

Dear Colleagues,

I invite you to read the first number of JHS for 2018. The issue starts with papers on the surgical treatment of otosclerosis. Some interesting case studies are presented as well as a discussion of possible problems that can be encountered during treatment.

The issue follows with abstracts from 4th International Symposium on Otosclerosis and Stapes Surgery, which will take place in Cracow, Poland, on 5–7 April 2018. The series of symposia began in 2004 in Saas Fe in Switzerland, followed by the 2008 Symposium in Biarritz, France, and 6 years later in Siófok, Hungary. The first two symposia were organized under the auspices of the Politzer Society, but since then they have been independent. The symposium is a great opportunity to learn of recent developments in

otosurgical techniques and is packed with workshops and round tables which are led by top scientists in the field. The symposium will also be an opportunity to pay homage to Prof. Jan Miodoński (1902–63), a Polish otolaryngologist, professor at Jagiellonian University, pioneer of audiometry and ear surgery, creator of Polish neurootology, and inventor of the tympanoplasty procedure.



With kind regards and greetings,

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