



Soha N. Ghossaini, MD

**Candidate for
Nominating Committee
Academic**

What do you see as the priorities of the Nominating Committee in selecting the future leaders of our Academy?

Our academy plays a major role in the future of our specialty mainly by helping us succeed professionally, helping us provide the best care to our patients and by advocating on our behalf. This in itself has been my motivation to get involved in the academy throughout my years as an Otolaryngologist.

During my 1-year leadership training at the AAO-HNS Leadership Institute Endowed Scholars program I learned that our best strategic plans are the ones which account for any anticipated changes in the future of our specialty. This lesson is even more relevant today in the view of the ever-changing field of practicing medicine and its resultant new challenges. Such challenges may include scope of practice concerns, work force issues, alternative payment models, the pressure to be more productive in academics and its effect on residency training, and many others. Therefore I believe that the priority of the nominating committee is to select leaders who recognize such challenges and have the expertise to tackle them. It is equally important for our future leaders to continue involving the members and listening to their concerns. If selected, I would be honored to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Dr. Soha N. Ghossaini was born and raised in Lebanon. She did her medical school as well her residency training in Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery at the American University of Beirut. She moved to Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, NY to pursue her fellowship training in Otolaryngology-Neurotology. During her fellowship training she was the recipient of the Travel Grant for International Scholars Studying in the U.S sponsored by the Academy of Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery. This experience had sparked her interest in getting involved at the Academy at an early stage of her career. Upon finishing her fellowship Dr. Ghossaini joined the faculty at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, NY for 6 years. She then moved to assume the position of Director of Otolaryngology- Neurotology and Medical Site Director for Audiology at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. She then moved to Chicago and joined the University of Illinois at Chicago from 2013 till 2014.

Dr. Soha Ghossaini is a diplomate of the American Board of Otolaryngology as an Otolaryngologist and a Neurotologist. She is a member of the American Neurotological Society, Triological Society, the American College of Surgeons, and the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. As a proud member of the American Academy of Otolaryngology- Head and Neck surgery she has served on multiple committees, and has been active with the Women in Otolaryngology Section and the Board of Governors. She served at the BOG nominating Committee twice. She is the Regional Representative of Specialty Societies for the BOG Socioeconomic and Grass root Committee. She is a member of the International Steering Committee at the AAO-HNS and serves as their Co-Regional Advisor for the Middle East.

Dr. Ghossaini participated in the Leadership Institute Endowed Scholars program that was developed by the Academy with generous support from J. Pablo Stolovitzky, MD in 2010-2011. As a result she had the chance to shadow and learn from Academy leaders and to attend the Board of Directors Meetings as a guest.

Dr. Ghossaini was actively involved at the Central Pennsylvania Society of Otorhinolaryngologists where she served as their PR representative. In addition she was part of the Penn State Hershey Surgery Leadership Outpatient Group and Penn State Hershey Medical Directors Group at her hospital. She served as the first chair of the Organization for the Advancement of Women at Penn State Hershey.

Dr. Ghossaini has enjoyed her experience serving on multiple committees and would be honored to serve the Academy on the Nominating Committee.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Date: 12/4/2014

Name: Soha N. Ghossaini

Place of Birth: Beirut, Lebanon

| Education: | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Degree</u> | <u>Graduation</u> |
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| American University of Beirut | 1986-1989 | BS | December 1989 |
| American University of Beirut | 1990- 1994 | MD | June 1994 |

Residency and Fellowship

American University of Beirut, Beirut – Lebanon

Internship/ Residency General Surgery: 1994-1996

Residency Otolaryngology: 1996-2000

Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, NY

Otology- Neurotology Clinical Fellowship: 2000-2002

Specialty

Otology- Neurotology

Licensure and Certification

American Board of Otolaryngology

American Board of Neurotology

New York License

Pennsylvania License

Illinois License

Previous Employment:

Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, NY

Clinical Instructor: 2002- 2003

Assistant Professor, Director of Ambulatory Clinics: 2003-2008

Penn State Hershey Medical Center

Associate Professor, Director of Otology- Neurotology, Director of the Cochlear Implant Program and Practice Site Medical Director of the Audiology Clinic: 2008-2013

University of Illinois at Chicago

Associate Professor 2013- 2014

Memberships and Offices Held /Academy and other societies

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY- HEAD AND SURGERY

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| International Steering Committee, Member- Regional Advisor for the Middle East | 2014- present |
| BOG Nominating Committee | 2013- 2014 |
| BOG Specialty Societies Regional Representative | 2014- 2020 |
| BOG Socioeconomic & Grassroots Committee, Member | 2013- 2015 |
| Women in Otolaryngology Section, Public Relations Representative | 2012-2014 |
| American Academy of Otolaryngology- Head and Surgery Foundation | |
| BOG Regional Representative- Region 3 | 2013- 2014 |
| American Academy of Otolaryngology- Head and Surgery Foundation | |
| Women in Otolaryngology Governing Council, Member At Large | 2011-2013 |
| American Academy of Otolaryngology- Head and Surgery Foundation | |
| BOG Nominating Committee, Member | 2009- 2010 |

AMERICAN NEUROTOLOGIC SOCIETY

Socio-Economic Committee, Member 2013- 2018

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONSNORTH AMERICAN SKULL BASE SOCIETY

2010- present

THE INTERNATIONAL OTOPATHOLOGY SOCIETY

2010- present

TRIOLOGIC SOCIETY OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY

2013- present

Honor/AwardsAmerican Academy of Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery

Model Committee Award for distinguished services on the BOG, Legislative Committee 2014

Model Committee Award for distinguished services on the Women In Otolaryngology 2013

Research and Survey Committee

Honor Award 2011

Leadership Institute Endowed Scholars program 2010- 2011

Clinical Scholar 2004- 2005

Travel Grant for International Scholars Studying in the U.S 2001

Deafness Research Foundation 2006Fellowship for the Deafness Research Foundation's 3rd Clinical Research ConferenceColumbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, NY 2005

Teaching Award, Department of Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery

Triological Society Eastern Section 2003

First Prize, Poster Presentation "Diapulse® electromagnetic energy in Tinnitus"

Regional/Local Hospital ParticipationCentral Pennsylvania Society of Otorhinolaryngologists (PR Representative) 2011- 2013Penn State Hershey Medical Center

Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital Surgeons Group June 2012- May 2013

Penn State Hershey Surgery Leadership Outpatient Group July 2009- May 2013

Penn State Hershey Medical Directors Group July 2010- May 2013

Penn State Hershey

Organization for the Advancement of Women, Chair Penn State Hershey January 2012- May 2013

Association for Women in Science, Advisory Board Member (Hershey) 2012- 2013

Summation of Published Works Within the Specialty

- o Setabutr D, Adil EA, Ghossaini SN, Goldenberg D. Metastatic squamous cell carcinoma of the tonsil presenting as otorrhea. ENT Journal (accepted)
- o Sekhar DL, Zalewski TR, Ghossaini SN, et al. Recommended Hearing Screens Have Poor Sensitivity to Detect Adolescent Hearing Loss. Journal of Medical Screening. 21:18-23, 2014.
- o Ghossaini SN, Liu J, Phillips B. Round Window Membrane Permeability to Golimumab in Guinea Pigs: A Pilot Study. Laryngoscope 123 (11): 2840- 2844, 2013
- o Atmakuri M, Garritano F, Kanekar S, Ghossaini SN. Posterior Fossa Arachnoid Cyst Clinically Mimicking Meniere's Disease. JAMA Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg.139(5):519-2, May 2013
- o Gross S, Ghossaini SN, Garritano F, Goyal N. Ear Conditions. FP Essentials. 390: 13-33, November 2011
- o Adil EA, Choudhary AK, Moser KW, Ghossaini SN. Vestibular pneumolabyrinth: Why assessment with temporal bone computed tomography utilizing dynamic focal spot mode is important for the diagnosis. Emergency Radiology. 18(1): 43-5, 2011 Jan.
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- Ghossaini SN, Hadi U, Tawil Ayman. Oral-Facial-Digital Syndrome type II variant associated with congenital tongue lipoma. Oral surgery Oral Medicine Oral Pathology Oral Radiology & Endodontics. 94(3): 324-7, 2002.
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