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Congress of *Neurological Surgeons*



Message From The President



Invigorated by the great scientific and social program at the 1996 CNS Meeting in Montreal, the CNS now turns its attention to important issues facing neurosurgery for the coming year. Some issues will likely reach a favorable resolution — the amended complaint from the Pedicle Screw Litigation Plaintiff's Liaison Committee no longer includes the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. Other issues, most notable the Medicare Practice Expense legislation, may have an immense negative impact upon neurosurgeons.

The Congress of Neurosurgical Surgeons is actively working with the AANS to address these and other important issues. The Joint Officers of the AANS and CNS regularly meet to coordinate these efforts in an effective and cost-efficient manner. Duplicate initiatives between the two organizations have been largely eliminated, and the resulting joint programs are focused responses to better serve the needs of the neurosurgical community. For example, the Joint AANS/CNS Washington Committee directs initiatives related to public policy, including reimbursement, liability, research, legislation and relationships with other public and professional organizations. The AANS/CNS Joint Council of State Neurosurgical Societies addresses critical socioeconomic and workplace issues impacting neurosurgeons, providing timely input to both organization on priority issues. The AANS/CNS Joint

Sections provide the component infrastructure by which subspecialty issues are coordinated and implemented. Neurosurgery://On-Call (<http://www.aans.org/>), a joint initiative of the AANS and CNS, is moving forward under the leadership of William Friedman to provide an electronic forum for neurosurgeons of the future. The reformulated AANS/CNS Joint Committee on Quality Assessment is addressing important issues related to outcomes, guidelines and regulation of devices under the direction of Robert Florin and Steve Haines. A new joint AANS/CNS Task Force on Public Relations chaired by Edward Laws is designing a program through which neurosurgeons can effectively promote their critical role in patient care.

In summary, the coming year will undoubtedly be important for neurosurgeons in the changing arena of health care delivery and public policy. As always, the Congress of Neurological Surgeons remains dedicated to the mission of education, which is the cornerstone of our profession. In addition, the CNS is priding effective leadership and efficient allocation of resources to represent the needs of practicing neurosurgeons. The success of the programs depends in large part upon the input and volunteer efforts of the CNS membership. I look forward to working with you on these important issues in the coming year.

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CNS Welcomes You

The Congress of Neurological Surgeons welcomes you to the great city of New Orleans for its annual meeting, which takes place from September 27th to October 2nd. The New Orleans Hilton Hotel will serve as the meeting headquarters, providing a spectacular setting on the River, being linked to the Convention Center via the famous Riverwalk. Numerous social events and exciting tours will be available making this a wonderful opportunity to have your family also attend the meeting. The Scientific Program Chairman, Dr. Mark Hadley, has assembled an outstanding scientific program with the help of his planning committee. The open scientific sessions will feature a look into the next century and how one's practice perspective will be changed by integrated global information systems. To this end, several plenary session talks will be available to the subscriber on the Internet through Neurosurgery on Call (NOC). Point-Counterpoint discussions on current and future controversies in *Neurosurgery* will feature experts to provide up to the minute opinions on some of the more controversial issues. The scientific program will also highlight "Brain Attack" and provide the latest management guidelines, thus emphasizing the critical role neurosurgeons should assume in caring for the acute stroke patient. Finally, the integrated approach to brain and spinal cord-injured patients will be outlined with a comprehensive panel of experts.

Special Courses will emphasize the integrated concepts of telecommunications in the present and future practice of the neurosurgeon and provide the paradigms to implement these important pathways to deliver the most advanced care for our patients. Advances in functional imaging in terms of its practical use for current patient

care will also be emphasized. Of course, the very popular Practical Courses will again provide the meeting attendants with an interactive format to refresh and sharpen their operative skills and clinical perspective.

Overall, we expect to provide an extremely exciting scientific program, complemented with a social setting in one of the world's greatest cities. We'll look forward to seeing you and yours in New Orleans this coming fall.

PROFILE OF PAST CNS PRESIDENTS:

Stephen J. Haines, M.D. 1995-1996 CNS President

Stephen J. Haines, M.D., of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, has been an active member of the CNS since 1982, serving in such top leadership positions as Vice President and as a member of the Executive Committee.

Dr. Haines received his bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, in 1971 and earned his medical degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine. He completed an internship in surgery at the University of Minnesota Health Sciences Center, served as a resident in neurological surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and completed a fellowship in Clinical Trials at the University Department of Clinical Neurology, Oxford University.

He currently serves as Head of the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery, Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Minnesota. He also holds academic appointments as Professor of Neurosurgery, Otolaryngology and Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Haines has played an active role in a variety of professional organizations, holding such positions as President of the Minnesota Society for Neurological Sciences, Vice President of the International Society for the Pediatric Skull Base, President of the Minnesota Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the Neurosurgical Society of America, and Chairman of the Research and Protocol Committee of the North American Skull Base Society.

In addition to maintaining an active neurosurgical practice, Dr. Haines is a distinguished researcher and author. As principal investigator, his research projects delved into such topics as experimental surgical incision of brain stem



1996 Honored Guest

Peter Joseph Jannetta, MD, DSc(hon), FACS, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Hadonfield, New Jersey, and York, Pennsylvania. He attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he received both the AB and MD degrees. Achievement came early; he was a high school all-American swimmer and was president of his class at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Jannetta trained first in general surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, but he saw the light and, after 3 years as an NIH Fellow in neurophysiology, undertook training in neurological surgery at UCLA, which he completed in 1966. His first academic appointment in neurological surgery was as Associate Professor and Chief of the Division of Neurological Surgery at Louisiana State University. In 1971, he became Professor and Chief of the Division of Neurological Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh. This division became a department in 1973. He held the Francis Sargent Cheever distinguished professorship at the University of Pittsburgh from 1976 to 1978. In 1989, Washington and Jefferson College granted him the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa. In 1992, he was honored as the first Walter Dandy Professor of Neurological Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Jannetta is a prolific contributor to scientific literature; he has given invited lectures and has been visiting professor at institutions throughout the world. His seminal contributions in the understanding and treatment of vascular compression syndromes of the brainstem and cranial nerves are internationally known. At the University of Pittsburgh he has created one of the most outstanding schools of neurological surgery in the world. He has fostered an environment of creativity that has produced several of the major advances in neurosurgery in the past two decades. Five of the 17 Van Wagenen Fellows named since 1980 have trained under Dr. Jannetta.

Dr. Jannetta is a musician at heart, schooled on the piano but mastering the tenor banjo—skills honed in the jazz clubs of New Orleans. He has an eclectic interest in the arts and is currently applying some of his surgical skills to sculpting in plaster. He is the proud father of six children: two physicians, two international business executives, an historian, and an actor. His wife, Diana, is an art collector and critic.

Dr. Jannetta's charismatic personality and wide-ranging skills have brought him recognition outside the field of neurosurgery. In 1995 and 1996, he was Secretary of Health for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He was selected as Man of the Year in the Sciences by Vectors/Pittsburgh in 1990, and also was elected to membership in the Horatio Alger Association during that year.

Peter Jannetta is a unique, innovative, and charismatic neurosurgeon and educator. The Congress of Neurological Surgeons was privileged to have him as its 1996 Honored Guest.

hemorrhage and conventional vs. percutaneous discectomy. He is a coinvestigator in the ongoing NIH NINCDS North American Symptomatic Carotid Endarterectomy Trial. Dr. Haines also is the author of more than 100 scientific journal articles and presentations, and coauthor of two books. He currently serves on the Editorial Boards of the journals *Neurosurgery*, *Child's Nervous System*, *Concepts in Neurosurgery*, and *Critical Review in Neurosurgery*.

CALL FOR CONCEPTS AND INNOVATIONS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEUROSURGERY

The Concepts and Innovations section has been conceived to establish a new dimension in journalistic presentation. Because of individual variations in the creative mind and the ability to effectively carry ideas through to fruition, many concepts or novel ideas are left "on the shelf" or are unheard because, for one reason or another, individuals do not have the capability to

see them through to absolute or practically developed completion.

This section of the journal will offer a forum for all those who wish to present new concepts or ideas related to neurosurgery and neuroscience, as applied to neurological disorders, and will offer the opportunity for the logical and substantive presentation of ideas and novel issues without absolute confirmation within clinical or laboratory sectors. New concepts with potential application to all foci of practice will be welcomed.

WITH APPRECIATION

The CNS and *Neurosurgery* express their gratitude to Codman/Johnson & Johnson for sponsoring journal subscriptions for first-year neurosurgical residents. Their thoughtfulness will undoubtedly have lasting impact on the careers of those individuals.

The members of the Joint Section For Cerebrovascular Surgery express their gratitude to Codman/Johnson & Johnson and Zeiss for sponsoring the banquet and entertainment for the Sec-

ond Annual Meeting at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California.

STATEMENT

To clarify the issue of subspecialty boards in neurosurgery, the Joint Officers of the AANS and CNS issued the following statement:

"The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) encourage and endorse Board certification for all neurosurgeons. The AANS and CNS recognize the American Board of Medical Specialties as the organization that ensures quality in the Board Certification process. Certification is secured through examination by the American Board of Neurological Surgery (the recognized agent of the American Board of Medical Specialties), the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada, or the Mexican Board of Neurological Surgery. It represents recognition of satisfactory completion of a prescribed curriculum of education and training in neurosurgery, including but not limited to the diagnosis and surgical treatment of disorders of the spine, the central and peripheral nervous system, the internal and external vascular supply to these structures, the cranial vault, and the neuroendocrine system in the adult and pediatric populations. The American Board of Neurological Surgery, the American Board of Medical Specialties, the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada, and the Mexican Board of Neurological Surgery do not certify any subspecialty in neurosurgery."

NEUROSURGERY ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS

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1997 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

*Earnest N. Morial Convention Center
New Orleans, Louisiana
September 27–October 2*

*Mitchel S. Berger, Meeting Chairman
Mark N. Hadlev, Program Chairman
Frank Culicchia, Local Arrangements Chairman*

CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

The following are the planned sites and dates for future annual meetings of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons:

1997	New Orleans, LA; September 27–October 2
1998	Seattle, WA; October 3–8
1999	Boston, MA; October 23–28
2000	San Antonio, TX; September 23–28

ACADEMY ANNOUNCES OFFICERS

The members of the Executive Committee of the American Academy of Neurological Surgeons for 1997 are as follows:

Julian T. Hoff, M.D., President
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New Member Applications

The following individuals have applied for membership to the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. Please submit any questions or commentary regarding applicants to Paul C. McCormick, M.D., Chairman of the Membership Committee, Congress of Neurological Surgeons, Neurological Institute, 710 West 168th Street, New York, NY 10032. Tel: (212) 305-7976 Fax: (212) 305-2026.
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THINK FIRST UPDATE

The year 1996 marked the 10th anniversary of the THINK FIRST Foundation's National Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Program, founded by E. Fletcher Eyster, M.D., and Clark Watts, M.D. Since inception of the program 4.1 million people have heard this invaluable injury prevention message.

In 1995 the THINK FIRST Programs were surveyed to determine their level of activity and other pertinent program information. In the survey 175 local programs reported 6,039 presentations which reached 717,815 people. Programs were presented in high schools (49%), middle schools (25%), elementary schools (15%) and other settings, i.e., service clubs, military, and health fairs (10%). Thirty-two percent of the presentations were conducted in urban regions, 48% in suburban regions, and 20% in rural areas. Seventy-seven percent of the presentations were in individual classroom settings while 23% were in assembly settings. Topics of discussion included spinal cord injury (72%) and traumatic brain injury (28%). Guest speakers included 657 individuals who spoke on behalf of their THINK FIRST program, all of whom sustained prior injuries related to vehicular incidents (57%), water incidents (15%), violence (11%), sports and recreational incidents (7%), bicycle incidents (3%), or other sources, i.e., falls, pedestrian incidents, etc. (7%).

The local programs are the "back bone" of the Foundation. THINK FIRST applauds all of the local coordinators and sponsoring neurosurgeons for their dedication and commitment to this injury prevention effort.

THINK FIRST Foundation Elects New Officers

The THINK FIRST Foundation is pleased to announce the election of four new officers and two new members to the board of directors. Thomas G. Saul, M.D. became chairman of the board in October 1996 for a two-year term. Other new officers of the Executive Committee are Edward S. Connolly, M.D. (Vice Chairman), Donald B. Tobin, J.D. (Secretary), and Jeffrey M. Lobosky, M.D. (Medical Director). Mr. Tobin and Ms. Fran Inman were also unanimously elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term. Mr. Tobin is a Patent & Trademark Counsel for The Gillette Company and Ms. Inman is CEO of Inman & Associates, a marketing

firm in Newport Beach, California. The THINK FIRST Foundation welcomes the new officers and extends its appreciation to past officer James Yunker, Ed.D. for his dedicated and diligent service to the Foundation.

Roy W. Black and E. Fletcher Eyster, M.D. announced their decision to retire from the board as cochairmen during the Foundation's Board of Directors meeting held April 29, 1996. During The American Association of Neurological Surgeons Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota they were named Chairmen Emeritus of the THINK FIRST Foundation, given their tireless efforts and leadership contributions to the Foundation. Black and Eyster are original board members and have not only contributed their professional guidance, but have spent endless personal hours supporting and nurturing the Foundation's efforts.

Frederick H. Grubbe has been chosen to serve as the Foundation's first Chief Executive Officer. Serving with Dr. Saul on the selection committee were Foundation board members Michael J. Caron, M.D., Charles N. Dunn, Jr., Fran Inman, and Jeffrey M. Lobosky, M.D. A national executive search was conducted by Smith Beers Yunker and Company, an international consultancy with offices in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Merseyside, England. Of his appointment, Mr. Grubbe said, "I believe the Foundation's mission is noble and important. I could not be more thrilled with the opportunity before me to further that mission." He recalls his first exposure to the aftermath of debilitating injury when, in high school, a family friend was injured playing hockey and remains paralyzed today. His professional experience further sensitized him to the tragedy of brain and spinal cord injury. Mr. Grubbe brings solid administrative and management skills to the post as well as a strong personal affinity for issues of safety and prevention. Early in his career, Mr. Grubbe served as assistant director of public services for the College of American Pathologists. In 1986, he organized a tour of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago for then-Vice President and Mrs. George Bush. Later, in 1988, he served as deputy regional political director for the Bush/Quayle campaign. In 1991, as deputy administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, he supervised an award-winning national public service program to encourage the use of seat belts. In 1992, President Bush appointed Mr. Grubbe to serve as deputy director of the United States Office of Consumer Affairs. Before accepting the position with THINK FIRST, Mr. Grubbe was Director of Special Projects for the Million

Dollar Round Table in Park Ridge, Illinois. Mr. Grubbe and his wife, Mary Duke, live in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Their son, Will, is almost two years old, and a second child is expected in July.

Making the announcement, chairman of the board Thomas G. Saul, M.D., said, "I believe the fact that we have named our first CEO speaks to where the Foundation is in its evolution. We have reached a point where we need strong central leadership in our National Office to oversee the day-to-day business that is necessary to complement the work of our many volunteers. This is an important step toward the future. Mr. Grubbe demonstrates a very good understanding and emotional feel for our mission and brings with him an excellent background in safety through his work with the United States Department of Transportation. It is also important to have someone in this position who feels strongly about the program and has the ability to lead others in a way that makes them believers in what we are doing. Mr. Grubbe was chosen by unanimous vote of the selection committee from among more than 200 high caliber applicants. I think we made an excellent choice."

Popular Rock Band R.E.M. Makes Generous Gift to Prevention Program

During a worldwide tour of the famous rock band, R.E.M., drummer Bill Berry collapsed on stage at a concert in Lucerne, Switzerland. Through this dramatic and unfortunate event, band members became supporters of the THINK FIRST Foundation.

An R.E.M. employee, Brooke Johnson, immediately called Florida neurosurgeon, Gaston J. Acosta-Rua, M.D., who had trained in Zurich and was able to recommend Nic deTribolet, M.D., Chief of Neurosurgery, University Hospital, Geneva and Lucerne. Berry's collapse was the result of a subarachnoid hemorrhage and during surgery deTribolet discovered two cerebral aneurysms, both of which were repaired. Berry fully recovered in only a few months. R.E.M. then continued its world tour through completion in November 1995. Out of gratitude for Dr. Acosta-Rua's help in securing the services of Dr. deTribolet, R.E.M. made a gift of \$7,500 in his honor to the THINK FIRST Foundation. Dr. Acosta-Rua is a founding member of the national Board of Directors of the Foundation and a former vice chair of the Board. When asked what the band members could do to show their appreciation, Dr. Acosta-Rua suggested they might consider an investment in the THINK FIRST program.



Academy Selects Academy Award Winner

John S. Yu, M.D., of the Department of Neurosurgery at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, was selected by the American Academy of Neurological Surgery as its 1996 Academy Award winner. Dr. Yu received the award for his presentation, "Drug Regulated Apoptotic Death in a Rat Glioma Model Mediated by a Novel Retroviral Vector." Dr. Yu received the award at the Annual Meeting of the Academy held in September at the Greenbrier.

Joseph F. Megyesi, M.D., of the Division of Neurosurgery, McKenzie Health Sciences Center, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, was selected as runner up for the Academy Award, which is sponsored each year by the American Academy of Neurological Surgery to recognize clinical or laboratory research by neurosurgical residents in training in North America.

CNS Clinical Fellowship Awards

1995 CNS Clinical Fellowship Award Winner:

Jason A. Brodkey M.D., completed a fellowship in Toronto evaluating movement disorders and pain mechanisms and treatment.

1996 CNS Clinical Fellowship Award Winners:

A. Bruce Pollock, M.D., who trained at the University of Pittsburgh completed a fellowship at the University of Toronto under the preceptorship of Ronald R. Trasker initiating prospective clinical trials using novel microelectrode recording techniques of the thalamus and pallidum during functional neurosurgical procedures.

John Wong, M.D., who trained at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, completed a Neurovascular fellowship at Yale University under the preceptorship of Issam A. Awad evaluating the histopathology of cavernous malformations

CNS Clinical Fellowships

The Congress of Neurological Surgeons offers its resident members two clinical fellows awards per year. The fellowships provide financial assistance to neurosurgical residents and recent graduates to facilitate the acquisition of clinical skills and knowledge. These awards may be used to cover travel and housing expenses for a 3- to 6-month elective rotation at an institution that is outside the primary training program. Such a rotation might provide in-depth experience in a particular subspecialty.

Eligibility: All CNS resident members who have completed at least 3 years of training in an approved neurosurgical training program are eligible. Awards made during the final year of training may be used also during the first 12 months after completing residency training. Application forms are available from the resident membership office, on request by mail or fax. The deadline for receipt of applications for the 1997 CNS Clinical Fellowship Awards (to begin July 1, 1997) is January 15, 1997. Contact: Curtis A. Dickman, M.D., Chairman, CNS Resident Committee. Tel: 602/406-3957; Fax: 602/264-2417.

CNS Subspecialty Fellowship Directory

Are you interested in listings of neurosurgical subspecialty fellowship positions offered in both the United States and Canada? The CNS provides this list free of charge to its members. To obtain a fellowship directory please contact: Curtis A. Dickman, M.D., Chairman, CNS Resident Committee, 2910 N. 3rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013. Tel: (602) 406-3957. Fax: (602) 264-2417.

CNS Placement Service

Are you looking for a job position or a new associate for your practice? The CNS Placement Service provides a free confidential service to its members to aid in selecting a position or a

partner. Both academic and private practice opportunities are available.

For further information please contact: Cameron G. McDougall, M.D., Chairman, CNS Placement Committee, 2910 North 3rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013. Tel: (602) 406-3957, Fax: (602) 264-2417.

Valuable Gifts to Archives

The Archives Committee is pleased to announce two valuable gifts to the Archives of the Congress. Dr. A. Norman Guthkelch recently donated a special edition of Volume 1 of Clinical Neurosurgery to the Congress Archives. This leather-bound edition is inscribed in gold print "With appreciation, to SIR GEOFFREY JEFFERSON, Congress of Neurological Surgeons." This book was presented to Sir Geoffrey Jefferson after he was the Honored Guest in 1953 at the Third Annual Meeting of the Congress in New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Raymond K. Thompson was Editor-in-Chief for this volume.

Dr. Guthkelch stated that Sir Jefferson's sons gave the volume to his favorite pupil, Dr. James Hardman, after Sir Jefferson's death in January, 1961. Mr. Hardman had become Sheffield's first indigenous neurosurgeon in 1939, and was as keen a bibliophile as Sir Jefferson and Harvey Cushing. When Mr. Hardman died his books were put up for auction. Fortunately for the Congress, Dr. Guthkelch purchased this volume and has now donated it to the Congress. Inside the book is a handwritten note "Presented to James Hardman, Esq., FRCS by Michael and Anthony Jefferson as a memento of their father, 29/1/61.

Dr. Bruce F. Sorensen, Past President of the Congress, donated a bound Volume 1, Number 1, C July/August 1977 of Neurosurgery to the Congress Archives. On the inside cover is written: "Dick M. Hoover—We're off on another Congress venture. I hope this succeeds as the others have. Bob Wilkins." Past President, Robert H. Wilkins, was the first Editor of Neurosurgery. All the Officers of the Congress at that time, many members of the Executive Committee, many members of the Editorial Board, and Special Feature Editors have autographed this copy.

John M. Thompson M.D.,
Historian and Chairman of the Archives Committee

INTERNATIONAL

WORLD FEDERATION OF NEUROSURGICAL SOCIETIES AWARD FOR PEDIATRIC NEUROSURGERY

The World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies, through the support of Pudenz Schulte and Galen Gryphon, will provide an award of \$1,500 for the best paper on pediatric neurosurgery presented at the forthcoming World Congress of Neurosurgery to be held in Amsterdam, July 6-11, 1997. The individual applying for this award must be under the age of 35 years at the time of the meeting in Amsterdam. The papers should be double spaced and sent to:

Professor Harold J. Hoffman, Chairman of the Scientific Committee on Pediatric Neurosurgery of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies, The Hospital for Sick Children, 555 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1X8, Canada.

WORLD FEDERATION OF NEUROSURGICAL SOCIETIES MEETING

The World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies announced that Sydney, Australia will be the site of their XIIth International Congress, to be held in 2001.

WORLD DIRECTORY OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS, 7TH EDITION

The CNS is pleased to announce the availability of the 7th Edition of the *World Directory of Neurological Surgeons* (the world, exclusive of the U.S. and Canada). This volume, published in late 1993, contains listings for 14,600 neurosurgeons and includes demographic reviews of their distribution in 129 countries. The purchase price of the *Directory* (including handling and shipping) is US\$60.00. Checks should be made payable to The Congress of Neurological Surgeons and mailed to the address listed below.

Mailing labels for the listings contained in the *Directory* are also available for purchase by neurological surgeons, neurosurgical organizations, program and

meeting arrangers, and carefully selected commercial use. The *Directory* is protected by copyright, and it is implicit, therefore, that recipients of the *Directory* and the labels must observe this copyright and not reproduce the lists for any purpose. This is a condition to which they agree in accepting delivery. Requests and/or inquiries can be sent to the following address: George Ablin, M.D., World Directory of Neurological Surgeons, 2828 H Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF THE NEUROSCIENCES, INC.

The International Society for the History of the Neurosciences, Inc., was founded by a group of neurohistorians at a meeting in Montreal, Canada, in May 1995. Its mission is to promote the history of the neurosciences by improving communication and education among neurohistorians, and to improve the quality and quantity of work in the field. We hope to attract participants from all of the clinical and experimental neurosciences, as well as professional historians and others with related interests. There will be annual meetings (usually in the spring), which will be held in alternate years in North America and on another continent (usually Europe). The Society's official publication is the *Journal of the History of the Neurosciences*, whose founder and continuing editor is F. Clifford Rose, M.D., of the Neurological Centre, London, England.

The founding officers of the Society include: President Stanley Finger, Ph.D. (Psychology/Neural Science, Washington University, St Louis, MO); President Elect, Peter Koehler, M.D. (Neurology, De Wever Hospital, Heerlen, The Netherlands); Duane Haines, Ph.D., Secretary (address below); and Treasurer, Samuel Greenblatt, M.D. (Neurosurgery, Brown University, Pawtucket, RI). Annual dues of US\$95.00 include a subscription to the *Journal*, published by Swets & Zeitlinger of Lisse, The Netherlands. For informa-

tion and membership application forms, please contact: Duane Haines, Secretary ISHN, Department of Anatomy, University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216-4505. Tel: (601) 984-1640, Fax: (601) 984-1655; e-mail: dehaines@fiona.usmed.edu.

FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION IN NEUROSURGERY UPDATE AND REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Foundation for International Education in Neurosurgery (FIENS) continues to develop activities that are primarily designed to foster education in developing areas of the world. These initiatives are coordinated with the activities of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies, which, through its Education Committee, has sponsored a number of regional educational programs for neurosurgeons in developing areas. The Foundation assists in providing faculty for these larger educational efforts. The major current activities of FIENS consist of programs in Africa. The Foundation has worked with neurosurgeons in Ghana in an attempt to help develop an indigenous neurosurgical training program there. This has involved sending senior level residents and faculty for varying periods of time, usually 3 to 6 months for residents and 2 to 4 weeks for faculty support. FIENS has supported a program in Zimbabwe to provide neurosurgical assistance to the program already in place there, and it has supported an African trainee, who currently is a resident at Yale, in the initial steps to develop a neuroscience initiative for Southern Africa. She has been a liaison with the Panafrican Neurosurgical Association, which strongly supports this concept, and we anticipate rapid development. Another new project involves a Senior Neurosurgical Interchange with Peru under the guidance of Dr. Anselmo Pineda and the Peruvian American Neurosurgical Society. Opportunities exist for volunteer neurosurgeons to go to Peru and visit and work in a number of different medical centers around the country. FIENS maintains a roster of neurosurgeons interested in serving as volunteers. For volunteer experiences of at least 4 to 6 weeks, the Foundation will support the volunteer's air travel expenses. The host country is ordinarily able to underwrite most of the volunteer's expenses incurred at work. Further information and volunteer request forms can be obtained from: Office of the Secretary of the Foun-



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Neurosurgical Colleagues

FROM: Vincent Traynelis, MD
1997 CNS Open Scientific Session Coordinator

SUBJECT: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

DEADLINE: May 8, 1997

This is the Call for Abstracts for the 1997 Annual Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons to be held September 27 through October 2, 1997, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The May 8 DEADLINE is critical. Abstracts received after this date will not be considered.

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