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## PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME to the 1983

## ANNUAL MEETING

## CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

Welcome to Chicago for the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. The theme of the Scientific Program is New Technology in Neurosurgery and Education. Therefore, we are planning to expose you to the latest advances in technology for the practice of your profession, acquaint you with educational trends for the future and expose you and your family to the many exciting educational and entertaining faces of Chicago.

In keeping with the theme of your meeting, a number of innovations will be offered for your evaluation. First, the meeting has been scheduled to encompass a weekend which is designed to require minimal time away from your practice, divide the meeting into two days of practical courses and small workshops prior to the onset of the principal scientific program, and to provide your family the opportunity to enjoy some special events in one of the most exciting cities in the world.

The scientific program will be led by Honored Guest, *Dr. C. Miller Fisher*, the "neurosurgeon's neurologist," who has made so many contributions in clinical neuroscience that he is already a hero to all neurosurgeons. Your Scientific Program Chairman, Dr. Robert Crowell, has planned a unique combination of practical courses, small workshops, intimate seminars, luncheon discussion groups, major symposia, and three scientific sessions (brain tumor, pain, and cerebrovascular) to question the established practice and stimulate ideas for new concepts. A special session on Sunday morning will examine a wide range of new ideas from high technology of computers for education to humanism in medicine. *Mr. Norman Cousins*, former editor of *Saturday Review*, and noted medical writer and philosopher, will be among the guests for this special session.

The Hyatt-Regency Hotel in Chicago is one of the largest in the world and will provide a unique setting for our meeting. Located in the heart of the loop and at the foot of the Gold Coast, this elegant giant will provide spectacular exhibits, unlimited meeting space, and exciting facilities for entertainment. Dr. Robert Ratcheson, and his Annual Meeting Committee, have planned to utilize this unique hotel and it's exceptional staff to meet the most exacting needs of our members and guests.

Local arrangements for Chicago is directed by Larry and Jenifer Ferguson who have recruited a compliment of the city's experts. In a spirit of cooperation, seldom seen, this devoted group of neurosurgeons and their talented spouses have planned an array of events which you can't miss. The entire Chicago Art Institute will host your opening reception on Saturday evening. Theatre, symphony, tours of Chicago's unique sights of interest, aerobic exercise, fun runs, ecumenical church services, and exciting Auxiliary programs will be capped by a gala Masked Ball on Halloween eve where all will dance to the Internationally famous band of Peter Duchin.

Plan now to make Chicago and the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, your event for 1983. Pre-register early in order to ensure participation in the events of your choice. Registration will open at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago on October 28, 1983 at 1:00 p.m.

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