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**J. Regan Thomas, MD, Named President-Elect
of the American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery**

San Diego, CA – J. Regan Thomas, MD, has been named 2009/10 President-Elect of the American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery at the 2009 AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO in San Diego, CA, an event that drew more than 8,000 otolaryngology professionals from around the world.

The American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, one of the oldest medical associations in the nation, represents more than 12,000 physicians and allied health professionals who specialize in the treatment of the ears, nose, throat, and related structures of the head and neck.

Dr. Thomas is Professor and Head of the Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Thomas completed his residency in Otolaryngology at the University of Missouri School of Medicine and a fellowship in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He is board certified by both the American Board of Otolaryngology and the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He teaches Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery to UIC medical students, residents, and fellowship physicians.

A renowned speaker, he shares his expertise at medical meetings, courses, and conferences to advance the practice of facial plastic surgery. He has authored over 100 scientific papers and publications, including three textbooks. His specialties include rhinoplasty (cosmetic surgery of the nose), blepharoplasty (cosmetic surgery of the eyelids), facelift (rhytidectomy), as well as multiple other cosmetic and reconstructive surgical procedures of the face, head and neck.

His professional credentials include Past President of the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and Past President of the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Dr. Thomas will assume office as President of the Academy in October 2010.

Information for the Media:

The AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO Newsroom is located in the San Diego Convention Center, Mezzanine Level, Room 14A. Hours of operation: Saturday, October 3, 12 pm to 5 pm; Sunday-Tuesday, October 4 – 6, 7:30 am to 5 pm; and Wednesday, October 7, 7:30 am to 2 pm (all hours Pacific time). The newsroom serves as a work space for credentialed members of the news media. The newsroom is managed and staffed by the AAO-HNS Communications Unit. Please see the AAO-HNS website for media credentialing requirements for the event. Onsite Newsroom contact: 1-619-525-6202.

About the AAO-HNS

The American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (<http://www.entnet.org>), one of the oldest medical associations in the nation, represents more than 12,000 physicians and allied health professionals who specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the ears, nose, throat, and related structures of the head and neck. The Academy serves its members by facilitating the advancement of the science and art of medicine related to otolaryngology and by representing the specialty in governmental and socioeconomic issues. The organization's vision: "Empowering otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeons to deliver the best patient care."

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