



PROGRAMME
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(EPILEPSY, STROKE, NEUROIMAGING)

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EPILEPSY

Michael O'Brien, London, United Kingdom: Epilepsy, what women should know
Gerhard Luef, Innsbruck, Austria: Differential diagnosis in epilepsy
Uwe Runge, Greifswald, Germany: The treatment of epilepsies
Anna P. Skoromets, St. Petersburg, Russia: Convulsive syndromes in early childhood
Michael O'Brien, London, United Kingdom: Modern approaches towards management of status epilepticus

STROKE - DIAGNOSTICS

Zoltan Nagy, Budapest, Hungary: Stroke management - organization of stroke care
Alexander T. Balashov, Petrozavodsk, Russia: Neuroimaging of stroke
Pavel Kalvach, Prague, Czech Republic: Pathogenetic notes to diffusion and perfusion weighted imaging in ischaemic stroke
Mark Burkin, Petrozavodsk, Russia: Vascular dementia
Pavel Kalvach, Prague, Czech Republic: Cerebral blood flow, cerebral blood volume, mean transit time

STROKE - TREATMENT

Alexander A. Skoromets, St. Petersburg, Russia: New strategy in the management of patients at the acute stage of cerebral stroke
Veronika I. Skvortsova, Moscow, Russia: Neuroprotection in brain ischaemia
Jürg Kesselring, Valens, Switzerland: Neurorehabilitation – a bridge between basic science and clinical practice
Ivan P. Dudanov, Petrozavodsk, Russia: Vascular surgery in stroke treatment

From the final report:

First of all we would like to express our gratitude to the EFNS for the very possibility to held the IX international EFNS Teaching Course (TC) in Petrozavodsk – the capital of the Republic of Karelia, Russia – from July 8 to 10, 2004. We are very thankful to all the invited speakers for their wonderful and inspiring lectures. Special thanks to the main initiator and coordinator of this project Professor Pavel Kalvach.

187 registered neurologists took part in our TC, including colleagues from Karelia, other regions of Russia, as well as from Belarus, Ukraine and other countries. In addition, there were approximately 60-70 specialists of other fields of medicine (surgeons, neurosurgeons, vascular surgeons, cardiologists, gynaecologists, paediatricians, etc.)

The event was held in a very nice and modern building of National Theatre which offered all the technical facilities to conduct such kind of international event. The theatre was easily reached by public transport and by walking. To make the transportation even more comfortable, there were 2 buses rented especially for the participants and lecturers.

Our idea was to divide the work into two parts: lectures during morning sessions and workshops in groups in the afternoon. Unfortunately, at the late stage of our preparations for the TC, we were forced to make some amendments to the programme because of the fact that some of the invited speakers have failed to come due to different circumstances. Nevertheless, we managed to keep the primary timetable thanks to the other invited foreign speakers who kindly prepared additional lectures.

The Minister of Health Care of the Republic of Karelia, the representatives from the local Government, Dean of the Medical Faculty of the Petrozavodsk State University and some of the invited speakers delivered their welcome addresses to the participants.

All lectures were simultaneously translated. Each participant was also provided with a volume of printed syllabi of the lectures in two languages, English and Russian.

The TC had received considerable response. It was widely covered in local press and TV news. The speakers and some members of the Organising committee were invited to the reception at the City Administration of Petrozavodsk, and the Mayor of Petrozavodsk Viktor Maslyakov had greeted them on the occasion of this significant event.



Reception at the Lord Mayor of Petrozavodsk

In addition to the time spent at the lectures, the participants took part in diverse social and cultural programme. They visited a world-known Kizhi island, the open-air museum of ancient wooden architecture. Another evening was devoted to the excursion to the waterfall Kivach, one of the greatest plain waterfalls in Europe. On the way back they had a picnic in Karelian forest, and the bravest of them could enjoy rafting on the Suna river. The closing ceremony of the TC was ended by a wonderful concert of a famous folklore ensemble “Kantele” which acquainted the auditorium with folk music, national suits and traditions. And of course, all the participants had an opportunity to taste traditional food and drinks during get-together parties, to enjoy the beauty of the city and panorama of Onego lake during a beautiful season of “white nights”. The invited professors also visited the Republican Hospital where the Chief Physician Professor Alexander Balashov, a neuroradiologist himself, kindly accompanied them as a guide.

At the end of the TC we asked the participants to make their evaluation of the course. We were very pleased to admit that 95% of the auditorium evaluated the organisation, scientific and cultural programme of the TC as “excellent”. We are very happy that the TC in Petrozavodsk met all our colleagues` expectations, and we cordially invite everybody to visit our country of “white nights” and “sixty thousands of lakes” once again!



Kizhi Island
The Churches of the Transfiguration and the Intercession



The Kivatch Waterfall