

Second announcement

Scandinavian Neurosurgical Society 59th Annual Congress

Helsinki, May 31 to June 3, 2007



Welcome to SNS2007 in Helsinki

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Helsinki will host this year's Scandinavian Neurosurgical Society Annual Congress which is the 59th.

We shall follow the conventional SNS congress pattern, i.e. scientific sessions from Friday morning till Sunday noon, rounded up with social events in the evenings. Do not miss the Get Together party on Thursday.

Everything, except the casual evening will take place at Hilton Hotel Kalastajatorppa. Your accompanying person will be relieved to hear that public transportation from the hotel to the centre of Helsinki is excellent, a 15 - 20 minute ride by tram (No 4). I can almost hear your surprise when reading that the casual evening will not take place in the archipelago nor in the deep forests of Finland but on walking distance from the very centre of Helsinki. So, no hiking boots or clothes will be necessary.

Since this congress will be followed immediately by the Helsinki Live Course we have decided not to arrange a precongress course this year.

As stated earlier our main topic will be vascular neurosurgical diseases which will be covered in depth. We have invited several authorities on vascular diseases, Duke Samson as this year's Guest of Honour, Reza Dashti, Murat Gunel, Lars Kihlström, Ali Krisht, Jacques Moret, Jaakko Rinne, Mikael Svensson, Ugur Türe, Peter Vajkoczy, Juha Öhman and of course colleagues from Helsinki. On top of this we hope to fill the gaps with free papers on the main topic as well as on other topics.

Accompanying persons are cordially welcomed to Helsinki, where you will find lots of places to discover on your own. An extra program for accompanying persons will be arranged if a minimum of 20 persons are interested. This program will run along traditional lines and we estimate that the expenses will amount to 100€. You can sign up your accompanying person for this, as yet clandestine program by choosing the alternative on the Social Functions page of the Registration Form.

Congress venue

Hotel Hilton Kalastajatorppa, Kalastajatorpantie 1, 00330 Helsinki

Registration

Deadline for early registration will be 30.3. The fee for early registration is $400 \in$, which includes all events but not accommodation. The late registration fee is $440 \in$. Accompanying persons can attend the social events free of charge save for the banquet for which we charge $100 \in$.

Accommodation

We have reserved rooms at the congress hotel. For reservations to this hotel or the alternative Hotel Helka please use the Accommodation page on the Registration Form.

Abstracts

For your paper at the congress, please submit your abstract by email, Word attachment, by April 30, 2007 to the conference email address <u>sns2007@congreszon.fi</u>. Please restrict the abstract to no more than 200 words. The paper may be presented as a poster if the author so prefers. If the number of oral papers exceeds what we can fit in, main topic papers have priority for oral presentation. If we have to change the presentation to a poster, the author will be notified no later than May 16. There will be a poster session and the authors of posters are encouraged to prepare a two minute oral presentation highlighting their paper. The best poster will receive a prize.

A paper presented by a colleague no older than 35 may take part in the Aesculapus Young Neurosurgeons Award Competition. Taking part in the competition requires no special formalities, except that the author when submitting his abstract should notify the organizer that he or she meets the criterion, thus enabling us to time the talk accordingly.

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