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SENTAC's 30th President 2002

It was a great honor for me to serve as SENTAC's 30th President and preside over our Atlanta meeting in December of 2002. I had the pleasure of working along with Bruce Maddern on the program and, of course, the unflappable Sheila Seid. Having also been the President of ASPO and the Chair of the OTO-HNS's Pediatric Otolaryngology committee, positions in which "putting out fires" consumed most of my responsibilities, my years on the SENTAC executive committee were marked by relative calm and a true collegial atmosphere.

SENTAC was the first scientific meeting that I ever attended as a resident and marked my first opportunity to present a research paper. Jim Reilly and Marly Kenna were my attending co-authors and they assured me that the audience would be gentle (they were right!). I believe that I have one of the longest-running consecutive SENTAC meeting attendance streaks going having not missed a meeting since residency. A hidden benefit is that attending SENTAC on the first full weekend in December gets me out of attending our Children's Hospital's Holly Ball each year—a relatively staid affair I am told—and clearly not as much fun (or educational) as SENTAC.

One of my most cherished professional awards was receipt of the Ruben Award from SENTAC for my research on RRP. I look forward to continuing to bring residents to our meetings and to share the SENTAC experience with my partners David Darrow, Cristina Baldassari and Stephanie Moody.