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PROGRAMME

- Franz Gerstenbrand**, Vienna, Austria: Ethics in neurological clinical trials
- Michael O'Brien**, London, United Kingdom: Special problems of women with epilepsy
- Dirk Dressler**, Rostock, Germany: Dystonic syndromes
- Evžen Růžička**, Prague, Czech Republic: Extrapiramidal side effects of neuroleptic treatment
- Dirk Dressler**, Rostock, Germany: Usage of Botulinum toxin in dystonic disorders
- Evžen Růžička**, Prague, Czech Republic: Deep brain stimulation; mechanisms and clinical effects
- Peer Tfelt-Hansen**, Glostrup, Denmark: Mechanisms of migraine
Acute and prophylactic treatment of migraine
- Peer Tfelt-Hansen**, Glostrup, Denmark: Experience and problems with multicentre trials in the treatment of migraine attacks
- Michael O'Brien**, London, United Kingdom: Pathophysiology of ischaemic penumbra
- Gudrun Boysen**, Copenhagen, Denmark: Diagnostic and handling of acute stroke patients
- Pavel Kalvach**, Prague, Czech Republic: Neuroimaging in ischemic stroke
- Anna Czlonkowska**, Warsaw, Poland: Primary and secondary prevention of stroke by means of statins and hypertensive therapy
- Gudrun Boysen**, Copenhagen, Denmark: Stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation

Round table (Faculty and Belarussian neurologists: Stroke: management and prevention)

From the final report:

217 neurologists from Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine were registered for the course. In addition, approximately 120 non-neurologists attended the course; these included medical students, university lecturers from different departments, physicians from the city etc.

The course was considered to be very important. This is not only demonstrated by the high number of participants, but also by the fact that the Belarussian Deputy Minister for health, the Rector of the University of Vitebsk and Prof. Antonov, President of the Belarussian Neurological Society personally attended the opening session. The information about the TC appeared repeatedly in newspapers, local and national TV programmes.

The course took place at the University of Vitebsk in a well-equipped lecture hall. All speakers presented high quality lectures illustrated by excellent slides. Syllabi provided by the speakers helped a great deal to facilitate understanding.



Uschi Tschabitscher, F. Gerstenbrand, I.P. Antonov, A. Czlonkowska, P.Kalvach

The local organizers Prof. Yuri Alexeenko and his team took excellent care of all arrangements for the speakers, e.g. transportation from Minsk to Vitebsk and back, accommodation at a charming resort outside of the city itself, social gatherings with ample opportunity to talk to Belarussian neurologists, etc.

The organizers have met with the different special tasks and some additional specific problems (specific just for countries in transition – exaggerated bureaucratic formalities in Ministry of Health Care, invitations, visa etc.).

English was one of the main problems. The organizers have informed the participants by the first and second announcements that there will be no simultaneous translation during presentations. It was impossible because of technical conditions. They prepared the brief summary in Russian and duplicated some documents. But some of the colleagues ignored the preliminary information and experienced some difficulties, At the same time a lot of Belarussian specialists received stimuli to improve their English by any means (special programme, using English in neurology and education).

In conclusion the organizers would like to express their general opinion that the TC was a great success and their cooperation must be continued in future.