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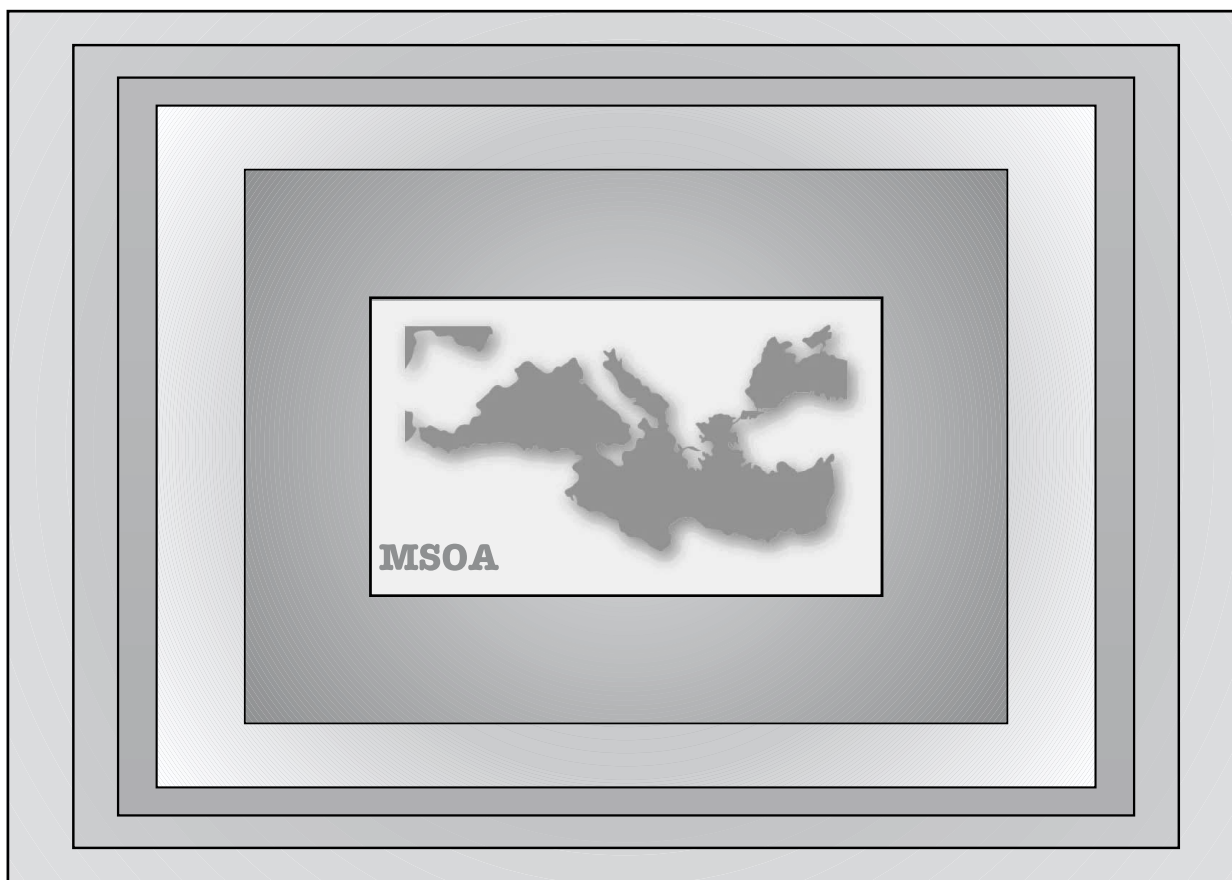


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MSOA Meetings

8th International Congress of the Mediterranean Society of Otolaryngology and Audiology will be performed in Dubrovnik – Croatia during 17-21 May 2006. There will be instructional courses, invited lectures, panels formed by distinguished speakers from Mediterranean Countries as well as other European Countries and United States. Free papers will also be accepted for oral presentations.

Instructional Courses:

M. Sanna - Paraganglioma surgery

M. Hamid - Vertigo. Clinical Evaluation & Treatment

M. Gjurić - Vestibular schwannoma treatment

M. Toš - Cartilage tympanoplasty

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Future challenges - *M. Hamid*

9th International Meeting is going to be organized in Bari – Italy during 2007. The details about this meeting will be announced soon.

The 10th International Meeting of MSOA will be performed in Antalya during 15-20 June 2008 integrated with 8th International Cholesteatoma Conference. One of the meeting rooms will be reserved for MSOA and 8 panels will take place during the meeting on behalf of the Society. The panel topics will be based on cochlear implants, management of vertigo, hair cell regeneration and audiology. Additionally 5 instructional courses will take place on behalf of MSOA.

Announcement:

A prize on behalf of The Mediterranean Society of Otolaryngology and Audiology will be given to the best research received from the Mediterranean region during the 8th International Cholesteatoma Conference.

The conditions about the submission of the extended abstracts are announced in the meeting's website:

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Editorial

A MATTER OF FEELINGS?

What is it with this love affair between otologists and that organ they cherish most?

Where does the source of total satisfaction, and dare I say, pleasure, derive from when, lying on the operating table, they repeat after you the words you whisper to them after the tiny titanium, or the Teflon, or the stainless steel marvel of microscopic engineering hooks to that tiny bone in the middle and is secured to that most oval of all windows?

What lies in the act of stripping off that last bit of capricious growth that clings to and embraces the lifeline of balance, or in snatching out that treacherous, sanguineous, pulsating growth, alive with the beat of a heart, ominous looking behind a drumming, pearly grey veil, to overwhelm you with the intense feeling that you have unveiled the secret of the smile of the Mona Lisa.

Or is it the bitter-sweet tears of a mother when her child clumsily utters his first words after you have dared penetrate deep with a magic wire into the holiest of sanctuaries inside the ear, its snail, to bring back to life its seemingly dead entrails.

Or the tingle that rushes down your spine, sweetly tickling all your senses when you peel that pearly grey, mysterious flake that crawls like a snake and slowly eats at the lifeline of facial animation to paralyze the smile, deafen the ear, or whorl the head.

No doubt a love affair binds the otologist to the ear.

He loves it in sickness and in health.

He cannot stand a long separation from it.

He is eaten up by jealousy when some else "courts" it.

He marvels and passions when he talks about it.

He dreams about it.

If this is not love then what is?

Let our love for the ear grow to keep the flame of otology ever burning.

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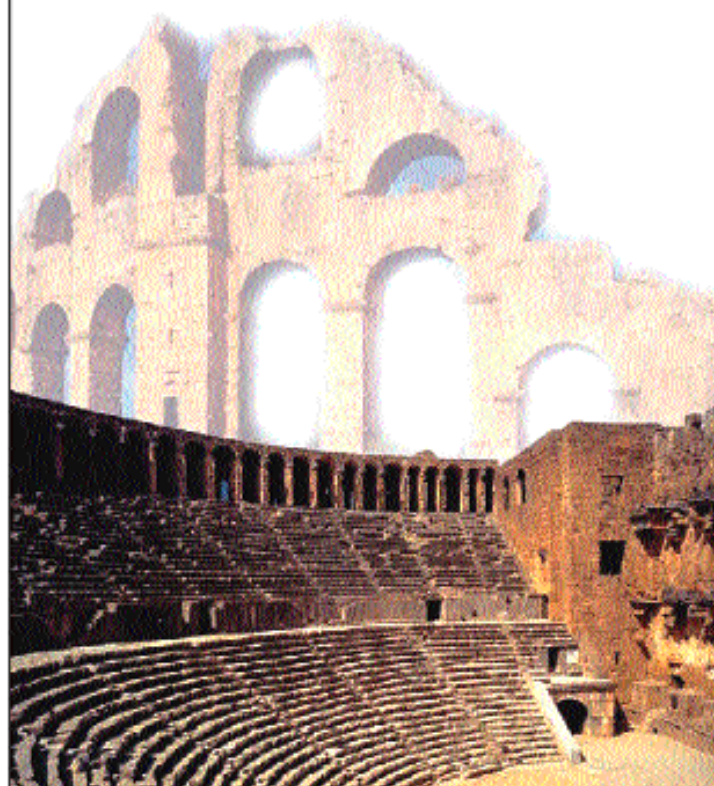
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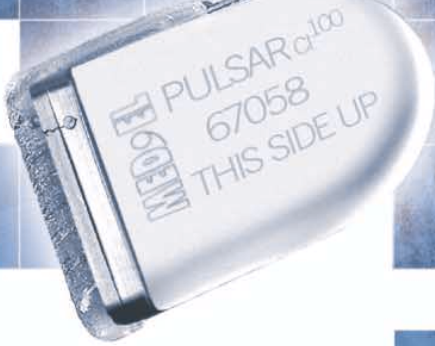
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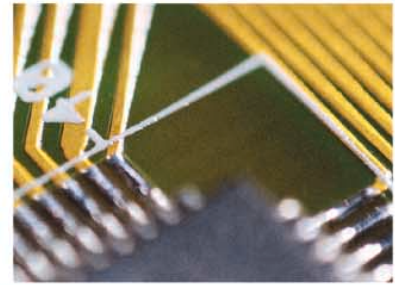
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