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BALLOT ENCLOSED... PLEASE VOTE!

At the recent Chicago Meeting, the possibility of linking our annual meeting with that of the American Neurological Association (ANA) was discussed. A proposal to survey AANP members to determine the level of interest was approved by the Executive Council and the general membership. In September, every AANP member with a valid email address was sent a *Survey to Assess the Desirability of Linking the Annual Meetings*. Of the total 622 emails sent, 63 were rejected because incomplete or inaccurate addresses, and of the 559 messages successfully delivered, 264 members (40%) responded as follows:

Results of email Survey

Response	No (%) Members
STRONGLY IN FAVOR	88 (33.3%)
IN FAVOR	86 (32.6%)
NEUTRAL	43 (16.3%)
AGAINST	38 (14.4%)
STRONGLY AGAINST	9 (3.4%)
Total Responding	264

Although these data indicate generally favorable interest in linking the meetings (i.e., 66% positive vs.. 18% negative), there was concern that they may not be reflective of the wishes of the general membership and that a more complete voting was warranted. Accordingly, included with this mailing, is a detachable ballot for **all** members, including those who responded to the earlier email survey.

Please complete and return the enclosed ballot to the Secretary-Treasurer no later than January 15, 2002. Since linking the meetings has significant implications, please review the background and the PROS and CONS before you vote. Your vote is anonymous, so please do not write on the ballot, but complete the requested information and sign the envelope so that we can verify your vote. After verification, the outer envelope will be destroyed and only the ballot retained for counting.

DUES "R" DUE! Save Time, Renew Online!

Annual dues for 2002 will remain \$165, \$155 and \$140 for active, associate and affiliate members, respectively. Membership at all levels includes a personal subscription to the Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology.

While AANP mailings and copies of the JNEN are sent to US members by relatively economical bulk mail, postal regulations require that mailings to Canadian and overseas addresses be sent by First Class Mail. Although postage surcharges for members residing outside of the US were increased last year, the cost for overseas members were underestimated. Accordingly, as approved at the annual meeting, the postage surcharge for members outside of North America will be increased to \$40 per year. The postage surcharge for Canadian members will remain \$16 per year.

Dues notices/ membership renewal forms for 2002 have been mailed previously. This year members may renew their membership online—this should be particularly attractive to members residing outside of the US and those paying by credit card. **Deadline for receipt of payment of dues is January 31, 2002.** Members who have not paid by this date will <u>NOT</u> be eligible for abstract acceptance, JNEN, listing in the Directory or Association mailings. If you have not received your dues notice, or if you believe that yours is inaccurate, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer as soon as possible.

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WORLD WIDE WEB SITE

For up-to-the minute AANP-related information, please visit the American Association of Neuropathologists and the *Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology* World Wide Web site, <u>http://www.aanp-jnen.com</u>. Much of the information contained in this Newsletter has been available on the website for several weeks.

ONLINE JNEN ACCESS

Membership in the AANP includes both an individual subscription and online access to the official journal, the Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology. Members may access the online journal by visiting the website www.aanp-jnen.com and following the Journal links. When prompted, you will be asked to enter your unique AANP Member ID number (this appears at the upper left hand corner of your mailing label, on your dues notice and Association mailings) and LAST name (surname) in UPPERCASE. Please contact the Secretary-Treasurer if you are unable to determine your AANP Member ID number.

STATE OF THE FOUNDATION

As a tax-exempt non-profit 501(c) organization, the AANP is able to accept charitable (tax-deductible) contributions. Since IRS regulations governing tax-exempt organizations (as the AANP) require that contributions be strictly separated from other operating income/ expenditures, it was suggested that a "Foundation" be established as the receiving arm of contributions to the organization. Our legal advisors are in the process of examining basic AANP corporate documents to determine if such a Foundation is indeed needed.

Although the AANP currently can accept contributions, before any active solicitations can be made (including sending letters, or placing a "contribution line" on our membership renewal forms), we are required to register in most states in which solicitations would be made. To complicate issues, each state has different regulations, fees, schedules, etc., regarding registrations. This process potentially also could become quite costly, as well as placing additional burden on the already stretched Secretary-Treasurer office. Several issues require further clarification before proceeding. Any thoughts or comments you might have can be directed to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Update Member Information Online

You can easily update your membership data online. Please click on "Members, click here to update your information" link after entering the on-line directory. Alternately, please send or fax your new address, phone, fax, email and whether or not you want to be included in the Online Member Directory to the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer.

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2001 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Business Meeting - Minutes enclosed.

Diagnostic Slide Session - Case summaries and discussions enclosed.

Highlights of the Chicago Meeting

The Seventy-seventh Annual Meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists was held at the Mart Plaza Hotel in Chicago, Illinois from June 21-24, 2001.

The successful **Special Course**, *Developmental Neurobiology*, organized by President Stephen J. DeArmond, was held on Thursday, June 21, 2001 and attended by 236 registrants. Lecturers at the course included AANP members Drs. Jeffrey A. Golden, Eric Huang and Harvey B. Sarnat, and guests Drs Thomas Curran, Louis F. Reichardt, Li-Huei Tsai, and Dennis D. O'Leary.

Drs. John J. Kepes and Harry de F. Webster were honored as recipients of the **2001 Meritorious Service Awards to Neuropathology**. The awards were presented by Drs. Richard L. Davis and J. Richard Baringer; texts of their introductions are included in this mailing.

Professor Paul Kleihues presented the **Saul Korey Lecture** on Saturday, June 23. His lecture, *Molecular Biology of Brain Tumors,* was extremely informative and provided an up-to-date review of this important topic.

The ever popular Saturday evening **Diagnostic Slide Session** featured 10 challenging and interesting cases accompanied by enjoyable and spirited discussions.

The **Presidential Symposium**, held Sunday morning June 24, included the Presidential Address by Dr. DeArmond, *Mechanisms of Degeneration in Prion Diseases*. Dr. Dennis W. Choi presented the **Matthew T**. **Moore Distinguished Lecture**, *Ischemia-induced Perturbations in Neuronal Ionic Homeostasis*. Other lecturers in the Presidential Symposium were Drs. Ralph A. Nixon and Cheryl Wellington, who discussed *Lysosomal Mechanisms of Neurodegeneration*, and *Huntingtin: A Fulcrum between Life and Death*, respectively.

At the **Scientific Sessions**, 223 abstracts were presented, including 93 platform and 130 posters.

Awards for best papers of 2001 were presented by Awards Committee Chair, Dr. George Perry, at the Sunday morning Presidential Symposium.

The **Moore Award** for the best paper on clinicopathological correlation was presented to R. Vidal, M.D. Benson, J. J. Liepnieks, M. Yazaki, L. Miravalle, E. Uro-Coste, M. B. Delisle and B. Ghetti for their presentation, A Neurodegenerative Disease with Intranuclear Protein Deposits: Electron Microscopic and Biochemical Studies. (Abstract #47). S. Love and H. B. Coakham received Honorable Mention for the Moore Award for their paper, Trigeminal Neuralgia Usually Results from Juxtaposition of Demyelinated Trigeminal Sensory Fibers. (Abstract # 15).

The Weil Award for the best paper in experimental neuropathology was awarded to S. A. Moore, F. Saito, M. Henry, A. Messing, R. D. Cohn, R. Williamson, and K. P. Campbell for their paper, Selective Deletion of Brain Dystroglycan Results in Neuronal Migration Errors (Abstract #38). Honorable Mention for the Weil Award was given to I. A. Scarisbrick, C. F. Lucchinetti and M. Rodriguez for their presentation, A Trypsin-like Serine Protease Abundantly Expressed in the Adult Central Nervous System: Changes in MS Lesions (Abstract # 12). Winners of the Rubinstein Award for the best paper in neuro-oncology were H. Ohgaki, M. Nakamura, T. Watanabe and P. Kleihues for their presentation Promoter Hypermethylation of O⁶-Methylguanine-DNA Methyltransferase Gene in Gliomas (Abstract # 126). Honorable Mention of the Rubinstein Award was awarded to K. A. Roth, B. J. Klocke and J. R. Leonard, for their paper Enu-induced Neural Precursor Cell Apoptosis and Glial Tumorigenesis (Abstract # 138).

The **Annual Reception** was held Friday evening June 22, at the Top of the Tower on the 99th floor of the Sears Tower. Meeting registrants and guests were treated to breathtaking views of the Chicago skyline while enjoying drinks, hors d'oeuvres and pasta bar selections. Reception prizes included books provided by Harcourt Health Sciences, awarded to Peter Lantos; Oxford University Press, awarded to Mrs. James E. McLaughlin; and IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer), courtesy of Dr Paul Kleihues, awarded to Eun-Sook (Lucy) Cho, Pedro Piccardo, and Tarik Tihan.

The 2001 annual meeting was sponsored in part by generous contributions from numerous sponsors, including Elan Pharmaceuticals, Oxford University Press, DAKO Corporation, Ventana Medical Systems, Taylor & Francis, Harcourt Health Sciences, Dr. Kleihues and the IARC, and Olympus USA.

Thank you to all who made the meeting a success!

2002 ANNUAL MEETING—DENVER

The 78th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists will be held at the Marriott Denver City Center from June 20 - 23, 2002. The hotel is centrally located in downtown Denver, within walking distance of restaurants, shopping, plays and Coors Field, at 1701 California Street, Denver, CO 80202 (Phone 303-297-1300, Fax 303-298-7474). Each of the 613 guestrooms is equipped with remote-control TV, and phones with voice mail and multiple data ports. Amenities include complimentary newspaper and in-room coffee. An on-site restaurant, coffee shop, cocktail lounge, room service, laundry valet, self-service laundry facilities, shoe shine, child care, concierge, gift shop/ newsstand, business center, safe deposit box, and fully equipped indoor pool, health club, whirlpool, sauna and jogging are available. Parking is available for a fee.

ONLINE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

This year abstract submissions will be accepted electronically only. Electronic abstract submission will be accessed through the AANP website (http://www.aanpjnen.com). Click on the 2002 AANP meeting Electronic Submission of Abstracts hyperlink that will take you to a page with instructions. At the bottom of the page will be two additional links: (1) ABSTRACT FORM, and (2) JNEN COPYRIGHT. The ABSTRACT FORM hyperlink will take you to the abstract form and the abstract data sheet. The JNEN COPYRIGHT hyperlink will take you to the Journals copyright release form.

Please follow the directions closely. Complete the abstract data sheet (including your presentation preference, payment of your 2002 AANP member dues, programming topic, key words), and abstract fields (including title, author(s), institutional affiliation, sponsor (if any), text, and acknowledgments).

If you are unable to submit your abstract electronically, please contact Program Committee Chair, Dr. Jeff Golden at:

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Abstracts must be received by Friday, February 1, 2002. The Executive Council has instructed the Program Chair to refuse acceptance of abstracts after this date. THIS DEADLINE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

Online submission should be available no later than January 7, 2002.

COPYRIGHT RELEASE AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept electronic submissions of the Copyright Release and Conflict of Interest forms. These must be down loaded from the website (see hyperlink), signed and sent or faxed to Dr. Golden at the address/ FAX provided below. The Copyright Release form is required to publish the abstract in the Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology. At a minimum, the first author must sign the form on behalf of the other authors. The Conflict of Interest form is required for associations granting Continuing Medical Education credit and must be signed by the first author on behalf of the other authors. Employees of the U.S. Government must complete the information at the bottom of the Conflict of Interest form; all others need only fill out and sign the top of the form. Abstracts will not be accepted without these signed forms.

Questions and completed **Copyright Release** and **Conflict of Interest** forms should be directed to Dr. Golden at the above address.

Please remember:

- √ Abstract must be received by Friday, February 1, 2002
- $\sqrt{}$ Abstracts must be submitted online
- √ Each abstract MUST have a signed Copyright Release and Disclosure/Conflict of Interest form

FUTURE AANP MEETINGS

2003 Wyndham Orlando Resort Orlando, FL June 19 - 22, 2003

2004 Renaissance Cleveland Hotel Cleveland, OH June 24-27, 2004

ANNUAL MEETING FEES INCREASED

As approved by the Executive Council and the general membership, registration fees for the 2002 Denver meeting will be increased to \$125 for all members, \$175 for all nonmembers and \$50 for all trainees. The registration fee will include one ticket to the annual reception. Additional reception tickets will be available for purchase at \$25 each for guests of members and nonmembers, and \$10 each for guests of trainees.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM 2002 DENVER MEETING

Special Course:

Microglia in Neuropathology (Thurs, June 20)

The **Special Course** organized by President Dennis W. Dickson, will review the role of microglia in a variety of neuropathologic processes, discussed by recognized leaders in the field. An outstanding roster of speakers has been assembled, and ample time for questions and discussion will be available. The program will include the following topics and lecturers:

Microglia in AIDS

Howard Gendelman (U Nebraska) Microglia, cytokines & chemokines

Sunhee Lee (Albert Einstein College of Medicine) Microglia in trauma and stroke

Wolfgang Streit (U Florida) Microglia in multiple sclerosis

Cedric Rains (Albert Einstein College of Medicine) Microglial tumors and microglia in tumors

Caterina Giannini (Mayo Clinic Rochester) Microglia in chimeras

William Hickey (Dartmouth) Microglia and cytokines in Alzheimer Disease W. Sue Griffin (U Arkansas)

Microglia in Alzheimer Disease models

Sally Frautschy (UC Irvine)

Scientific Sessions (Fri-Sat, June 21-22)

Concurrent platform and poster sessions will be held all day Friday and Saturday, June 21-22, 2002. The program will provide up-to-date developments in all areas of experimental, research and practical neuropathology.

Saul R. Korey Lecture:

Astrocytes, Heat Shock Proteins and Neuropathology, by Dr. James Goldman (Sat, June 22)

Dr. James E. Goldman, Columbia University, New York, NY, has been selected as the 2002 **Saul R. Korey** lecturer. Dr. Goldman's lecture promises to provide an insightful review of these important topics.

Diagnostic Slide Session (Sat, June 22)

The popular **Diagnostic Slide Session** will be held Saturday evening, June 22. Members who have cases they would like considered for inclusion in the Session should communicate directly with the Moderator, Dr. E. Tessa Hedley-Whyte, Department of Neuropathology, Massachusetts General Hospital, 14 Fruit Street, Boston, MA 02114-2696, email <u>ehedleywhyte@.partners.org</u>, phone 617-726-5154. The deadline for consideration of cases is January 15, 2002. Contributors will be notified of the decision by February 1, 2002. Cases can be presented as slides, or, in some instances, as kodachromes. 150 slides are necessary to accommodate the subscribers. A general limit of one stained and one unstained slide and one kodachrome per case or two kodachromes and no glass slides is imposed.

Due to increased mailing costs, the cost of individual slide sets has been increased to \$60. Members wishing to purchase a set may either check the box, which will appear on the 2002 Meeting Registration Form, or send a check for \$60.00 in US funds directly to the Manager, Dr. Leroy Sharer, Department of Pathology, New Jersey Medical School, 185 South Orange Av, Newark, NJ 07103. The sets are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The diagnoses and references from the cases since 1998, as well as diagnoses but not references from 1992 onwards, will be posted on the AANP Website. The Charter members of the Diagnostic Slide Session are currently considering the feasibility and costs of including some images on this site also.

Approximately 8 complete sets of slides from the 2001 Diagnostic Slide Session remain unsubscribed for and can be purchased for \$40 US by application to Dr. Sharer.

Presidential Symposium:

Parkinsonism and Neuropathology (Sun, June 23)

President Dickson has organized a symposium focusing on recent advances in parkinsonism. The program will feature Dr. Dickson's Presidential Address, *Neuropathology of Parkinsonism*, as well as lectures by Dr. Irene Litvan (Director of Cognitive Neuropharmacology Unit, Henry M. Jackson Foundation, Bethesda, MD) on *Parkinsonism: Clinicopathologic studies of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) and Corticobasal Degeneration (CBD)*, and Dr. Matthew Farrer (Associate Professor, Mayo Clinic Jacksonville) on the *Genetics of Parkinson's Disease*. As part of the Symposium, the **Matthew T. Moore Distinguished Lecture**, *MPTP and Parkinsonism*, will be presented by Dr. William Langston, Founder and President, The Parkinson Institute (Sunnyvale, CA).

The American Association of Neuropathologists is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians and designates the above continuing medical education activities for credit hours in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association, as follows:

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Special Course	8 credit hours
Scientific Session	15 credit hours
Saul Korey Lecture	1 credit hour
Diagnostic Slide Session	3 credit hours
Presidential Symposium	3 credit hours
Total	30 credit hours

Business Meeting (Fri, June 21 and Sat, June 23) The annual business meeting will be held on Friday, June 21, and Saturday, June 22 at noon on both days.

Hotel Reservations and Meeting Registration

Hotel reservation and meeting registration information will be mailed with the March 2002 Newsletter.

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

7th EUROPEAN CONGRESS HELSINKI, July 14-17, 2002

The Seventh European Congress of Neuropathology, sponsored by the Scandinavian Neuropathological Society and the European Confederation of Neuropathological Societies, will be held July 14-17, 2002 in Helsinki, Finland. The Scientific program, organized by Drs. Hannu Kalimo and Matti Haltia, will emphasize molecular, cell biological and transgenic approaches to the study of neurological diseases and new applications in diagnostic neuropathology. The meeting will take place in the Helsinki Biomedicum, the new biomedical research center of the University of Helsinki. This site will allow easy access to many attractions of Helsinki, the dynamic capital of Finland. Meeting information is available at the congress website, www.congrex.fi/neuropathology2002.

-XVth INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES TURIN, September 14-18, 2003

The XVth International Congress of Neuropathology, sponsored by the International Society of Neuropathology (ISN) and the Italian Association of Neuropathology will be held at the Lingotto Center, Turin, Italy, September 14-18, 2003. Additional information will be posted when available.

XVIth INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS SAN FRANCISCO, September 2006

San Francisco will be the site of the XVIth International Congress of Neuropathology, to be held September 10-15, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco. The Congress will be sponsored by the AANP and the ISN, and hosted by the AANP. Details will be announced in the AANP Newsletter and posted on the AANP and ISN websites as they become available.

Rescheduled Vascular Dementia Congress Salzburg, Austria (Jan 24 - 27, 2002)

The rescheduled/ relocated 2nd International Congress on Vascular Dementia, will take place in Salzburg, Austria on January 24-27, 2002. Meeting information and the scientific program can be viewed on www.kenes.com/vascular.

NEW MEMBERS/ MEMBERSHIP CHANGES (Approved at the June 2001 Business Meeting)

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RESIGNATIONS

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DEATHS

It is with great sadness that we report the deaths of three AANP members.

Anatole S. Dekaban, M.D., Ph.D., died Sunday, March 25, 2001 in Seattle.

Wolfgang Zeman, M.D., a former AANP President and recipient of the 1998 Meritorious Service Award to Neuropathology, died Sunday, October 21, 2001.

Raymond A. Clasen, M.D., former manager of the Diagnostic Slide Session, and best known for his spirited discussions at our annual meetings, died Wednesday, November 28, 2001.

ENCLOSURES

- 1. Ballot and information: Linking AANP-ANA Meetings
- 2. Minutes of the 2001 Annual Business Meeting
- 3. Biographical Sketches: John J. Kepes, and Harry de F. Webster
- 4. 2001 Diagnostic Slide Session Case Summaries
- 5. 2002 Abstract Submission Instructions