Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the organizing committees (Executive, Local, Scientific, Finance) and the Association of British Neurologists it is our very great pleasure to welcome you to London.

We have put together a scientific programme which we hope you will find stimulating, educational and thought provoking. The main daily themes have been designed to cover some of the commonest neurological conditions that we see in our everyday neurological practice. The latest knowledge about these conditions, from epidemiology through pathogenesis to management, will be discussed by international experts. There are also many symposia covering virtually all aspects of our specialty, as well as satellite symposia sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry. We have received over 1800 abstracts of original work for the Congress and whilst you will hear some given as platform presentations the majority will be available as posters. Throughout the Congress you will have the opportunity to pit your wits against the experts in daily clinical-pathological conferences and enjoy the neurological tournament. In addition, there are many teaching sessions covering a wide range of everyday clinical problems.

On a lighter note there is the opportunity to attend a neurological opera or join in the fun run around Hyde Park. The Gala Evening to be held in the heart of the City of London will be a spectacular evening, unlike any other previous Congress dinner.

We all hope you will find the Congress scientifically stimulating and London an exciting city in which to stay, making this a truly memorable visit.

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