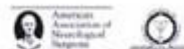


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The AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery has a full fall schedule.

The 2008 Annual Meeting will be held in Spokane, Wash., from Dec. 2 to Dec. 5 at the historic 5-star Davenport Hotel, 10 South Post St. The Davenport opened in 1914 and underwent a multimillion-dollar renovation 10 years ago. Annual Meeting Chair David Gruber, MD, has been laying the groundwork for what looks to be a stimulating scientific session and a delightful time in the Pacific Northwest. You can register for the meeting online at our new Web site, pedsneurosurgery.org.

This year's Raimondi lecturer will be [Renee R. Jenkins, MD](#), president of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The Raimondi lecture will be given on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 10:30 a.m.

[John Jane Sr., MD, PhD, FRCS\(C\), FACS](#), residency program director at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, has been selected as this year's Matson lecturer. The Matson lecture will be delivered at the 2009 AANS Annual Meeting in San Diego on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 5. The reception to honor Dr. Jane will be at 6 p.m. following the lecture.

I hope to see you in Spokane.

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Jeffrey H. Wisoff, MD, and [David P. Gruber, MD, MBA](#)

The city of Spokane and the surrounding inland northwest region comprise the magnificent setting for the 2008 Annual Meeting of the AANS/CNS Pediatric Section. The Davenport Hotel, one of the oldest 5-star hotels in the western United States and host to every U.S. president since Teddy Roosevelt, is the site for this year's annual meeting. The prepared scientific venue contains both a rich and varied palette of strong presentations that will appeal to clinical and basic science interests. A diverse poster program and a pre-meeting nursing seminar will accompany the oral presentations. [Renee R. Jenkins, MD](#), the president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, will address participants as this year's Raimondi speaker.

The Davenport Hotel is within walking distance of many fine local restaurants and entertainment locales. Both the opening reception and the wine and cheese reception will be complemented with performance by members of the Spokane Symphony and offerings from local vintners including Pepper Bridge Vineyard (Walla Walla) and the Robert Karl Vineyard (Spokane). For those with a passion for the outdoors, the meeting will close with a snowshoe tour to the summit of Mt. Spokane—a location from which and on a clear day, an individual can look across northern Idaho and the nearby mountains into Montana and southern British Columbia.

The setting has been prepared for a superb meeting. Please join us in Spokane—Dec. 2 through Dec. 5. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey H. Wisoff, MD
Chair, 2007–2009
AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric
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David P. Gruber, MD, MBA
Annual Meeting Chair, 2008
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John A. Jane, MD, PhD, FRCS(C), FACS, immediate past chair of the Department of Neurological Surgery at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, has been named the 2009 Matson lecturer. Dr. Jane will deliver the Matson lecture at the AANS Annual Meeting in San Diego, Calif., on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 5. A reception in his honor will follow at 6 p.m.

Dr. Jane graduated cum laude in 1951 from the University of Chicago with a Bachelor of Arts degree and received his medical degree from the University of Chicago in 1956. He completed his neurosurgical training in 1964 at the University of Illinois Research and Educational Hospital and the Illinois Neuropsychiatric Institute. In 1965 Dr. Jane was senior instructor in neurosurgery at Case Western Reserve University. In 1967 Dr. Jane was awarded a doctoral degree from the University of Chicago, Division of Biological Sciences, Section of Biopsychology. From 1969 to 2006, Dr. Jane was the professor and chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville, Virginia. Currently he is professor and director of the Neurosurgical Training Program.

His clinical interests include cranial and spinal surgery, and pediatric neurosurgery, with a special interest in craniofacial surgery.

He is the past director of the American Board of Neurological Surgery, completing his term in 1996. Dr. Jane was elected vice president of the Society of Neurological Surgeons in 1988 and also was elected president of the Society in 1993. He became a member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Neurosurgery* in 1984 and became chair of the Editorial Board in 1990. He is also the editor and founder of *Journal of Neurosurgery: Spine* and *Journal of Neurosurgery: Pediatrics*.

Among his many awards are the Grass Prize and Medal of the Society of Neurological Surgeons for Meritorious Research (1985), Alumni Award for Distinguished Service, University of Chicago (1988), Decade of the Brain Medalist, CNS/AANS (1999), the Decade of the Brain Award, AANS (2000), the Distinguished Service Award by the AANS (2002), the NSA Medalist, Neurosurgical Society of America (2002), the Distinguished Service Award, Society of Neurological Surgeons (2003), the Cushing Medalist, AANS (2004), the WFNS Medal of Honor at the XIII World Congress of Neurosurgery Meeting (2005), the Congress of Neurological Surgeons Founder's Laurel Award (2005), and the AANS/CNS Section on Disorders of the Spine and Peripheral Nerves Meritorious Service Recognition (2006).

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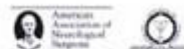
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He is married to Noella Fortier of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The Janes have four grown children (three daughters and one son), six grandsons and two granddaughters.

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Program and Continuing Medical Education Committee Report

[Sarah J. Gaskill, MD](#)

The Pediatric Section had a great turnout for its programs at the Congress of Neurological Surgeons meeting in September. Interestingly, the spasticity program drew a large audience with active audience participation. The highlight was Alan Cohen, MD (singing), and Jonathan Miller, MD (on keyboard), presenting Extreme Neuroanatomy; the standing ovation was well deserved.

Our first Integrated Medical Learning session was "Arrested Hydrocephalus: To Treat or Not to Treat." Despite being held late on Wednesday afternoon, attendance was good and our data showed that the expert speakers (Arthur Marlin, MD, Corey Raffel, MD and Hugh Garton, MD) did change the treatment decisions in a large number of participants; these data will be presented in the future. We hope more section members will participate in IML, a new method of learning, because it is not only here to stay, it will likely be expanding.

The Pediatric Section will be holding its first Web-based continuing medical education program this fall. The topic will be "Management of Arachnoid Cysts." It is being organized by Mark Krieger, MD, so watch for further e-mail messages about this new modality for education, and please consider helping to fill our virtual classroom.

David Gruber, MD, has certainly worked hard, and the [2009 Pediatric Section meeting in Spokane](#) promises to be a great one with a wonderful scientific program and social activities.

Again, anyone who wishes to participate in the meetings or has suggestions about future talks or programs (or suggestions about eliminating tired old topics) please contact me at sgaskill@mac.com.

Sarah J. Gaskill, MD, FAAP, FACS, is chair of the Program and Continuing Medical Education Committee of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery.

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AAP Section on Neurological Surgery

Joseph Piatt, MD

In October 2008 Mark Dias, MD, took on the responsibilities of the chair of the Executive Committee of the Section on Neurological Surgery, SONS, of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Joseph Piatt, MD, will stay on as immediate past chair. David Gruber, MD, and John Ragheb, MD, were elected to fill positions vacated by Marion Walker, MD, and Hector James, MD, who rotated off the Executive Committee after long tours of duty.

For an update on the work of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the activities of the SONS, plan to attend the annual Business Meeting, which will be held at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4 (location to be announced), in Spokane, Wash., in conjunction with the meeting of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery. Dr. Walker and Dr. James will be recognized for their leadership and labors in the founding of the SONS.

Also highlighting the Spokane meeting will be a guest lecture by [Renee Jenkins, MD, FAAP](#), immediate past-president of the AAP, who will speak on a topic of pediatric health policy. Her appearance will be sponsored jointly by the SONS and the AANS/CNS Pediatric Section.

Joseph Piatt, MD, is chair of the Section on Neurological Surgery of the American Academy of Pediatrics

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Membership Committee Report

Mark R. Proctor, MD

Below is a list of applicants who have fulfilled the criteria for membership. There are 47 applicants, and the membership categories break down as follows:

- 8 Active
- 34 Resident/Fellow
- 5 International

Mark R. Proctor, MD, is chair of the Membership Committee of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery.

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Membership Applicants as of Oct. 7, 2008

Active

Laurie Ackerman, MD, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Kuris Auguste, MD, San Francisco, Calif.
 Samer Elbabaa, MD, Little Rock, Ark.
 Jorge Guajardo Torres, MD, Garza Garcia, Mexico
 Francisco Guerrero Jazo, MD, Cancun, Mexico
 Sanjay Misra, MD, Pueblo, Colo.
 Jay Riva-Cambrin, MD, Salt Lake City, Utah
 Rachana Tyagi, MD, New Brunswick, N.J.

Resident

Albert Gregory, MD, Iowa City, Iowa
 Darric Baty, MD, Philadelphia, Pa.
 David Bauer, MD, Birmingham, Ala.
 Bryan Bertoglio, MD, Iowa City, Iowa
 Michael Dorsi, MD, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Andrew Fabiano, MD, Buffalo, N.Y.
 John Gachiani, MD, New Orleans, La.
 Sanjay Gupta, MD, Toronto, Canada
 Abilash Haridas, MD, New York, N.Y.
 Jason Hauptman, MD, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Namath Hussain, MD, Phoenix, Ariz.
 Eric Jackson, MD, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Rolando Jimenez, MD, Mexico City, Mexico
 Kristopher Kahle, MD, Boston, Mass.
 Ioannis Karampelas, MD, Cleveland, Ohio
 Colin Kazina, MD, Winnipeg, Canada
 Tyler Kenning, MD, Albany, N.Y.
 Sandi Lam, MD, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Timothy Maryanov, MD, Chapel Hill, N.C.
 Carrie Muh, MD, Atlanta, Ga.

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Amanda Muhs, MD, Washington, D.C.
Karim Mukhida, MD, Toronto, Canada
Christina Notarianni, MD, Shreveport, La.
Eylem Ocal, MD, New Haven, Conn.
Brent O'Neill, MD, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Nathan Ranalli, MD, Philadelphia, Pa.
Elias Rizk, MD, Harrisburg, Pa.
Brandon Rocque, MD, Madison, Wis.
Haitham Shareef, MBChB, IBMS (International Resident), Baghdad, Iraq
Debbie Song, MD, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Charles Stevenson, MD, Cincinnati, Ohio
Artur Szymczak, MD, London, Canada
Shobhan Vachhrajani, MD, Toronto, Canada
Payman Vahedi, MD, (International Resident), Tabriz, Iran

International

Ghanem Al-Sulaiti, MD, Doha, Qatar
Bernt Due-Tonnessen, MD, Oslo, Norway
Sergey Larionov, MD, Irkutsk, Russia
Mehmet Selcuki, MD, PhD, Izmir, Turkey
Boris Zivny, MD, Praha, Czech Republic

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Chair-Elect

Ann-Christine Duhaime, MD (2007-2009)

Secretary

Alan R. Cohen, MD (2007-2009)

Treasurer

Bruce A. Kaufman, MD (2007-2009)

Members at Large

Jeffrey P. Blount, MD	(2006-2008)
Nalin Gupta, MD	(2006-2008)
John R. W. Kestle, MD	(2007-2009)
Thomas Pittman, MD	(2007-2009)
James M. Drake, MD	(2008-2010)
Michael H. Handler, MD	(2008-2010)

Standing Committees:

Nominating Committee: (three past chairs)

Rick Abbott, MD, chair	(2007)
Andrew D. Parent, MD	(2005)
Thomas G. Luerssen, MD	(2003)

Rules & Regulations Committee:

(three members serving two years)

Nathan Selden, MD, chair	(2004-2009)
Elizabeth Tyler-Kabara, MD	(2008-2010)
Jay Wellons, MD	(2008-2010)

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Membership Committee:

(three members serving two years)

Mark R. Proctor, MD, chair (2007-2009)

Robin M. Bowman, MD (2008-2010)

David H. Harter, MD (2008-2010)

Ad Hoc Committees**Education Committee**

Paul Steinbok, MD, chair (2006)

Program and Continuing Medical Education Committee

(Seven members: chair and vice chair serve two years. Vice chair assumes chair at next sequence. Other members are the annual meeting chair, and two ex-officio members: the section chair and treasurer)

Sarah J. Gaskill, MD, chair (2007)

Mark D. Krieger, MD, vice chair (2007)

John Ragheb, MD (2007, Miami)

David P. Gruber, MD (2008, Spokane)

Liliana C. Goumnervova, MD (2009, Boston)

Examination Questions Committee

Corey Raffel, MD (2006)

Publications Committee (five members serving two years)

Doug L. Brockmeyer, MD, chair (2006-2009)

Richard C. E. Anderson, MD (2008-2010)

Jeffrey R. Leonard, MD (2008-2010)

Ann M. Ritter, MD (2008-2010)

Peter P. Sun, MD (2008-2010)

Training Committee

Jeffrey P. Blount, MD (2006)

Traveling Fellowship: (three members)

R. Michael Scott, MD, chair

Bermans J. Iskandar, MD (2008-2010)

Matthew D. Smyth, MD (2008-2010)

Lifetime Achievement Award:

(Most recent ex-chair of the section)

Rick Abbott, MD (2007)

Transition of Care Committee

Harold L. Rekate, MD, chair (2007)

Research Committee

John R. W. Kestle, MD, chair (2007)

Nalin Gupta, MD

Ann-Christine Duhaime, MD

Representatives and Liaisons**ISPN Liaison**

George I. Jallo, MD (2006)

ASPN Liaison

Liliana C. Goumnerova, MD (2006)

Liaison to AAP Section of Neurological Surgery (SONS)

Joseph H. Piatt Jr, MD (1997)

Liaison to AANS/CNS Section on Trauma

Matt Smyth (2008)

Council of State Neurosurgical Societies:

Cathy Mazzola, MD (2008)

Quality Assurance Committee:

James M. Drake, MD (1999)

Sarah J. Gaskill, MD (1999)

Paul A. Grabb, MD (1999)

Washington Committee, AANS/CNS

Rick Abbott, MD (2007)

Coding and Reimbursement Committee

Frederick A. Boop, MD (2004)

David P. Gruber, MD (2006)

Education and Practice Management Committee, AANS

Sarah J. Gaskill, MD (2006)

Devices and Technology Committee, AANS

Shenandoah Robinson, MD (2008)

Joint Guidelines Committee

John Ragheb, MD, chair (2007-2009)

Ann Marie Flannery, MD (2008-2010)

Sarah J. Gaskill, MD (2008-2010)

Benjamin C. Warf, MD (2008-2010)

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