

Notes and Announcements

The XX1st Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences was held in London, Ontario, 24-28 June, 1986, to recognize the outstanding contributions to medical and surgical neurology of Professors Henry Barnett and Charles Drake.

The following distinguished guests honoured the occasion by their scientific papers in a special Congress Symposium:

Prof. Aguayo — “Neural Transplantation: An Experimental Strategy for Central Nervous System Repair”

Prof. Handa — “Pathology and Pathogenesis of Cerebral Aneurysms: Results of the Animal Model and the Perspective”

Prof. Adams — “Certain Neurological Aspects of Arteriovenous Malformations of the Brain”

Prof. Martin — “Molecular Genetics: Applications to Clinical Neurology”

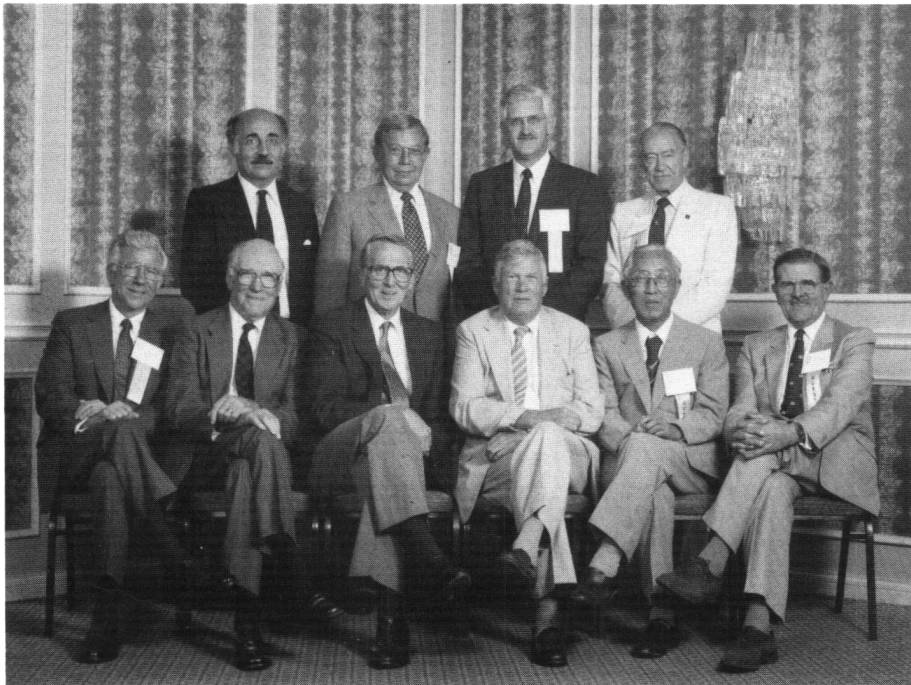
Prof. Malis — “Central Neurofibromatosis”

Prof. Plum — “Quantifying the Material Basis of Brain: Its Social Implications”

Prof. Rasmussen — “Cortical Resection for Epilepsy: Why Does It Succeed, Why Does It Fail?”

Prof. Sir John Walton — “The Science of Clinical Neurology”

Papers were also read by Professor Charles Drake (“The Surgeon Scientist: An Endangered Species”) and by Professor Henry Barnett (“The Bedside, The Outpatient Clinic and Science”).



The Honoured Guests of the XX1st Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences, London, Canada, June 24-28, 1986.

BACK ROW (from left to right)

Prof. Albert J. Aguayo, Montreal; Prof. Leonard I. Malis, New York; Prof. Joseph B. Martin, Boston; Prof. Theodore Rasmussen, Montreal.

FRONT ROW (from left to right)

Prof. Fred Plum, New York; Prof. Raymond D. Adams, Boston; Prof. Henry J.M. Barnett, London; Prof. Charles G. Drake, London; Prof. Hajime Handa, Kyoto; Prof. Sir John Walton, Oxford.

Canadian Brain Tissue Bank

The Canadian Brain Tissue Bank was established in 1981 with a grant from the Ewart R. Angus Memorial Fund. Its purpose is to support research in neurological disorders. The impetus to establish the Canadian Brain Tissue Bank came from several societies with special interest in neurological diseases. These special interest groups were incorporated in 1985 under the name of the Canadian Neurological Coalition and are registered as a Canadian charitable organization. The member agencies of the Coalition are: Alzheimer Society of Canada; Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Society of Canada; Canadian Association of Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities; Canadian Association for Narcolepsy; Canadian Friends of Schizophrenics; Dystonia Medical Research Foundation; Association Canadienne de l'Ataxie de Friedreich; Huntington Society of Canada; Parkinson Foundation of Canada; and Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada.

The Bank is supported by the Medical Research Council of Canada, The Ontario Mental Health Foundation and the member agencies of the Canadian Neurological Coalition. Since 1981, the Bank has collected 552 specimens of human brain tissue and spinal cord, supplying tissue to over 26 research scientists across Canada and abroad.

The Bank does not limit its acceptance of pathological nervous tissue to those diseases of special interest to the Coalition. All specimens are available for research. At the time of writing the Bank can offer, in addition, the following pathological specimens: Cockayne's Syndrome, severe cerebellar atrophy, various examples of encephalopathy and dementia, spinocerebellar degeneration and others. Clinical and pathological case summaries can be provided for these and any other specimens in the Bank before shipment.

The success of the Canadian Brain Tissue Bank depends on a steady supply of brains from cadavers affected by the diseases under study, rapid collection and freezing of specimens after death and on the efficient administration of the Bank in the service of research workers. Inquiries regarding brain donation and tissue for research should be directed to the Administrative Coordinator of the National Office, Mr. Richard D. Brown, Banting Institute, Room 127, 100 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1L5; telephone (416) 977-3398.

Saunders Award

The Board of Directors of the Saunders Memorial Trust invites applications from E.E.G. technologists for a Special Award of \$1,000.00. The purpose of the award is to advance the knowledge and skill of the successful applicant.

Applicants must demonstrate, in their written submission, how the award would be used to further their training and knowledge. Preference will be given to the applicant who presents a paper at a scientific conference in North America.

The decision of the Board will be final.

Applications and requests for further information should be sent to Ms. Shirley Oliver, R.E.T., Dept. of Clinical Neurophysiology, 700 William Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 0Z3.

The Hospital for Sick Children Dr. Harold J. Hoffman succeeds Dr. E. Bruce Hendrick (who continues on the active staff) as head of the Division of Neurosurgery at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

University of Toronto and Toronto Western Hospital

The 1987 William S. Keith Visiting Professor of Neurosurgery was Professor Kenichiro Sugita. The dates for the visit were February 17-19, 1987. The visit coincided with the formal opening of the new Neurosurgical Unit in the Fraser Fell Wing of the Toronto Western Hospital, and the 50th Anniversary of Neurosurgery at Toronto Western Hospital.

The theme of the meeting was "*Advances in Neurosurgical Technology*". Professor Sugita's papers included "Neurosurgical Instrumentation for the Twenty-First Century", "Surgery of Arteriovenous Malformation", and "Clipping Techniques for Unusual Aneurysm". A symposium was built around these themes. Residents' research papers, the Morley prize competition, a clinical pathological conference, ward rounds, and visits to other hospitals were scheduled during the visit.