



## HNODS Newsletter

June 2009

### 1<sup>st</sup> Scientific Meeting in London

The inaugural meeting of the HNODS was held on Saturday 14th March 2009 at the UCLH Education Centre in London. The aims and objectives were introduced by the Chairman, Mr Colin Hopper, in his opening address. This society is dedicated to helping develop an application of optical diagnostic techniques in the head and neck and provide training networks for the exchange of information and education. The Chairman noted that it was very encouraging that so many senior figures from the world of optical diagnostics, from North America and many of the established universities throughout Europe, had given up their time at no cost to the organisation to help set up this meeting.

The conference was attended by 120 delegates. The final programme and abstract book have been published on the Society's website. The Proceedings of the meeting and the abstracts are soon to be published in Head and Neck Oncology. The Chairman's Letter of 14th March 2009 with regards to the meeting can be downloaded from the website.

### Awards

We are pleased to announce that:

**Chairman's Prize:** was awarded jointly to Waseem Jerjes and Tahwinder Upile.

**HNODS Prize:** was awarded jointly to Julia Anne Woolgar and Asterios Triantafyllou.

**The Fellow-in-Training Prize:** was awarded to Karwan A Moutasim.

**Best Oral Communication Prize (Senior Trainee):** was awarded to Christian Stephan Betz.

**Best Oral Communication Prize (Junior Trainee):** was awarded jointly to Muriel Abbaci and Zaid Hamdoon.

**Best Poster Presentation Prize:** was awarded jointly to Diana Hartmannsberger and Sven Zhorzel.

### 1st Scientific Meeting Workshops

We would like to thank Tahwinder Upile, Christian S Betz, Alexander Mosse, Ziad Hamdoon and Yan Jiao for their help in organising the elastic scattering spectroscopy, fluorescence spectroscopy and optical coherence tomography workshops at the meeting.

### 1st HNODS Council Meeting

More than 2/3 of the Council members attended the meeting. Recommendations made at the first meeting:

1. Recruit more members, especially Fellows-in-Training.
2. Inclusion of optical diagnostics in dentistry in the overall research aims of the Society.
3. Disseminate research findings and encourage collaboration.

### HNODS Elections 2011

The elections for the HNODS Council will take place at the HNODS Scientific Meeting in 2011. The Nominating Committee will be announced after August 2009. One Councilor and 3 Council Members positions are yet to be filled during these elections.

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# HEAD AND NECK OPTICAL DIAGNOSTICS SOCIETY (HNODS)

## The International Society of Minimally Invasive Diagnostics

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Scientific Meeting in San Francisco

The 2nd Scientific Meeting of the Head & Neck Optical Diagnostics Society in conjunction with SPIE Photonics West/Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Section will be held at the Moscone Center in San Francisco on 23rd January 2010

### HNODS/SPIE Young Researcher Bursary 2009

The HNODS offers six young researchers bursaries. The grants are each for the sum of \$500.00 towards the expenses of attending and presenting at the coming meeting in San Francisco. The prizes will be given only to researchers applying from the United Kingdom, Germany or the Netherlands. The closing date for submission of applications is 1st September. The funding of this bursary is supported by SPIE.

### Membership

With over 200 members, the Society continues to actively encourage new members. The HNODS Council has decided to waive any membership fees. Membership categories include: Senior Fellows, Fellows-in-Training, Junior Fellows and Honorary Fellows.

### Financial Affairs

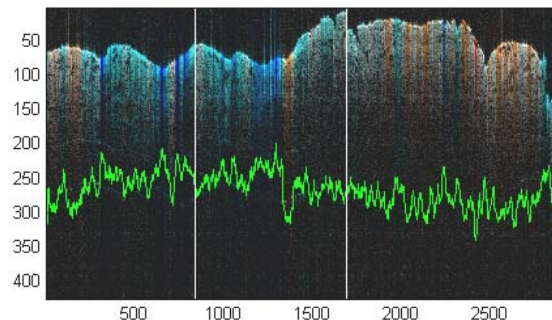
The Society's Report and Financial Statement is an independently audited statement of the Society's activities and financial position compiled to a format that is set by the UCLH Charity. The 1st Society's Report and Financial Statement will be issued on September 2009.

### Head and Neck Oncology

The official journal of the "Head & Neck Optical Diagnostics Society". *Head & Neck Oncology* encompasses all aspects of clinical practice, basic and translational research on the aetiology, pathophysiology, diagnosis, assessment, management, follow-up and prognosis of patients with head and neck tumours.

### Communications

Of key importance is the responsibilities for every HNODS member to update us if there has been any change to his/her email address. As, currently, this is the only means by which we can distribute information to all members.



OCT image of pleomorphic adenoma of parotid gland. The image shows 3 samples and the green line represents the (relative) logarithmic decay rate. The images are also false colour coded. Blue areas have a relatively higher decay rate; brown has a lower decay rate (Image courtesy of Dr Z Hamdoon).

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