2009 Historical Exhibit

Past Meetings of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons in New Orleans


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Identity and Mission
Maturing Purpose
During 44 Years

HISTORY AND PURPOSE OF THE CONGRESS
The founding meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons was held by twenty-two men in Saint Louis, Missouri, on February 21, 1951. By November of that year the membership had grown to 131 at its first annual meeting in Memphis, Tennessee.

The prime interest of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons is in maintaining high standards of neurosurgery and in continuing the education of the younger neurosurgeons of this country and abroad. This organization has been the outgrowth of the need to fill the gap between residency training programs and the senior neurosurgical societies. The Congress has endeavored to fill the need for continuing education at the clinical level, the need for opportunities to ask questions and obtain answers to many problems encountered in daily practice, and the need for a permanent record of these subjects presented in book form by respected authorities.

Mission Statement
The Congress of Neurological Surgeons exists for the purpose of promoting the public welfare through the advancement of neurosurgery, by a commitment to excellence in education and by dedication to research and scientific knowledge.

The Congress of Neurological Surgeons maintains the vitality of our learned profession through the altruistic volunteer efforts of our members and the development of leadership in service to the public, to our colleagues in other disciplines, and to the special needs of our fellow neurosurgeons throughout the world and at every stage of their professional lives.
3rd CNS Annual Meeting
1953

On Firm Footing...
Congress of Neurological Surgeons

1953

Nathaniel Roger Hollister
CNS President

Sir Geoffrey Jefferson
Honored Guest
1953
Executive Committee and Guest Speakers

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS
1952 - 1953

Nathaniel Hollister, President
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R. W. Cannon, Secretary-Treasurer
H. J. Stuen, Past President
Frederick Remberg
Alexander Johnson
Donald B. Sweeck
Donald Freshwater
R. K. Thompson
Ira Jackson

GUEST SPEAKERS

A. Earl Walker, Professor of Neurological Surgery, Johns Hopkins Medical School, Baltimore, Maryland.

Robert Heath, Chairman, Department of Psychiatry and Neurology, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Stanley Cobb, Ballard Professor of Neuropathology and Harvard Medical School, Psychiatric in Chief Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass.

Gerhardt von Bonin, Associate Professor of Anatomy, University of Illinois and Illinois Neuropsychiatric Institute.

Harold Hjemwich, Director of Research, Galesburg State Research Hospital, Galesburg, Illinois.

Hyman Mayerson, Professor of Physiology and Chairman of the Department of Physiology, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana.

J. Lawrence Pool, Professor and Director of Neurological Surgery; The Neurological Institute and Presbyterian Hospital, New York, New York.

Alton Ochsner, The William H. Housner Professor of Surgery and Chairman of the Department of Surgery, School of Medicine, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana; founder of Ochsner Clinic, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir Geoffrey Jefferson, Emeritus Professor of Neurosurgery and last Director of the Neurological Laboratories, University of Manchester, Consulting Neurosurgeon of the Manchester Royal Infirmary since 1925.

Walter Wilde, Department of Physiology, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana.
1953 Scientific Program

**Thursday, November 11, 1953**

4:00-5:00 P.M. Member-inventors may present instruments or gadgets (Exhibit Room). F. G. Ruggles, consultant

**Friday, November 12, 1953**

9:00-11:00 A.M. Panel Discussion:
*Psychosurgery: Indications and Sequelae.*

- A. Earl Walker, Moderator
- Stanley Cobb
- Gerhardt von Bonin
- J. Lawrence Pool
- Robert Heath

11:00-12:00 A.M. Sir Geoffrey Jefferson—Topic: Changing Ideas on the Integration of the Brain
1953
Past Congress International Symposium
Havana, Cuba

Welcome!

November 16, 1953
La Habana, Cuba

Calendar of Events

November 14 & 15, 1953,
1. Arrival by airplane.
2. Visit to town.

November 16, 1953,
Scientific Meeting at the Auditorium of the Instituto de Cirugia Otoplastica, 29 y 5, Vedado.
9:00 am: Presentation.
9:10 am: The subtemporal approach to the surgical treatment of the aneurysms of the region of the posterior communicating artery, Dr. F. Gutiérrez Ballagas, M.D.
9:30 am: Ganglioneuromas of the cerebellum. Dr. E. Marrero.
9:50 am: Brain injury. Considerations on their mortality. Dr. E. Bravo Acuña.

INTERMISSION: 10 MINUTES.
10:30 am: Gastrojejunal ulcer repair. Dr. C. M. Ramírez Coria.
11:10 am: Spinal arachnoid tumors. Dr. J. A. Pizarro.

MOVIE PICTURES:
"The Surgical Treatment of Crural Aneurysms of the Scalp".
"Hemiparesis"
(LENGTH LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES DURATION AND 5 MINUTES DISCUSSION)

12:30 pm: Lunch offered by the Neurosurgical group of Havana.
2:00 pm: Neurosurgical moving picture. Instituto de Cirugia Otoplastica.
3:00 pm: Visit to Neurosurgical Service at the Hospitals.
Tour 1: University Hospital, Children Hospital and Memorial Hospital.
Tour 2: Cárdenas Hospital, Dependientes Hospital and Militar Hospital.
Tour 3: Emergency Hospital and Otoplastica y Cirugia Hospital.
6:00 pm: Cocktails "Bacardi Bar".
8:30 pm: Supper at "Tropicana".
November 17, 1953,
Trip to Varadero. Optional.
NEW ORLEANS – 26th ANNUAL MEETING

The 26th Annual Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons will be held at the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana, on October 23 through October 29, 1976.

The featured guest at this year’s Meeting will be Dr. Lyle French, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dr. French will address the Meeting on “The History of Surgical Treatment of Anomalous Malformations” and “Personal Experience with Peripheral Nerve Repair.” A third address will be both educational and philosophical.

Chairman of the Annual Meeting is Dr. Robert Wilkins, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Also serving on the Annual Meeting Committee are: John Tav, Assistant Annual Meeting and Special Courses Chairman; George Oppens, Scientific Program Chairman; David Kline, Local Arrangements Chairman; Stewart B. Dittker, Registration Chairman; Robert G. Groveman, Residents’ Registration Chairman; J. Fletcher Lee, Exhibits Chairman; Joseph C. Rich, Jr., Program Committee Chairman; Mark S. O’Brien, Sergeant-at-Arms; Joseph G. Mastro, Public Relations Chairman; and Ellis B. Kreiner, Clinical Neurosurgery Chairman.

Other members of the Committee include: Edward E. Law, Jr., General Scientific Session Chairman; Jerry H. Greenberg, Seminar in Fundamental Neurological Surgery Chairman; Glenn A. Meyer, Lunchen Discussion Groups Chairman; Edwin G. Fischer, Workshops Chairman; Sydney J. Fremes, Open Scientific Session and Annual Resident Award Chairman; Robert C. Hardy, Supplementary Scientific Session–Program Chairman; and Michael E. Casey, Supplementary Scientific Session–Arrangements Chairman.

More than 100 discussion groups, panel discussions and workshops have been scheduled for the Annual Meeting. The Second Annual Auxiliary Scientific Program will be held on Thursday, October 27 at the Annual Meeting. The Supplementary Scientific Session will be held in nearby Point Clear, Alabama, October 29 through November 1, 1976.
1976 Executive Committee

Honored Guest

DR. LYLE FRENCH,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

President: Robert G. Ojemann, Boston, Massachusetts
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Seattle, Washington
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Boston, Massachusetts
Local Arrangements: Dr. and Mrs. David G. Kline
D.C. LIASON OFFICE OPENED

A joint committee of the AANS and the CNS, chaired by Dr. Louis Finney, has established a liaison office in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the office is to offer guidance and advice concerning our relationship with various governmental agencies. Our consultant there is Charles A. Plante.

Any person or committee desiring information about proposed or pending Federal legislation, or desiring advice concerning numerous questions relating to manpower, health insurance, etc., may feel free to direct inquiries to either Dr. Finney or Mr. Plante. The address of Mr. Plante’s office is 2000 K Street, NW, Suite 404, Washington, D.C. 20006. The telephone number is 202-659-1373.

1976

DC Liaison Office

FDA MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Meetings of the FDA Advisory Panel on Neurological Devices have been scheduled for Friday, October 29 and Saturday, October 30. These meetings are sponsored by the Joint Committee on Materials and Devices.

Innovations: FDA Panel & Experiences Overseas

Philip H. Gutin, MD
Resident Paper Award - 1976
Entertainment

New Orleans Mardi Gras Ball
Music for Dancing by The Frankie Fuentes Orchestra

Mardi Gras

“Mardi Gras” is but one day. Shrove Tuesday, “Carnival” is the entire period of balls and parades and officially opens with the first ball. Twelve days after Christmas and ends on Shrove Sunday—the day before Lent today. Mardi Gras and Carnival are names of interchangeability. The first parade and ball began about 1702 and acquired its name from France.

Carnival is a season of unrestrained spectacles and merriment that accentuates witticism and brags of erudition in looser and is marked by various societies called Krewes. Membership is held by New Orleans and clerical affairs with societies more than 200 members in some cases. A membership is called to a masquerade. Most Krewes are formed by several at a time. Some famous present balls, some parades and still others have both.

To see a ball, one must be sent an invitation, however, everyone can join the crowds to watch the parades and charivari. Wearing fancy fashionable dress, including hats, and fancy bonnets, the Krewes parade down the streets, often accompanied by marching bands, and followed by floats (colorful); with these floats comes a colorful and beautiful, gold bell illuminated by flaring torches carried by strutting fortune carriers. Mardi Gras is the embodiment of joy, laughter and fun.

Post-President's Dinner
At Antoine's

SUPPLEMENTARY SCIENTIFIC SESSION POINT CLEAR, ALABAMA

The Supplementary Scientific Session of the CNS will be held at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama, October through November 1, 1976. Point Clear is located on Mobile Bay, near Mobile, Alabama. The Grand Hotel is one of the South’s finest resort offering golf, tennis, deep sea fishing, horseback riding, skeet trap shooting, sailing and water skiing. The Grand Hotel is approximately 1 1/2 hours by bus or car from New Orleans. Nearby Mobile offers convenient air connections for your return trip home.

1976
Dear Colleague:

The 36th Annual Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons will take place September 14 - 19, 1986 in New Orleans. "New Frontiers in Neurosurgery" will be this year's theme highlighted by our honored guests, including N. Shumway, who will recount the origins of microsurgery and demonstrate the limits to which it can be taken.

The Mississippi River will provide a scenic backdrop for a superb social program. The Annual Meeting and Local Arrangements Committee have outdone themselves to provide you with an authentic flavor of New Orleans including the best Cajun and French Cuisine.

It should be a lovely time of year with excellent weather expected. The Scientific and Social Program are special enough to be there. I'll look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph C. Maroon, MD
President

36th CNS Annual Meeting
1986
New Frontiers in Neurosurgery.
1986

Joseph C. Maroon
CNS President

Mahmut Gazi Yasargil
Honored Guest
New Editor Chosen for Neurosurgery

Dr. Clark Watts will complete his five-year term as editor of *Neurosurgery* as of July 1987. The Congress of Neurological Surgeons is deeply indebted to Dr. Watts for the leadership and energy he devoted to this superb publication.

After an extensive evaluation and selection process, Dr. Edward R. Laws, Jr., has been chosen to serve as the next editor of *Neurosurgery*, term to begin July 1, 1987. Dr. Laws will begin to receive manuscripts as of January 1, 1987.

Paul Starr, Ph.D.

Paul Starr, Ph.D. will be a featured speaker at the upcoming CNS Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. He will present a paper entitled "Who will control the future practice of medicine?"
Expanding Membership

CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS
MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS
1986

ACTIVE: 2490
SENIOR: 171
INACTIVE 88
HONORARY 19 = 2760

Membership Applications
The following membership applications have been received by the Membership Committee.

Ballesteros, Alberto A.
Brown, Jeffrey A.
Cobas, Richard A.
Engle, Edward A.
Hacker, Robert L.
Harmening, Robert E.
Hoffman, Paul H.
Kahn, H. Kim-Hong
Jawad, G.
Kaufman, Gary
Ketcha, Khumer, W.
Kite, Charlie H.
Lowe, Barbara G.
McCollum, Wallace C.
Neff, Lucy C.

Medinilla, Otto Raul
Nerlett, John W., Jr.
Ochoa, John James
de la Reyes, Raoul
Schlitt, Michael E.
Stone, James L.
Stouten, Ludwig, N.
Takeuchi, Joel
Tschida, Hard L.
Van Loveren, Harry R.
Vamos, Vassilios G.

* International Memberships

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New Orleans Hilton Riverside
The 47th CNS Annual Meeting 1997

The Birth of the Modern Meeting Format.
1997
Resident Award and Leadership Development

Mark R. Mayberg, CNS President & Ali R. Rezai, CNS Resident Award Winner
1997

Faithful History

The CNS Historical Exhibit