

The European Academy of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery (EAORL-HNS) and its affiliated members

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Since its founding in January 2005 at a meeting of the EUFOS Standing Committee of Training and Continuing Medical Education held at the ORL-HNS Department, University of Marburg, Germany, the EAORL-HNS has steadily grown in number.

Currently, the EAORL-HNS has 15 affiliated member societies and 2 partner societies, EUFOS and UEMS.

In past issues, EAACI, EAFPS, EGFL, ERS and PWG were profiled. In this issue, EASM and EAONO are presented.

The affiliated member societies are:

- EAACI—European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology ENT-Section
- EAFPS—European Academy of Facial Plastic Surgery
- EASM—European Academy of Sleep Medicine
- EAONO—European Academy of Otolaryngology and Neurotology
- EFAS—European Federation of Audiological Societies
- EGDG—European Study Group for Globus and Dysphagia
- EGFL—European Study Group of Functional Surgery following Laryngectomy
- EHNS—European Head and Neck Society
- ELS—European Laryngological Society
- ERS—European Rhinologic Society
- ESBS—European Skull Base Society
- ESGS—European Salivary Gland Society
- ESPO—European Society of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology
- PWG—Permanent Working Group of European Junior Doctors
- UEP—Union of European Phoniaticians

European Academy of Sleep Medicine

Founded in 2005 in Mannheim, Germany, the European Academy of Sleep Medicine (EASM) is a non-profit society dedicated to impart knowledge concerning the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders among physicians of all specialties involved in sleep medicine.



To achieve its goals, the society will offer training courses, organise conferences and build networks between universities and private practices as well as between in-patient and outpatient care.

EASM President and Head of the ORL/HNS Department of Mannheim University, Karl Hörmann, is organizing several courses in 2008: after the German-language “14. Mannheimer Schlafapnoe-Kurs” which took place from 4–5 and 11–13 April 2008, the “15th International Course on Surgical Treatment of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders” will take place from 19–20 September 2008, both at the ORL/HNS Department of Mannheim University, Germany. Other (German-language) courses include “Minimal-invasive Chirurgie bei schlafbezogenen Atmungsstörungen—Workshop Radiofrequenzchirurgie” on 29 October

2008, and “Minimal-invasive Chirurgie bei schlafbezogenen Atmungsstörungen—Workshop Weichgaumenimplantate” on 12 November 2008.

Karl Hörmann has also been appointed Congress President for the “1st European Academy ORL-HNS Meeting”, due to take place from 27–30 June 2009 in Mannheim, Germany.

The scientific programme will offer a great variety of Instructional Courses and state-of-the-art Round Tables.

To read more about EASM, please visit <http://www.easm.de>.

European Academy of Otology and Neuro-Otology

EAONO, founded in April 1999, among many other things aims to bring together groups and experts in Otology, Neuro-otology or Skull base surgery from all over Europe, to stimulate basic and clinical research relating to these systems and disorders, encourage education, high quality training programmes and to promote new technologies in those fields.

EAONO also supports the foundation of a working group called “Neuro-Otology” within the speciality otorhinolaryngology/cervico-facial surgery following the charter on training of medical specialists in the European community (UEMS).

EAONO will carry out a pilot project within the Socrates programme entitled : “European Curriculum Development Project In Neuro-Otology : Harmonising Knowledge and Teaching”, which will create a transnational and multicentric teaching programme over a period of 2 years, contributing to the development of student and teacher mobility activities, and to the use of e-Learning and video conferencing techniques.

President Erwin Offeciers also represents Europe as Regional Secretary in IFOS, the International Federation of Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Societies.

Current projects include the “4th EAONO Instructional Workshop” due to take place in Palma de Mallorca from 13–16 November 2008. For more information, please visit <http://www.eaono.org/workshop/>.