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Spring 2014 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Colleagues;

Preparations have begun for the 54th CANP Annual Meeting which will be held at the Rimrock Resort Hotel in Banff, Alberta from Oct. 15 – 18 (details below). This year, the symposium will focus on “Frontotemporal Dementia” with presentations by a number of international experts, including Dr. David Munoz who will give the Gordon Mathieson Invited Member lecture.

At the business meeting last year, it was agreed that now would be a good time to review the format of the CANP Annual General Meeting. Although the timing and general structure of the meeting have remained largely unchanged over the past few decades, we have periodically added named lectures and made minor changes to the program. The purpose of the current review is to ensure that the timing, structure and content of the meeting optimally address the needs of our membership and fulfill the guidelines for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) as set forth by the RCPSC Accreditation Guide. To this end, the Executive has formed a small ad hoc committee, headed by Dr. Robert Hammond and including Drs. Edward Johnson, Alex Easton and Jason Karamchandani.

This committee has been asked to consider all aspects of the meeting, solicit opinions from association members and then make recommendations as to how the meeting might be improved. Please give this issue some thought and be prepared to provide the committee with your considered opinions.

The Executive will present a summary of the recommendations at the next business meeting where major changes will be discussed and voted on.

Finally, it is with great sadness that I report the recent loss of another major figure in the Canadian neuropathology community, Dr. N. Barry Rewcastle. Dr. Rewcastle was a very active and influential member of our association who had an enormous impact on the practice of neuropathology in Toronto, Calgary and across Canada. Dr. Bernadette Curry has agreed to write an in memoriam eulogy for Dr. Rewcastle which will appear shortly.

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53rd ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP

The Resident Awards Committee announced Dr. Veronica Hirsch-Reinshagen (supervisor Dr. Mackenzie) as the Mary Tom Award winner for the best clinical paper for her presentation: “Clinicopathological correlations in FTD/ALS with C9ORF72 mutation.” The Morrison H. Finlayson Award for best basic science paper was given to Alexandra Rogers (supervisor Dr. Chan) for her presentation: “CIC in Neurodevelopment and Oligodendrogliomagenesis.” Special thanks are extended to Committee Chair Dr Claire Coiré, and Committee Members Stephen Saikali and Alex Easton for evaluating the large number of excellent trainee presentations.

The meeting summary and abstracts are published in the January 2014 issue of the Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences, volume 41, pages 119-127.

Meeting Attendance Certificates were distributed during the Saturday session; anyone who did not receive their certificate should contact the Secretary-Treasurer. The Unknown Cases Diagnoses and References were also distributed after the meeting, and are posted on the CANP website.

UPCOMING 54th ANNUAL MEETING

DATE AND VENUE
Our 54th Annual Meeting will be held at the Rimrock Resort Hotel in Banff, Alberta from October 15 – 18, 2014. Dr. Jeff Joseph is the local organizer.

The symposium topic this year is “Frontotemporal Dementia.”
Invited speakers include:

John Hardy; UCL, London, UK
Manuela Neumann; University of Tübingen, Germany
Leonard Petrucelli; Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida, USA

The Jerzy Olszewski Guest Lecture will be given by Dr Greg Cairncross, Director of the Southern Alberta Cancer Research Institute.

The Gordon Mathieson Invited Member Lecture will be given by Dr David Munoz.

The annual banquet will be held at the hotel on October 17th.

CANP members will be directly notified by e-mail when pre-registration is open.

PROFESSIONALS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
David Munoz: munozd@smh.ca

The draft standards documents circulated prior to the 2012 Mont-Tremblant meeting are still available online. Members are encouraged to give feedback.

Dr. Cynthia Hawkins will be attending a meeting in Haarlem this spring to update guidelines for CNS tumour diagnosis, which may impact the next WHO classification.

If you have any comments regarding non-histological criteria in the typing and grading of pediatric brain tumours, please contact Dr. Hawkins: cynthia.hawkins@sickkids.ca by April 6th, 2014.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Julia Keith: julia.keith@sunnybrook.ca

Members are reminded of "The National Neuropathology Lecture Series", an on-line learning tool for use by Canadian Neuropathology residents and members of the CANP.

There are now 7 one hour lectures available on the Portal website, including “The diffuse gliomas:
clinical, pathologic and molecular features” by Dr Dan Brat, and the power point presentation by Dr Lawlor on congenital myopathies given at the 2013 CANP. This initiative will be discussed at the 2014 CANP Business Meeting in October, a participant survey will be circulated summer of 2014, and all members are encouraged to explore the site and view several lectures in preparation.

To access the lectures:
• Go to http://portal.utoronto.ca
• Log in using your guest ID and Password as previously provided electronically
• The lecture series will be listed under "Courses in which you are enrolled"
• Select the "Canadian Neuropathology Lecture Series" link and access the "Lectures" from the left hand menu.

If you do not have your log-in or password, please contact Dr Julia Keith: julia.keith@sunnybrook.ca.

As the coordinator of this program I want to thank you for your participation and support,

Julia Keith
Neuropathologist
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Residency Program Director in Neuropathology
University of Toronto

Workshop:
Brain Tumours: Beyond the 2007 WHO Classification, presented by Peter Gould and Stephan Saikali.
Sunday July 13, 0800-1130

Pediatric/Perinatal and Neuropathology Symposium
Tuesday, July 15, 0800-1130

Symposium Co-Chairs:
Fergall Magee, IWK Health Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Robert Macaulay, Capital District Health Authority, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Symposium Speakers:
David Grynspan,
Patrick Shannon, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario
Cynthia Hawkins, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario

The symposium will be followed by the Neuropathology Section Annual Executive Meeting.

RCPSC NP SPECIALTY COMMITTEE

Dr Marc Del Bigio is the Chair of the Specialty Committee

HUMAN EYE BIOBANK

Dr Yeni Yucel writes:
We have launched non-profit Human Eye Biobank for Research initiative. Please see the website: www.humaneyebank.com

Our eye tissue collection includes neurodegenerative diseases and age-matched controls, and may be relevant to CANP members and their collaborators.
DUES and MEMBERSHIPS

Dues for 2014 have been maintained at $200. American and foreign members paying by cheque or money order can use approximate current exchange rates – no need for the exact amount. We accept credit card payments by Visa or MasterCard. Dues payments by credit card can be mailed or faxed to the Secretary-Treasurer. You can e-mail your payment forms in PDF format if you so prefer.

The CANP is pleased to welcome new active members Drs Catherine Fallet-Bianco (Montreal), Mark Hiken (Saskatoon), Kathryn Urankar (Toronto), and Frank Van Landeghem (Edmonton) as well as junior member Dr. Murad Alturkustani (UWO).

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Laboratory Services, Alberta Health Services, in partnership with the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, University of Alberta, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, in Edmonton, Alberta is seeking a qualified academic Neuropathologist to join the Department for a full-time position.

Interested, qualified persons should forward their curriculum vitae and contact information of three referees to:

Pamela Stevens, BAHSA, Coordinator - Physician & PhD Recruitment & Workforce Support, AHS Laboratory Services, University Terrace #1-00 8303 112 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2T4. Phone: 780-407-2835, Fax: 780-407-7794

Pamela.stevens@albertahealthservices.ca

Please see the attachment for more details.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Any items for inclusion in the Summer Newsletter should be sent by May 15th, 2014 to peter.gould@fmed.ulaval.ca.

Enclosures:

2013 Annual Business Meeting Minutes & 2012-2013 Financial Statement

Professional Opportunity, Edmonton

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