

## 2000 Copenhagen, Denmark

5th EFNS Congress, Copenhagen, Denmark, 14 - 18 October 2000

Neurologists who were brave enough to come to the far North of Europe late in the year did not only find out that the weather can be lovely in Copenhagen even in October but were rewarded by a perfectly organized meeting and an excellent scientific programme. Arvid Carlsson, Nobel Laureate in Medicine 2000, honoured the congress by giving a lecture at the opening session on "Can we improve the current treatment of Parkinson's disease?"

The congress started with thirteen teaching courses. Participants evaluated the courses, and the result was more than satisfactory. The main topics were: Primary and Secondary Prevention of Stroke; Presurgical Evaluation in Focal Epilepsy; Neuropathic Pain; Controversies in Pathogenetic Mechanisms of Movement Disorders; Cost-effectiveness of Treatment in Neurology; Vascular and Inflammatory versus Molecular Factors in Dementia; MS-Disease Progression and Addiction Related Neurological Disorders. For the first time lay speakers were invited to give a talk within the framework of main topics. Thirty focused workshops dealt with very specialized neurological problems. Sixty-five submitted abstracts had been accepted for oral presentation and around 500 as posters. The three poster prizes consisting of a grant for attendance of the World Congress of Neurology in London in June 2001 were awarded for the following posters.

- Does the blink reflex R1 are run through the principle sensory nucleus of the trigeminal nerve? Results of an electrophysiological and post-processing MR1 study

J.J.Marx, S.Fitzek, G.Vucorevic,  
F.Thömke, P.P.Urban, P.Stoeter and  
H.C.Hopf  
Mainz, Jena, Germany

- Gender in prediction of intracranial meningiomas `biological behavior

T.Mermanishvili, R.Shakarishvili  
T.Jorbeadze and D.Gigineishvili  
Tbilisi, Georgia

- The relevance of early electroencephalography (EEG) in acute stroke -a new approach to understand subclinical functional changes

E.l. Strittmatter, R.D.Mager,  
B.D.Hoch, S.Behrens and B.Rohlmann-Eden  
Mannheim, Germany; Boston, MA, USA

The programme included special events such as an EFNS-EUREPA workshop, a European Stroke Initiative (EUSI) Symposium, the Symposium Neuroethics, the Symposium Neurology and Arts with musical contributions by members of the Copenhagen Philharmonic Orchestra and a session of the European Basal Ganglia Club.

The great interest of the pharmaceutical industry in EFNS congresses was demonstrated by fourteen satellite symposia and large and very well attended exhibition. Moreover, Lundbeck invited all congress participants to a splendid performance of `Giselle` at the Copenhagen Opera. The generous support of the industry is highly appreciated by the EFNS.

The EFNS would like to thank all those who have contributed to the success of the congress by presenting lectures and posters. Special thanks go to the local organizing committee, in particular to Professor Gudrun Boysen and Dr Allen Anderson, for their excellent work.