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SOCIETY OF UNIVERSITY NEUROSURGEONS

Spring 2008 Newsletter

## 2007 London Meeting a Grand Success

*“Earth has not anything to show  
more fair: Dull would be of  
soul who could pass by*

*A sight so touching in its majesty:  
This City now doth, like a garment,  
wear the beauty of the morning;  
silent, bare...”*

William Wordsworth  
(1770-1850)  
Composed upon  
Westminster Bridge  
September 3, 1802  
London, England

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Society of University  
Neurosurgeons  
meeting was held  
under the presidency  
of Dr. Carl Heilman

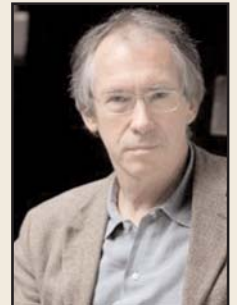
with Dr. Neil Kitchen and his wife  
Amanda as our wonderful hosts in  
London.

The meeting began with a reception at  
the historic Royal College of Surgeons of  
England with a guided tour through John  
Hunter’s original collection, including the  
famed giant in  
his entirety. It  
was a great  
historical start  
to an exciting  
meeting.



Dr. Neil and Amanda Kitchen

the famous Gilliat Lecture Theatre for an  
overview of British academic  
neurosurgery by Professor John Pickard.  
Dr. Nick Hirsch  
gave a historical  
vignette of  
Harvey  
Cushing’s  
contribution to  
anesthesia,  
followed by a  
tribute to the  
iconic Victor  
Horsely by Dr.  
Michael Powell.



Author Ian  
McEwan gave a  
talk titled “Fictional  
Neurosurgery.”

The following  
day, the group  
convened at  
the legendary  
Queen’s  
Square  
Hospital in

Booker Prize  
winner Ian  
McEwan,  
author of “Atonement” and “Saturday,”  
gave a riveting talk to the entire group.

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The attendees at the 2008 SUN Meeting in London, England in front of Queen’s Square.

# SUN Welcomes New Members



## Franco DeMonte, MD, FRCS(C), FACS

Professor, Deputy Chair, Dept of Neurosurgery  
Medical Director, Brain & Spine Center  
Co-Director, Skull Base Tumor Program  
MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Tex.



## Charles Y. Liu, MD, PhD

Assistant Professor  
University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, Calif.



## Nathan Selden, MD, PhD, FACS, FAAP

Associate Professor and Vice-Chairman for Education  
Chief, Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery  
Campagna Professorship of Pediatric Neurosurgery  
Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, Ore.



## Stephen B. Tatter, MD, PhD

Liang Yee and Dixie Soo Professor in Neurosurgery  
Co-director, Gamma Knife Radiosurgery Center  
Wake Forest University School of Medicine  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina



## Michael Yung-Shun Wang, MD

Associate Professor of Clinical Neurological Surgery  
University of Miami  
Miami, Florida

## London Meeting cont'd

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We had a private tour with lunch at the British Museum, followed by dinner at the world's oldest hospital, St. Bart's. As Neil reminded us, this was where he trained and met his wonderful wife Amanda, who still works there as a senior nurse.

The next day we met at Guy's Hospital and after presentations, we were treated to a tour of the Old Operating Theatre in St. Thomas Church. This is the only surviving 19<sup>th</sup> century operating theater and has the quotation "*Miseratione non Mercede.*" Reminding us about ethics, it means *from compassion not for gain* - yet another reiteration about the importance of ethics in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. After a walking tour around London, we visited the Tate Museum.

One of the highlights of the visit was a exclusive tour of the House of Parliament. Arranged by Neil, this was a major coup, especially on the day the British government changed hands from Tony Blair to George Brown. The group also had a private tour of Westminster Abbey and walked around the graves of John Hunter, William Shakespeare, Geoffrey Chaucer, and William Pitt.

All in all, it was a well attended meeting with more than 75 participants. Thank you again to Neil and Amanda for their warm hospitality, kindness, and attention to detail which made it a very memorable meeting.

Sincerely,

Anil Nanda, MD, FACS  
Secretary/Treasurer



## Future Meeting Dates & Locations

2008	San Francisco, California	2010	Miami, Florida (tentative)
2009	Naples, Italy	2011	Shanghai, China (tentative)



# Bridges in Neurosurgery

## Invitation to San Francisco



This meeting in San Francisco marks the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Society of University Neurosurgeons Annual Meeting.

The Planning Committee is organizing an innovative and celebratory meeting with an exciting array of programming

and events. The meeting venue of the Ritz-Carlton with the backdrop of San Francisco promises to be spectacular.

This is a great meeting to bring a guest and I recommend making your arrangements and reservations early. I look forward to seeing you in San Francisco in 2008.

Robert Solomon, MD  
President, Society of University Neurosurgeons

## Author Michael Chabon 2008 University Lecturer

Pulitzer Prize winning author Michael Chabon is an American author born in 1963. He is "one of the most celebrated writers of his generation," according to the *The Virginia Quarterly Review*.

His first novel, "*The Mysteries of Pittsburgh*" (1988), was published when he was 25-years-old and catapulted him to the status of literary celebrity.

Chabon followed it with a second novel, "*Wonder Boys*" (1995), and two short-story collections. In 2000, Chabon published "*The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*," a critically acclaimed novel that *The New York Review of Books* called his *magnum opus*. It won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2001. His latest novel, "*The Yiddish Policemen's Union*," was published in 2007 to enthusiastic reviews.



Pulitzer Prize winning author  
Michael Chabon

## San Francisco & The Ritz

Renowned for its steep rolling hills, and an eclectic mix of Victorian and modern architecture. San Francisco is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay.



Main attractions include the *Golden Gate Bridge*, *Alcatraz Island*, *cable cars*, and *Chinatown*. The average temperature in May is a high of 67°F and a low of 51°F.

The Ritz-Carlton is blocks from landmarks



like *Union Square* and *Fisherman's Wharf*.

The hotel features 336 guestrooms, with 60 suites, gift shop, spa, in-room dining, car rental, valet parking, and fine dining establishments.

**For reservations** call 415.296.7465.  
600 Stockton Street at California Street, San Francisco, CA.

## Guest Lecturer Thomas Fogarty, MD



Thomas J.  
Fogarty, MD

Dr. Thomas J. Fogarty is an internationally recognized cardiovascular surgeon and inventor.

During the past 40 years, he has acquired over 100 medical patents, including the "industry standard" Fogarty Balloon Embolectomy Catheter and the widely used Aneurx Stent Graft that replaces traditional open abdominal aortic aneurysm surgery.

Dr. Fogarty is the recipient of countless awards and honors; most significantly, the Jacobson Innovation Award of the American College of Surgeons, the 2000 Lemelson-MIT prize for Invention and Innovation and was inducted into the Inventors Hall of Fame in December 2001.

He will give a lecture on the problems between academics and corporate industry.



# Bridges in Neurosurgery

## SUN Annual Meeting 2008 Preliminary Schedule of Events

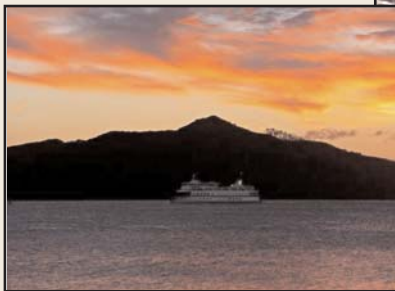
### Sunday, June 29

Registration  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Welcome Reception  
at the Ritz Carlton  
Business Meeting

### Monday, June 30

#### Tour of Angel Island and Lunch

The "Jewel of the San Francisco Bay." The State Park is a short ferry ride offering panoramic vistas of the entire Bay; visitors enjoy picture-postcard views of the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco Skyline, Marin, and Mt. Tamalpais.



Cocktail reception and Wine Tasting at Hang Gallery with Kurt Lorenzi

The gallery displays a wide variety of exceptional artwork being produced today. In two galleries, we will experience California wines with the Vice President of Winery Exchange.

Dinner at Neiman Marcus

Located in a vintage Beaux Arts building, this is one of the city's most upscale stores featuring top designers in fashion as well as two restaurants, The Rotunda and the Fresh Market Café.



Lectures

*"The Problematic Relationship Between Academia and Industry"*

Thomas J. Fogarty, MD  
Cardiovascular Surgeon  
and Inventor



De Young Museum Tour

This fine arts museum showcases American decorative pieces, textiles, and paintings from the Rockefeller Collection, the African and Oceanic, and the 'Art of the America's' collections.

Formal Dinner, Ritz Carlton

### Tuesday, July 1

Business Meeting  
University Lecture: Michael Chabon  
Pulitzer Prize winning author

### Wednesday July 2

Business Meeting  
Lectures

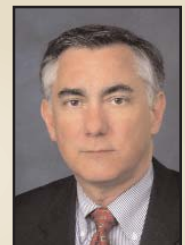
## Call for Abstracts

The Society of University Neurosurgeons invites you to submit abstracts for *Bridges in Neurosurgery 2008*.

Our annual meeting offers three days of invited lectures, investigative reports, and presentations representing all disciplines in neurosurgical treatment and care.

Submission Deadline: May 1, 2008

**Please send abstracts to:**  
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Local Host