

Announcement and Calendar of Meetings

ANNOUNCEMENT

Peter Jeavons
(1920-1997)



Peter Jeavons' interest in epilepsy spanned the entire spectrum from babies to old age. In his work in Birmingham, England, he was Head of both the Epilepsy Service at Dudley Road Hospital and The Convulsions Clinic at Birmingham Children's Hospital. A psychiatrist by origin, he entered both the fields of epilepsy and EEG because of his earlier experiences at All Saints Psychiatric Hospital in Birmingham. His growing interests caused him to give up his career as a psychiatrist and become a consultant in EEGs. During his working life he produced more than 100 publications, many of which appeared in *Epilepsia*, as well as three books. In the 1960s, he published, with his colleague Dr. Brian Bower, one of the earliest monographs on children with infantile spasms.

In 1964 he began working with Professor Graham Harding on photosensitive epilepsy; over the next 30 years they studied almost 1,000 cases of this condition, by far the largest group of this type ever studied in the world. Many publications stemmed from these studies identifying both the role of television in provoking this type of seizure and different forms of physical therapy, many of which were often simple, such as covering one eye in the presence of a flickering light stimulus or making sure the patient sits >2 m from the television set. He was instrumental in the introduction of valproate (VPA) into the United Kingdom to treat patients with this and other epileptic conditions and assisted in obtaining ap-

proval for this drug in the United States. He carried out a number of studies investigating the prognosis of photosensitive epilepsy and, indeed, his final joint paper with Graham Harding is about to be published in this journal.

For his services to epilepsy he was awarded the title of Ambassador for Epilepsy by The International League and, in 1984, Aston University awarded him an Honorary DSc. He was also elected to Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians (London). He retired from the U.K. National Health Service at the age of 60, but continued to work at Aston University for the following 15 years. A flamboyant figure, he was happily married to Patsy Jeavons and is survived by her and his son Michael, a psychiatrist in Canada.

G. F. A. Harding
Aston University

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

14th International Congress of EEG and Clinical Neurophysiology

The 14th International Congress of EEG and Clinical Neurophysiology will be held August 24-30, 1997 in Florence, Italy. The Congress is sponsored by the International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology (IFCN). For further information, contact 14th ICEEGCN Congress, c/o OIC srl, Via A. La Marmora 24, 50121 Florence, Italy. Tel: +39-55-60.00.631; Fax: +39-55-50.01.912; E-mail: oic@dada.it; web: <http://www.hsr.it/14thiceegcn/>.

Focus on Epilepsy IV: Seizure-Induced Brain Damage

An international conference, "Focus on Epilepsy IV: Seizure-Induced Brain Damage," will be held August 26-29, 1997 in Sainte-Adèle, Québec, Canada. The main theme is neuroprotection as an approach to epilepsy treatment. The scientific organizers are Drs. Massimo Avoli (McGill University and the Montreal Neurological Institute) and Claude Wasterlain (UCLA). For further information, use the Internet (<http://www.accent.net/periplus>), or contact the secretariat, Periplus Convention Management. Tel: (514) 933-0502; Fax: (514) 933-4513; e-mail: Periplus@Accent.Net.

VIII Pan American Epilepsy Congress

The VIII Pan American Epilepsy Congress will be held September 12-13, 1997 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. For further information, contact Moreno 584-Piso 9, 1091 Buenos Aires, Argentina. Tel: +54-1 342-3216, 342-3283, 342-3408; Fax: +54-1 331-0223, 334-3811.

Euro Brain '97

Euro Brain '97, the joint European conference on brain diseases, will take place November 26-28, 1997 in Aalborg, Den-

mark. Major topics will be epilepsy, stroke, head trauma, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease. Presentations will emphasize a multidisciplinary European perspective. This conference will take place in conjunction with the "Year of the Brain 1997" in Denmark. For further information, write or telephone the Aalborg Kongres & Kultur Center, Europa Plads, Box 149, DK-9100 Aalborg, Denmark. Tel: +45 99 35 5555; Fax: +45 99 35 5580.

The Fourth Conference of the European Society for Clinical Neuropharmacology

The fourth conference of the European Society for Clinical Neuropharmacology will be held December 2–4, 1997 in Eilat, Israel. The main topic will be newer antiepileptic drugs, including drugs currently in development; efficacy and toxicity of marketed drugs; and use of antiepileptic drugs in nonepileptic disorders. For further information, contact Professor A.D. Korczyn, Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel-Aviv University Medical School, Ramat-Aviv 69978, Israel. Tel: 972-3-697-3528; Fax: 972-3-697-3472.

The 2nd International Genoa Epilepsy Symposium

The 2nd International Genoa Epilepsy Symposium—"The real impact of new antiepileptic drugs. Critical views for an objective assessment"—will be held January 28–30, 1998 in Genoa, Italy. The Organizing Committee consists of Profs. Emilio Perucca, Giovanni Regesta, and Paolo Tanganelli. The main topics are: Advances in experimental pharmacology, Perspectives in AEDs development, New AEDs in monotherapy, Usefulness and limits of clinical trials designs, Clinical outcome assessment, Quality of life assessment, Cost-effective-

ness evaluation, Cognitive aspects, and Ethical aspects. For further information, contact Prof. Giovanni Regesta, Centro per l'Epilessia-Divisione di Neurologia, Ospedale San Martino, Viale Benedetto XV, 10, 16132 Genova, Italy. Tel: +39 10 555 2542; Fax: +39 10 555 6603; E-mail: divneurologia@smartino.ge.it.

Course on the Neuropsychology of Epilepsy

The Presidents and Scientific Committee announce a "Course on the Neuropsychology of Epilepsy" to be held March 22–25, 1998 at Gargnano (Brescia). Gargnano is in Northern Italy near Lake Garda. The course will include sections on the neuropsychological assessment of adults and children, and contributions of neuropsychology to epilepsy surgery. Illustrative case discussions will be included. For further information, contact the Secretariat: Studio AES, Servizi Congressuali, via Bergamo 8, 20135 Milano, Italy. Tel: +2 599 02525/ 599 01289; Fax: +2 599 01652.

Fourth Eilat Conference on New Antiepileptic Drugs

The Fourth Eilat Conference on New Antiepileptic Drugs will be held September 6–10, 1998 at the Royal Beach Hotel in Eilat, Israel. The conference program is designed to provide critical reviews and updated information about new antiepileptic drugs that are in different stages of development, as well as to present progress reports on recent findings concerning marketed new antiepileptic drugs. The Organizing Committee includes Drs. M. Bialer, S.I. Johannessen, H.J. Kupferberg, R.H. Levy, P. Loiseau, and E. Perucca. For further information, contact the Conference Secretariat, P.O. Box 29041, Tel Aviv 61290, Israel. Tel: 972-3-517-5149/50; Fax: 972-3-517-5155.