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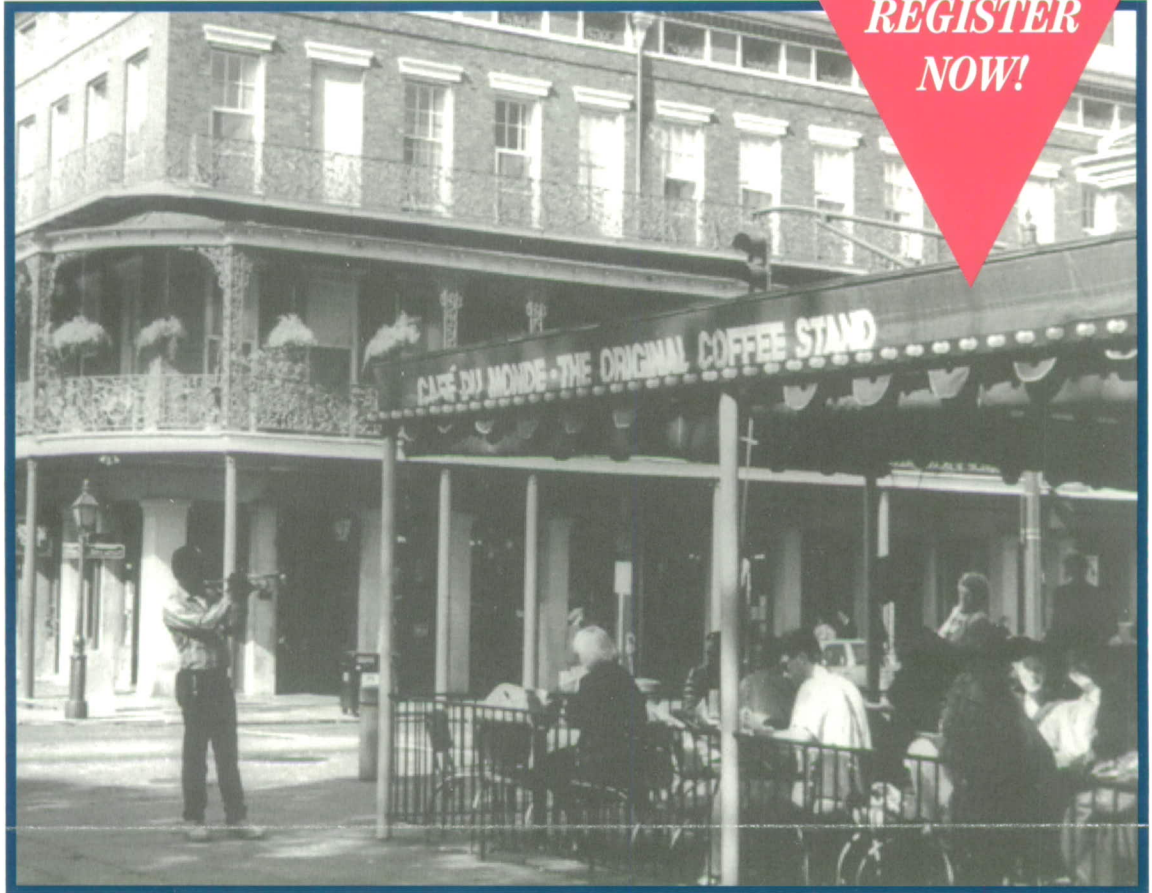
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New Orleans Hosts  
1997 Annual  
Meeting  
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**T**he 1997 Congress of Neurological Surgeons Annual Meeting, to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, September 27 through October 2, 1997 offers expanded educational opportunities to its neurosurgical members, residents in training, and nurses. "The membership has indicated that in these times of constricting financial resources and increased schedule demands, a more efficient, practical, and education-packed meeting be designed. This will provide members with state-of-the-art presentations of contemporary neurosurgical issues, focused Practical Courses in which members can improve techniques and applications, and expanded CME credit opportunities in a relatively condensed time frame. We have attempted to address these issues in the design of the Scientific Program for the 1997 Annual Meeting" says Scientific Program Chairman, Mark N. Hadley, M.D. For the first time the CNS Annual meeting offers an expanded Practical Courses format on two days, Saturday, September 27, and Sunday, September 28. "Membership has indicated that they want to take advantage of the reduced airline fares to New Orleans by incorporating a Saturday night stay into their plans", Hadley relates. Since members plan to be in New Orleans on Friday or Saturday, the 1997 Meeting is designed to promote an educational forum on Saturday. Exciting new Practical Courses, including the excellent course offered by Dr. Albert Rhoton on *Intracranial Microsurgical Anatomy* and a brand new Practical Course offered by Russell Nockels on *Spinal Cord Injury: Research Techniques, Clinical Controversies, and Outcomes Analysis* have been added.



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There will be more than one dozen Practical Courses offered on Saturday, some of which will be full-day courses in addition to several are half-day courses. Neurosurgical nurses may be particularly interested in a Critical Care Practical Course entitled *Nursing Dilemmas: Acute Assessment and Management of Neurosurgical Emergencies*. Dr. Peter Sorini has re-vamped the nursing program for this year's Annual Meeting and has created a contemporary, hands-on Practical Course addressing neurosurgical nursing issues and the management of neurosurgical emergencies. This course will be offered on Saturday, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

An expanded Practical Course program is offered on Sunday, September 28. A new course on transphenoidal surgery directed by Dr. Warren Selman has been added. Dr. David Klein will offer an anatomic dissection course on brachial plexus and peripheral nerve exposures. Practical Course Directors Kevin Gibbons and Curtis Dickman report that "rather than just offering courses to help define the use and perfect the techniques of spinal instrumentation technology, the membership deserves a course on the anatomy and exposure options for pathology of the thoracic and lumbar spine". Dr. Rick Fessler and Dr. Paul McCormick have generated a daylong course on surgical exposures of the thoracic and lumbar spine to fill that need. Dr. Rhoton will offer an excellent half-day course on Sunday for residents entitled *Microsurgical Anatomy for Residents in Training*. Sunday afternoon Drs. Marc Simard and Lawrence Borges will offer a practical course on *Grants: Getting Started, Application, Process, and Funding*, to assist our membership and residents in their pursuit of grant support for their clinical and laboratory work.

Four outstanding General Scientific Sessions are offered each morning beginning on Monday, September 29 from 7:30 a.m. to noon. On Monday, September 29 and Thursday, October 2, Controversies in Neurosurgery will be presented. In each of these Sessions four controversial issues will be presented by experienced moderators. Discussants offering the rationale for one treatment approach will be countered by other experts, offering the rationale for alternative treatment. General Scientific Session II on Tuesday, September 30 will focus on the important and relevant issue of stroke as it applies to neurosurgeons and neurosurgical practice. Experts in the field of stroke management, triage, and research for stroke will provide a comprehensive overview of the subject and provide a template for creating a Stroke Center in a member's own



institution. General Scientific Session III on Wednesday, October 1 looks into the future of Neurosurgery. Entitled "Neurosurgery 2000," forward thinking experts in neurosurgery will present the current state-of-the-art with respect to specific disease processes and provide their intuition into the management of these complex disorders in the year 2000.

Dr. Nicholas Zervas, Chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital, is the 1997 Congress of Neurological Surgeons Honored Guest. He will provide three outstanding lectures during the course of the meeting. His first presentation will be on Monday, September 29, the second on Wednesday, October 1 and the third on Thursday, October 2. Each lecture will be given during the General Scientific Session occurring that morning.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons are replete with educational opportunities, contemporary discussions, and innovative course offerings. Three Special Courses will be offered, one each on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons on the pragmatic issues of (1) *Intraoperative Monitoring: The state of the art, and Future Directions*, (2) *Extraordinary Care: The Extremes of Life, Ethical and Medical Issues*, and (3) *Technological Advances in Communications and Imaging in Neurosurgery*. These afternoon sessions will also entertain didactic educational seminars by each of the Joint Sections of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. The joint sections on trauma and critical care, spine and peripheral nerve, cerebrovascular surgery, tumor, stereotactic and functional neurosurgery, pain and pediatrics offer outstanding afternoon educational symposia.

Eighty educational opportunities have been made available to our membership during lunchtime hours during the course of the meeting. Luncheon Seminar Chairmen, Drs. Gerald R. Rodts and Richard Ellenbogen have designed an exceptional luncheon seminar format beginning at noon on Monday,

Tuesday, and Wednesday. Experts in individual disciplines or areas of interest in neurosurgery will provide their thoughts on focused management issues during these popular luncheon presentations.

The Scientific Program Committee is excited about the 1997 Annual Meeting. The program has been designed to meet the expressed needs of the general membership, Resident members, and Nursing members of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. Not only has the scientific format been expanded and

enhanced with contemporary state-of-the-art presentations, but the number of our members who will get to the podium to present oral abstracts and posters has tripled over previous meetings. The opportunities for residents to participate in our Annual Meeting is unsurpassed. A variety of new resident prizes have been offered for the best resident scientific submissions in virtually all of the Joint Section Sessions. The goal to provide an enhanced educational opportunity within the time constraints of the traditional Annual Meeting and to provide the maximum possible Continuing Medical Education opportunities during a relatively restricted time course have both been accomplished. We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans. We hope you will find this provocative educational experience to be both enjoyable and of value. ▲

### **Mark Hadley: Scientific Program Chairman**

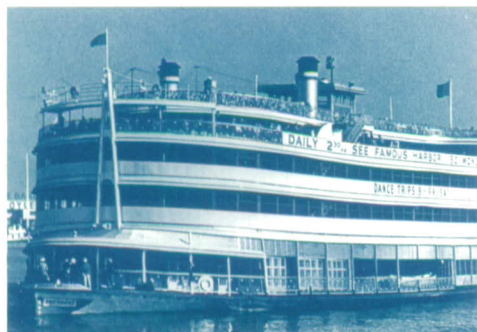


Lori and Mark live in Birmingham, Alabama. Mark is a Professor of Surgery, Division of Neurological Surgery, at the

University of Alabama at Birmingham. His primary area of interest is in disorders and diseases of the human vertebral column. Lori is a graduate of Southern Mississippi University and is in Interior Design sales and marketing. They have two delightful children, Christopher and Jack, and are expecting a third. As a family they are active in their local church and community, and enjoy outdoor activities, sports and the beaches of the Gulf Coast of Florida.

## New Orleans

Welcome to New Orleans and the world class Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Originally named after the French regent Philippe, Duc d'Orleans, New Orleans has become America's most exciting city. New Orleans has certainly come a long way since the Spanish Conquistadors (the city's first "tourists") explored the Louisiana Territory before Bienville claimed the City of New Orleans for France in 1718. New Orleans was designated the capital of Louisiana in 1722 and incorporated in 1805. The oldest surviving building is the



Ursuline Convent built between 1749 and 1753. The city's ground elevation runs from 5 feet (1.5 m) below sea level to 17 feet (5.1m) above. Its reputation as an "international city" is also firmly rooted in history, with its melange of cultures and ethnic influences and over 10 million visitors each year.

The Ernest N. Morial Convention Center extends a tremendous 1.1 million square feet of contiguous exhibit space on one level, including 118,000 square feet of lobby area, two major ballrooms and 83 second and third level meeting rooms that seat from 50 to 4,000. Best of all, the Morial Convention Center is within walking distance of some of the world's great restaurants, hotels, entertainment, shopping areas and major attractions like the French Quarter and the Aquarium of the Americas. Shimmering glass block walls and plush decor surround the 400-seat Atrium Restaurant/Lounge. It will tempt your palate with Crawfish Cardinale, Chicken and Andouille Gumbo, Blackened Redfish, Praline Crepes and many other Cajun/Creole favorites you've heard so much about!



## Annual Business Meeting

The Nominating Committee of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons has considered the following candidates for office of President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Member at large. The committee recommends that the following Congress members be put forward for nomination for office.

President-Elect: H. Hunt Batjer, M.D.,

Vice President: Mitchel Berger, M.D.,

Secretary: Mark Hadley, M.D.,

Members at Large: Gerald (Rusty) Rodts, M.D., Vincent Traynelis, M.D.

The Members of the Executive Committee of the Congress Of Neurological Surgeons would like to propose the following new Bylaw to charter a new Leadership Development Committee:

CNS Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1.X. The CNS Leadership Development Committee shall be chaired by a member of the Executive Committee who is appointed to this role by the President for a period of three years. The Committee shall also include the current President-Elect. Annual Meeting Chairman. Scientific Program Chairman. and other members selected by the Chairman to assist in the activities of the Committee. This Committee will act as a clearing-house for the identification, solicitation, and monitoring of leadership development among members of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. The Committee is charged with reporting to the CNS Nominating Committee with objective documentation of talent and merit in consideration for leadership promotion within the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

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### ***Where is a good place in the French Quarter that plays excellent jazz?***

According to George Buck, a noted New Orleans authority on jazz and founder of the GHB Jazz Foundation there are many places to find good jazz. He recommends the following places where you can hear the best and most authentic New Orleans Jazz:

Preservation Hall is where it all began. If you want to hear New Orleans Jazz you have to go there! It is recommended that you wait until about 9:30pm to go because an earlier arrival usually means you will have to wait outside for awhile. Additionally, authentic pioneers of jazz play at Palm Court, a Jazz Cafe. They feature a different group every night of the weekend and are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Club Can-Can, on the corner of Bourbon and Conti, also features skilled jazz musicians dedicated to music. They play every night except Monday. Finally, on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, you can sit outside at the gazebo on the corner of Decatur and Ursuline from 12noon to 6pm.



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