

Notes & Announcements

Canadian Conference on Neurotoxicology

In November 1990, the Canadian Neurological Coalition brought together speakers of different disciplines from across North America. Dr. Donald McLachlan, Director of the Tanz Centre for Studies in Neurodegenerative Diseases at the University of Toronto, reviewed the role of aluminum in Alzheimer disease. Dr. Jane Adams, from the University of Massachusetts, reviewed "teratology" — the study of abnormal development as a result of prenatal exposure.

Tapes can be obtained of this conference for a small fee from:

Canadian Neurological Coalition
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Toronto, Ontario M5G 1L5

Centre for Research in Neurodegenerative Disease

Opening ceremonies took place on June 7, 1990, three years after the initial announcement of the establishment of the centre. In October, Mr. Perrin Beatty, Federal Minister of Health, made a special tour of the centre.

The move to the Tanz Building, University of Toronto, is now nearly complete. Newly appointed researchers are well advanced in setting up their laboratories. They include:

Dr. Catherine Bergeron, examining among other things the proteins responsible for the structural integrity of neurons, which undergo changes in Alzheimer disease.

Dr. Gabrielle Boulianne, investigating the molecules responsible for the development of the nervous system.

Dr. Theo Kruck, developing strategies for the treatment of Alzheimer disease based on ion-specific chelation.

Dr. Donald McLachlan, Interim Director of the Centre, who is investigating various aspects of the causes and treatment of Alzheimer disease.

Dr. William G. Tatton, examining the macro-molecules in the cytoplasm of single nerve and glial cells relevant to trophic factors which play a role in neurodegenerative disease.

Dr. Peter St. George-Hyslop, developing strategies to isolate and characterize the genes responsible for Alzheimer disease.

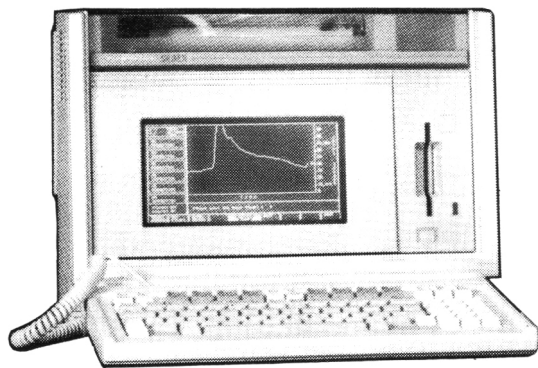
Dr. William Trimble, examining the proteins making up the structures of synapses essential for normal nervous activity.

Alzheimer Conference, Newfoundland

St. John's, Newfoundland, hosted the 13th Annual General Meeting and Conference on April 25-27, 1991. The theme this year was "Creative minds creating change in Alzheimer care".

Professor Franz Baro from Louvain, Belgium, gave the annual inaugural lecture as Chairman of the International Medical and Scientific Advisory Board of Alzheimer Disease International.

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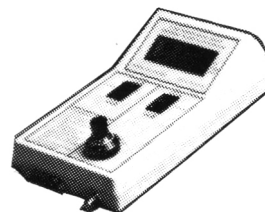
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