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We are planning the annual Carolina Ear Research Institute's Temporal Bone Surgical Dissection Course, to be held on May 6-8, 2010 at the Institute in Raleigh, NC. The course focus is **Innovations in Ossiculoplasty**, and will be taught by Dr. Cunningham and me. The course will be taught using a combination of didactic lectures and hands-on dissection in our temporal bone lab. The course brochure, including the complete course agenda, may be downloaded at www.carolinaear.org.

We expect to have 9 participants, targeting Otolaryngologists and Otolaryngology Residents, from the southeastern US. This event is a unique opportunity to maximize your exposure and develop contacts through one-to-one dialogue.

Companies wishing to support this continuing medical education activity may do so with a \$750 unrestricted education grant to the Institute. The \$750 grant includes participation in this 2 ½ day CME activity, the opportunity to set up a display table in the vendor area, and a group dinner at The Second Empire Restaurant & Tavern on Friday night.

Companies interested in displaying materials during the course may do so in compliance with ACCME Standards for Commercial Support. A copy of the standards may be downloaded from our website at www.carolinaear.org. Please contact Teddie Bishop, Practice Manager and CME Coordinator (919-876-4327 or tbishop@carolinaear.us) or Stacy Flannery, Executive Assistant and Assistant CME Coordinator (919-876-4327 or sflannery@carolinaear.us) to arrange for a display table.

The Institute's Letter of Agreement is enclosed, which addresses the principles and requirements inherent in the ACCME's Standards for Commercial Support. This form must be completed, signed and returned with your \$750 unrestricted educational grant. The Institute cannot accept funds for any CME activity without this form, and cannot accept company documents as a substitute for this form. For your convenience, the Letter of Agreement may be downloaded from our website at www.carolinaear.org, and you may also make a payment there using a credit card by clicking on the button for "Course Payments."

Please let us know of your decision by April 16th, as space is limited.

The Carolina Ear Research Institute is a non-profit, 501C3 organization. For your reference, the Institute Tax ID is 56-1848758. We thank you for your consideration of this invitation to participate in the upcoming CME activity. Your support in the form of an unrestricted educational grant would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know if you have any questions or require further information. We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

John T. McElveen, Jr., M.D.

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