

Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the organising committees (Executive, Local, Scientific, Finance) and the Association of British Neurologists it is our very great pleasure to welcome you to London.

We have put together a scientific programme which we hope you will find stimulating, educational and thought provoking. The main daily themes have been designed to cover some of the commonest neurological conditions that we see in our everyday neurological practice. The latest knowledge about these conditions, from epidemiology through pathogenesis to management, will be discussed by international experts. There are also many symposia covering virtually all aspects of our specialty, as well as satellite symposia sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry. We have received over 1800 abstracts of original work for the Congress and whilst you will hear some given as platform presentations the majority will be available as posters. Throughout the Congress you will have the opportunity to pit your wits against the experts in daily clinico-pathological conferences and enjoy the neurological tournament. In addition, there are many teaching sessions covering a wide range of everyday clinical problems.

On a lighter note there is the opportunity to attend a neurological opera or join in the fun run around Hyde Park. The Gala Evening to be held in the heart of the City of London will be a spectacular evening, unlike any other previous Congress dinner.

We all hope you will find the Congress scientifically stimulating and London an exciting city in which to stay, making this a truly memorable visit.



Professor C. Kennard
Secretary-General, XVII WCN



Professor C. Warlow
President, Association of
British Neurologists

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to this XVII World Congress of Neurology and to London.

The Congress provides an outstanding opportunity to see how the rapid progress being made in basic and clinical neurology relates to the needs of neurological patients worldwide. It will increase our understanding of neurological disorders, how to treat and how to prevent them. The social programme offers a wide range of cultural activities drawn from the rich profusion which London provides.

Make the most of all that the Congress and this great city have to offer. It is a unique opportunity.



Dr JF Toole
President, World Federation
of Neurology



Professor J Olesen
President, European
Federation of Neurological
Societies



Professor WI McDonald
President, XVII World Congress
of Neurology

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WELCOME

I wish the XVII World Congress of Neurology a most successful conference in June. The United Kingdom is delighted to be hosting this important international meeting.

Conferences such as this, where colleagues can freely exchange ideas and strategies across national boundaries, are an important part of increasing our understanding of neurological conditions, with the prospect of new therapies for patients with these disorders, so many of which lead to progressive disability.

The main themes of your Congress acknowledge the importance of such common disorders as dementia, Parkinson's Disease, stroke and epilepsy. My Government recognises the difficulties encountered by patients with neurological diseases such as these, and the need for the continued improvement in the delivery of services. It has recently published a National Service Framework (NSF) for older people which sets national standards for the treatment and care of older people with dementia and those who have had a stroke. Also announced recently is the development of a further NSF for Long Term Conditions which will focus on the needs of people with chronic neurological disease and brain and spinal cord injury.

The continuing activities of clinical and academic neurologists, working with the pharmaceutical industry and Government health services, promise to show real progress in improving the lives of patients with neurological diseases.

I admire your ambition of making concerted efforts to improve the health of us all.



Tony Blair
Prime Minister

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