

**Dr. John R. Emmet was the Guest Lecturer and Dr. Brian J. McKinnon was an Invited Speaker at Medical College of Georgia of Georgia Regents University!**

The Georgia Regents University (GRU) Temporal Bone Dissection and Otology Update Masters of Otolaryngology Symposium is an annual program bringing together the top physicians and surgeons to teach and discuss the art and craft of otologic surgery. Held February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Augusta, Georgia, eminent ear specialist Dr. John R. Emmet gave his insight and wisdom on the topics of middle ear perfusion and patient communication. A leading proponent of the treatment of hearing and balance disease with intratympanic therapy, he shared his experience of learning and understanding of how middle ear perfusion works, which patients are best served by this treatment, and what techniques help improve outcomes. In discussing the importance of patient communication, he addressed the practical actions that health care providers can take to improve information sharing with patients, family and other health care providers so as to improve health and better manage disease.

Dr. Brian J. McKinnon, MD, a neurotologist and past course director of the Temporal Bone Dissection and Otology Update Masters of Otolaryngology Symposium returned to the program to present on the evaluation and management of vestibular disorders. The newest member of the Shea Ear Clinic, Dr. Brian J. McKinnon has had a long interest in vestibular function and dysfunction going back to his days as a U.S. Naval Flight Surgeon; his talk balanced the need to understand the physiology and anatomy with the need to efficiently and effectively identify and treat vestibular complaints.