Hepler
- Lindstrom
- Keates
- Waring
- Shields
- Schanzlin
- Jakobiec
- Kratz
- Binder
- Apple
The Societies (LASO, LASO)

- Traditionally, social, economic and political functions
- Always a close relationship (combined dinners, coordinated meetings)
- Shared membership and interests

- 1990 Bernice Z. Brown (Eye) and Joel Schulman (ENT), Presidents of the respective societies agree to closer relationship with RSC
  - Sponsorship of Category I CME Credit
  - General Liability coverage
The 1990’s

Increasing costs
Increasing competition
(Superbowl, Hawaiian Eye, Tri-ologic)
Decreasing attendance
Lost institutional memory
Meeting Locations

• 1932 – 1963 The Elks Club
• 1964 - 1985 Los Angeles Hilton
• 1986 - 1987 Sheraton Grande Hotel
• 1988 – 1993 Moseley-Salvatori Conference Center
• 1994 - 1995 Huntington Ritz Carlton Pasadena
• 1996 - 2001 Universal City Hilton and Towers
• 2002    USC Conference Center
• 2004    L.A. Marriott
1984: Richard Pruter replaced by Louise Ball.

1994: Louise Ball, executive secretary since 1984 retires, replaced by Anna Maria Ripetti.

• 2003: Christine Franke becomes 4\textsuperscript{th} executive secretary of RSC.
Susan Pines
5th Executive Secretary since 2009
In Memoriam
The Future