

services and assessment conducted in conjunction with manufacturers. The author<sup>2</sup> is in the process of developing a multi-disciplinary seating assessment service. Around 10 patients have already been assessed in this relatively new service and parents and carers are being instructed in correct use of the equipment. The notion that systems are mobility devices is being discouraged and usage to improve and maintain biomechanics of sitting posture is explained and encouraged. It is too early to assess the effectiveness of this service.

**Future projects**

Healthcare is evolving in the UAE, the provision for children with cerebral palsy and other neurological disabilities will evolve and future developments are essential in order to deliver quality service for children with disability in general and children with spastic CP in particular. An integrated team approach and the provision of all spasticity management in one centre is likely to be the way forward for the tertiary care institutes. Furthermore, better access and facilities for children with CP within the school system will be required to ensure better function and participation in the community for children with disability in line with the recently approved World Health Organisation guidelines on this. ♦

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# The Association of British Neurologists Meeting

Liverpool: June 22 26th 2009

## Message from Professor Alastair Compston, President of The Association of British Neurologists

The Association of British Neurologists is moving, at least for this year and next, to a single annual conference in place of the spring and autumn meetings that have been held for many years. However, we are also involved in one further meeting abroad in each of the next few years – The Netherlands (2010), Cuba (2011) and Boston (2012). The first annual UK-based conference will be in Liverpool from Monday 22 June to Friday 26 June. The venue is the spectacular new Arena and Convention Centre situated in the heart of Liverpool (European Capital of Culture in 2008) on the historic world heritage waterfront ([www.acliverpool.com](http://www.acliverpool.com)).



Alastair Compston, President.

High attendance is anticipated and the Association has set extremely competitive registration rates on the assumption that there will be a record number of delegates. For those who register early the cost is £350 for the whole week, including the reception and dinner, with 2 day and 1 day rates of \$275 and £150, respectively with half those costs for trainees and senior members. Registration will close on 10 June.

The programme is thematic in eight parts each having a scientific symposium and teaching course held in parallel with free communications and including one or more plenary lectures. In the session on stroke, Werner Hacke from Heidelberg will speak on Acute management. That is followed by an historical talk on Sir Charles Sherrington who spent many years in Liverpool given by Colin Blakemore – one of Sherrington's successors as Waynflete professor of physiology in Oxford. Richard Johnson, from John Hopkins University, will give the Gordon Holmes Lecture on Global hazards of infectious disease in the session on acute neurology, prion diseases and viral disorders. Angela Vincent from Oxford is the 2009 ABN Medallist and her lecture on Immunological disorders of ion channels is included in that part of the programme focusing on channelopathies, muscle

and mitochondrial disorders which is followed by a clinico-pathological conference presented by Andrew Lees from Queen Square. Eduardo Tolosa from Madrid will speak on Clinical and genetic diversity in Parkinson's disease in the session on neurodegeneration and movement disorders. The half-day devoted to dementia and behavioural neurology ends with a lecture by David Owen – In sickness and in power – in which he will argue that political decision-making in world

leaders may be contaminated by an acquired behavioural disorder manifesting as hubris. Finally, Jack Griffin, also from John Hopkins University, will give the Editors of Brain Lecture in memory of PK Thomas (on this occasion) on the Pathophysiology and mechanisms of peripheral neuropathy in the session on peripheral nerve disease. The meeting is interspersed with a symposium on academic neurology for trainees and a session highlighting free communications by younger members of the Association – Tomorrow's world - topped and tailed by an additional teaching course on neuro-ophthalmology and a practical session on how to survive as a neurologist.

The reception will be in the Merseyside Maritime Museum on the Albert Dock. The annual dinner is in the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral at which Baroness Ilora Finlay will be our guest and speaker. The evening will finish with a magnificent blast on the Cathedral Organ and a Son et lumiere performance.

All in all we hope that this much changed structure of the scientific meeting of the Association will appeal to all our members – young and old, NHS and academic appointees, and those wanting both continued professional development and glimpses into the future development of our rich and diverse discipline.

*The organisers and Officers of the Association look forward to seeing you in Liverpool.*



Werner Hacke



Colin Blakemore



Andrew Lees



Angela Vincent



John Griffin



Richard Johnson

## Monday 22 June 2009

09:00	Registration Opens	
<b>NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY</b>		
10:00 – 12:00	HALL 1A	
<b>Neuro-ophthalmology: Beyond the bedside</b> Chair: Gordon Plant, London		
10:00	A review of perimetric methodology Richard Metcalfe, Glasgow	
10:15	Objective visual field assessment: mERG/VEP and pupil perimetry Mags Dyan, Newcastle upon Tyne	
10:30	Perimetry in practice: illustrative cases Mike Burdon, Birmingham	
10:45	Beyond visual fields: neglect and disorientation Martin Bracewell, Bangor	
11:00	Optic nerve imaging: practice and pitfalls Simon Hickman, Sheffield	
11:15	Imaging in optic neuritis: all or nothing? Michael Johnson, Leeds	
11:30	Eye movement disorders: the role of the orthoptist and of eye movement recording John Elston, Oxford	
11:45	Eye movement disorders: illustrative cases Gordon Plant, London	
<b>LUNCH : HALL 2C 12:00 – 12:30hrs</b>		
<b>STROKE</b>		
12:30 – 12:45	President's Welcome & Introduction	HALL 1A
12:45 – 13:30	Plenary Guest Lecture: Werner Hacke, Germany – Acute management of stroke	
	<b>Hall 1A: Afternoon Session 1</b> <b>SCIENCE: Risk factors &amp; prevention of stroke</b> <b>Chair: Àngel Chamorro, Barcelona</b>	<b>Hall 1B: Afternoon Session 1</b> <b>Papers: Specialty: Papers 1-6</b> <b>Chair:</b>
13:30	Challenges and rewards of clinical research Peter Rothwell, Oxford	
14:00	Acute management of TIA and minor stroke Matthew Giles, Oxford	
14:20	Imaging and treatment of vertebral and basilar stenosis Ursula Schulz, Oxford	
14:40	Vascular dementia Sarah Pendlebury, Oxford	
<b>COFFEE : HALL 2C 15:00 – 15:30hrs</b>		
15:30 – 16:30	Plenary Guest Lecture: Colin Blakemore (Oxford) - Sherrington: The Liverpool Years	HALL 1A
	<b>Hall 1B: Afternoon Session 2</b> <b>Papers: Specialty: Papers 7-12</b> <b>Chair:</b>	<b>Hall 1A: Afternoon Session 2</b> <b>TEACHING: Clinical assessment and management of stroke: an interactive whistle stop tour</b> <b>Chair: Cathie Sudlow</b>
	16:30 Introduction: Joined up stroke care Cathie Sudlow, Edinburgh	
	16:40 Stroke and TIA: Why neurologists matter John Bamford, Leeds	
	17:05 Carotid stenosis: How to intervene, and for whom? Martin Brown, London	
	17:30 Why should neurologists be involved with subarachnoid haemorrhage? – Richard Davenport, Glasgow	
18:00	<b>ABN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>	
20:00	Welcome Reception, Merseyside Maritime Museum Welcome from Eduardo Martínez Vila (President, SEN) & Alastair Compton (President, ABN)	

## Tuesday 23 June 2009

08:30	Registration Opens	
<b>NEUROINFLAMMATION &amp; INFECTIOUS DISEASE PART I – SPONSORED BY Biogen Idec</b>		
	<b>Hall 1A: Morning Session 1</b> <b>TEACHING: Critical care in the neurosciences</b> <b>Chair: Maxwell Damian, Leicester</b>	<b>Hall 1B: Morning Session 1</b> <b>Multiple Sclerosis Papers 13-18</b> <b>Chair:</b>
08:30	CNS and systemic immunopathology Aubin Howard, London	
08:55	Neurology in the general ICU Maxwell Damian, Leicester	
09:15	Acute respiratory failure in neurological disease Aubrey Williams, Nottingham	
09:25	Critical care of stroke Kieran Burton, Oxford	
<b>COFFEE, POSTERS &amp; EXHIBITION: HALLS 2G &amp; 2K 10:00 – 10:30hrs</b>		
	<b>Hall 1B: Morning Session 2</b> <b>Multiple Sclerosis Papers 19-24</b> <b>Chair:</b>	<b>Hall 1A: Morning Session 2</b> <b>SCIENCE: Viral Brain Infections</b> <b>Chair: Tom Solomon, Liverpool</b>
		10:30 Viral brain infections – some successes and the challenges ahead – Tom Solomon, Brain Infections Group, Liverpool
		11:00 Inflammation in Japanese encephalitis – the mark of a good group? – Kiroi Saw-Whet, Brain Infections Group, Liverpool & Oxford, Bangkok
		11:30 The causes of encephalitis in England – a prospective etiological study – Julia Crawford, Health Protection Agency, London
		11:40 The management of central nervous system infections in the UK – the good, the bad, and the ugly – Benedict Michael, Brain Infections Group, Liverpool
11:15 – 12:00	<b>Condon-Williams Lecture: Richard Johnson – Global hazards of infectious disease</b> Sponsored by the Guardians of Brain	
12:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunchtime satellite symposium sponsored by Biogen Idec</b> Title: Current Controversies at MS Chair: Dr D. S. Silber	
<b>LUNCH, POSTERS &amp; EXHIBITION: HALLS 2G &amp; 2K 13:00 – 14:00hrs</b>		

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<b>NEUROINFLAMMATION &amp; INFECTIOUS DISEASE PART II – SPONSORED BY MERCK SERONO</b>		
	<b>Hall 1A: Afternoon Session 1</b> <b>SCIENCE: Prion diseases</b> <b>Chair: John Collinge, London</b>	<b>Hall 1B: Afternoon Session 1</b> <b>Multiple Sclerosis Papers 25-30</b> <b>Chair:</b>
14:00	Insulin-like prion biology and its wider relevance John Collinge, London	
14:20	Genetic susceptibility to prion infection and disease Tomonori Masuda, London	
14:40	Structure of prion proteins Geoffrey W. Stewart, London	
15:00	Development of effective therapeutics for prion infection Andrew Lewis, London	
<b>TEA, POSTERS &amp; EXHIBITION: HALLS 2G &amp; 2K 15:30 – 16:00hrs</b>		
	<b>Hall 1B: Afternoon Session 2</b> <b>Papers 31-36</b> <b>Chair:</b>	<b>Hall 1A: Afternoon Session 2</b> <b>TEACHING: Neurodegeneration under the microscope</b> <b>Chair: Seth Love, Bristol</b>
		16:00 Alzheimer's disease Seth Love, Bristol
		16:20 Motor neuron disease Paul Cook, Sheffield
		16:50 Parkinson's disease and clinically related disorders Tamas Revesz, London
		17:10 Frontotemporal lobar degeneration Janice Holton, London
17:30 – 18:30	<b>ABN Presidential Address: Alastair Compton</b>	
18:30 – 19:30	<b>Evening satellite sponsored by Teva, Showing the Future of MS Therapy</b> Chair: David Bates	
20:00	Presidential Dinner (Guests Invited)	

## Wednesday 24 June 2009

08:00	Registration Opens	
<b>MUSCLE</b>		
	<b>Hall 1A: Morning Session 1</b> <b>SCIENCE: Molecular mechanisms of mitochondrial disease</b> <b>Chair: Patrick Chinnery, Newcastle</b>	<b>Hall 1B: Morning Session 1</b> <b>Papers 37-42</b> <b>Chair:</b>
08:30	Mitochondrial neuro-ophthalmology – why is the eye so vulnerable? – Patrick Yu Wai Man, Newcastle	
08:50	Mitochondrial poisons: iatrogenic mitochondrial diseases of the future? – Brendan Payne, Newcastle	
09:10	New technologies and new genes: how to make a diagnosis fast – Robert Taylor, Newcastle	
09:30	Any new treatments on offer? Patrick Chinnery, Newcastle	
<b>COFFEE, POSTERS &amp; EXHIBITION: HALLS 2G &amp; 2K 10:00 – 10:45hrs</b>		
	<b>Hall 1B: Morning Session 2</b> <b>Papers 43-48</b> <b>Chair:</b>	<b>Hall 1A: Morning Session 2</b> <b>TEACHING: Diagnosis &amp; management of muscle disease</b> <b>Co-Chairs: Michael Hanna, London &amp; Spanish TBC</b>
		10:45 Approach to the clinical assessment and diagnosis of the patient with muscle disease – Michael Hanna, London
		11:15 Muscle biopsy evaluation and clinical correlation Janice Holton, London
		11:35 Adult muscular dystrophies – diagnosis and management James Miller, Newcastle
		11:55 Inflammatory and drug induced muscle diseases - diagnosis and management David Hilton-Jones, Oxford
12:15 – 13:00	<b>ABN Medallist</b> Angela Vincent (Oxford) Immunological disorders of ion channels	
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunchtime satellite symposium sponsored by Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd and Lundbeck Ltd</b> Title: The timing of treatment in Parkinson's Disease. Chair: TBC	
<b>LUNCH, POSTERS &amp; EXHIBITION: HALLS 2G &amp; 2K 13:00 – 14:00hrs</b>		
<b>EPILEPSY – SPONSORED BY TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS LTD and LUNDBECK LTD</b>		
	<b>Hall 1A: Afternoon Session 1</b> <b>SCIENCE: Paroxysmal disorders and channelopathies</b> <b>Co-Chairs: Shafiqul Kullmann, London &amp; Jose Serratosa, Spain</b>	<b>Hall 1B: Afternoon Session 1</b> <b>Papers 49-54</b> <b>Chair:</b>
14:00	Ion channels & infection Dimitri Baklanov, Institute of Neurology, London	
14:25	Hyperkalemia: From channelopathy to synaptotoxicity Robert Ising, US School of Pharmacy	
14:50	Emerging channelopathies Jose Serratosa, Fundación Jiménez Díaz, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid	
<b>TEA, POSTERS &amp; EXHIBITION: HALLS 2G &amp; 2K 15:30 – 16:00hrs</b>		
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Clinical Neurophysiological Conference: Andrew Lees (London) &amp; Luis Garcia de Yébenes (Spain)</b>	
	<b>Hall 1B: Afternoon Session 2</b> <b>Papers 55-60</b> <b>Chair:</b>	<b>Hall 1A: Afternoon Session 2</b> <b>TEACHING: Management of epilepsy and related disorders</b> <b>Co-Chairs: Philip Smith, Cardiff &amp; Antonio Gil-Nagel, Spain</b>
		17:00 Differential diagnosis of first seizure Julia Paul, Leeds, Glasgow
		17:25 Unravelling non-epileptic attacks Walter Richter, Sheffield
		17:50 Accurate semiology and localisation Yvesza Hagel, Oxford
		18:20 Conclusion: The science and art of seizure semiology Philip Smith, Cardiff
20:00	RECEPTION & DINNER, LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL	

## The Timing of Treatment in Parkinson's Disease - a debate chaired by Professor David Burn

A lunchtime satellite symposium – Wednesday 24th June, 2009  
13:00 – 14:00, Hall 1B, Liverpool Arena & Conference Centre  
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**Thursday 25 June 2009**

08:00 Registration Opens	
<b>MOVEMENT DISORDERS - SPONSORED BY</b>	
<b>Hall 1A: Morning Session 1</b> <b>SCIENCE: Injury &amp; repair in neurodegeneration</b> <b>Chair: Roger Barker, Cambridge</b>	<b>Hall 1B: Morning Session 1</b> <b>Neurology in retirement &amp; Internationally [papers]</b> <b>Chair:</b>
08:30 Solving the puzzle - the heterogeneity of Parkinson's disease Caroline Williams-Gay, Cambridge Centre for Brain Repair	
08:35 Using aptamers to repair the brain through neurogenesis? Celine O'Keefe, Cambridge Centre for Brain Repair	
08:40 What does neurogenesis do in the adult brain? Clare Clifford, Cambridge Centre for Brain Repair	
08:50 Repairing the brain in neurodegenerative disorders - where next? Roger Barker, Cambridge Centre for Brain Repair	
<b>COFFEE, POSTERS &amp; EXHIBITION: HALLS 2G &amp; 2K 10:00 - 10:45hrs</b>	
<b>Hall 1B: Morning Session 2</b> <b>Papers 67-72</b> <b>Chair:</b>	<b>Hall 1A: Morning Session 2</b> <b>TEACHING: Diagnosis &amp; management of movement disorders</b> <b>Chair: Carl Clark, Birmingham</b>
	10:45 Advances in the diagnosis of motor Donald Lees, Glasgow
	11:00 Advances in the management of gait disorders Carl Clark, Birmingham
	11:35 Update on hyperkinetic movement disorder Kazuh Shira
12:00 - 13:00 Plenary Guest Lecture: Eduardo Torres - Clinical and genetic diversity in Parkinson's disease	HALL 1A
13:00 - 14:00 Are you considering a career in academic neurology? A practical guide for trainees	HALL 1A
Opening remarks - aims of the workshop Patrick Dorey (Chair, Clinical Research and Academic Committee) & Daniel Blackburn (AMN/CRAC representative)	
Why and how to find an academic career? Sue Miall, Wellcome Trust Clinical Scientist, Neurology Unit, Northern General	
Academic Neurology - A Detailed Retrospective Cohort Study of 4-1 Tim Williams, Liverpool	
Research within the NHS: is it possible? Peter Everington, Nottingham	
What are the options? Various routes into an academic career Andrew Compston, Cambridge	
Open discussion	
11:00 - 14:00 Lunchtime satellite sponsored by	HALL 1B
Title: The Evolving Role of Continuous Dopaminergic Stimulation (CDS) in Parkinson's disease Chair: Professor Carl Clark, Birmingham	
<b>LUNCH, POSTERS &amp; EXHIBITION: HALLS 2G &amp; 2K 13:00 - 14:00hrs</b>	
<b>DEMENTIA - SPONSORED BY</b>	
<b>Hall 1A: Afternoon Session 1</b> <b>SCIENCE: Fronto-temporal dementia and Alzheimer's disease</b> <b>Chair: David Neary, Manchester</b>	<b>Hall 1B: Afternoon Session 1</b> <b>Tomorrow's World [papers]</b> <b>Chair:</b>
14:00 Synaptic analysis in dementia Julie Snowden, Manchester	
14:30 Anatomical and functional correlates in imaging of dementia Alexander Gerhard, Manchester	
15:00 Recent advances in neurogenetics of frontotemporal lobar degeneration Nevill Parry, Brunel, Manchester	
<b>TEA, POSTERS &amp; EXHIBITION: HALLS 2G &amp; 2K 15:30 - 16:00hrs</b>	
<b>Hall 1B: Afternoon Session 2</b> <b>Papers 73-84</b> <b>Chair:</b>	<b>Hall 1A: Afternoon Session 2</b> <b>TEACHING: Assessment of cognitive function</b> <b>Chair: Adam Zeman, Plymouth</b> <b>Joint with British Neuropsychiatry Association</b>
	16:00 Clinical data assessment: bedside test and traps Hugh Richards, Birmingham
	16:30 Cognitive assessment in a nutshell Adam Zeman, Plymouth
	17:00 Making the most of the neurologist's assessment Stefley Channon, University College London
17:30 - 18:30 Plenary Guest Lecture: David Owen - In sickness and in power	HALL 1A
18:30 - 19:30 Evening satellite sponsored by	HALL 1B
Title: Are motor symptoms of non-motor symptoms the main issue in advanced Parkinson's Disease? A case based discussion Chair: Dr Marcus Stinger, Liverpool, UK	

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**Friday 26 June 2009**

08:00 Registration Opens	
<b>PERIPHERAL NERVE</b>	
<b>Hall 1A: Morning Session 1</b> <b>SCIENCE: Immunological disorders of peripheral nerve</b> <b>Co-Chairs: Hugh Williams, Glasgow &amp; Michael Doweaghy, Oxford</b>	<b>Hall 1B: Morning Session 1</b> <b>Case Presentation Competition</b> <b>Chair:</b>
08:30 An introduction to ganglions and schwannomas Hugh Williams, Glasgow	
08:45 The role of glycolipid antigen density and substrate regeneration therapy in a therapeutic strategy Ray Crossinhardt, Glasgow	
08:50 The anti-GD1a antibody syndrome Simon Brusa, Glasgow	
08:55 Identifying new ganglionic targets using combinatorial glycolipidomics Katar Brannan, Glasgow	
09:00 - 10:45 The Editors of Brain Lecture Lord Cuffie (Honorary): Pathophysiology and mechanisms of peripheral neuropathy Sponsored by the Trustees of Brain	HALL 1A
<b>COFFEE, POSTERS &amp; EXHIBITION: HALLS 2G &amp; 2K 10:45 - 10:55hrs</b>	
<b>Hall 1A: Morning Session 2</b> <b>TEACHING: Diagnosis &amp; classification of peripheral neuropathy</b> <b>Co-Chairs: Michael Doweaghy, Oxford &amp; José Berciano, Spain</b>	<b>Hall 1B: Morning Session 2</b> <b>Papers 91-96</b> <b>Chair:</b>
10:55 An overview of genetically determined peripheral neuropathy José Berciano, Spain	
11:30 Vascular neuropathy Liberty Walker, Oxford	
11:55 Chronic acquired and infectious black neuropathy Michael Doweaghy, Oxford	
12:15 The spectrum of acute inflammatory polyneuropathy John Wiles, Birmingham	
12:45 - 13:45 "Gael & Eile" Poems (Heather Angus-Leggan, London)	HALL 1A
<b>LUNCH: HALL 2C 13:45 - 14:30hrs</b>	
<b>PRACTICING NEUROLOGY</b> Hall 1A Chair: Chris Allen, Cambridge	<b>SESSION SESSION</b> Hall 1B Chair: Neil Smith
14:30 Clinical excellence awards: Maximising your chances Andrew Compston, Cambridge	
15:00 Local Neurology services: the way forward Stephen Pothos, Canterbury	
15:30 Medicines practice: phobias and pitfalls Peter Harvey	
16:00 Complaints: the story in the cell Chris Allen, Cambridge	
16:30 CLOSE OF MEETING	



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