



Dear Bárány Society member,

It is truly a great pleasure for me to offer greetings to you all from Uppsala and to share the latest news of the Bárány Society.

The **Bárány Society's new updated website** will be launched soon. I will send another brief communication when the site is available for everyone to visit. Once launched the new Bárány Society website will be found at TheBaranySociety.org and you will find a website with useful information and a tool that enhances our internal communication. Our webmaster Joe Furman has done outstanding work to design the new website.

The **Journal of Vestibular Research (JVR)**, our official journal, has climbed onto the Thomson Reuters Impact list with an impact factor of 2.865 for 2018.

We will from now on only use the Internet as the main channel of communication. It is thereby important that every member provide us with their **e-mail address**. I hope that those not yet listed on our database will inform our secretary, Mrs. Åsa Eriksson, at asa.eriksson@akademiska.se, providing your e-mail address, affiliation and year of joining the Bárány Society. Please also let us also know if you change your e-mail address or affiliation.

One of my duties is to remind all active members of **the annual fee 2019**. By paying your membership fee, you get a discount on attendance of Bárány Society meetings. We are keeping the administrative costs to a minimum. The Society will continue to financially support the important work of the Committee on International Classification of Vestibular Disorders. We must take the long view when looking at the economy of the Society. Unfortunately the number of dues payments is going down and this can weaken the Society's economy in the long term. I really hope that we can break this trend. We have not raised the membership fee for many years, it is still 60 US dollars or 50 euros. We now have to search for new ways to help our economy and this year we will send **a second gentle dues reminder** to those members who have not paid their dues before the 31st of August. Information about payment is also detailed in the attached information.

Since the Society was founded in 1960, the medical world and not least our meetings have profoundly changed. I think we have reached a new era in which it is time to make some changes. It is a great and important task to further develop the

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Bárány Society. Let us see this as an opportunity to review the bylaws of the Society. This has to be done in collaboration with the Society's members. I would like to recommend that those of us at the next business meeting, in 2020, appoint a **bylaw revision committee**. At the next business meeting, we will introduce a new voting system, which implies that only registered paying members will be allowed to vote.

It is with great satisfaction that I look back to the **Bárány Society Meeting XXX** in June 2018. The eleventh Bárány Society meeting held in Uppsala was one of the biggest Bárány Society meetings ever. We had a record number of attendees at an Uppsala meeting, 680 attendees from 51 countries. I would like to thank everyone who took their time to come to Uppsala. It is my pleasure to announce that the meeting provided an unexpectedly large surplus that will be transferred to the Society and give strong support to the Society's finances.

Every six years, the **Bárány Gold Medal** is awarded by Uppsala University to a brilliant researcher in oto-neurology. The Bárány gold medal 2018 for outstanding achievements was awarded to Professor David Zee, Johns Hopkins University, a well-deserved award to a distinguished member of the Society. For the first time, the Won-Sang Lee Award aimed at rewarding young scientists at an early stage of their careers was given to three scientists.

It is satisfying that so many initiatives are taken to arrange a Bárány Society Meeting. **Bárány Society Meeting XXXI** will be arranged in Madrid, the beautiful capital of Spain, from September 6th-9th, 2020. The meeting will be presided over by Prof. Dr, Nicolás Pérez Fernández. More information can be found on the website <https://www.barany2020.com>. We are looking forward to an exciting meeting next year. The meeting thereafter is set to be held in Shanghai, China. I would like to advertise presently that the Bárány Society board would like to support the idea of the 2026 meeting being held in Italy.

It has been - and still is - an exciting task to serve as the president of the Bárány Society.

See you in Madrid 2020!

With warmest regards

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