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Spring 2009 Newsletter

SOCIETY OF UNIVERSITY
NEUROSURGEONS

SUN REVELS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

"The Bay area is so beautiful, I hesitate to preach about heaven while I'm here."

-- Billy Graham

The 2008 Society of University Neurosurgeons annual meeting was held in scenic San Francisco, and provided a cornucopia of scientific delights, literary gems, and the sort of "joi de vivre" that only the bay area can provide.

The meeting was held under the presidency of Dr. Robert Soloman, with our gracious and wonderful hosts Nick and Sue Ellen Barbaro. Their warmth and hospitality in conjunction with the scientific program provided the special patina that makes the SUN a great meeting.

The opening reception was held at the Ritz Carlton, with the UCSF reception held the following day in the Genentech Hall on Mission Bay. An excellent overview of the entire UCSF program given by Dr. Barbaro and his colleagues. Nobel Prize Winner Stanley Prusiner and the iconic Dr. Charles Wilson dazzled the audience with their excellent presentations. The afternoon provided weather that musicians and poets write about, allowing conference attendees to take advantage of a lunch cruise to



Society of University Neurosurgeons Spouses

Angel Island, followed by an invigorating mountain hike.

In the evening, an open reception was held in the Hang Art Gallery followed by wine tasting and an exceptional dinner at the famous Neiman Marcus

Rotunda, where old stories were told, and new friendships were made.

A series of excellent scientific presentations were held for the next two mornings. Acknowledging the controversy surrounding industry ties with neurosurgery, world-renowned Tom Fogarty, inventor of the Fogarty balloon, gave his point of view regarding conflict of interest stifling innovation.

Pulitzer Prize winning writer Michael Chaibon then provided a literary tour de force with his talk "Conquering the Wilderness: Imaginative Imperialism and the Invasion of Legoland." The University lecturer last year was Ian McEwan; the SUN seems to be having a good run of literary speakers.

Dr. Robert Soloman gave an inspiring Presidential Address on "Courage to be great: Lessons from Sports, Life, and Neurosurgery."

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Conference attendees enjoy visiting during dinner



DR. KEN SMITH RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Dr. Ken R. Smith became the first recipient of the Society of University Neurosurgeons Distinguished Service Award. This distinction recognizes members for their high level of excellence, commitment and service to the society.

Dr. Smith is professor of Neurosurgery at St. Louis University School of Medicine. He joined St. Louis University in 1966 and served as the director of the division of neurosurgery for more than 35 years. Research, patient care and innovation have defined his 44 year career in medicine.

For years he participated in medical mission trips to Kenya. There, he helped to spearhead training programs and performed surgeries on patients with life-threatening illnesses.

The passion and dedication for his work showed throughout his day-to-day teachings to residents, also called "his children." To this day, Dr. Smith cherishes the connection to his former apprentices both professionally and personally.

Dr. Ken Smith and his wife of 52 years, Marjorie, have been SUN loyalist for many years, and are defacto historians and photo archivists. Margie has been kind enough to supply all the old SUN photographs, which are now on the SUN website.

SUN WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



Yucel Kanpolat, MD
Professor and Chairman
Department of Neurosurgery
Ankara University
School of Medicine
Turkey



Robert Harbaugh, MD, FACS
University Distinguished Professor
and Chairman
Department of Neurosurgery
Pennsylvania State University



Fred Gentili, MD, MSC, FRCSC
Professor - Department of Surgery
University of Toronto
Director of Skull Base Centre
University of Toronto
Deputy Chief - Division of Neurosurgery
Toronto Western Hospital



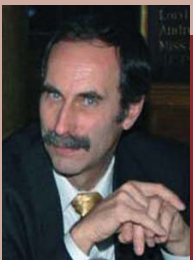
Nelson Oyesiku, MD, PhD, FACS
Professor and Vice Chair
Department of Neurosurgery
Director - Molecular Neurosurgery and
Biotechnology Laboratory
Program Director
Neurosurgery Residency Program
Emory University



Jacques Morcos, MD
Associate Professor
Clinical Neurosurgery and Otolaryngology
Co-Director
Microsurgery Training Center
University of Miami



Peter Le Roux, MD
Associate Professor of Neurosurgery
Department of Neurosurgery
University of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Hospital



Neville Knuckey, MD
Head of Neurosurgery
Director of Neurosurgical Training
Department of Neurosurgery
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
Western Australia



Michael Link, MD
Associate Professor of Neurosurgery
Department of Neurosurgery
Mayo Clinic
Rochester, MN



The 43rd annual meeting of the Society of University Neurosurgeons is coming together as one of the best ever. I want to offer my gratitude to Paolo Cappabianca and his colleagues at the Università degli Studi di Napoli

Federico II for organizing a spectacular program in both Naples and Capri.

The venerable history and luxuriant culture of the Campania region provide the ideal setting for academic discussion and relaxed social festivity. Among the high points of the meeting, you will not want to miss the honored guests including Maurizio Marinella, the “King of Ties”, and Louis Vuitton Cup winner, Francesco de Angelis.

As the meeting plans become finalized, now is a great opportunity to invite guests and to make plans to bring your family. I look forward to celebrating “*Renaissance Neurosurgery*” with you in the finest Neapolitan tradition.

-- Jeff Bruce, MD
President, Society of University Neurosurgeons

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His presentation touched on sports vignettes including the famous choke by Greg Norman at the Masters, basketball, and the nuisances of technical neurosurgery; all meshed together in a Zen like fashion.

The afternoon consisted of a private tour of the De Young Museum, with the Chihuly Glass exhibit followed by a black tie reception in the terrace courtyard of the Ritz Carlton.

It was a great meeting and we extend a special note of thanks to Sue Ellen and Nick for putting on such a spectacular show. We look forward to meeting everyone in Italy; and “la dolce vita” until then....

Anil Nanda, MD, FACS
Secretary/Treasurer

SPECIAL GUESTS

Maurizio Marinella



The passion for the elegance and the quality of E. Marinella ties can still be found in the third generation of the family, under the care of Maurizio Marinella.

He is the most famous producer of ties in the world. Marinella started the “Marinella Era” of tie making.

The legendary Marinella shop is located in Naples, in Piazza Vittoria en Riviera di Chiaia.

Francesco de Angelis



Italian Yachtsman, Francesco de Angelis was the first Italian skipper to win the Louis Vuitton Cup.



Born in Naples, de Angelis was chosen to represent the

Italian Yacht Club in the 2007 race. His boat qualified for the Louis Vuitton Cup final and won. He is a five time World Champion in different classes and won the Admiral’s Cup in 1995.

DATES

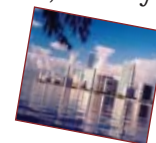
TO REMEMBER

Upcoming meeting dates and locations

2009 Naples and Capri, Italy

2010 Miami, Florida

2011 Istanbul, Turkey



Paolo Cappabianca, MD

Local Host - 2009 SUN Meeting
Naples and Capri, Italy

Abstract Deadline:

May 1, 2009

Abstracts should appear in the following format: 500 words or less, Introduction, Method, Result, and Conclusion

Submit to: SUNabstracts@gmail.com



2009 SUN ANNUAL MEETING PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 11

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Arrival to Hotel Vesuvio
in Naples and register
6:00 p.m.
Welcome Cocktail and Reception on
Hotel Excelsior Terrace
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Dinner



11:30 a.m.
Depart Hotel Vesuvio
for Capri
1:30 p.m.
Lunch for Delegates and
Spouses
3:00 p.m.

Depart for Augustus
Gardens and Certosa of San Giacomo/
Visit Library La Conchiglia



Friday, June 12

7:30 - 8:00 a.m.
Continental
Breakfast
8:00 a.m.
Welcome and
Introduction
8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Presentations

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Break
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.
Presentations
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Lunch for Delegates and Spouses
1:30 p.m.
Delegates and Spouse Programs
Archaeological Museum/San Carlo Opera
House/Ruins of Pompei/Private Cameo
and Coral Collection of "Basilio Liverino"
in Terre del Greco

7:30 p.m.
Theatre Dinner at Circolo Nazionale
dell'Unione
7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Spouse Continental Breakfast
City Sightseeing Tour
Kitchen Course
Ancient Napoli/Factory Tour



1:30 p.m.
Delegates and Spouses Programs
Blue Grotto/Boat Ride around island
7:00 p.m.
Dinner at Paolino

7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Spouse Continental Breakfast
Visit Anacapri and San Michele Church

6:30 p.m.
Dinner at Relais Hotel La Palma
Night Entertainment at the Famous
Taverna Anema e Core

Sunday, June 14

7:00 a.m.
Bus to Capri Congress Centre
7:30 - 8:00 a.m.
Continental
Breakfast
8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Presentations
10:00 a.m.
Break
10:20 - 12:30 p.m.
Presentations
12:30 p.m.
Bus/Walk to Villa
Verde for lunch

Saturday, June 13

8:00 - 8:15 a.m.
Paper Presentations
8:15 - 11:00 a.m.
Presentations

Monday, June 15

Depart Capri

****Please Note****

Dates and events are subject to change