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The 87th Annual meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists will be held in Seattle, Washington at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel, June 23-26, 2011.

Register and submit an abstract online now at www.neuropath.org.

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Preliminary Program

Special Course:

This year the special course will focus on *Common Problems in Muscle Biopsy Diagnostics*. Presenters will include Reid Heffner, University at Buffalo; Hannes Vogel, Stanford University Medical Center; Alan Pestronk, Washington University in St. Louis; Kurenai Tanji, Columbia University; Caroline Sewry, Dubowitz Neuromuscular Centre, London, UK; Rodney McComb, University of Nebraska; and Steven Moore, University of Iowa. The course will provide a broad overview of diagnostic issues in skeletal muscle pathology.

Presidential Symposium:

The Presidential Symposium titled “*Dystroglycan-Related Congenital Muscular Dystrophies*” will include presentations from Kevin Campbell, University of Iowa; William Dobyns and Robert Hevner, University of Washington, Seattle; and Steven Moore, University of Iowa. The symposium will provide a brief overview of all the congenital muscular dystrophies, then focus attention on dystroglycan in skeletal muscle, brain, and peripheral nerve. Lectures will cover topics related to dystroglycan glycobiology, the functional role of dystroglycan in skeletal muscle, brain imaging and neuronal migration abnormalities in the cobblestone lissencephalies, and the basis for peripheral nerve disease in dystroglycanopathies.

Korey Lecture:

The Saul R. Korey Lecture will be presented by **Hans H. Goebel, MD**, Johannes Gutenberg-University Medical Center, and will relate to protein aggregate myopathies.

DeArmond Lecture:

The Stephen J. DeArmond Lecture will be presented by **Beverley L. Davidson, PhD**, University of Iowa, and will explore gene silencing approaches as therapies for dominant neurodegenerative disorders and discuss advances in lysosomal storage disease therapies using the cerebral microvasculature as a novel site for enzyme replacement to the brain..

Parisi/TEVA Neuroscience Lecture:

The Teva Neuroscience/Parisi Lecture will be presented by **Steven S. Scherer, MD, PhD**, University of Pennsylvania, and will focus on the molecular architecture of nodes of Ranvier and related hereditary demyelinating diseases.

Moore Lecture:

The Matthew T. Moore Lecture will be presented by **Kevin P. Campbell, PhD**, University of Iowa, as part of the Presidential Symposium (see above).

Meeting Registration:

Due to the increased costs of the meeting venue and CME accreditation oversight, registration fees have been increased for the 2011 meeting. Early bird fees are \$300.00 for members, \$350.00 for non-members and \$175.00 for trainees. The special course fee has been set at \$175.00 and the diagnostic glass slide set remains \$60.00. After April 18th 2011 the registration fees will increase by \$25.00, so be sure to register early. To register online or to make hotel reservations go to www.neuropath.org and follow the meeting links.

Call For Abstracts

We are now soliciting abstract submissions for the 2011 meeting. We are allowing three first author submissions per member. Abstracts must be submitted electronically. The meeting link will take you to the instruction page – please follow the directions carefully. Authors will be sent an email to verify receipt of abstracts. Notification of acceptance and programming decisions regarding the abstracts will also be sent via email. If you have any questions please contact the Program Chair, Dr. Aryn Rojiani.

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Abstract Deadline: February 28th, 2011 at 11:59 PM EST.

ABSTRACT DEADLINE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

Abstracts must be submitted online and must include a copyright Release and Disclosure/Conflict of Interest form

Diagnostic Slide Information:

The O.T. Bailey-Helena Riggs Award

The Award for the Best Presentation of a Case by a Trainee at the Diagnostic Slide Session has been named the "O.T. Bailey-Helena Riggs Award" in honor of the founding Moderator and Manager of the Diagnostic Slide Session. This award of \$500 will be presented at the awards ceremony of the American Association of Neuropathologists.

The popular Diagnostic Slide Session, moderated by Dr. Anthony Yachnis, will be held on Saturday June 25, 2011 at 8:00 pm. Members who have cases they would like to have considered for inclusion should contact:

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Please provide a brief clinical summary and the key diagnostic points, e-mailed as a short PowerPoint or word document. A single representative H&E-stained slide should be sent by mail and if chosen for presentation contributors should be able to provide 150 slides from large specimens. Small biopsies of interesting entities are also welcome for consideration and will be posted using virtual microscopy. The deadline for consideration is February 2nd, 2011. Contributors will be notified of the decision by February 23rd.

If selected for presentation, contributors should submit all slides having studies necessary for diagnosis indicating which ones should be made available for whole slide imaging before the session and which, by virtue of giving away the diagnosis, should be posted after the meeting.

A limited number of glass slide sets of the cases to be presented will be sold on a first-come first serve basis, limited to one per person. The protocols will be posted online and the slides sent from Florida in early May. Members are encouraged to purchase sets using the 2011 meeting registration form at www.neuropath.org. Members may also send a check to the address below for \$60.00 made payable to "Diagnostic Slide Session". As this method runs parallel to the automatically updated registration database, we cannot guarantee fulfillment of requests made by check.

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Foreign checks, including Canadian, must be issued through an American Bank with a proper routing number. If payment is made by an institutional check, please make certain that the recipient's name is listed on the check or the accompanying paperwork.

Answers and PowerPoints from last year's DSS are available on the AANP web site as is our virtual library of DSS cases with whole slide images back to 1987!!

Hotel Information:

The 2011 meeting will be held at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel located at 1400 6th Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101 (phone: 1-800-325-3535). The hotel is located in downtown Seattle near many local attractions. The Space Needle, the Seattle Art Museum and Pike Place Market are all within walking distance as are The Fifth Avenue Theater and Paramount Theater. Amenities include a fitness center, indoor swimming pool and valet

parking. Fees for valet parking are \$33.48 plus tax per 24 hours with in and out privileges granted to hotel guests. Check in time is 3:00 pm and check out time is 12:00 pm.

If you have not already made your room reservations at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel please do so prior to May 20, 2011 to ensure the meeting room rate. Room rates are \$194.00 for single or double occupancy. Please make your reservations at <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/AANP2011>.

Transportation to and from the hotel:

The hotel is approximately 16 miles from Seattle/Tacoma International Airport. Taxi service is available at the airport on the third floor of the parking garage. The Gray line Airporter shuttle departs from the airport daily between 5:30 am and 11:00 pm. The shuttle service can be contacted at 800-551-5903 and the fee is \$18.00. The city rail system can also be used to travel from the airport to downtown.

Additional information about travel, local attractions and hotel amenities can be found at <http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/area/index.html?propertyID=460>

CME STATEMENT

The American Association of Neuropathologists is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians and designated the following continuing medical education activities for credit hours in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. As was true at the 2010 meeting in Philadelphia, we anticipate that approximately 25 credits will be available to participants. Here is the distribution of credits from 2010.

2010 Meeting	Credits
Special Course	6.5
Saul Korey Lecture	1
DeArmond Lecture	1
Scientific Sessions	Platform = 8; Posters = 2
Presidential Symposium	3
AANP DSS Session	3

Future AANP Meetings

2011 Will be held at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel, Seattle, Washington, June 23-26, 2011.

2012 Will be held at the Palmer House Chicago Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, June 21-24, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JNEN SUBSCRIPTION CHANGES

Beginning with the January 2011 issue, you will no longer receive the print edition of *JNEN* as part of your AANP membership dues. Rather, eTOC alerts will be delivered to your email inbox upon publication of each new issue, enabling you to go directly to the issue online. **The print version will still be available to you, but for an additional \$50.00 fee.**

AANP is taking action to automatically activate each member's online journal subscription. This will help you to easily access jneuropath.com and all it has to offer.

Please watch your inbox in mid-December for an email notification from our publisher, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. This email will advise you of a temporary username and password that has been set up on your behalf. Simply follow the instructions in the email to begin accessing the full-text of *JNEN* online.

PATHPEDIA WEBSITE

Dr. Kaleem has been working on a pathology website that has developed a module to post and discuss unusual cases. The purpose is to identify variants and new entities through collaboration of pathologists around the world. Pathologists can post a case with complete information and up to 10 images.

Visit: <http://www.pathpedia.com/Education/eAtlas/Cases.aspx> to view some postings. It allows you the option to post a case for all users on the web, limit to members of your group, or to direct the case to an individual.

A neuropathology case has been posted for comments.

Thank you

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THE NATIONAL PRION DISEASE PATHOLOGY SURVEILLANCE CENTER

Please see the attached letter.
