To all members of the Bárány Society:

On behalf of the Bárány Society in Uppsala, Sweden, I send you hearty greetings for 2018. Further-more, I would like to draw your attention to the 30th meeting of the Bárány Society now being planned for Uppsala on the 11th - 13th June. This is a suitable opportunity to invite you to what promises to be a stimulating event.

Now 58 years old, the Bárány Society has an impressive history of assisting the training, education and professional advancement of oto-neurologists. Although we Society members may have widely differing scientific and clinical backgrounds, we can all look forward to such a meeting intended to review comprehensively almost all important topics in our sphere of interest. The meeting is being arranged in collaboration with Society members and colleagues from Lund, in the south of Sweden.

We in the Bárány Society look forward confidently to a worthwhile future. One approach is to participate in this forum which has become a rewarding feature of the annual business meeting. This year it has been set for Tuesday 12th June. It offers opportunities for widespread mutual discourse among members present. So, don't miss this chance to help form the Society’s future. Once more, if you have any suggestions as to how we can raise our Society's status still further, please let me know.

An innovation this year is a satellite meeting being arranged in conjunction with the regular Uppsala meeting. On 13th – 14th June we shall be visiting Sandhamn, on one of the beautiful islands in the Stockholm archipelago. This is a rare chance to visit the world of islands In the Baltic Sea. More information about the 30th Bárány Society Meeting is presented on our website: www.barany2018.se

Like many other international societies, the Bárány Society depends on the varied contributions of its members. In this respect I would like to thank the Membership Committee for succeeding in attracting new, highly qualified members. Their work is becoming increasingly complex, as the Bárány Society hopes to engage new members having more than a basic knowledge of oto-neurology. It is suggested that, before applying for membership, applicants should have had at least ten papers published in international peer review journals. Each year the Membership Committee has to decline several applications and to recommend less highly qualified applicants to reapply after publishing more articles in international journals.

One exciting and stimulating task for the Society at our regular meetings is to announce awards. At our next meeting, in June, a new prize, the Won-Sang Lee Award, is to be awarded to young scientists. Thanks to a generous donation from the Korean Balance Society, it will be possible for us to give further support to young scientists in their careers. More information about this Award will appear on our website soon.
Since 1948 the Bárány Gold Medal has been awarded to 13 eminent researchers. The Medal is dedicated to the memory of Robert Bárány, the internationally renowned otologist and researcher. To honour him on his 60th birthday, funds were raised to institute an otological foundation. Sadly, he died just two weeks before his birthday. The Bárány Foundation (Robert Bárány's Jubileumsfond, administered by Uppsala University) was established just after his death. Its purpose was to defray a prize – the Gold Medal – to be awarded to the author, who during the latest completed six-year period, has published the most valuable work on the vestibular apparatus, in the widest sense of this term. Selection of the 14th prizewinner will be announced at the Uppsala meeting.

The Bárány Society is a membership organization and our economy is therefore dependent on membership fees. One of my duties is to remind members of the next annual fee due. I am pleased to announce that this fee remains unchanged for 2018: US$ 60 / 50 Euro). Please go to www.jvr-web.org/Barany.html for details about how to pay your dues. The Treasurer's Report will be published later on the Bárány Society's website. Please note that members intending to participate in the Uppsala meeting will be charged a reduced rate.

Come and join us in June – we wish you a warm welcome to Uppsala at the Bárány Society's 30th annual meeting.

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