

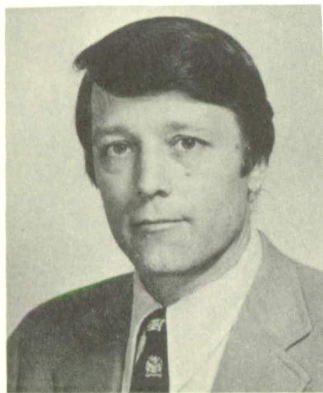
NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter



It is with pride and a sense of pleasure that I begin this brief term as your President. I look forward to working with you, and for you, during the next year. The Congress of Neurological Surgeons, the largest single neurosurgical organization in the world, has a commitment to education. At our next meeting in Toronto, October 3-8, 1982, the emphasis will be on *Pediatric Neurosurgery and Diseases of the Spine*.

The spectacular facilities offered by the Sheraton Centre Hotel, the international atmosphere of the city itself, the vigor and enthusiasm of your Annual Meeting Chairman, Dr. Chris Shields, the commitment of Dr. Donald Quest, Scientific Program Chairman, the good humor and dedication of the Local Arrangements Chairman, Dr. Alan Hudson, and his wife Susan, the vigor and expertise of our honored guest, Dr. Keiji Sano, will in all likelihood make this the most well-attended and enjoyable meeting the Congress of Neurological Surgeons has sponsored. I hope you will mark your calendars now for a meeting that we are convinced will be terrific.

Donald H. Stewart, Jr.
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1981 Annual Meeting

Pediatric Neurosurgery
Surgery of the Spine
Sheraton Centre Hotel
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS Report of the Executive Committee 31st Annual Meeting

Century Plaza Hotel Los Angeles, California

Under the outstanding leadership of our President, Doctor J. Fletcher Lee, the Executive Committee has met three times since the last Annual Meeting and has had two joint meetings with the officers of the AANS. Through these joint meetings and the prodigious activities of the various committees, the Executive Committee has attempted to maintain its responsiveness to the problems and requests of the membership.

The place of joint sections and/or joint committees with the AANS was given considerable discussion. As a result, Bylaws changes were proposed to allow for the creation of sections representing subspecialty interests in the Congress. Such a change will permit the creation of either joint sections or parallel sections with the AANS.

Considerable discussion was also given to the manpower question in neurosurgery. Doctor Kemp Clark, President of the AANS, in a special address to the Executive Committee of the Congress outlined the reasons why neither the AANS nor the American Board of Neurological Surgery has the authority to directly influence the number of residency positions in the United States. Work continues through appropriate committee structure, however, to improve the quality and assess the quantity of neurosurgical residency training programs.

Requests relative to validity of neurosurgical procedures continue to be handled through the Task and Terminology Subcommittee and the respective presidents of the AANS/CNS. Doctor Donald Quest, Chairman of the Devices and Drugs Committee is to be congratulated for his superb leadership of this Committee. He is replaced by Doctor Robert Crowell who will serve as the CNS representative to this joint committee.

Doctor John Tew, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Education, is to be complimented on his outstanding service as Co-Chairman of that Committee. He will be replaced by Doctor Robert Ratcheson who will serve as Co-Chairman with Doctor Stephen Mahaley, Jr. on the Joint Committee on Education.

Doctor Christopher Shields is to be congratulated for his aggressive pursuit in attempting to further the image and goals of organized neurosurgery through working