



SOCIETY OF BRITISH NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

WINTER 2008 NEWSLETTER HAPPY NEW YEAR

Message from the President, Prof. John Pickard



Happy New Year! Much has been achieved by members of the SBNS in 2007 with a number of high profile international meetings including the EANS (Ken Lindsay, Glasgow), Society of University Neurosurgeons (Neil Kitchen, Queen's Square), International Society for Paediatric Neurosurgery (Liverpool), Syringomyelia (Graham

Flint, Rugby/Birmingham), Intracerebral Microdialysis (Peter Hutchinson, Cambridge) and Vegetative State (Cambridge) as well as the enhanced scientific programme launched at the Charing Cross meeting (James Palmer, David Peterson and colleagues).

National selection: at long last, this has been accepted in principle with a pilot for 2008. Reassuringly, the BNTA has expressed its enthusiasm for the new process. It has been a long and arduous journey for which we are all deeply in Richard Nelson's debt for his leadership and persistence. Both Council and Mr Michael Powell, the new Chair of the SAC, felt that we could not afford to lose Richard's invaluable insight and networking skills at this crucial time. Hence, Council has elected Richard as Vice-President to take over as Barrie White demits office. Barrie has done a splendid job in developing Neurosurgical Standards, tirelessly pursuing the Coding Agenda, NICE, NCEPOD and much else. It is essential that the SBNS makes a success of National Selection – we all need to respond with alacrity when asked for data and expertise. It is a great opportunity and the next generation will not forgive us if we falter.

What are we training for? One of the key issues identified by the Tooke Review was the ambiguity over the role of the doctor in future.

'Recommendation 5: there needs to be a common shared understanding of the roles of the doctor in the contemporary

healthcare team. Such clarity must extend to the service contribution of the doctor in training, the certificated specialist, the GP and the consultant. Such issues need to be urgently considered by key stakeholders and public consensus reached by the end of 2008. Education and training need to support the development of the redefined role.'

When responding to various consultation exercises, the mantra is always the same: Neurosurgery is a rapidly developing, high risk discipline with a complex and varied case-mix. Modern training in neurosurgery should be based on a sound foundation of knowledge in the basic and clinical neurosciences and the acquisition of specific, relevant clinical and operative competence. Neurosurgery will remain a consultant led, consultant supervised and increasingly a consultant delivered service.

Is this your view? It would be very helpful to know what you think on this key issue either directly or via the SBNS website discussion board, sooner rather than later.

There is a long list of initiatives for 2008: Paediatric Neurosurgery Services, yet more Reviews of Neurosurgery in Scotland, Wales and possibly elsewhere, updated guidance for Neurosurgical Expert witnesses, expanding role of the subspecialty groups and their representation on Council, revalidation and recertification, team working in preparation for August 2009 (EWTD), workforce planning, engagement with Commissioners, e-learning and Academic Neurosurgery. One of the pleasures of this job is to learn of the initiatives being developed to cope with these and other issues. Now that Phil and I have some understanding of what is going on, we are restarting the Talkback Programme of visits to listen to your concerns, learn about what works in your units and feed back to Council.

Best wishes for 2008.

Prof. John Pickard, President, SBNS

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Message from the New Honorary Secretary



I am delighted to be taking on the challenge of secretary. There is a long list of illustrious predecessors, not least the most immediate; Phil van Hille, now President Elect. Naturally the challenge is to match their standards. By way of background I am one of 13 neurosurgeons working in the Walton Centre in Liverpool, and I have worked as a consultant since 1993, and act as the current Clinical Director of that service. My practice is general though concentrating on cranial with a sub-specialist interest in functional neurosurgery – pain, epilepsy, movement disorders and including a particular interest in facial pain.

The components of a neurosurgical practice have changed substantially over the last few years. Perhaps the two biggest changes are around working practices due to changes in training and from sub-specialisation and the need for neurosurgeons to become involved in service provision – understanding demand, cost effectiveness and configuration of units.

It is important for all of us that the decisions around these issues are correct; and for the Society that they are made and communicated in such a way that all members of the Society are engaged. The obvious benefit of this is to empower the Society in its dealings with other organisations. Whilst the secretary is only one individual contributing to the views on many of these decisions, I think there is an important specific role in helping to ensure the involvement and contribution of the membership of the Society to these issues. Currently these matters focus on the full members, and also the associates who will reap the consequences of choices we now make. There is now a new category of member to engage into the Society – the affiliates – a group comprising nurses and other professions who have achieved, by their commitment with the encouragement of their consultant neurosurgeon sponsors, an ever more important role in service delivery. Finally we hope to see an increase in the international membership – again I believe important for the Society that it has an awareness of international events.

I would also like to use this opportunity with my hat on as Deputy Editor of the British Journal of Neurosurgery to express appreciation from the editorial office for the efforts of all members of the Society for their support of the journal. The agreement by the Society to include the journal in the subscription so that all full, associate and international members will receive the journal from 2008 is of course important, but as valuable, have been the efforts made by individual members in reviewing articles and even more importantly taking the trouble to contribute good quality submissions.

I hope that I will be able to contribute to the Society in taking all these areas forward in the new few years.

Paul Eldridge, Honorary Secretary

Welcome to new members of the SBNS

The following members had their membership ratified at the General Meeting held on 6th September 2007 at the EANS Meeting in Glasgow.

Full

Mr L Alakandy – Glasgow
Mr A Brodbelt – The Walton Centre Liverpool
Mr D Choi – Queens Square
Mr G Dow – Nottingham
Mr N Mathad – Wessex
Mr D Nandi – Charing Cross Hospital
Mr E St George – Southern General Hosp. Glasgow
Mr L Zrinzo – Queens Square

Associate

Mr S Basu – Hurstwood Park
Mr J Dhir – Birmingham
Mr S Joshi – Queens Square
Mr S Metcalfe – Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham
Mr M White – Glasgow

Affiliated

Mr H Akram – Queens Square
Ms J Genge – Sheffield
Ms L Gunn – Sheffield

Senior

Prof. Sir G Teasdale

The Society, new membership subscription rates and revalidation

You will all be aware of the new annual subscription rates (listed over) that take effect from **January 2008**. This was debated at length at the last Business meeting of the Society in Glasgow and you should have received a letter from the Honorary Treasurer explaining the rationale for this increase.

Over recent years, as the cost of running the Society has increased, we have become increasingly reliant on the profits of the scientific meetings. Recently, meetings have achieved significant profits and the organisers of these meetings are to be congratulated. As a result the reserves have reached a healthy level, enough to support the Society for several years and to provide an additional source of income from the interest accrued. However, it is becoming increasingly apparent that industry will not be able to sustain recent levels of generosity and this source of income will become unreliable. It was therefore felt that the subscription rates should cover the administrative costs of the Society and the profits of the meetings be used to add educational value to the Society's activities. A number of keynote speakers have already been introduced and the registration fees to associate members attending the scientific meetings will be reduced significantly.

Further suggestions to use these funds, such as travel scholarships, prizes etc, would be welcome.

The subscription rates will include the annual subscription to the British Journal of Neurosurgery to full, associate and international members as well as use of the E-logbook for recording operative and CPD activities. The previous cost to members for the journal was £120.00 and £30.00 for the logbook.

If you currently pay by standing order you must inform your bank of the changes. You can also pay your annual subscription by credit card via the website by logging on and checking your account to see what is outstanding.

New Rates from January 2008

Full Member – £290

Associate Member – £145

Senior Member – Free or £45 with the journal

International Member – £195

Affiliated Member – £25 or £70 with the journal

Revalidation

Under proposals in the White Paper, "Good Doctors, Safer Patients", revalidation will be required for doctors to demonstrate their continued fitness to practice, to be implemented by 2010. The process will consist of two elements: re-licensure and recertification. Re-licensure will enable a doctor to renew their license through the GMC and will be based on standards of practice in its 'Good Medical Practice' guide, a revised system of NHS annual appraisal and any concerns known to the doctor's medical director and GMC affiliate. This will also involve an independent multi-source feedback form (or 360° appraisal).

Recertification requires all doctors on the specialist's registers to demonstrate that they meet the standards that apply to their medical or surgical speciality. Evidence for the process will be drawn from a range of sources that will include: clinical audit, patients' feedback, continuing professional development (CPD) and knowledge tests. How these standards are to be set and implemented is currently being undertaken by the Pan-specialty Recertification Project Board, an intercollegiate body, co-chaired by James Steers (Edinburgh) recent Past President of the Society and current President of the Federation of Surgical Specialty Associations (FSSA) and Anne Moore (Plymouth), senior Vice President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, both Neurosurgeons. I act as the SBNS representative on this board. Details of this project will be disseminated as they are established but all members are encouraged to use 2008 as a year of recording clinical and CPD activity, most easily through the E-logbook. Please contact Suzanne at the SBNS office, or myself, should you require help to gain access to the logbook, available through the SBNS website.

P van Hille, President Elect

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE SBNS

Please note that the SBNS Office has a new email address: admin@sbns.org.uk

Please amend your records accordingly and spread the word. The old address: admin@sbns.freemove.co.uk should not be used.

NICE Head Injury Guideline – September 2007



NICE published their Head Injury Guidelines in September 2007. This can be downloaded from their website:

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/index.jsp?action=download&to=36260>

and on the SBNS website under Protocols and Guidelines. Amongst the appendices are some very useful sample letters of advice on discharge and patient information sheets and guidance summaries.

NCEPOD 2007 TRAUMA: WHO CARES?

National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death NCEPOD 2007, "Trauma: Who Cares?" was published on Wednesday 21 November amid a brief blaze of publicity, claiming that less than half of patients with severe trauma have a good standard of care. The study shows that airway protection and ventilation are poorly performed before arrival in hospital, and once in hospital there is failure to recognise, investigate and treat severe injuries. This is blamed largely on a lack of coordination between services and limited consultant input to the care of this predominantly youthful, previously healthy group of patients who suffer harm as a result.

Beneath the headlines, neurosurgery was a major focus of the report and the SBNS was invited to respond. 62% of the patients studied had a significant head injury and approximately half of these were in coma (GCS < 9). More than half the patients with head injury were initially taken to non-specialist units and the most common need for secondary transfer was head injury. The mean time for transfer in these cases was 6 hours, such that only 14% of patients needing cranial surgery had it performed within 4 hours if they were first taken to non-specialist units, compared with 66% if their initial admission was to a centre with neurosurgical facilities. Delays in transfer were multi-factorial, including difficulties contacting the on-call neurosurgeon, lack of willingness to accept patients with severe head injuries and lack of capacity in neurosurgical centres. Some cases were denied secondary access to neurosurgery despite growing evidence that inappropriate care in non-neuroscience centres jeopardises outcome.



The issue of direct admission of all head injuries to neurosurgical centres was debated, but was overshadowed by the problems of pre-hospital care which need addressing first so that longer transfer does not further imperil airway and ventilation. Consultant presence at major cranial surgery in cases with severe trauma was 19%, which can be explained but is not currently in tune with other specialties, including general surgery where 80% attendance at laparotomy for trauma is the norm.

Only 41.6% of head injured patients had a standard of care that was described as good practice. In almost 50% there was room for improvement in organisational and/or clinical aspects of care, and in just over 5% there was serious concern about the quality of care delivered. The majority of key findings and recommendations regarding the care of head injury relate to inadequate pre-hospital care and delay to definitive investigation and treatment. It reinforces the 1999 RCS (Galasko) call for all patients with severe head injury to be transferred to a neurosurgical critical care centre irrespective of the requirement for surgical intervention, and for the first time, expects that consultant presence should be increased at operations requiring major neurosurgery. These cases were collected during the spring of 2006 and I suspect we have already moved on.

The SBNS has seized this NCEPOD report as an opportunity to engage with commissioners for better facilities for neurosurgical care using the new SBNS standards document.

The full report may be seen on the SBNS website www.sbns.org.uk under protocols and guidelines or the NCEPOD www.ncepod.org.uk.

Barrie White, Consultant Neurosurgeon, Nottingham

British Journal of Neurosurgery

Informa Healthcare and the Society are delighted to announce that from 2008 all full, associate and international members will receive a copy of the British Journal of Neurosurgery. You will also be entitled to electronic access to the journal. Some of you may already have access through your institute and therefore may not require this additional means of access to the content. However, if you would like personal electronic access, please contact Anne Carty (anne.carty@informa.com) who will arrange for a login, password and voucher to be set up for you.

If you would like to review content for the journal please contact Editor-in-Chief Mr T R K Varma on bjns@aol.com.

We look forward to developing the links between the Society and the journal.

**Rupal Malde, Managing Editor &
Mr T R K Varma, Editor in Chief**

National Selection – Mr R Nelson, Chairman SAC

At this time last year we received the disappointing news that MMC and the deaneries were not able to support our plans for UK-wide selection into neurosurgical training programmes. Neurosurgical training committees (STCs) were forced at short notice to develop local selection procedures. Although neurosurgery fared as well as any other specialty in the ensuing MTAS debacle, the 2007 selection was far from ideal.

In a joint submission to the Tooke Enquiry in July this year and subsequently to the Board of MMC (England) the SAC in Neurosurgery and SBNS argued strongly for the introduction of national selection into smaller specialties like neurosurgery. Our outline proposal was accepted by MMC (England) on 21st November and may be viewed on the SBNS website.

Neurosurgery will be the first surgical specialty to pilot national selection in a single selection centre for all training programmes in England in 2008. If the pilot is successful we hope that the Devolved Authorities in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland will wish to take part in UK-wide selection in 2009. A National Board will undertake the selection using specialty-specific, CV-based application forms for short-listing in January and a multi-station assessment in February hosted by the South Yorkshire and Humber Deanery in Sheffield. Further details will be available shortly on the MMC and SY&H Deanery websites.

This is an ambitious project. There are, of course, concerns about the selection of trainees at relatively early stage in their careers into a demanding surgical specialty. However, the 2007 selection demonstrated that there is no shortage of outstanding young doctors with a real commitment to the clinical neurosciences and neurosurgery. Our challenge is to identify the very best in a way that is open, fair and effective.

I will be stepping down as SAC Chairman at the end of this year. As Michael Powell takes over, I would like to thank everyone involved in training at all levels for their support over a difficult three years.

Richard Nelson, Chairman, SAC in Neurosurgery

Joint Committee on Surgical Training

The Joint Committee on Higher Surgical Training (JCHST) has for some time been working towards a transition to become the Joint Committee on Surgical Training (JCST) to reflect developments in surgical training. They assumed their new identity in full on 26th November 2007.



The JCST will remain an advisory body to the four surgical Royal Colleges of the UK and Ireland, and the Specialist Surgical Associations in Great Britain and Ireland, for all matters in relation to surgical training. It has nine Specialty Advisory Committees (SACs) and is also responsible for overseeing the Intercollegiate Surgical Curriculum Programme (ISCP), used by all surgical Specialty Registrars (StRs). Their new Chairman, Mr Chris Munsch, took up his role on the 1st October.

Their new web address is www.jcst.org and general email address is now jcst@jcst.org. Susanna Cripriano is the Speciality Manager SAC in Cardiothoracic Surgery and Neurosurgery.

Norman Dott Medal and Marjorie Newsome Fellowship

I am pleased to announce that Nick Haden, Frenchay Hospital, Bristol was the winner of the Norman Dott Medal for 2007. The medal is awarded annually by the board of examiners to the candidate who has the most outstanding performance in the FRCS(sn) examination during that year. Since 2003 the candidate who also wins the Norman Dott Medal is also awarded the Marjorie Newsome travelling fellowship.

Marjorie Newsome was a British epileptic who was treated some years ago at the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, Arizona. Her estate established Mercy Healthcare. The Marjorie Newsome Fellowship has been awarded by Mercy Healthcare to allow a British trainee to visit some of the leading neurosurgical centres in North America.

Previous Norman Dott Winners

- Mr S Thomson - 2003
- Mr N Hamid - 2004
- Mr S Bhango - 2005
- Mr H Patel - 2006



Nick Haden

SBNS Medal



Prof. John Pickard and Prof. Bryan Jennett

The first SBNS Medal was awarded to Prof. Bryan Jennett CBE at the Opening Ceremony of the EANS Meeting in Glasgow on 2nd September 2007. The medal was awarded to him in recognition of his outstanding contribution to British Neurosurgery. Prof Bryan Jennett CBE, who is the academic doyen of British Neurosurgery, 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 recipient of the first SBNS Medal.

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.

European Association of Neurosurgical Societies



The European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS) held a very successful congress at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre in Glasgow from September 2nd to 7th, with the collaboration of the SBNS as

the host member society. The Congress of Neurological Surgeons also participated and brought many members from North America who contributed widely to the academic programme. At the opening ceremony Glenn Neil-Dwyer was one of three who received an EANS Medal of Honour and Bryan Jennett was presented with a Society medal from the SBNS. Over the subsequent five days, each morning was filled with a plenary session followed by 6 parallel sessions where invited speakers gave lectures of a high academic standard and covered a wide range of topics. Attendance was excellent with almost 1400 delegates registered. Over 700 abstracts were submitted and of these, 300 were presented orally in the afternoon sessions and a further 200 shown as posters. Authors of the two highest scoring abstracts in each topic were given the opportunity to present at the plenary sessions. All the abstracts are available in a supplement of the European Journal: Acta Neurochirurgica and many of the speakers contributed a manuscript of their talk to a Congress book, published by Medimond.

Fortunately we were blessed with good weather and delegates enjoyed the social programme which had a Scottish theme from the start with pipers and dancers performing at the opening ceremony. A highlight of the social events was an afternoon visit and tour of Edinburgh culminating in a reception in Edinburgh Castle in the evening. The Gala Dinner was combined with a ceilidh and held in the atmospheric "Arches" in Glasgow centre.

The organisation of both the scientific and social events ran smoothly and I am very grateful to the following SBNS members who made up the Local Organising Committee and contributed much of their time over the last few years to attend many meetings: James Steers, Laurence Dunn, Robin Johnson; Tricia Littlechild, Jerome St George, Jennifer Brown, William Taylor, Phil Barlow, Sam Eljamel, David Mendelow and David Currie. I am also grateful to Graham Teasdale and John Pickard for the part they played in the Scientific Committee helping to put together the scientific programme and to Ian Whittle, Sam Eljamel and David Mendelow who joined the Committee to score the abstract submissions. The Congress organisers, Concorde Services Ltd, provided excellent support throughout and I would recommend their services to anyone considering professional support for SBNS or other national meetings.

An EANS Executive Meeting was held on the 4th September 2007 and I am pleased to announce that the following SBNS members were appointed to various positions within the EANS:

David Mendelow - Vice President
Peter Hutchison - Chairman of the Research Committee
Simon Thomson - Website Manager

Congratulations to all in their appointments. I hope they will enjoy working with the EANS over the coming term.

Ken Lindsay, Past President, EANS

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF PAEDIATRIC NEUROSURGERY CONFERENCE, LIVERPOOL 2007

The International Society for Paediatric Neurosurgery (ISPN), which seeks to promote the health of children worldwide by encouraging the ethical transmission and exchange of neuroscientific information and techniques relating to Paediatric Neurosurgery, held its 35th annual meeting in September 2007 in the splendid St George's Hall, Liverpool.

This event included an informative and comprehensive scientific programme consisting of keynote, oral and flash presentations, as well as an energetic social programme and was attended by over 480 delegates. A commercial exhibition and poster sessions provided an opportunity to expand our understanding of what we currently know and seek advances in the treatment and wellness of children. A parallel meeting of nurses with a specialist interest in Paediatric Neurosurgery took place during the meeting with the opportunity to have a shared session and to overlap in several areas. In addition a half day focus session on Paediatric Neuro-oncology attracted Oncologists from both the UK and overseas.

Paediatric Neurosurgery in the United Kingdom and specifically in Liverpool owes a significant debt to the ISPN for its continuous support, and I am forever grateful for all the wonderful friendships that my colleagues and I have been fortunate enough to experience through the Society. The meeting was of the highest scientific content reflecting paediatric neurosurgical practice around the world - and my gratitude goes to William Harkness of Great Ormond Street Hospital who pulled together an excellent scientific programme. The programme was ambitious with a total of 170 platform presentations, 13 invited keynote speakers and 56 posters but there was still time for discussion both within and outside the beautiful conference facility.

The conference also highlighted the culture of our great city, as it had a packed social programme which will take a lot to live up to in future years.....with golf at Royal Birkdale, a trip on the famous Mersey Ferry, a visit to the famous Cavern Club, a fabulous gala dinner in the beautiful setting of St George's Hall and a Tennis and Football tournament. The whole event would not have been possible without the help and support of my fellow committee members Conor Mallucci, Neil Buxton, Barry Pizer, Joan Grogan, Dawn Williams, Lyvonne Tume and Monica Hopkins. Finally thanks to Alder Hey Hospital and the fabulous team at Happening Conference Management who kept us on-track, on-time and on budget!

Paul May, Chairman of the 2007 Meeting

WFNS Bid 2017



At the November 2007 WFNS interim meeting in Nagoya, Japan delegates voted to award the 2013 WFNS Congress to Seoul, Korea and elected Dr Peter Black to be President-Elect, to take over as President immediately after the 2009 Boston meeting. The

SBNS Bid to host the 2017 Congress in London therefore remains on track. The voting for the 2017 Congress will take place in 4 years time at the WFNS interim meeting in Recife, Brazil. Over the next 4 years the SBNS Bid will be taking shape; increasing the International profile of the SBNS will be an important part of strategy with a formal SBNS presence planned for Boston 2007. To find out more and to register your support of our bid email the conference organisers or the SBNS Office.

organiser@wfns2017.com and visit www.wfns2017.com

Neil Kitchen, SBNS Treasurer

SBNS Spring Meeting – Liverpool 2008



Our colleagues at the Walton Centre, Liverpool will be hosting the SBNS Spring meeting. It is a particularly special venue as it coincides with the year in which Liverpool is the European Capital of Culture. The City is buzzing with excitement as it prepares a host of cultural events and you are very welcome to extend your stay and enjoy all that this vibrant city can offer.

The conference will be held at the newly constructed Arena and Conference Centre on the famous Liverpool waterfront - a World Heritage Site. The Welcome Reception will be held in the glazed Galleria of the convention centre, which has fantastic views over the Mersey and the Gala Dinner will be hosted in the ballroom of the Liverpool Town Hall, an elegant 18th century stone building in the heart of the commercial district of the city.

The meeting will start with a "Life Long Learning session" co-ordinated by the British Paediatric Neurosurgical Group and will include state of the art lectures suitable for both trainees and established consultants. The scientific structure of the meeting will follow the new format that was successfully trialled at the 150th meeting of the Society in London. There will be Clinical Focus and Technical Focus sessions along with the three eponymous lectures.

Liverpool and its surrounding areas provide a wealth of cultural, dining and shopping opportunities. Following the recent decision of the Society there will be no organised partner's programme or golf tournament but the Conference Organisers will provide suggested itineraries and help to arrange travel and admission. For those who wish to play golf it would be possible to arrange to play at The Royal Birkdale Golf Club or at The Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake.

Please visit the conference pages on the SBNS website to register online, view the programme, and download the selected abstracts when available.

The SBNS Business meeting will be held along side the BNTA Meeting during the conference on Thursday 10th April in the afternoon. The Agenda and papers will be available for downloading from the SBNS website at the end of March 2008.

We are hoping for an entertaining, educational and most importantly an enjoyable and friendly Spring meeting of the Society, and we look forward to seeing you in Liverpool.

Don't forget to visit the SBNS Stand!
Suzanne Murray, SBNS Administrator

Dates for your Diary

Future SBNS Scientific Meetings

- Spring 2008 - Liverpool 9-11 April 2008
- Autumn 2008 - Nottingham 10-12 September 2008
- Spring 2009 - Birmingham

14-15 February 2008

British Neurosurgical Research Group Annual Meeting; Neurosurgical Department, Kings College Hospital

Venue: Hilton, Tower Bridge, London
to register or for more details: www.aesculap-academia.co.uk

Symposium:

3-4 April 2008

XIV Teesside Spine Symposium

"Deformity and Ageing"

Venue: Crathorne Hall, Crathorne, Yarm, North Yorkshire
to register or for more details: www.aesculap-academia.co.uk

International Meetings

10-12 April 2008

52nd Scientific Annual Convention of the German Society of Clinical Neurophysiology and Functional Imaging

Venue: Maritim Hotel Magdeburg, Germany
Organisation: Conventus Congressmanagement & Marketing GmbH,
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Email: dgkn2008@conventus.de
www.conventus.de/dgkn2008

30 June - 3 July 2008

16th Zurich Course on Interventional Neuroradiology

Venue: University Hospital of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland
Contact: Professor Anton Valavanis, Tel. +41 44 255 5600, Fax +41 44 255 4504
Email: neuroradiologie@usz.ch

5-8 October 2008

XVIII CONGRESS of the ESSFN

European Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery

Venue: Rimini, Italy
Deadline for abstract submission April 15, 2008
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Fax: 020 7869 6329
Email: neurosurgery@rcseng.ac.uk
Web: <http://www.rcseng.ac.uk/>

Or visit the SBNS website <http://www.sbns.org> under courses dates for your diary

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The Newsletter is your chance to communicate with your SBNS Colleagues and is also a vehicle for any announcements of interest to Society members. This is your newsletter and contributions are welcome for the next issue by June 2008 - please contact:

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