



# NEUROPATHOLOGY 2000

XIV International Congress of Neuropathology  
3-6 September 2000 Birmingham, England, UK

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Dear Delegate

We look forward to welcoming you to the XIVth International Congress of Neuropathology and enclose some information which we hope will assist you with your travel arrangements and make your attendance at the meeting and stay in Birmingham easier to plan.

### **Abstract Book**

If you are a subscriber to Brain Pathology and you registered on or before 30 June then your abstract book has been sent to you in advance direct from Brain Pathology – **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU BRING YOUR COPY WITH YOU. ADDITIONAL COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CONGRESS AT A COST OF £30.00.** If you registered on or after 1 July then you will receive your abstract book at the meeting.

### **Accommodation**

A full list of official conference hotels, including contact details is available from the congress website.

### **Catering at Social Events**

If you have special dietary requirements: eg, you are a vegetarian or require gluten-free or kosher meals please ensure that you inform the congress secretariat prior to your arrival in Birmingham. We cannot guarantee your needs will be catered for if we are not informed in advance.

### **Check-In/Check-Out Times**

Earliest check-in time at the majority of hotels is 1400 hrs. Check-out times vary between hotels and you should check this on arrival at your hotel.

### **Climate**

The weather in Birmingham during September can be pleasant, but visitors should be prepared for variable weather conditions including cool, wet weather. Jackets or light coats may be required in the evenings and an umbrella or light raincoat is a very wise precaution.

### **Coaching**

There is no shuttle bus service for the official conference hotels or the social events. Your hotel will be able to advise you of the buses that pass the International Convention Centre.

**Conference Dates and Venue**

The XIVth International Congress of Neuropathology will take place 3 – 6 September 2000 at the International Convention Centre (the “ICC”) in Birmingham, England.

The ICC’s address is: Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA.

**Credit Cards**

Most shops and restaurants accept major credit cards. The most commonly accepted cards are: Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Diners.

**Dress**

Dress for the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception is casual, lounge suits are required for the Congress Banquet. Dress for the conference and the tours is casual. Comfortable clothing and flat shoes are recommended for the conference tours.

**Electricity**

The voltage in the United Kingdom is 220-240v. An adapter or converter is necessary for appliances in Britain.

**Information for Speakers**

Speakers at the conference are required to check-in with staff in the Speaker/Slide Preview Room at least 2 hours before their presentation time. Any audio visual materials should be handed to the Slide Preview staff at this time. The Slide Preview staff will be responsible for distributing presentations to the appropriate session hall and their collection at the end of the session. Speakers will be able to collect their audio visual materials from the Speaker/Slide Preview Room 20 minutes after the end of their session.

**Insurance**

All delegates are reminded to take out their own travel, health and cancellation insurance.

**Luggage Storage and Cloakroom**

The ICC will have luggage storage facilities available on Wednesday, 3 September. There will be a charge of 50p per item for this facility. Cloakroom facilities are also available at a charge of 50p per item.

**Mail and Messages**

Mail can be forwarded to delegates at the ICC. Mail should be addressed: c/o ICNP 2000, International Convention Centre, Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA, England. Messages can be collected at the registration desks on Level 4.

Telephone and facsimile messages can be left for delegates at the following numbers:

Telephone messages:	+44 (0)121 335 8401
Fax messages	+44 (0)121 335 8402

## **Motoring in the UK**

You can use your own driving licence in the UK for up to 12 months, but do not forget to bring it with you. Please remember to drive on the left hand side of the road.

Wearing seat belts in the front and back seats is compulsory. There are heavy penalties in Britain for driving whilst under the influence of alcohol. **You are strongly recommended not to drink and drive.**

## **Official Carrier**

The Committee has negotiated discounted airfares with British Midland. Delegates should phone +44(0)870 6070555 and quote FAR/CON/45 when booking their flights to take advantage of this offer.

## **Programme**

You will receive your Final Programme when you register for the Congress. Programme information can be found on the web site at [www.neuropathology2000.co.uk](http://www.neuropathology2000.co.uk)

## **Registration**

Registration for ICNP 2000 will take place on level 4 of the ICC. Registration will be open as follows:

Sunday, 3 September	1400 – 2000 hrs
Monday, 4 September	0800 – 1830 hrs
Tuesday, 5 September	0800 – 1830 hrs
Wednesday, 6 September	0800 – 1800 hrs

Please bring your Confirmation of Booking with you. This document will be required to gain access to the ICC.

Your conference documents and delegate bag will be available at the Registration Desks located on level 4 of the ICC.

Each registered delegate and registered accompanying person will receive a Congress badge. Badges must be worn by all persons whilst in the ICC.

## **Social Programme**

### ***Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception***

The Opening Ceremony will take place in Hall 1 of the International Convention Centre on Sunday, 3 September from 1630 – 1730 hrs with the Welcome Reception taking place in Hall 3 of the International Convention Centre from 1730 – 1900 hrs.

### ***Congress Banquet***

The Congress Banquet will take place on Tuesday, 5 September at the Birmingham Museum and Council House. A drinks reception will commence at 1930 hrs at the Birmingham Museum with dinner starting at 2015 hrs. There are still a small number of tickets available for this event. If you wish to purchase a ticket please contact the registration department.

## **Tour Programme**

### ***Warwick Castle and Stratford-upon-Avon***

Please note that the above tour is now sold out. There are still tickets available for Blenheim Palace and the Cotswolds on Tuesday, 5 September and Royal Worcester Porcelain Factory on Wednesday, 6 September.

### ***Post Congress Tour***

Delegates who have registered for the Post Congress Tour will receive tickets, departure information and itineraries with details of accommodation in their congress documentation.

### **Travel**

Location maps can be found on the Congress Website to assist you with your journey.

#### Arrival by Air

More than 25 scheduled airlines operate direct flights from over 58 destinations in Europe, Scandinavia, North America and Asia, including New York, Chicago and 13 capital cities to Birmingham International Airport. Frequent flights to the main European hub airports provide convenient connections to destinations worldwide. The airport is situated 8 miles south-east of Birmingham and, with its own mainline station next door, access to the city centre couldn't be easier. The cost of a single ticket to Birmingham New Street by train is approximately £4.50 and the journey should take approximately 15 minutes. The cost of a taxi should be between £12.00 - £15.00 and, depending on traffic, the journey can take between 20 – 45 minutes.

#### Arrival by Car

Location maps are attached to assist you with your journey if you are travelling by car.

#### Arrival by Rail

Birmingham is served by two main line stations – Birmingham New Street in the city centre and Birmingham International at the Airport. The city is connected to Central London with a fast and effective services which takes just 80 minutes. With rail links running North, South, East and West travelling from any part of the country to Birmingham is easy.

### **Visas**

Visas may be required for visitors in the UK. If in doubt, delegates are advised to contact their nearest British Consulate for visa requirements.

We look forward to welcoming you to Birmingham, but in the meantime if there is any further information you require please do not hesitate to contact us.

With kind regards

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