

Second Annual Academic Bowl, with Audience Participation

Again this year, the annual meeting will offer attendees a chance to match wits with bright residents in the Second Annual Academic Bowl. From 10:30 am–12:00 pm on Sunday, September 21, the top otolaryngology residency programs in the country will compete in a clinically oriented test of knowledge. The audience will also be able to join in and answer, using wireless response handhelds located at every seat (although audience answers will be anonymous).

The Foundation's Education Steering Committee (ESC), with help from the Program Advisory Committee, will lead the Academic Bowl with questions created by our educational faculty, or selected from popular educational materials such as the Home Study Course, Patient of the Month, SIPacs, and the Slide Lecture Series. Questions will include of images and video clips from intra-operative situations, radiographs, histology, and lab results, projected on a large high-definition screen.

Emcees will be the immediate past and present Coordinators for Education, J. David Osguthorpe, MD, Medical University of South Carolina; and Mark K. Wax, MD, Oregon Health Science University.

The top four training programs in resident performance on the Home Study Course will participate—the University of California, San Francisco (Andrew H. Murr, MD, Training Program Director); the Medical College of Wisconsin (Thomas Kidder, MD, Training Program Director); West Virginia University (Stephen Wetmore, MD, Training Program Director); and University of Nebraska Medical Center (Barbara Heywood, MD, Training Program Director). Each program director will select a team of three top residents to compete against each other and the audience. Participating residents will each receive a \$1,500 travel grant to attend the 2008 Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO. The winning program will receive two years of the Home Study Course for all of its residents, and the runner-up program, one year.

The 2008 Academic Bowl will be a fun, interactive experience for competitors and audience members alike, and just as importantly, an excellent educational activity, as well. CME credits apply, and it's a great way to review for the maintenance of certification process to be offered by the American Board of Otolaryngology in the near future.