



SOCIETY OF BRITISH NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

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Happy New Year! On taking over as President, I became very aware of the considerable achievements of past Presidents and Officers of the SBNS. Through the new constitution, Mr James Steers has created a cost-effective committee structure (see page 7 of this newsletter) that is now fit for purpose. With Professor Tony Bell, he has taken the Society to the brink of becoming a charity with all the attendant advantages. With Mr Richard Nelson, he has taken forward the

initiative started by David Hardy to create generic neuroscience training (see Richard's Report). James has also done a lot behind the scenes to ensure the voice of Neurosurgery is communicated effectively, a talent which has been appreciated by the other Specialist Surgical Associations through his election to the Presidency of the FSSA (Federation of Specialist Surgical Associations). He has been endlessly generous with his time during my induction period as fledgling President.

Academic renewal and SBNS meetings: time for revolution

Many members have made it clear that our meetings require radical updating. We have much to learn from abroad. Much greater opportunity needs to be provided for structured input and debate by experienced Consultants and inclusion of the key topics from the subspecialty groups so we can all be educated. Financial pressures are growing: In Italy, medical society meetings can no longer be sponsored by industry. Our interaction with industry has to change. Our meetings must be better value for money whilst retaining that informal culture so conducive to all aspects of CPD. The second Secretary, Mr James Palmer, has enthusiastically taken up this reforming challenge. The first opportunity for the new format will be at the imminent Spring meeting to be hosted by Charing Cross. This will be an experiment – please feed back your comments either directly or via the SBNS website so we can progressively achieve an optimal format.

Acronyms and Re-structuring

Medicine is plagued by acronyms – by the time we have understood the hieroglyphics, they change. Sir Gerry Robinson would have a field day reforming some of these organisations and their hostility to joined-up thinking... Over the past few months, there has been significant re-structuring and redefinition of roles amongst the Surgical Organisations. Naively, I had not previously appreciated the rivalry and sometimes destructive competition between the four Surgical Royal Colleges, each with its own agenda and perceived share of the "market". The Senate of Surgery was designed to provide a single voice for surgery but was unwieldy as it included multiple representatives from the Royal Colleges, the Presidents of the nine Specialist Surgical Associations and the FSSA, the chairmen of the SAC's and the JCHST, representatives of the Intercollegiate Examination Board and Lay representatives amongst others. Following an extensive external review (the Cubie Report), the following structure is likely to be implemented:

1. An 'overarching' Federation or Confederation to include the 4 College Presidents, the 9 Specialist Association Presidents and the President of the FSSA.
2. Two subsidiary committees – for coordination of both examinations and generic issues surrounding training.

Each Royal College has its own mechanism for including specialist advice. The English College has acted upon the recommendations of its Constitution Committee, of which the Specialty Presidents are members, to refine the workings of the College Council on which the Presidents of the Specialty Associations are invited members. The Presidents of the Specialty Associations welcomed their enhanced role within Council but made clear that they did not wish to be embedded nor become trustees and did not wish to become eligible to be President of the English College or any other College because of the conflict of interest.

What is now becoming clear is that the Specialty Associations have the knowledge to look after the clinical, curricular/training, national selection, governance and revalidation issues within their discipline but need the Colleges to provide the overall infrastructure for those generic areas where there is potential for litigation – the SBNS simply does not have the resources to defend itself in the courts.

However, Neurosurgery is more than a Surgical Speciality and with its sister disciplines in the Clinical Neurosciences, bears responsibility for many multidisciplinary patient pathways and service frameworks. This concept is the *raison d'être* for the Joint Neurosciences Council which includes Department of Health representation. The JNC has recently been revitalized by its outgoing Chairman (Dr Robin Sellar, Neuroradiology) and Secretary (Dr Graham Venables, President-elect of the Association of British Neurologists). I have been elected as the new JNC Chairman.

I will leave the task of elucidating all the training-related committees to Richard Nelson but why so many Committees? Many issues are complex and require a multidisciplinary input. Responses to important consultation exercises often have short deadlines (eg recent CMO Report on Revalidation) and your officers learn much from other disciplines. The Royal Colleges have the corporate mass and the 'ear' of their respective Departments of Health and important external bodies to facilitate horizon scanning and prospective collective action. The synergy and partnership between the Colleges and Specialty Associations is to be welcomed.

Nettles and Thorns

Over the next year, we will have to grapple with some difficult issues, for example, rogue experts, revalidation, securing national selection, team-working post-August 2007 and financial issues post-Enron. I have been very impressed by the willingness of the officers and so many members to contribute so much of their time and energy to SBNS business, often at very short notice. Particular thanks go to your Senior Secretary Phil van Hille and to the SBNS administrator Suzanne Murray who expertly keep the whole show on the road. Best wishes for 2007.

Prof. John Pickard, President, SBNS

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SHARING EXPERTISE

Message from the 2nd Honorary Secretary, James Palmer

A pivotal part of the role of the SBNS is to organise meetings to bring together its members in an educational and social environment. The place of these meetings has been modified with the development of sub-specialty associations and groups and the BNRG. The Society council has placed the meeting management at the heart of its work plan over the next 3 years. As part of this development I have been elected to be a Second Secretary, part of my remit being the meetings portfolio. The aim is to enter a period of experimentation, to boost the educational aspects, and to develop new ways of working with the specialty groups.

The 150th meeting in Charing Cross is the first to include this new approach. At this meeting are planned Breakfast Seminars, Sponsored Seminars and two new sessions called Clinical Focus and Technical Focus. In these sessions there will be invited speakers mostly from the UK presenting to the Society expert views on topical issues. There will be 3 guest lectures one on each day of the meeting – the Sir Victor Horsley, Professor Sir Hugh Cairns, and Sir Geoffery Jefferson Lectures. The timing of the free papers will be variable between 5 and 15 minutes depending on the complexity of the papers.

For future meetings we are planning to have every Spring meeting billed as an International Meeting and we will publicise and promote abstract submission from all 5 continental societies. The first of these will be in Liverpool in 2008. The Council is in the process of selecting a single professional conference organiser to plan the meetings over a 3 year period and to develop the relationship with our regular sponsors.

Finally the Society's plans to bid for the 2017 World Congress are progressing with the appointment of ConFab as the professional conference organiser. The next step will be a preliminary announcement of the bid at the Interim Meeting of the WFNS held in Nagoya, Japan at the end of 2007.

These experimental changes may be successful or may fail and a review process at the end of each meeting by a reinvigorated Education Committee is planned well in time to implement change for the next meeting. Feedback from the society members will be sought and will help the development. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting hosted by Charing Cross.

James Palmer
2nd Honorary Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Forthcoming Elections:

EANS/WNFS Representative

To replace Mr T Hope in March 2007

Two Council Members

To replace Mr R Kerr in July 2007 and James Steers in Sept 2007

President Elect

To take over as President in Sept 2008

Call for nominations will be sent out in April 2007

Welcome to new members of the SBNS

The following members had their membership ratified at the General Meeting held on 7th September 2006 at the Low Wood Hotel, Lake Windermere.

Full

Mr M Javadpour – Liverpool
Mr G Solanki – Birmingham Children's Hospital
Mr S Basu – Nottingham
Mr M Fitzpatrick – Edinburgh
Mr I Fouyas – Aberdeen
Mr I Kamaly-Asi – Manchester
Mr D McAuley – Royal Belfast Hospital
Mr P Mitchell – Newcastle

Associate

Mr S Achawal – Royal Free
Mr B Arvin – National Hospital, London
Dr Abd-Rabou – Egypt
Mr J A Barber – High Wycombe
Mr P Bhatt – Sheffield
Mr N de-Pennington – Oxford
Ms N Keong – Cambridge
Mr S Korfias – Newcastle
Mr A Ray – Preston
Mr C Schwindack – Cambridge
Mr S Ushewokunze – North Staffordshire
Mr M Wijeratne – Kings College, London
Mr K Woon – Nottingham
Mr L Zrinzo – Oldchurch, Romford
Mr E McIntosh – Kings College Hospital
Mr C Papadias – Birmingham Children's Hospital
Mr B Dabbous – Tyne and Wear
Mr N Haliasos – The National Hospital, London
Mr B Homapour – Birminham
Mr C Ulbricht – Charing Cross, London

Senior

Mr P Foy
Mr C West
Mr E Herrera-Martinez

Membership Subscriptions

Annual membership subscriptions were due on the 1st January 2007.

The current subscription rates are as follows:

Full – £200.00, Associates – £100.00

Standing order is the preferred method

SBNS Bank details below:

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114/116 Colmore Row

Birmingham B3 3BD

Sort code: 30 00 03

Account: 00554357

If you currently pay by Standing Order please ensure you are paying the correct amount.

Cheques – should be made payable to the Society of British Neurological Surgeons and sent to the SBNS office.

Credit Card – At the moment payment by credit card has to be done via the SBNS office, but this facility will soon be available via the SBNS website.

Results of Ballots SBNS Council

I am pleased to announce that following the recent ballot for two SBNS Council Members the following members were elected: Mr L Dunn and Mr P Eldridge. They commenced their 5-year term on Council in October 2006.

Laurence Dunn – Institute of Neurological Sciences, Southern General Hospital, Glasgow



Laurence Dunn undertook his higher surgical training in Liverpool and has been in consultant practice in Glasgow for 10 years, initially as a Senior Lecturer and honorary consultant, between 1996 and 2004, and since then as a full-time NHS consultant. He is currently a member of the SAC, Secretary of the British Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery Group, and has been closely involved in the

SBNS National Neurosurgical Dataset initiative. He is a past Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery in Glasgow and has recently taken on the responsibility of lead clinician for Neurosurgery. This experience makes him well suited to represent the interests of the membership on the SBNS Council.

Paul Eldridge – The Walton Centre for Neurology and Neurosurgery



Paul Eldridge has been a Consultant in Liverpool since 1993. He is a Clinical Director for Neurosurgery, critical care and pain services with sub-specialist interests in functional neurosurgery, including pain and neuromodulation. He has recently been appointed Deputy Editor of the British Journal of Neurosurgery. Contemporary experience as a general neurosurgeon, as Clinical Director in a Neuroscience Trust

and as a functional neurosurgeon will be valuable to the SBNS in maintaining clinical priorities against the background of challenges created by health service reforms such as payment by results, new consultant contact working time constraints, and the development of multidisciplinary working practices.

SAC Ballots

I am also pleased to announce that the following members were elected to act as SBNS Representatives on the SAC in Neurosurgery for a 4-year term:

Mr Paul Chumas – Leeds General Infirmary

Mr John Norris – Hurstwood Park Neurosciences Centre, WestSussex

Mr Patrick Statham – Western General Hospital, Edinburgh
Mr Peter Whitfield – Derriford Hospital, Plymouth
Congratulations to all newly elected members.

Society Medal

At the Council Meeting last July, the President introduced the concept of nominations of UK Neurosurgeons to be considered for the award of a Society Medal in recognition of their contribution to British Neurosurgery. Professor Bryan Jennett CBE has been nominated and accepted by Council as the first SBNS Medal Winner. Prof. Jennett is one of the doyens of academic Neurosurgery worldwide. He not only created a world-leading centre of excellence for traumatic brain injury, but also fostered the careers of many future Professors of Neurosurgery. He remains active in his eighties with the recent publication of his book on the Vegetative State. He is a fitting first holder of the Society's medal. The award will be presented during the Society's banquet of the forthcoming Charing Cross Meeting in April 2007. Nominations for future recipients should be made to Council by citations submitted by a nominator. This award will not necessarily be made annually. The recipient will be invited to the Society banquet for the presentation.

John Gleave (6.4.1925 – 6.8.2006)

John Gleave, consultant neurosurgeon, died from renal cancer on August 6, aged 81.

Neurosurgery has lost a remarkable figure with the death of John Gleave, former consultant neurosurgeon at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Academically gifted and a supremely skilled technician who excelled in everything that interested him, John's major contribution was in the field of stereotaxis. From the outset he had all the attributes needed to succeed in neurosurgery – a fine intellect, single-minded determination, excellent clinical skills, strong leadership and great energy. He published a number of papers on the surgery of cauda equina syndrome. He will be remembered particularly for his incisive but thoughtful clinical manner, which was combined with charm, kindness, and a keen sense of humour which sometimes came out at the most surprising times.

John was also a gifted classical scholar who delighted in giving citations in Latin from memory. At church he would follow the gospel by reading from his Greek testament. His best man had given him as a wedding present the 1663 edition of *Cerebri Anatomia*, the famous work by Thomas Willis, illustrated by the architect Sir Christopher Wren. The translation of this from Medieval Latin to English was to become his great occupation in retirement, although sadly he did not live long enough to complete the final chapter. Despite onerous professional and sporting commitments, his family, of whom he was intensely proud, always remained the centre of his life. He bore his final illness with both fortitude and great dignity, analysing the neurological deficit that followed tumour involvement of the spine without self-pity, and with the same clinical precision that had been the hallmark of his neurosurgical career. He leaves a wife, six married children and eighteen grandchildren.

SBNS Website www.sbns.org.uk

Have you logged on yet?

If not you could be missing out on communications from the Society.

The Society intends to use the SBNS website as its main form of communication to its members and it is essential that all members visit the site on a regular basis. It is also vital that members regularly update their contact details on their profile (instructions listed below), indicating which discussion boards you wish to register with and ensuring your contact details are correct, especially your email address.

Logon – first time users ONLY – key in **Surname** in first box and **Membership Number** in the second

Then give yourself a password

For future logins – key in your initial and Surname i.e. (FBloggs), or your email address and then your password in the second box

Click on "My details" (left hand menu)

Check all details are correct – if not update

Click on "Discussion board settings"

Tick "I want to receive message board emails"

Click "choose which message board subjects you want to be emailed about"

Tick as appropriate

Click "update"

Click "save all settings"

Any suggestions or comments about the website are welcome.

Oldchurch Unit – Essex Neurosciences Centre

On the 6th December 2006 the Oldchurch Neurosurgical Unit relocated to a new PFI Hospital and has changed its name and address to:

Essex Neurosciences Centre
Queens Hospital
Rom Valley Way
Romford RM7 0AG
Tel: 0845 1304204

Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease (CJD)

NICE have recently published guidance on the reduction of risk of transmission of Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease (CJD) via interventional procedure. A quick reference guide and the full version are available on the NICE Website.

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/IPG196>

Please ensure that you are all working hard to implement these changes.

British Journal of Neurosurgery



Conor Mallucci, T K Varma and Paul Eldridge

Announcing the New Team of Editors

Informa Healthcare is pleased to announce the appointment of T. R. K. Varma, Paul Eldridge and Conor Mallucci, from the Walton Centre for Neurology and Neurosurgery in Liverpool, to head the new editorial team of the British Journal of Neurosurgery.

Mr T R K Varma takes over from Prof. John Pickard, as the new Editor-in-Chief. His sub-specialist interest is in Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery. He is also the Medical Director of the Liverpool Pain Foundation, is a past member of the Council of the Society of British Neurological Surgeons and was founder secretary of the British Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery Group. Paul Eldridge and Conor Mallucci will serve as Deputy Editors. Paul Eldridge has been Consultant Neurosurgeon at the Walton Centre since 1993 and is currently Clinical Director for Neurosurgery, Critical Care and Pain. Conor Mallucci is Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon at the Walton Centre and the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital.

They will also be supported by a new team of Associate Editors: Prof Ian Whittle, Edinburgh, Mr Peter Kirkpatrick, Cambridge, Mr Andrew King, Manchester, Mr Patrick Mitchell, Newcastle, Prof Ciaran Bolger, Dublin, Mr Neil Kitchen, London, Mr James Palmer, Plymouth – SBNS Representative.

The British Journal of Neurosurgery is also pleased to announce the introduction of Manuscript Central for quick and easy on-line submission of manuscripts. This will allow for a prompt peer review and handling of manuscripts. If you have a paper you would like to submit please visit:

<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/cbjn>

The Journal needs a large number of reviewers in all fields of neurosurgery and allied topics. If you would like to be a reviewer please contact the Editor in Chief at bjnsed@aol.com

Neurosurgical Training

Message from the Chairman of the SAC, Mr R Nelson

This has been a challenging year for the SAC as we prepare for Modernising Medical Careers in August 2007. The neurosurgical curriculum and training programme developed over the last two years were submitted in May to PMETB for approval. In September PMETB rejected Basic Neuroscience Training. Throughout October and November discussions took place with PMETB to resolve their concerns. At the end of November PMETB approved in principle a modified neurosurgical curriculum.

The initial training stage of the neurosurgical curriculum has been extended from 2 to 3 years, so the full training programme is now 8 indicative years. The first year (ST1) is a core neuroscience training year which replaces BNT1 and aims to provide trainees with a sound foundation of basic neuroscience knowledge and competence in managing acute neurological disorders. In order that this is a generic training year that can be shared across the clinical neurosciences specific surgical competencies will not be required.

The second and third years (ST2 and ST3) will include a further year in neurosurgery, together with attachments in other surgical disciplines and in emergency medicine (A&E). The SAC believes emergency medicine experience remains an important part of neurosurgical training given our involvement in trauma management and acute neurological disorders. PMETB has indicated that this should be included in the post-foundation curriculum.

We consider the additional experience afforded by ST3 will increase the chances of trainees achieving their early surgical competencies. The intermediate and final training stages of the curriculum have been accepted by PMETB and remain substantially unchanged.

The future of the MRCS has been a subject of intense debate. The SAC proposed that the MRCS should become a specialty-specific test of basic and applied knowledge taken at the end of the initial training stage. In October the Colleges and Examination Board agreed interim arrangements for the MRCS. Part 1 will consist of a written exam of MCQs and EMQs in generic surgical sciences. Part 2 will be an oral exam of surgical anatomy, pathology and intensive care. For neurosurgical candidates the oral exam will be in neuro-anatomy, neuropathology and neuro-intensive care. We feel that this represents a satisfactory compromise pending the further development and integration of postgraduate surgical examinations.

The SAC has strongly argued the case for national (UK-wide) selection into small specialties. The UK MMC strategy group and CoPMED (Postgraduate Deans) have accepted this in principle. We had hoped that national selection into neurosurgery would take place this coming year. However, the Chief Medical Officers had concerns regarding the governance and implementation of national selection using the Medical Training Application System (MTAS). As a result selection next year will take place at the level of individual deaneries and training programmes. Details of this process have been forwarded to training programme directors and specialist training committees. However, all consultant neurosurgeons should be aware that they may be asked to contribute to the short-listing and selection panels which will start work at the beginning of February. Specific training in the MTAS methodology will be required to take part in the selection process.

Following modifications to the curriculum there will now be 4 entry points to the neurosurgical training programme at ST1, ST2, ST3 and ST4. ST4 is the equivalent of a first year SpR position. Person specifications for each entry point will be available on the MMC and MTAS websites. We anticipate that there will be approximately 1 training position per training programme in each of the 4 years in the forthcoming selection process.

Next year promises to be as difficult as the last. There is no doubt that the changes brought about by MMC will place neurosurgical units under considerable additional pressure. At the moment we have a relative oversupply of CCT holders and we hope that units will be able to respond by an expansion in consultant numbers. An adequate consultant establishment will be a vital part of maintaining training standards.

R Nelson, Chairman, SAC in Neurosurgery

Littlewoods Unit

Wayne Rooney and Coleen McLoughlin launch the Littlewoods Neurosciences Unit at Alder Hey, December 4 2006



England star, Wayne Rooney and his fiancée Coleen McLoughlin helped launch the Littlewoods Neurosciences Unit – the first, and currently the only facility in the UK which provides a complete neurological and neurosurgical service for children in a single purpose-built building.

Littlewoods Shop Direct Group contributed £2.25 million – the hospital's single largest donation – to establish this fantastic unit. Their donation has provided the crucial first step that was necessary to design and develop the Paediatric Neurosciences Foundation.

The aim and remit of the Paediatric Neurosciences Foundation is to serve the local, regional and national population and in so doing provide a clinical, educational and research centre of excellence, building on the existing international reputation of neurology and neurosurgery in Liverpool. Although the Foundation exists as an independent unit and separate building within the hospital campus, it has maintained a close integration and liaison with the rest of the hospital, all other specialities and the local community.

SBNS Autumn Meeting 6 – 8 September 2006 at the Low Hall Hotel, Lake Windermere



The SBNS Autumn meeting, which was hosted by our colleagues at the Lancashire Teaching Hospital, Preston was a huge success and was well attended with 144 delegates and 40 exhibitors. The standard of the presentations was very high and the judges had a difficult task choosing a

winner. The Codman Prize for the best Oral Presentation was awarded to Dr M Tseng of Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge for his presentation:

Acute Treatment with Erythropoietin for Subarachnoid Haemorrhage: a Randomised Controlled Trial

and Ms K Gilkes from Derriford Hospital was awarded the Link Poster Prize for her poster:

Indirect foraminal decompression: X STOP for lumbar radiculopathy secondary to foraminal stenosis

They will both be presented with certificates at the Society's banquet during the Charing Cross Meeting.



Dr M Tseng



Ms K Gilkes

All the abstracts presented at the meeting will be published in the British Journal of Neurosurgery and an off print will be available on the SBNS website.

A big 'Thank You' goes out to everyone who worked so hard to make the meeting such a memorable and enjoyable event; our colleagues in Preston, especially Charles Davis, Nihal Gurusinghe and Gareth Roberts, all the Scorers, Chairpersons, Trade Sponsors and last, but not least, the Project Planning team.

SBNS Spring Meeting April 25-27 2007



The Surgeons of Charing Cross Hospital will be hosting the Society's 150th Scientific Meeting at the Novotel London West on the 25-27th April 2007. To mark this momentous occasion there will be a new structure to the meeting with clinical and technical focus, expert discussions and three new lectures:

- Sir Victor Horsely Lecture
- Prof. Sir Hugh Cairns Memorial Lecture
- Sir Geoffrey Jefferson Guest Lecture

The trainees programme will be held as usual on the Wednesday morning and there will be a revised Free Paper Session, breakfast and afternoon seminars.

We also have an excellent social programme planned; Welcome Reception, Wine Tasting, 5K Fun Run (for the energetic), Golf competition (for the more laid back), Partners Programme – so bring your other halves and for the piece de résistance the banquet will be held in the House of Commons! Places are limited so book early. Please note that, for this meeting only, the Gala dinner will be held at the end of the meeting on Friday night and the Fun Run and golf competition will be held on Saturday morning.

The SBNS and BNTA Business Meetings will be held on Thursday afternoon. I would like to thank everyone who submitted an abstract for this meeting – we had 117, which is record high. I would also like to thank all the scorers for giving up their spare time to score the abstracts. The Selection Committee is meeting on the 25th of January and notifications will be emailed by the end of January.

For further information and to register on-line please visit the SBNS website www.sbns.org.uk and click on conferences.

Or contact the AYA Venues – 01608 731800

Email: sbns@archer-yates.co.uk

Register before 20 April for reduced rates. I look forward to seeing you all in April and don't forget to visit the SBNS Stand!

Suzanne Murray, SBNS Administrator

Future of Neurosurgery UK Conference June 29 2007

This meeting, which replaces the annual Safe Neurosurgery Conference, is to be held at the Royal College of Surgeons of England on Friday 29th June. This will be a half-day meeting to establish the optimum working patterns for a Neurosurgical Unit in the future and produce a document with recommendations.

A number of factors, such as MMC training, the European Working Time Directive, revalidation, the CMO's document "Good Doctors, Safer Patients", Surgical Care Practitioners and Nurse Practitioners, will have a significant impact on the way units will provide the service to patients and meet the training needs of future generations of Neurosurgeons by 2009. It is vital that we recognize these changes and plan appropriately.

It is hoped that these issues will be considered mainly by the Workforce and Unit Infrastructure Committee, invited experts and your contribution at this conference.

For further details please visit the SBNS website or contact the SBNS office admin@sbns.freereserve.co.uk

FUTURE SBNS SCIENTIFIC MEETING DATES

Spring	2007	- Charing Cross, London, 25 - 27 April 2007
Autumn	2007	- Glasgow (Joint with EANS), 2 - 7 September 2007
Spring	2008	- Liverpool, 16-18 April 2008
Autumn	2008	- Nottingham (Joint with German Neurosurgical Society)
Spring	2009	- Birmingham

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

UK Meetings and Conferences

21 June 2007

Stereotactic Radiotherapy and Small Field Dosimetry - Birmingham

For further details please contact:

Alice Fields on 01904 610821 or alice@ipem.ac.uk
or visit www.ipem.ac.uk

26-29 June 2007

Society of University Neurosurgeons (SUN) Annual Meeting at The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, London

Contact: Neil Kitchen neil.kitchen@uclh.nhs.uk
PA Direct Line: 020 7829 8714

23-25 October 2007

International Syringomyelia Symposium - Syringomyelia 2007 - Rugby

For further information please

Visit: www.syringomyelia2007.org

or email: admin@syringomyelia2007.org

Dead line for call for abstracts 30th June 2007

International Conferences

23-25 February 2007

EANS Winter Meeting – Antalya, Turkey

For further information please visit their website: www.eanswinter2007.org

2-5 May 2007 – Prague

8th Congress of the European Skull Base Society 15th Annual Meeting of the German Society of Skull Base Surgery

For further information please visit: <http://www.esbs2007.com/>

13-16 September 2007

2nd Congress of International Society of Reconstructive Neurosurgery

5th Scientific Meeting of the WFNS Neurorehabilitation Committee

Venue: Taipei International Convention Centre

Website: www.isrn2007.org

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Details of other Neurosurgical Courses run by various organisations can be found on the SBNS Website under CPD and Training.

Aesculap Academia in association with B. Braun are pleased to announce the second year of the Controversies in Neurosurgery Symposium with Mr Neil Kitchen and Mr Laurence Watkins at the Complete Angler Hotel, Marlow.

For Further information please call Aynsley Pix or Rachel Kent on 0114 2259034/5 or visit www.aesculap-academia.co.uk

The Newsletter is your chance to communicate with your SBNS Colleagues. Contributions are welcome for the next issue – please contact:

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List of Officers and Committees

January 2007

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 Honorary Secretary, Mr James Palmer 2006 – 2010 Sept

ELECTED MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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 Mr M Powell 2004 – 2008 July
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 Mr N Gurusinghe 2006 – 2011 July
 Mr W Harkness 2006 – 2011 July
 Mr L Dunn 2006 – 2011 Oct
 Mr P Eldridge 2006 – 2011 Oct

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 Mr K Kemeny 2005 – 2009 Oct
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 Mr J Steers (FSSA)
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 Mr P Chumas (BPNG)
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2.2 Million Implants