

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM



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President's Greeting



Arthur L. Day, MD

The 43rd Annual Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, from October 2-7, 1993. Gently nestled between the mighty Pacific Ocean and breathtaking coastal mountains, Vancouver's natural beauty, cultural diversity, and mild climate are spectacular, especially during the time of our meeting. The actual meeting will be held at The Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, which is situated directly on the waterfront of the Vancouver Harbor.

The theme of the meeting is "The Anatomical Basis of Neurosurgery." Who else could approach this topic better than our Honored Guest, Albert Rhoton? A Past President of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, Dr. Rhoton will provide us with three inspiring and educational lectures that reflect his extensive clinical experience and his comprehensive knowledge of neuroanatomy as it affects the practice of neurosurgery.

The Scientific Program, with an expanded number of Practical Courses and Seminars, promises to be quite exciting, innovative, and diverse. Hundreds of neurosurgeons from around the United States, Canada and the rest of the world will be involved in various aspects of the program, making this a truly "international" meeting. Topics for the General Scientific Sessions include anatomical principles of skull base and posterior fossa surgery, spinal surgery, cerebrovascular surgery, and CNS tumors, followed by a panel discussion of controversial areas. The General Sessions will be equipped with voting stations in the audience, allowing instantaneous audience polling and interaction with the speakers and panelists. Each Session will also have video presentations focusing on the teaching of specific intra-operative techniques.

The social program will have something for everyone. You can appreciate historic Northwest Indian art one moment, and tour an authentic Chinese garden the next. You might perhaps meet a genuine Royal Canadian Mountie, or purchase strawberries and fresh-caught salmon in a public market. The Auxiliary Program will feature an internationally acclaimed actor, who will discuss the essentials of effective communication, using rich entertaining stories of his experiences as both teacher and actor.

Immediately after the Annual Meeting, a post-convention meeting has been arranged at Whistler, a world-class mountain resort two hours north of Vancouver. Centered around two half-day scientific sessions, package travel and hotel accommodations have been organized that provide an exciting and educational conclusion amidst spectacular mountain surroundings.

The meeting promises to be stimulating and enlightening for neurosurgeons from all countries and levels of experience. Dana and I hope that each of you will join us for this most memorable stay in the gateway to the northwest, Vancouver: Spectacular . . . by Nature.