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Dear Fellow Congressmen:

It is time to start making plans for the September 24-28, 1968 meeting at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. President John Shillito, and Annual Meeting Chairman, Donald Dohn are arranging an excellent scientific and a unique social program.

### TORONTO, THE CITY

Ross Fleming is Chairman of Local Arrangements. For those of us south of the border, he will give the details of getting into and out of Canada, currency exchange, border crossing routines, duty declarations, etc., in the Newsletter preceding the meeting. Also he will give specific ideas of things to do and places to go in Toronto. Right now a few general points are in order.

If a big city can be said to have a personality, then Toronto has it. Large numbers of different ethnic groups have moved into Toronto in recent decades. These new residents have brought the charm, the music, the food, and fashions of the old world capitols to this once staunchly British metropolis. The result is an array of sights and sounds and savors which make Toronto gaily cosmopolitan. English is Toronto's language, yet this city of nearly two million has such a multi-lingual air that newspapers and periodicals publish in twenty-eight other languages.

Toronto is easy to get about in, yet even the least adventurous visitor need not stir far from his hotel room to find an exciting gamut of shopping and entertainment. It is in the unexpected areas that Toronto provides the pluses. Its theaters, gourmet restaurants, swinging coffee houses, shops, art galleries, museums, and historic exhibits all contribute to the leisure time attractions of a city where things happen.

One need have no qualms about the climate. Forget about the frozen North. This is not it. The autumn days are mild and sun-filled and even winter has only enough snow to make life interesting.

Prices are reassuringly modest for many items, notably woolens, china, jewelry, and furs. But Toronto's good things don't come from the bargain basements, and in general the price levels are comparable to those of other major cities.

### HONORED GUEST

Mr. Norman M. Dott, F.R.C.S., Edinburgh is to be the Honored Guest at the Toronto meeting. Mrs. Dott plans to attend. The titles of Mr. Dott's papers are:

Intracranial Aneurysmal Formations

The Training and Accreditation of the Specialist Surgeon

Disintegration in Specialist Medicine: Modern Patterns of Re-Integration

## SEMINARS IN FUNDAMENTAL NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY

The Scientific and Education Committee under the Chairmanship of William Coxe is planning an excellent program on Cerebrovascular Dynamics and Brain Edema. Drs. Igor Klatzo of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, and Thomas Langfitt of Philadelphia will give part of the program. The remainder of the faculty will be announced later.

### SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Charles Branch, of the Montreal Neurological Institute, Chairman of the Scientific Program Committee, has arranged a unique and intriguing program. The guest speakers, with the exception of our Honored Guest, will all be from Canadian centers. Their subjects will include a morning devoted to aneurysms, by Mr. Dott, Dr. Lougheed, Dr. Drake and Dr. Morley. One entire morning will be presented by Drs. Rasmussen, Smith and Milner of the Montreal Neurological Institute on the surgical treatment of epilepsy, including electroencephalographic diagnosis, and localization of cerebral lesions by psychological testing. Dr. Brindle will discuss the use of neuroleptic drugs in neurosurgical anesthesia.

Part of one morning will be devoted to Medicare and the role of the government in medicine, by Dr. Raymond Robillard, President of the Quebec Federation of Medical Specialists, and others.

Other speakers to date include Dr. Frank Turnbull, who will discuss frontal lobotomy; Dr. D.L. McRae, on abnormalities of the cranio-spinal junction, Dr. Jules Hardy, presenting his anterior microscopic dissection of the pituitary, Dr. Gilles Bertrand on microelectrode recording during stereotactic surgery, and Dr. Dwight Parkinson, on biplane stereoscopic study of A-V malformations.

### MEMBER PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

The Member Participation Program has gained increasing interest and acceptance each year. As our society has matured, the participation of our members has become a more valuable portion of each meeting. Chairman David L. Kelly, Jr., M.D., Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103 would like the title and an abstract of 200-300 words as soon as convenient. Sending them early will greatly aid the selection committee. The absolute cut-off date for submission of abstracts is June 15, 1968.

Movies were a valuable part of the Member Participation Program in past years. They are being included again. Send a brief description to David Kelly. June 15 is also the cut-off date for submitting movies. Please send them earlier, if possible.

### SHAKESPEAREAN THEATER

One of the entertainment diversions for the Toronto meeting will be a bus trip to Stratford, Ontario for dinner and Stratford players production of "Romeo and Juliet." It will be a pleasant 1 1/2 hour ride through southern Ontario with the bright autumn foliage at its peak of color. Dinner will be at the Victorian Inn in Stratford. The buses will leave Toronto at 4:00 P.M. and will return directly after the play. We should be back at the Royal York Hotel shortly after midnight. If you are interested, please fill out the enclosed form and mail it to: Ross Fleming, M.D., 25 Leonard Ave., Toronto, Ontario. Ross needs this information so that he can reserve the tickets and make other arrangements for the trip. Please, return the form at once.

POST-CONVENTION TOUR

Jim Bagnall has arranged an interesting and exciting Post-Convention Tour with which to wind up the Toronto meeting. It will be at the L'Esterel Hotel which is fifty miles north of Montreal. The hotel is situated on the shore of a moderate size lake in the Laurentian Mountains. It is approached by a freeway called the Auto route Des Laurentide. The drive through the foothills and finally the Laurentian Mountains in the fall will show the multi-colored hues of the leaves at their best. Those interested in photography will be well rewarded. The hotel can be approached by rail, road, or air. Indeed, one can land on the lake at the hotel if the plane is suitably equipped.

Once there, one may indulge in practically any known physical exercise or just sunbathe on the terrace. For the energetic there is fishing, golf (9 holes), tennis, boating, water skiing and swimming. The swimming may be done in the lake or in the heated indoor pool. The bar is well equipped and there is nightly entertainment, usually a small combo. The food is excellent French-Canadian cuisine served in a dining room which overlooks the lake. The rooms are extremely comfortable and about half the rooms have balconies.

The 45 minute drive from Montreal allows easy day trips and a chance to view a unique city which blends French and North American culture. In the suburb of Montreal, St. Adele offers superb shopping facilities which specialize in Quebec crafts. Further afield is Quebec City, the capitol of Quebec Province.

For those not wishing to drive from Montreal, the hotel provides a pick-up service at the airport or train station.

This is an ideal opportunity to visit a part of North America which may be known to only a few of us. The scenery is really quite beautiful and the French flavor is fascinating.

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If any Congress member wishes to comment on any of the above applicants, please write to Chairman, Membership Committee: James T. Robertson, M.D., Suite 101-B, 20 S. Dudley, Memphis, Tennessee 38103, within the next thirty (30) days.

CLINICAL NEUROSURGERY

If you would like to purchase reprints (offset) of volumes of Clinical Neurosurgery that are out of print, please mail the enclosed purchase request to the Congress Secretary.

SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITS

If you have an interesting scientific exhibit to display at the Toronto meeting, please return your scientific exhibit card to Thomas Fletcher before June 15, 1968.

AMA SECTION ON NEUROSURGERY

The new Neurosurgery Section of the American Medical Association will meet for two days during the Annual Convention of the AMA in San Francisco June 16-20, 1968. The program is an interesting one with excellent speakers. George Tindall gave us this outline of the meeting:

Presiding Officer -- Eben Alexander, M.D.

SESSION I

Neurosurgical Disease in the Geriatric Patient: Concepts in Diagnosis and Treatment

Strokes and occlusive cerebrovascular disease -- J. Garber Galbraith, M.D.  
Parkinson's disease -- William McKinney, M.D.  
Intracranial mass lesions -- Guy Odom, M.D.  
Panel Discussion -- All speakers; Moderator -- Frank Mayfield, M.D.

SESSION II

Pain Management

Diagnostic evaluation of severe intractable pain -- William Sweet, M.D.  
Criteria for surgery and selection of patients for operation -- William Collins, M.D.  
Neurosurgical management of intractable pain, due to malignant and non-malignant causes -- Sean Mullan, M.D.  
Panel Discussion -- All speakers; Moderator, Henry Schwartz, M.D.

Second day - SESSION III

Disc Disease and Its Management

Clinical findings and diagnostic procedures in herniated cervical and lumbar disc disease -- William E. Hunt, M.D.  
Conservative treatment in cervical and lumbar disc disease -- John R. Russell, M.D.  
Indications for surgery and recommended operative procedures, in cervical and lumbar disc disease -- John Raaf, M.D.  
Panel Discussion -- All speakers; Moderator, Francis Murphey, M.D.

SESSION IV

Pediatric Neurosurgery

Diagnostic evaluation of the child with suspected or overt hydrocephalus -- Robert L. McLaurin, M.D.  
Criteria for surgery and recommended operative procedure in hydrocephalus -- Eldon Foltz, M.D.  
Clinical findings, diagnostic evaluation, and management of subdural hematoma in infancy and childhood -- Donald Matson, M.D.  
Panel Discussion -- All speakers; Moderator, Joseph Ransohoff, M.D.

PLEASE, SUPPORT THIS NEW NEUROSURGICAL SECTION BY ATTENDING, if possible.

Julian R. Youmans, M.D.  
Newsletter Editor



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