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COME TO LOS ANGELES FOR THE CNS ANNUAL MEETING!

The Fortieth Annual Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) will be held in Los Angeles, California, from Saturday, October 20, 1990, through Thursday, October 25, 1990. Los Angeles' rich history, ideal climate, cultural diversity and more-than-a-mere touch of glamor make it a prime location for our annual meeting. The 40th annual meeting will bring the CNS members in touch with the varied intellectual and entertainment sides of the city. It will provide a sample of the diversity that makes LA so exciting by bringing you in touch with several of the towns — Century City, Beverly Hills, Westwood and Hollywood — of which LA is composed.

Century City and its main thoroughfare, Avenue of the Stars, and the main convention hotel, the Century Plaza Hotel and Towers, will be the hub of our meeting's activities. Built on the former backlot of Twentieth Century Fox, Century City will afford us with ready access to entertainment at the ABC Entertainment Center, the Shubert Theater and to the Century Plaza Shopping Center, a first taste of what LA shops have to offer. Beverly Hills, the town many of the "rich and famous" call home, has a shopping street, Rodeo Drive, that is unlike a main street anywhere else. It is lined with some of the world's most exotic and luxurious shops and peopled by some of the world's most glamorous. As the shops give way to the palatial homes of the stars, we move closer to the intellectual hub of the city — the town of Westwood. Westwood is the home of UCLA. As is true with other college towns, Westwood has movie theaters, boutiques, and restaurants; however, there are lots more of each and lots more students and residents bustling around the "village" all day and night. Far from Westwood, certainly in temperament and somewhat in distance, is Hollywood, "Tinsel Town," the home of the "silver screen." Here, in 1913, director Cecil B. DeMille made the first full-length moving picture in a barn not far from what's now the infamous intersection of Hollywood and Vine. The sidewalks are star studded, literally, with bronze stars of tribute to film industry legends. Though the likelihood of being "discovered" on a stool at Schwab's drugstore is no more, we all will have a first-

hand chance to have the thrill of our own opening night.

On opening night 1990, Sunday, October 21, the entire membership will have an opportunity to be on stage at Universal Studios, the largest and busiest of all studios. The studios' tram will take us on an exciting behind-the-scenes look at 420 acres of soundstage, props and sets. Be prepared to be attacked by the deadly "Jaws," King Kong, a galactic invasion, and for several other surprises. After the tour, cocktails and snacks will be provided as we greet old friends and make new acquaintances walking the streets of Paris and Sherlock Holmes' London, partying in the Moulin Rouge or rocking 'n' rolling on the set of *American Graffiti*. This promises to be an Oscar-winning event.

We expect that the Scientific Sessions will be filled with Oscar-quality performances as well. Starring as honored guest will be Dr. Charles B. Wilson, the Tong-Po Kan Professor and Chairman of Neurological Surgery at the University of California, San Francisco. His 3 major scientific presentations will be on glioblastomas (the past, present and future), AVM's — cryptic vascular malformations, and endocrine inactive pituitary adenomas.

The scientific program continues with the popular format of morning general scientific sessions. The first morning will be devoted to the rapidly expanded area of modern imaging in neurosurgery. This will include everything from the newest MRI techniques to three-dimensional imaging. The second morning will be devoted to the latest surgical techniques involving the thoracic spine, including instrumentation. The third morning will be divided between a panel discussing radiosurgery and a second panel presenting techniques for the surgical treatment of epilepsy. The fourth morning will include a lively discussion of the current treatment of acoustic neuromas. The CNS Resident Award paper will be presented during one of the morning sessions.

Special courses this year will include: Treatment of Arteriovenous Malformations; Endovascular Techniques in Neurosurgery; Frontiers in Stereotactic Surgery; and a presentation by the Joint Council of State Neurological Societies (JCSNS) entitled



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"Neurosurgery in the Year 2000." Practical courses will be held in the hotel and at UCLA and will include two different skull bases courses, lumbar and cervical spine instrumentation courses, and a course on stereotactic surgery. A new course on endovascular techniques will be offered as well as a course on techniques in aneurysm surgery. Each of the Joint Sections will have a separate meeting with presentation of pertinent papers and a forum on a specific topic. Resident awards will be presented at the tumor and the cerebrovascular meetings.

Fifty different luncheon discussion groups will be offered including nearly 200 experts in a wide variety of areas. Several video luncheon seminars will be available. The very popular Resident Luncheon will be held again this year with our honored guest, Doctor Wilson, meeting with the residents. Scientific posters will be conveniently available for viewing in the exhibit area throughout the meeting.

The annual meeting committees continue to adapt our scientific program in response to the suggestions of our membership. The result should be a productive and enjoyable 1990 Annual Meeting!

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