

**ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH NEUROLOGISTS  
AUTUMN MEETING, 10-12 SEPTEMBER 2008**

**Jointly with the Icelandic Neurological Society  
at the Hilton Coylumbridge Hotel, Aviemore**

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

**Wednesday 10 September 2008**

1100 Committee Meetings

**1230 Lunch**

**Afternoon Session 1**

**Topic: An Educational Symposium on Functional Neurology**

**Chair:** Charles Warlow, Professor of Medical Neurology, University of Edinburgh

1325 **Introduction and Welcome**  
Professor Charles Warlow, University of Edinburgh

1330 Brief Introduction  
Professor Michael Sharpe, Professor of Psychological Medicine,  
University of Edinburgh

1335 Motor and Sensory Symptoms  
Dr Jon Stone, Consultant Neurologist, Western General Hospital,  
Edinburgh

1400 An idiot's Guide to Diagnosing Pseudoseizures  
Dr Rod Duncan, Consultant Neurologist, Southern General Hospital,  
Glasgow

1425 Explaining it to the Patient – is it Possible to be Both Truthful and  
Tactful?  
Professor Michael Sharpe, Professor of Psychological Medicine  
University of Edinburgh

1450 Treatments/What on Earth is CBT?  
Dr Alan Carson, Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Western General  
Hospital, Edinburgh

1515 Panel Discussion & Further Questions

**1530 Tea & Exhibition**

**Afternoon Session 2**

**Topic: Special Lecture and Debate**

**Chair:** Professor Graham Venables, President of the Association of  
British Neurologists & University of Sheffield

**1600** Are UK Neurologists Ready to Engage with Stroke Management?  
Professor Roger Boyle, National Director for Heart Disease & Stroke

Comment: Professor Martin Dennis, Professor of Stroke Medicine,  
University of Edinburgh & Chair of the Scottish National Advisory  
Committee for Stroke

- 1700 ABNT meeting
- 1800 Sponsored Satellite Symposium
- 1930 Evening whisky tasting and informal dinner**

**Thursday 11 September 2008**

0800 Breakfast meetings

**Morning Session 1**

**Topic: Scientific papers**

**Chair:** Dr Richard Metcalfe, Consultant Neurologist, Southern  
General Hospital, Glasgow

- 0900 1 Refining novel associations in multiple sclerosis  
Ingram G
- 0910 2 Alemtuzumab improves disability in early multiple sclerosis  
Jones J
- 0920 3 The British Neurological Surveillance Unit study of neurological  
complications in Behcet's syndrome  
Kidd D
- 0930 4 Clinical features and follow up of 13 patients with antibodies  
against NMDA receptors  
Irani S
- 0940 5 Management of suspected herpes simplex virus encephalitis in  
adults in a UK teaching hospital  
Solomon T
- 0950 6 The Oxford experience of thymoma surgery in patients with MG:  
1998-2007  
Viegas S
- 1000 7 Brain biopsies are useful in the management of neurology patients:  
The Walton Centre's experience  
Wong S
- 1010 8 Diagnosis and management of chronic daily headache in a general  
neurology clinic  
Weatherall M
- 1020 9 Cognitive impairment not dementia in the Caerphilly Prospective  
Study  
Fish M
- 1030 10 Prospective evaluation of patients presenting with unexplained  
urinary retention  
Panicker J

**1040 Coffee & Exhibition**

**Morning Session 2**

**Topic:**

**Chair:** Professor PEM Smith, Consultant Neurologist, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff

1115 **Special lecture:** Professor RG Will, Professor of Clinical Neurology, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh  
CJD – How Well You Did!

1200 **Presentation of the ABN Medal by Professor Graham Venables, ABN President**

Citation: Dr Michael Hanna, Institute of Neurology, UCL, London  
Medallist lecture: Dr John Morgan-Hughes  
Mutations of an Ancient Endosymbiont

**1300 Lunch & Exhibition  
Group Photograph**

1345 Main Poster Session

**Afternoon Session 1**

**Topic: Stroke Symposium Part I**

**Chair:** Professor Alastair Compston, Professor of Neurology, University of Cambridge, Cambridge

1430 Modelling Stroke in the Laboratory - Separating Fact from Artefact  
Dr Malcolm Macleod, Senior Lecturer & Head of Experimental Neuroscience in the Centre for Clinical Brain Sciences, University of Edinburgh

1505 The Science of Interventional Neuroradiology: the good, the bad and the ugly  
Professor Phil White, Consultant Neuroradiologist, Edinburgh

1540 11 Cerebral microbleeds and cardiovascular risk factors: the AGES Reykjavik Study  
Sveinbjornsdottir S

1550 12 The main results of the GALA trial of regional vs general anaesthesia for carotid surgery  
Warlow C

**1600 Tea & Exhibition**

**Afternoon Session 2**

**Topic: Stroke Symposium Part II**

**Chair:** Professor Alastair Compston, Professor of Neurology, University of Cambridge

1645 Integrated Training in Stroke Medicine  
Professor Martin Brown, Professor of Stroke Medicine, UCL Institute of Neurology, London

1655 Thrombolysis for Acute Ischaemic Stroke, the Wasted Years?

Dr Keith Muir, Senior Lecturer in Neurology, University of Glasgow, Glasgow

1730 Services for TIAs and other walking wounded  
Professor Martin Dennis, Professor of Stroke Medicine, University of Edinburgh

1805 End of Session

**1930 Reception & Highland Banquet (Hilton Coylumbridge)**

## **Friday 12 September 2008**

### **Morning Session 1**

**Topic: Case Presentation Competition & Guest Lecture**

**Chair:** Dr Richard Davenport, Consultant Neurologist, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh

0900 CP1 Ataxia in a transplant recipient  
Graves T

0910 CP2 Inflammatory sciatic mononeuropathy  
Choo M

0920 CP3 Polymyositis or another mimic?  
Hughes S

0930 CP4 Phenotype and genotype of a patient with McLeod syndrome  
Sammler E

0940 CP5 A case of reflex epilepsy associated with food-related stimuli  
El Bouzidi K

0950 **The Scottish Association of Neurosciences Guest Lecture**

**Chair:** Dr Cathie Sudlow, Senior Lecturer in Neurology, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh

**Introduction:** Dr Belinda Weller, Consultant Neurologist, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh & Secretary of the Scottish Association of Neurosciences

The Function of the Brain and the Genetics of Diseases of Other Organs

Dr Kari Stefansson, President & CEO deCODE Genetics, Iceland

1045 **Coffee & Exhibition**

### **Morning Session 2**

**Topic: Scientific Presentations**

**Chair:** Professor Hugh Willison, Professor of Neurology, University of Glasgow, Glasgow

1115 Presentation of Case Presentation Prize

1120 13 The presentation and clinical course of intracranial venous malformations in adults: a systematic review and prospective, population-based study  
Hon J

- 1130 14 Clinical and genotypic spectrum of CADASIL in the UK  
Adib-Samii P
- 1140 15 Impact of acute stroke thrombolysis service provision: audit of cases referred and effect upon neurology registrar work intensity  
Littleton E
- 1150 16 High prevalence of significant symptomatic vertebral or basilar stenosis in posterior circulation TIA or minor stroke: population-based study  
Marquardt L
- 1200 17 Transient epileptic amnesia: regional brain atrophy and its relation to memory deficits  
Butler C
- 1210 18 Seizures presenting to a large urban A&E  
Perry R
- 1220 19 Suggestive seizures: A 9 year experience of recording non-epileptic seizures during standard EEG with video  
Leach V

**1230 Lunch**

**Afternoon Session 1**

**Topic: Clinicopathological Conference**

**Chair:** Dr Richard Roberts, Reader in Neurology, University of Dundee, Dundee

- 1330 Presentation of the case: Dr Jonathan O’Riordan, Consultant Neurologist, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee
- Discussant: Dr Lionel Ginsberg, Consultant Neurologist, Royal Free Hospital, London
- Pathologist: Dr Colin Smith, Senior Lecturer in Neuropathology, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh

**1445 Tea**

- 1515 End of Scientific Meeting

**Posters**

***Clinical Practice***

- 1 Diagnostic and management issues in myeloneuropathy associated with copper deficiency  
Chowdhury F
- 2 Acute workload in a neurology department: has it changed over the past four years?  
Derry C
- 3 Incidental findings on brain magnetic resonance imaging: systematic review of 19,559 humans  
Morris Z
- 4 Outpatient targets: towards a faster track system

Bosnell R

- 5 A retrospective case note review of deceased recipients of vCJD-implicated blood transfusions  
Chohan G
- 6 Are clinical trials in neurology state-of-the-art? Not when you look closely  
Pace A
- 7 Bridging the digital divide: creation of a low cost educational tool for the developing world  
Jung A
- 8 The National Prion Monitoring Cohort: a longitudinal observational study of UK human prion infection  
Mead S
- 9 A correlation of global and tissue-specific cerebral magnetisation transfer ratios with disease severity in inherited prion disease  
Siddique D
- 10 Take HAART! This rare condition may be getting rarer, or is it?  
Baker B
- 11 Hyperbaric oxygen therapy for treatment of cerebral radionecrosis  
Douglass C
- 12 Marantic endocarditis in non-small cell lung cancer  
Apostu V

### **Cognition**

- 13 The neural correlates of verbal and non-verbal semantic processing deficits in neurodegenerative disease  
Butler C

### **Epilepsy**

- 14 Seizure markers - how common in syncope?  
Leach JP
- 15 Transient epileptic amnesia: a case report with radiological localisation Butler C
- 16 Insulinoma presenting as epilepsia partialis continua  
Faulkner H
- 17 Identifying uncertainties about effects of treatment in epilepsy  
Smith P
- 18 Prevalence of visual field defects following exposure to vigabatrin therapy: A systematic review  
Maguire M

### **Headache**

- 19 Spontaneous intracranial hypotension: A case series of low pressure headaches with MRI findings and treatment response  
Miller S
- 20 Familial hemiplegic migraine and focal status epilepticus causing cortical laminar necrosis  
Reid J
- 21 Pain and nausea control in subarachnoid haemorrhage  
Sengupta A
- 22 The pattern fits: Dostoyevsky, religion and railways  
Thomas R

### ***Movement disorders***

- 23 A 14 year longitudinal study of the levodopa motor response in Parkinson's disease: effects of cognitive decline on motor function  
Alty J
- 24 A case of neurosyphilis mimicking dementia with Lewy bodies  
Dobson R
- 25 Ataxia myoclonus: the medication to blame?  
Redgrave J
- 26 Medication withdrawal in patients on anti-parkinson therapy  
Newman E
- 27 Apathy in neurodegeneration: one symptom or more?  
Stanton B
- 28 Screening for LRRK2 mutations in UK sporadic Parkinson's disease  
Lewthwaite A
- 29 Perioperative management of patients with Parkinson's disease  
Derry C
- 30 Motor neglect associated with loss of action inhibition  
Coulthard L
- 31 Novel treatments for REM sleep behaviour disorder  
Anderson K
- 32 Idiopathic opsoclonus-myoclonus syndrome in an adult: A case report and further evidence to support the use of intravenous immunoglobulin  
Paton Ker J
- 33 A 'bruise' with movement disorders  
Nitkunan A
- MS/Immunology***
- 34 Novel insights into the molecular pathology of progressive multiple sclerosis: Tauhyperphosphorylation  
Anderson J
- 35 Neurosarcoidosis presenting as acquired aqueductal stenosis  
Morrison I
- 36 Before and after the acute MS lesion: a longitudinal DTI study  
Giorgio A
- 37 Serum autoantibodies to glutamic acid decarboxylase are associated with reduced cortical GABA levels in patients with epilepsy  
Stagg C
- 38 Evidence of subcortical atrophy in primary progressive multiple sclerosis  
Arun T
- 39 Lessons from the Cannabinoids in Multiple Sclerosis Study: Part 1 -Did Ashworth's scale make the grade?  
Pace A
- 40 Lessons from the Cannabinoids in Multiple Sclerosis Study: Part 2: What happens when the Ashworth scale makes the grade?  
Hobart J
- 41 Do known multiple sclerosis risk alleles have a phenotypic effect?  
Ingram G

- 42 UK consensus guidelines on management of bladder dysfunction in multiple sclerosis  
Fowler C
- Nerve & Muscle***
- 43 Narrowing the differential diagnosis in muscle disease - electrical without clinical myotonia  
Durnford A
- 44 TARDBP in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis: mutation screening and genetic copy number analysis in a clinic cohort  
Baumer D
- 45 Analysis of anti-ganglioside complex antibodies in human neuropathy sera using combinatorial glycoarrays  
Willison H
- 46 Nutritional intervention in patients with motor neurone disease - 5 years experience from a regional care and research centre  
Dobson R
- 47 Using muscle strength as an outcome measure in clinical trials: is it meaningful to sum the strength of individual muscles?  
Pace A
- Stroke***
- 48 Intramedullary spinal cord cavernomas  
Anderson J
- 49 Pathological correlates of a systemic predisposition to plaque instability: does carotid plaque predict coronary events? (The Oxford Plaque Study)  
Redgrave J
- 50 The diagnosis of suspected stroke in the emergency department  
Whiteley W
- 51 Population-based study of risk of stroke in the first few hours after a TIA: urgency or emergency?  
Chandratheva A
- 52 Non-stroke admissions in an acute stroke unit  
Reid J