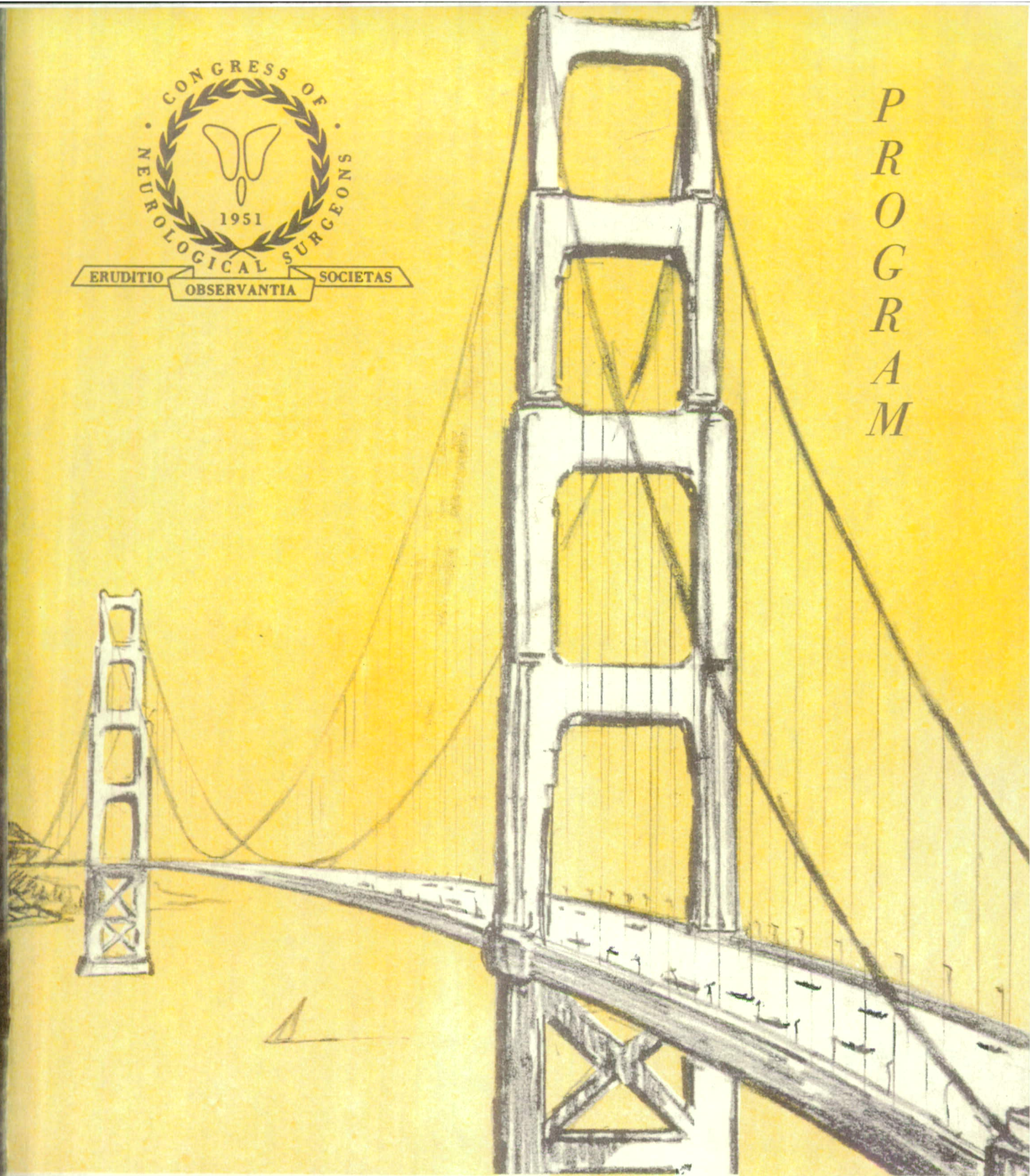




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Dear Fellow Congressmen:

ANTES SAN JUAN

I am sure that all who attended the Sixteenth Annual Meeting will concur that the Congress' first venture outside the continental United States lived up to our expectations. The setting of San Juan and the program format of holding scientific sessions for only half a day, in order to enjoy the many attractions of the Island, made for a most enjoyable meeting.

Dr. Hugo Krayenbühl came through in the tradition of our past foreign Honored Guests. This outstanding European teacher and clinician presented his varied and valued experience in his chosen subject extremely well. The remainder of the scientific program, as executed by Bill Coxe and his Committee, was outstanding. The first Seminars in Fundamental Neurological Surgery, the consummation of which was largely due to the efforts of Bill Hunt, was well attended and received. Such an excellent beginning has assured this pre-convention session a place in the Annual Meetings for the foreseeable future. A special accolade should go to Dr. Norman Allen, Chairman of the Section of Neurology at Ohio State University, for his erudite yet lucid presentation in the field of neurochemistry.

All of us are indebted to Jack Barrett, the General Program Chairman, for his tireless efforts to assure the smooth running of the overall program. His daily 6:00 A.M. meetings with Mr. Chago Munoz, Resident Manager of the Americana of San Juan, to go over once more the day's activities contributed largely to the lack of significant break downs in the execution of the meeting. Especial cordial and effective assistance was given by Mr. Munoz and his staff of the Americana.

Frank Padberg and his Registration Committee had this activity down to a science. No major bottle neck developed in registering the 716 persons who attended. These included 265 members, 73 guests, 89 residents, 20 guest speakers, the Honored Guest as well as a past Honored Guest and 268 wives.

Julian Youmans and his Committee did a superb job in seeing that the residents enjoyed their time at the meeting and were made to feel an integral part of it. They were given tickets gratis to all functions this year, thanks to the generosity of Codman and Shurtleff and American Silk Sutures.

The Member Participation Program, which seems to grow yearly in interest and stature as part of the Annual Meeting, was once more highly successful. Thanks go to Jim Robertson and Erich Wisiol for their good work.

Jim Simmons had his problems with exhibits but managed to get them all set up in the limited space available, keeping the exhibitors reasonably happy at the same time.

Andy Karavitis et al, on the Host Committee, performed splendidly in carrying out the countless details of making our Honored Guest and Guest Speakers aware that we try a great deal harder to make their time with the Congress a pleasant experience.

Finally, the local neurosurgeons, who served as members of the Local Arrangements Committee, were real anchor men in seeing that all was in readiness before the meeting and were available during the meeting. Our special thanks go to Jose Alvarez de Choudens, Pedro Borrás, Luis Guzman-Lopez, Rafael Longo, Max Ramirez de Arellano and Nathan Rifkinson, as well as their wives.

The Post-Convention Tour to Aruba in the Netherlands Antilles was attended by twenty-one couples. Hugh Smisson, who was in charge of the trip, reported that the extra time taken to spend these few days in a unique locale was thoroughly enjoyed by those who went.

DESPUES SAN FRANCISCO

The Congress may now look forward to what promises to be an equally successful meeting to be held at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel October 25-28, 1967. Dr. James Gardner of the Cleveland Clinics will be our Honored Guest. The theme of this year's scientific program will be PROBLEM AREAS IN NEUROSURGERY. George Tindall and his Scientific Program Committee are well along in formulating what should be a most informative group of papers. Seminars in Fundamental Neurological Surgery will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 1967. It will pertain to the Anatomy and Physiology of the Thalamus and Diencephalon. Again, the site of the meeting and the subjects to be considered should make this an outstanding meeting.

It is not too early to submit papers for the Member Participation Program to be held on Friday afternoon, October 27, 1967. George Becker wishes to inform the membership that the absolute cut-off date for submitting titles and abstracts will be July 15, 1967. He would like to emphasize that titles of papers cannot be considered by his Committee without an accompanying abstract of approximately 250 words. In recent years, more papers have been submitted than could be presented. The sooner your title and abstract is in, the better.

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ASSESSMENT FOR THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY

The Fourth International Congress of Neurological Surgery will be held at the New York Hilton Hotel September 21-28, 1969. This meeting entails financial obligations which must be borne in large part by the five national neurosurgical societies. As with the previous meeting in United States, there seems no way to defray these expenses except by assessing members of the individual societies in the host country. The assessment will be \$10.00 per year for two years. The problem of duplicating assessments on those who belong to two or more of the five national societies, has raised legitimate questions in the past as to the equity of being asked to contribute a separate assessment through each society to which one belongs. This has been discussed with Dr. Collin S. MacCarty, Secretary for Congress Affairs of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies. He indicated that there is no alternative to this for two reasons: (1) the cross indexing of the members of the various societies who belong to several societies would be impractical and (2) the amount required to organize and execute the meeting would not be met unless multiple assessments were made to some individuals. While arguments against this are immediately obvious, it would appear that this is the price one pays for the honor of belonging to several societies.

CONGRESS SPONSORED NEUROSURGICAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

This program is now completing its fourth year. Twelve American neurosurgeons have participated thus far. All who have participated have felt enriched by the experience of the person-to-person contact which such a program affords. This program has now been approved to extend to a graduate resident level. The participant preferably should be single; he should be highly motivated and recommended. These junior exchange neurosurgeons will go to India for a six month period on what might be termed a super-resident status. It is hoped that one or more will qualify so that the program can be initiated this Fall. After informing your residents of the unusual opportunity, if you have an interested resident who would qualify, please notify Dr. Roy Tyrer, Chairman of the International Committee, 220 S. Claybrook, Memphis, Tenn. 38104.

The senior exchange program continues, and any potential participant should make their interest known to Roy Tyrer. To date, most of the participants have had teaching affiliations. This will continue to be desirable but not imperative. The time involved is two months. Economy air transportation, \$500.00 travel allowance and per diem allowance while in India are provided.

THE CASEY HOLTER MEMORIAL PRIZE

Entries are invited for an essay reporting original work bearing on the pathogenesis or treatment of spina bifida or infantile hydrocephalus. The prize for the best paper will be 100 Pounds. Papers should be submitted by April 30, 1967

to Honorary Secretary, Society for Research into Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, Midland Centre for Neurosurgery and Neurology, Holley Lane Smithwick, Staffs, England.

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More details regarding the Seventeenth Annual Meeting in San Francisco, October 25-28, 1967 and the week-long Post-Convention Tour to Hawaii will be forthcoming

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