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LYLE FRENCH, HONORED GUEST IN NEW ORLEANS

Lyle A. French, M.D., will be the Honored Guest at the 26th Annual Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, in New Orleans.

Dr. French, born in Worthing, South Dakota, on March 26, 1915, attended high school in Mankato, Minnesota, and received his premedical education at Macalester College in St. Paul. He received his B.S., M.S., and M.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota. Dr. French then began his training in Neurological Surgery at the University of Minnesota under the guidance of Dr. William T. Peyton. His training, however, was interrupted by World War II as Dr. French entered the Military, serving in both the North Africa and European theatres. Following the war, he resumed his training, completing it in 1947. He was also awarded M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Neurological Surgery.

Following the completion of his training, Dr. French remained at the University of Minnesota as a member of the faculty. In 1960, he was named Professor and head of the Division of Neurological Surgery. Under his guidance, the Division achieved departmental status, with Dr. French serving as Chairman of the Department until 1974.

In 1970, Dr. French was appointed Vice-President of Health Science Affairs at the University of Minnesota, a position he currently holds. University Health Sciences have undergone extensive growth and development during his tenure.

Dr. French is also quite active in addition to his duties at the University. He is a member of the Society of Neurological Surgeons. He has served as President of the Neurological Society of America (1975-58); the America Academy of Neurological Surgery (1972-73); and the America Association of Neurological Surgeons (1973-74). He was consultant to the Surgeon General of the United States Army from 1973 to 1975. He has been consultant in Neurosurgery for the Veterans Administration since 1968. Dr. French was a member of the American Board of Neurological Surgery from 1962 to 1968. He served on the Board of Editors of the *Journal of Neurosurgery* from 1970 to 1975, holding the chairmanship from 1973 to 1975. Since 1971, he has been a member of the Advisory Council, National Institute of Health, National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke. Dr. French is currently a member of the Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons. He is on the Board of Editors of the *Yearbook of Cancer* and is a member of numerous other national and international organizations.

Well-known as a Master Surgeon and an outstanding teacher, Dr. French's surgical interests have included the management of intracranial vascular lesions, brain tumors, pain and seizure disorders. His published experiences in the management of these disorders attest to his excellence

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Dr. Lyle A. French

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Under the overall chairmanship of Bob Wilkins, this year's Annual Meeting will present an outstanding scientific program with the central theme, "Critical and Controversial Decisions in Neurosurgery". Dave and Carol Kline have planned an exceptional social program to enable us to sample the real "flavor" of New Orleans.

We are very fortunate to have as this year's honored guest, one of the country's most prominent neurosurgical educators, Dr. Lyle French.

In summary, this should be a truly great meeting—plan now to come to New Orleans in October. Pre-register early since we expect a large attendance and many events have limited registration.

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

The Congress of Neurological Surgeons this year is holding its 26th annual meeting in New Orleans where we will most certainly experience a vibrant, colorful, and exciting atmosphere. Our hotels, the Fairmont and Royal Sonesta, are both located in the Quarter putting us close to some of the greatest antiquing available anywhere and to an area literally jammed with gifted artisans and craftsmen and their unique shops.

Two marvelous luncheon-tours are planned giving us an opportunity to visit Louisiana plantations and some lovely Garden District homes. Due to last year's very enthusiastic reception, the ladies' scientific session will be held on Wednesday with Dr. Guy Odom and D. John Tew as our featured speakers. Immediately following this will be our annual luncheon-business meeting and a most interesting Bicentennial Fashion Show.

Hopefully, each one of you will plan to join us for a memorable experience in this unique city. If you want to come, please urge your husband to get the pre-registration packet containing all the pertinent information home to you and then mail it in as soon as possible.

See you in October!

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE LISTINGS AVAILABLE AT ANNUAL MEETING

The Congress of Neurological Surgeons maintains a listing of neurological surgeons, clinics and committees seeking the services of a neurological surgeon. A second listing of neurological surgeons available to fill positions is also maintained. These two lists are available to any practicing neurosurgeon or neurosurgical resident in his last year of training. All known neurological surgeons, practicing in the United States, are surveyed each March. Listings are again updated prior to and following the annual meeting of the Congress.

Twice daily, Monday through Thursday, during the annual meeting at approximately the time of coffee break, the Placement Committee will be available in the Rex Room to answer questions regarding the Placement Committee Listings. Lists will be available for perusal and will be updated daily. An opportunity also exists at these times for prospective associates to meet one another and perhaps arrange for further negotiations.

The Placement Committee initiates no contacts between individuals and the Congress makes no recommendations regarding individuals. Those wishing to be listed with the Placement Committee or to obtain listings of the Placement Committee should contact John E. Kalsbeck, M.D., Chairman Placement Committee, Indiana University Medical Center, 1100 W. Michigan, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202.



St. Louis Cathedral, Jackson Square in the French Quarter, one of the many sites in New Orleans.

Photograph by William Coleman

AUXILIARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM SCHEDULED

The Second Annual Auxiliary Scientific Program is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, The schedule for the program is:

- 10:30 A.M. - 11:20 A.M.—Dr. Guy Odom—Methods of Cerebral Localization.
- 11:20 A.M. - 11:40 A.M.—Coffee, served in the back of the University Room.
- 11:40 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.—Dr. John Tew—Development of Microneurosurgery.

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as a surgeon. Dr. French has contributed most significantly to research in neurological surgery. He became involved early in the development of radionuclear isotope encephalometry, ultrasonic brain scanning, fundamental studies on the ultra-structure of cerebral edema and the effect of steroids on brain edema. Other areas of interest which have been developed at the University of Minnesota under Dr. French's guidance include endocrine ablative procedures in the management of metastatic breast cancer and stereotaxic surgery in the management of movement disorders.

It is truly a privilege for the Congress to have, as its Honored Guest for the 26th Annual Meeting, Dr. Lyle A. French, a master surgeon, an outstanding teacher and a highly skilled administrator.