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Newsletters on the Web...
As discussed and approved at the Denver meeting, future editions of this Newsletter will be electronic and NOT delivered by regular mail unless specifically requested. Members will receive an email notification from the Secretary-Treasurer when an updated Newsletter is posted on the AANP website.

Newsletters are available as downloadable pdf files that may be printed locally. As discussed at the meeting, we are attempting this transition to electronic format for a variety of reasons, including more timely notification of items of interest to AANP members, as well as attempting to maintain current membership dues and fees in the face of escalating postage and printing costs. Members may elect to continue to receive printed copies of Newsletters delivered by mail, but must request this by writing directly to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Postal costs in particular continue to increase annually. Although AANP mailings and copies of the JNEN are sent to US members by relatively inexpensive bulk mail, postal regulations require that mailings to Canadian and overseas addresses be sent by First Class Mail. Members residing outside the US already pay a postage surcharge in addition to their dues, but this continues to rise each year. By utilizing this electronic method of notification, we hope to reduce our mailing and printing costs. Our previous experience also has suggested that the majority of members preferred email notification to regular mail.

DUES “R” DUE!
Save Time, Renew Online!
Annual dues for 2003 will remain $165, $155 and $140 for active, associate and affiliate members, respectively. Similarly, postage surcharges for members residing overseas and in Canada will remain at $40 and $16 per year, respectively. Membership at all levels includes a personal subscription to the Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology, and membership in the International Society of Neuropathology.

Dues notices/membership renewal forms for 2003 have been mailed. Members paying by credit card may renew their membership online, using our secure server. Online renewal is safe, secure, convenient, and available at any time, day or night. It offers the added advantage of accuracy since re-entry of member information is minimized. Deadline for receipt of payment of dues is January 31, 2003. Members who have not paid by this date will NOT 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.

PLAN TO ATTEND!
79th ANNUAL MEETING
Orlando, FL
June 19-22, 2003

Abstracts due Feb 7th (see pg 5)

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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 all Association mailings) and LAST name (surname) in UPPER CASE. 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. Although the AANP can accept contributions, we are not able to actively solicit funds without first registering in all states in which our members reside. To complicate issues, each state has different regulations, fees, schedules, etc., regarding registrations. We are continuing to explore the establishment of a “Foundation” as the receiving arm of contributions to the organization. Our appreciation and thanks to Ms. Sue Marone at the Children’s Hospital Philadelphia who has been instrumental in locating many of the original incorporation documents that are necessary for us to proceed.

WORLD WIDE WEBSITE FACELIFT
The AANP website, www.aanp-jnen.com, has undergone major renovation with new-and-improved navigational bars and features. Previous Diagnostic Slide Sessions have been cataloged and now are now accessible by a variety of search parameters. We hope to continue making the website more informative and user-friendly, and welcome your suggestions and comments. 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. Much of the information contained in this Newsletter has been available on the website for several weeks.

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Business Meeting - Minutes enclosed.
Diagnostic Slide Session - Case summaries and discussions enclosed.

Highlights of the Chicago Meeting
The 78th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists was held at the Marriott Denver City Center in Denver Colorado, from June 20-23, 2002. Despite concern over some lingering wildfires south of the city, attendees enjoyed an excellent meeting in the center of downtown Denver.

The Special Course, Microglia in Neuropathology, organized by President Dennis Dickson and Vice-President Ray Sobel, was held Thursday, June 20 and attended by 239 registrants. Lecturers included AANP members Drs. Ray Sobel, William F. Hickey, Sunhee C. Lee, Wolfgang J. Streit, Cedric S. Raine, and Caterina Giannini, and guests Drs. W. Sue T. Griffin, Sally A. Frautschy, and Howard Gendelman.

Drs. Dikran S. Horoupian, Fusahiro Ikuta, and Kurt A. Jellinger honored recipients of the 2002 Meritorious Service Awards to Neuropathology, were introduced by Drs. James M. Powers, Asao Hirano and Robert D. Terry, respectively. Texts of their introductions are included in this mailing.

Dr. James E Goldman presented the Saul Korey Lecture Saturday, June 22. His exemplary lecture, Astrocytes, Intermediate Filaments, Cellular Stress, provided an excellent review of the role of astrocytes in a variety of pathological processes.

The ever-popular Saturday evening Diagnostic Slide Session featured 11 challenging and interesting cases accompanied by enjoyable and spirited discussions.

The Presidential Symposium, Parkinsonism: Past, Present and Research Perspectives, was held Sunday morning June 23. This included the Presidential Address by Dr. Dickson, Neuropathology of Parkinsonism. Dr. J. William Langston presented the Matthew T. Moore Distinguished Lecture, MPTP and Parkinsonism. Other lecturers in the Presidential Symposium were Drs. Matt Farrer and Irene Litvan, who discussed Genetics of Parkinson's Disease, and Clinicopathologic Studies of Parkinsonian Disorders, respectively.

At the Scientific Sessions, 199 abstracts were presented. Program enhancements this year included posters being on display for both days of scientific sessions. The introduction of Special Lectures at the end of each day of scientific sessions was met with great enthusiasm. Attendees were treated to lectures on the Neuropathology of Musicians and Rocky Mountain Medicine: Doctors, Drugs, and Disease in Early Colorado, presented by Drs. Lucy B. Rorke and Robert H. Shikes, respectively. Attendees embraced the availability of digital projection equipment for all sessions, with overall 85% of all platform presentations at the meeting presented electronically using PowerPoint.

Awards for best papers of 2002 were presented by Awards Committee Chair, Dr. George Perry, at the Sunday morning Presidential Symposium. The high quality of the presentations made the duties of the Awards Committee especially difficult this year as reflected in multiple tied-awards for the Moore, Weil and Rubinstein Awards.

Winners of the Moore Award for the best paper on clinicopathological correlation included N. Cairns, R. Perry, E. Jaros, J. Lowe, K Skellerud, C. Duckaerts, F. Cruz-Sanchez and P. Lantos for their presentation, A New Dementia: Neurofilament Inclusion Body Dementia (Abstract #35), and L. Cruz, K. Hull, G. Wood, W.-S. Chu, D. Kastner, G. Sandberg and K. Wong for their paper, Monocytic Fasciitis is the Cause of Myalgia in Tumor Necrosis Factor Receptor-Associated Periodic Syndrome (Abstract #175).

The Weil Award for the best paper in experimental neuropathology was awarded to K. Oyanagi, E. Kawakami, K. Kikuchi, K. Ohara, K. Ogata, M. Wada, T. Kihira and M. Yasui, for their presentation, Degeneration of Substantia Nigra in Magnesium Deficiency in Rats for Two Generations (Abstract #76). Honorable Mention for the Weil Award was shared by S. Moore, F. Saito, M. Henry, P. Low, L. Wrabetz, L. Feltri and K. Campbell for their presentation, Peripheral Neuropathy with Folded Myelin Sheaths in Mice Lacking Schwann Cell Dystroglycan (Abstract # 174), and P. Piccardo, B. Ghetti, R. Chiesa, M. Takao, E. Quaglio, B. Drisaldi, S. L. Si-Hoe and D. Harris for their paper, Uninoculated and Scrapie-Associated Transgenic Mice Expressing Prion Protein with a nine octapeptide Repeat Insertion Show Distinct Neuropathologic Features (Abstract #196).
The Rubinstein Award for the best paper in neuro-oncology was shared by A. Perry, C. Fuller, R. Banerjee, D. J. Brat, and B. W. Scheithauer for their presentation, Ancillary FISH Analysis for 1p AND 19q Status: Preliminary Observations in 228 Gliomas and Oligodendroglioma Mimics (Abstract #38), and to Pieter Wesseling, Benno Kusters, William Leenders, Jeroen Pikkemaat, Dirk Ruiter, Arend Heerschap, Albert van der Kogel and Robert de Waal for the presentation, Different Patterns of Vascularization by Different VEGF-isoforms a Study in Experimental Melanoma Brain Metastases (abstract #202).

The Annual Reception was held Friday evening June 21, at the Colorado History Museum. Meeting registrants and guests were treated to fascinating exhibits about Denver and surrounding areas while enjoying drinks and hot and cold hors d’oeuvres. Pianist and University of Colorado neurologist Dr. Christopher Filley provided delightful music on a piano donated by Onofrio Piano Company. An unexpected thunderstorm and power outage made the event especially memorable. Numerous reception prizes were awarded, including books, candy, brain models, and several gag-gifts. Books were generously provided by Oxford University Press, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, W.B. Saunders, Mosby and Churchill Livingstone, IARC Press, Dr. Richard Prayson, Drs. Greg Fuller and Clay Goodman, Dr. Ken Tyler, the University of Colorado Health Science Center (UCHSC) Bookstore, the UCHSC Neuro-Oncology Division, and the Tattered Cover Book Store. Enstrom Candies and Stephany’s Chocolates donated boxes of candy. Brain models were provided by Guilford Pharmaceuticals and assorted gifts by Drs. Arie Perry, Bette DeMasters and Joe Parisi. Dr. Mark Cohen ably carried out master-of-ceremonies duties. A special note of thanks and appreciation to Dr. Bette DeMasters who served as local organizing chairperson and arranged for the special reception.

The 2002 annual meeting was sponsored in part by generous contributions from many sponsors, including, Oxford University Press, DAKO Corporation, Olympus USA, Intermountain Neurosurgery (Drs. Nichols, Levy, and Prall), St. Anthony Hospital Pathology Group, UCHSC Department of Neurology, UCHSC Department of Neurosurgery, Rocky Mountain Neurosurgery (Dr. James Ogsbury, III) and Guilford Pharmaceuticals.

Thank you to everyone who made the meeting a success!
The 79th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists will be held at the Wyndham Orlando Resort from June 19-22, 2003. The hotel is located on the famous International Drive, in Orlando (Phone: 407-351-2420). Florida’s most popular theme parks—Walt Disney World, Universal Studios and Sea World, and downtown Orlando are only minutes away.

Guestrooms and suites are in two-story villas spread over 42 acres of beautifully landscaped tropical gardens. Rooms are equipped with remote-control TV and phones with voice mail and data ports, with no charge for 800 and local telephone calls. Amenities include complimentary newspaper and in-room coffee. Two restaurants, room service, laundry valet, self-service laundry facilities, child care, guest services, gift shop, business center, in-room safe, complementary 24-hour health club, jacuzzi, sauna, tennis, volleyball, three outdoor swimming pools, and jogging are available. Parking is free. Shuttle service to Universal Studios, Sea World, Wet n’ Wild is complimentary. Transportation between the airport and hotel by shuttle is $25 per person round-trip fare and $13 per person one-way. Kids stay free, so plan to make this a family vacation. For further information, visit the hotel website, http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/MCOWD/main.wnt.

DESTINATION ORLANDO
Orlando is one of the world’s premier travel destinations with more than 35-million people visiting every year, enjoying the many attractions, beaches, and events that make Central Florida a great place to visit. Major attractions include Walt Disney World with its four Theme Parks (Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney-MGM Studios, and Animal Kingdom), SeaWorld, Busch Gardens, Universal Studios Orlando, Wet’n Wild, Cirque du Soleil, Cypress Gardens, Gatorland, Kennedy Space Center, Orlando Science Museum, Ripley’ Believe It or Not! Orlando Odditorium, Silver Springs, many dinner theater/adventures, shopping and numerous outdoor adventures.

Visit the following websites in planning your trip to the June 2003 AANP meeting and the Orlando area:
Orlando/Orange County Convention & VisitorsBureau (www.orlandoinfo.com/index.cfm)
Orlando Attractions (www.orlandoattractions.com)
Downtown Orlando (www.downtownorlando.com)

ONLINE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION
Abstract submissions will be accepted electronically only. Abstract submission will be accessed through the AANP website, http://www.aanp-jnen.com. Click on the 2003 AANP meeting Electronic Submission of Abstracts hyperlink that will take you to an instruction page with 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 presentation preference, payment of 2003 AANP member dues, programming topic, key words), and abstract fields (including title, author(s), institutional affiliation, sponsor (if any), text, and acknowledgments). Authors will be sent an email to verify receipt of abstracts. Notification of acceptance and programming decisions regarding abstracts will also be by email. The Committee will attempt to post the program on the AANP website (www.aanp-jnen.com) by the end of March.

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Abstract Deadline: FEBRUARY 7, 2003
ABSTRACTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MIDNIGHT FEBRUARY 7, 2003. THIS DEADLINE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

Abstract Checklist:
√ Abstract must be received by Friday, February 7, 2003
√ Abstracts must be submitted online
√ Each abstract MUST have a Copyright Release and Disclosure/Conflict of Interest form
Special Course: Magnetic Resonance Imaging of Neurological Disease (Thursday June 19)
The Special Course organized by President Clayton A. Wiley and Carolyn C. Meltzer will review the role of MRI in a variety of neuropathological 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:

Physics and Principles of MR
A. Gregory Sorenson, MD (Massachusetts Gen Hosp)

MRI of White Matter Disease
Robert Grossman, MD (NYU Med Ctr)

MRI of Neoplasia - Adult Tumors, Part 1
James G. Smirniotopoulos, MD (Uniformed Services Univ Health Sciences)

MRI of Neoplasia - Adult Tumors, Part 2
Carolyn Cidis Meltzer, MD (Univ Pittsburgh Med Ctr)

MRI of Neoplasia - Pediatric Tumors
Robert A. Zimmerman, MD (Children’s Hosp Philadelphia)

MRI of Neoplasia - Disorders of Brain Development
Robert C. McKinstry III, MD, PhD (St Louis Children’s & Barnes-Jewish Hosp Washington Univ)

Imaging of Cerebrovascular Disease
Stephen Grahovac, MD (Univ Pittsburgh Med Ctr)

MRI of Neurodegenerative Diseases
Clifford R. Jack, MD (Mayo Clinic Rochester)

MRI of Infectious Diseases
M. Judith Donavan Post, MD (Univ Miami Sch Med, Jackson Memorial Hosp)

Scientific Sessions (Fri-Sat, June 20-21)
Concurrent platform and poster sessions will be held all day Friday and Saturday, June 20 and 21. The program will provide up-to-date developments in all areas of experimental, research and practical neuropathology.

Saul R. Korey Lecture: Pathology and Pathogenesis in Multiple Sclerosis, by Dr. Samuel K. Ludwin (Sat, June 21)
Dr. Samuel K. Ludwin, Queen’s University, Kingston, ON, and President of the International Society of Neuropathology has been selected as the 2003 Saul R. Korey lecturer. Dr. Ludwin’s lecture entitled Pathology and Pathogenesis in Multiple Sclerosis promises to provide an insightful review of the “Great cripper of young adults.”

Diagnostic Slide Session (8 pm, Sat, June 21)
The annual Diagnostic Slide Session will be held Saturday evening, June 21.
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 Neurpathology, Massachusetts General Hospital, 14 Fruit Street, Boston, MA 02114-2696, email chedleywhyte@partners.org, phone 617-726-5154.
The deadline for consideration of cases is January 15, 2003. Contributors will be notified of the decision by February 1, 2003. Cases may 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.
The cost of individual slide sets is $60. Members may purchase a set either by using the 2003 Meeting Registration Form, or by sending a check for $60 US$ payable to “Diagnostic Slide Session” to the Manager, Dr. Leroy Sharer, Department of Pathology, New Jersey Medical School, 185 South Orange Ave, Newark, NJ 07103, email sharer@umdnj.edu, phone 973-972-4770. The deadline for online orders is May 1, 2003. The slide sets are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Presidential Symposium: Positron Emission Tomography in the Study of Neurological Disease (Sun, June 22)
President Wiley has organized a symposium focusing on the application of PET in neurological disease. The program will included lectures on the Physics and Principles of PET in the study of neurological disease, by Dr. Bradley T. Christian (Wright State Univ Sch Med), and FDG PET and the Nervous System, by Dr. Robert Kessler (Vanderbilt Univ Med Ctr). As part of the Symposium, Dr. Carolyn Meltzer (Univ Pittsburgh Med Ctr) will present the Matthew T. Moore Distinguished Lecture, Future of PET in the Study of Neurological Disease. The program will conclude with Dr. Wiley’s Presidential Address, Kinetics of Macrophage Involvement in Neurodegeneration.

Business Meeting (Fri, June 20 and Sat, June 21)
The annual business meeting will be held on Friday, June 21, and Saturday, June 22 at noon on both days.
The following were approved at the June 2002 Annual Meeting:

**NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP (17)**
- Barbara Cannella
- Thomas J. Cummings
- Charles G. Eberhart
- Takahiro Fukuda
- Murat Gokden*
- Kymberly Gyure*
- Necat S. Havlioglu
- Nancy Karpinski
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*from Affiliate-to-Active
**from Associate-to-Active

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- Herbert J. Mantz#
- Surl L. Nielsen#
- Justin L. Parr#
- Nancy E. Peress#
- Neill B. Rewcastle#
- Cheng-Mei Shaw#
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*from Active-to-Senior
**from Associate-to-Senior

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- Eyas M. Hattab
- Scott M. Kulich
- Lary C. Walker
- Angelica Oviedo

**DEATHS**

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

**Larry E. Becker, MD, FRCPC,**
died July 17, 2002, in Toronto, ON

**Pawel A. Cyrkowicz, MD,**
died February 5, 2002, at his home in Poland.

**A. Theodore Steegmann, MD,**
died Saturday, January 18, 1992, in Indianapolis, IN.

**ENCLOSURES**

1. Minutes of the 2002 Annual Business Meeting
3. 2002 Diagnostic Slide Session Case Summaries
4. 2003 Abstract Submission Instructions