

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

16th Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences

Approximately 250 delegates from across Canada attended the 16th Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences held in Calgary June 24-27, 1981. Pre-congress courses, which have become an increasingly popular component of this meeting, were organized on the first day of the Congress. This year's courses focused on the topics "Neuroendocrinology", "Electroencephalography", and "Anatomical Basis of Contemporary Neurosurgery". A one day meeting of the Canadian Association for Child Neurology was also held in conjunction with the Congress.

Special guests at the 1981 Congress included Professor Gazi Yasargil from Zurich who delivered the Penfield lecture, Professor John Desmedt from Brussels who presented the Canadian Neurological Society guest lecture, and Professor Douglas Miller from Edinburgh, the Royal College lecturer.

Social events included an Alberta Heritage Night at the University of Calgary Faculty of Medicine, a barbecue and rodeo at a ranch in the Foothills west of Calgary, and the annual boat races (rafting on the Bow River). Much to their embarrassment, teams representing neurology, neurosurgery, and clinical neurophysiology were decisively beaten by a team of neurological-neurosurgical nurses.

The final day of the Congress consisted of a Symposium entitled "Future Directions for Research in the Clinical Neurosciences: Policies, Strategy, and Funding". Participants included Drs. Albert Aguayo, Donald Tower, Louis Poirier, Michael Graham, Patrick McGeer, Keith Cooper, Joseph Martin, John Desmedt, and the Chairman, Dr. Robert Lee. It is planned to publish a summary of the discussions which took place at this Symposium in a future issue of the Journal.

Association of Canadian Neuroscientists

On June 17, 1981, during the annual

meeting of the Canadian Federation of Biological Sciences in Montreal a group of Canadian neuroscientists met to officially form a new organization — the Association of Canadian Neuroscientists. Until now basic neuroscientists in Canada have been affiliated with a number of regional chapters of the Society for Neuroscience. These chapters will continue to function, but it was felt that there was a need for a new organization to promote better communication between both basic and clinical neuroscientists across Canada, to represent the interests of the neuroscience community in Canada, and to provide a unified voice for Canadian neuroscience.

The officers elected at the Montreal meeting are: President - Dr. Vivian Abrahams, Kingston, Vice-President - Dr. Albert Aguayo, Montreal, Secretary - Dr. Robert Dykes, Montreal, Treasurer - Dr. Anthony Phillips, Vancouver.

The next business meeting of the Association will be held during the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in Los Angeles, October 18-23, 1981. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Dykes, Microsurgery Research Laboratory, Royal Victoria Hospital, 687 Pine Avenue West, Montreal, Quebec, H3A 1A1.

Alzheimer Society

At the recent annual meeting of the Alzheimer Society, Arthur J. Dalton, Ph.D. was elected President. Dr. Dalton, a psychologist, is director of the behavior research program, Surrey Place Centre, Toronto.

Recognizing the fact that an estimated 60,000 in Canada are afflicted by Alzheimer's disease, with about 9,000 fatalities per year, the Alzheimer Society was established in 1978 with a federal charter to provide support to families of sufferers, to promote education on Alzheimer's disease, and to stimulate and coordinate research efforts. The Society has grown to 950 members, and chapters exist in 19

cities in 8 provinces across Canada. A major fund-raising drive will be launched this fall.

Forthcoming Events

September 14-16, 1981 American Neurological Association Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency Hotel, San Francisco. For information contact: Dr. James F. Toole, Box 29-A, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103.

September 14-18, 1981 Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Annual Meeting, Toronto Hilton Harbor Castle Hotel. Symposia which will be of interest to neurologists and neurosurgeons include:

- 1) Production and function of neuropeptides,
- 2) Stroke - new approaches to an old problem,
- 3) Managing neurological and neurosurgical emergencies,
- 4) Positron emission tomography of the brain and heart,
- 5) Recent advances in pediatric neurology,
- 6) The neuro-ophthalmology of migraine.

In addition there will be a session of free communications in the neurosciences.

September 13-18, 1981 10th International Congress of Electroencephalography and Clinical Neurophysiology, Kyoto, Japan. For information contact: Secretariat: Crescent Plaza 103, 4-6, Minami-Aoyama 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 107 Japan.

September 17-21, 1981 Epilepsy International Congress, Kyoto, Japan. For information contact Secretariat: Crescent Plaza 103, 4-6, Minami-Aoyama 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 107 Japan.

September 20-25, 1981 12th World Congress of Neurology. For information contact Secretariat: c/o Simul International, Inc., Kowa Building No. 9, 1-8-10, Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107, Japan. The main themes for this Congress are:

- 1) Hemispheric specialization in man
- 2) Cerebrovascular diseases
- 3) Neurotransmitter and neuropeptide dysfunction in relation to neurological disease
- 4) Viral infections of the nervous system

September 17-19, 1981 Comprehensive Epilepsy Management and Advocacy, Holiday Inn, 711 West Broadway, Vancouver. Topics to be discussed include medical management, social and psychological consequences of epilepsy, educational and vocational aspects, issues and advocacy. For information contact: Vancouver Neurological Centre, 1195 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C., V6H 1C5.

October 1-3, 1981 Neurological and Neurosurgical Intensive Care. A course directed to practicing neurologists, neurosurgeons, anesthesiologists, and neuro-ICU nurses.

Harvard medical school Department of Continuing Education. Tuition fee: \$245.00 (U.S.). Residents fellows, nurses, \$125.00.

October 2-3, 1981 American Association of Electromyography and Electrodiagnosis — 28th Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon. For information contact: Ella Van Laningham, Executive Secretary AAEE, 732 Marquette Bank Building, Rochester, Minnesota 55901.

October 18-23, 1981 Society for Neuroscience — 11th Annual Meeting, Los Angeles Convention Centre, Los Angeles Hilton Hotel.

October 28-30, 1981 "An Update on Cerebrovascular Disease" sponsored by the Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Western Ontario. Registration fee: \$300 (residents - \$100). For information contact: Dr. V.C. Hachinski, University Hospital, Box 5339, London, Ontario, N6A 5A5.

November 7-8, 1981 Clinical Application of Evoked Potentials, Berkley Marina, Marriott Inn, Berkley, California. For information contact: Extended Programs in Medical Education, University of California School of Medicine, Room 569-U,

3rd and Parnasus, San Francisco, California 94143.

Books Received

A PHYSIOLOGICAL APPROACH TO CLINICAL NEUROLOGY — 3rd edition. By James W. Lance, James G. McLeod. Published by Butterworths Inc., Woburn, Ma. 380 pages. \$60.00.

ATLAS OF THE HUMAN BRAIN STEM AND SPINAL CORD. By James D. Fix and Carroll S. Punte. Published by University Park Press, Baltimore. 100 pages. \$24.00.

RECENT ADVANCES IN CANADIAN NEUROPSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY. Editors: P. Grof, B. Saxena. Published by Basel; New York: Karger. 237 pages. \$36.00.

THE OCULAR FUNDUS — METHODS OF EXAMINATION AND TYPICAL FINDINGS, 4th Edition. By Arno Nover. Published by Lea & Febiger, 1981 Philadelphia. 196 pages. \$42.00.

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CEREBRAL CORTEX. Edited by Francis O. Schmitt, Frederic G. Worden, George Adelman, Stephen G. Dennis. Published by MIT Press, Cambridge, Mass. 592 pages. \$60.00.