Types of sessions available in the ICORL 2020 Academic Program

1. Keynote lectures

These are 30-minute sessions which would include a keynote lecture in a specific topic and specialty by a world leader in that field. The talk would be for 20 minutes, with 10 minutes of questions from the floor. This lecture would have a Chairperson who would introduce the speaker.

2. Symposium

A symposium is usually 90 to 120 minutes long and would include several talks by leaders in the field followed by answer session from the floor. Each symposium would have Chairpersons. There should usually be five to six speakers in each symposium, each speaking for 15 minutes, leaving 30 minutes for questions and answers. The Chairperson may wish to give 5 minutes introduction.

3. Round tables

These are 90 minute sessions around a certain topic. Each session has a Chairperson and a Moderator. The Chairperson provides a 5 minutes introduction on the topic. The Moderator then presents cases on salient aspects of diagnosis and management. After each section, the Moderator will provide 1 – 2 slides on the evidence underpinning the preceding aspect of diagnosis or management. Each session will have 4 – 6 Panelists who give their views on diagnosis and management. Chairpersons and Moderators should note that not all panelists need to answer every question and that they should ensure that at least 5 cases are prepared for the session.

4. Instructional courses
These are 60 minute sessions on a specific topic. The topic will usually be about a surgical procedure or on the management of difficult or challenging topics or on complications and their prevention or management. Each instructional course will have a Chairperson and will usually have one or two speakers. After presentation, 15 or 20 minutes session of questions and answers will be followed. Examples of instructional courses are:

b. Improving the outcomes and reducing complications in patients undergoing salvage surgery.
c. Tips and tricks in Transoral robotic surgery of the oropharynx and thyroid.

5. Meet the Professor

This is a 90 to 120 minute session. The session comprises a Chairperson, a Moderator, and three speakers, who are well-known leaders of their field. The topic is usually on the management of an important or challenging condition or on complications and their prevention or management. Each speaker will talk for 15 to 20 minutes followed by a 15 to 20 minutes session for questions and answers. A Chairperson would introduce speakers and a Moderator would moderate the question and discussion. Examples of instructional courses are:

a. Management of difficult or intractable recurrent vertigo.
b. Tips and pitfalls for frontal sinus surgery.
c. Reconstructive surgery in head and neck cancer.

6. Masters of Surgery

These are 90 minute sessions with six video presentations of surgical procedures around a field, such as otology, rhinology or head and neck surgery. There is a Chairperson and a Moderator
for each session. The videos are given by leaders in the field. The videos need to highlight the different and important steps of the procedure and the speaker will provide an explanation of what is happening and answer questions. Each video should be no more than 10 minutes with 5 minutes of questions. This would provide the opportunity for six videos to be shown in each session.

7. Grand Debates

These are 90 - 100 minute sessions with four to five speakers who will present the debates about the diagnosis and the management of a disorder in the field of otorhinolaryngology. There is a Chairperson and a Moderator for each session. Each speaker will present a debating point for each disorder in 15 minutes. The moderator will moderate the discussion point after the presentation.

8. Video Lecture

These are 120 minute sessions with multiple video presentations of surgical procedures around a field, such as otology, rhinology or head and neck surgery. The videos are submitted by attendants of ICORL 2020. There is no speaker in this session and the videos are played in which highlight the different and important steps of the procedure would be appearing as subtitles. Each video would be played within 10 minutes.

9. Pros and Cons

These are 30 minute sessions with two speakers debating on the pros and cons of hot topics in the field of otology, rhinology, and head & neck surgery. Two opposing perspectives will be shared on one topic regarding diagnostic and management strategies.