



# NEWSLETTER



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### NEW LOOK FOR NEWSLETTER

The new look, initiated with this issue, represents the first face-lifting for the Newsletter since its inception two decades ago. The changes were prompted by our President, Bernard Patrick, who felt that the time had come for a more attractive format. We hope that the innovations meet with the approval of the membership. Despite the more expensive appearance, production shortcuts have permitted economies which will keep the cost of the Newsletter comparable to previous years.

The Newsletter will continue its primary mission of informing the membership of Congress news, particularly plans for the annual meeting. Among new sections being added are recent academic and clinical appointments, and honors received by members. Residents are being added to the mailing list and items of concern to them will be included. Future issues will contain reports from Congress committees relative to important matters such as socio-economics and neurosurgical manpower. Where appropriate, different viewpoints will be presented. In this way, the Newsletter may serve to inform, as well as to stimulate discussion of problems relating to neurosurgical practice.

Members and residents are invited to contribute news items and comments, addressed to the Editor.

Perry Black, Editor

### DENVER MEETING SUCCESS — RECORD ATTENDANCE



Dr. Francis Murphey, Honored Guest, addressing Congress

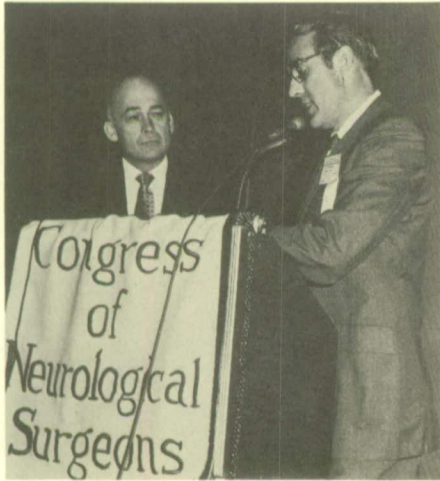
A record 1,656 people attended the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Congress in Denver this past October. The main theme of the meeting was "The Vertebral Column and Spinal Cord" with half-day symposia devoted to problem areas such as "Failures of Lumbar Disc Surgery", and "Spinal Cord Injury". Dr. Francis Murphey, Honored Guest, delivered three major addresses on topics relating to the main theme. The Special Interest Workshops offered a variety of topics ranging from Microsurgery to Chemotherapy of Brain Tumors. The Luncheon Discussion Groups again proved popular. An innovation was the introduction of two simultaneous full-day courses -- Pathology of Brain Tumors, and Aspects of Neuroradiology. The commercial and scientific exhibits were of high quality.

The success of the meeting was the culmination of more than a year's detailed planning by the Annual Meeting Committee, masterfully orchestrated by Bruce Sorensen. Among those whose committees played leading roles were: James Barnes (Seminars), Perry Black (Scientific Program), William Buchheit (Sergeant-at-Arms), William Coxe and Gary VanderArk (Special Courses), Robert Grossman (Workshops), Homer McClintock (Local Arrangements), Larry Page (Member Participation),

Matthew Presti and David Kline (Supplementary Scientific Session), Albert Rhoton, Jr. (Exhibits), Joseph Rowland (Host), John Shillito, Jr. (Pediatric Symposium), Bennett Stein (Registration), Robert Sturman (Public Relations). Behind the scenes were many committee members, too numerous to mention, who made a vital contribution to the meeting.

The only hitch in an otherwise outstanding meeting was a mix-up in room reservations on the part of the hotel, resulting in inconvenience for a number of registrants. Steps are being taken to preclude such difficulties at future Congress meetings.

#### BERNARD PATRICK ELECTED PRESIDENT



Installation ceremony: Dr. Bernard S. Patrick (l.) taking over Presidency from Dr. John N. Meagher (r.)

At the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Congress in Denver, Dr. Bernard S. Patrick of Jackson, Mississippi was elected to the Presidency, succeeding Dr. John N. Meagher of Columbus, Ohio. Other newly elected officers were: George Tindall, President-Elect; James Robertson, Vice-President; Robert Ojemann, Secretary; Bruce Sorensen, Treasurer.

At the installation ceremony, outgoing President Jack Meagher presented Certificates of Service to retiring members of the Executive Committee: George Becker, Barton Brown and Ross Fleming. Newly elected members of the Executive Committee are Perry Black, William Buchheit and Jim Story. Apart from the Officers of the Congress, other current members of the Executive Committee are Donald Dohn, David Kelly, Jack Meagher, and Kenneth Smith.

The new Officers of the Auxiliary are: President - Mrs. Bernard Patrick (Jo), President-Elect - Mrs. George Tindall (Suzie), Vice-President - Mrs. James Robertson (Valeria), Secretary - Mrs. David Kelly (Sally), and Treasurer - Mrs. Bruce Sorensen (Suzanne). The Auxiliary Board of Directors will consist of: Mrs. John Meagher (Maxine), Mrs. Robert Ojemann (Jean), Mrs. Albert Rhoton (Joyce), Mrs. Kenneth Smith (Marjorie), and Mrs. Jim Story (Joanne).

#### PEOPLE

APPOINTMENTS ... Dr. Philip Gildenberg - Professor and Chairman of Neurosurgery, Univ. of Arizona School of Medicine, Tucson, Arizona .... Dr. Anthony J. Raimondi - Professor and Chairman of Division of Neurological Surgery, and Professor of Anatomy, Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago .... Dr. Robert H. Wilkins - Chairman, Dept. of Neurosurgery, Scott and White Clinic, Temple, Texas.

HONORS ... Capt. Frederick E. Jackson, Chief of Neurosurgery at Camp Pendleton, California is the 1972 recipient of the Admiral Joel T. Boone Award of the Association of Military Surgeons, for his contributions to military neurological surgery.

OBITUARY ... We regret to report the recent death of Dr. Jerome F. Grunnagle, Naples, Florida.

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