2nd Announcement

THE 40th INTERNATIONAL DANUBE SYMPOSIUM
in conjunction with
The 6th CONGRESS
of
THE ROMANIAN SOCIETY OF NEUROLOGY
May 21 - 24, 2008
SINAIA - ROMANIA
Dear colleagues,

In 2008 the International Danube Symposia for Neurological Sciences and Continuing Education will celebrate it`s 40th anniversary.

This traditional scientific event started as a regional meeting for the Danubian countries and grew up every year, joining physicians and scientists from all European countries and beyond the European borders.

It is a great pleasure for me to invite you to participate to this symposium. We decided to focus on the main domains of our daily practice trying to achieve an assembly view upon connected fields.

Even if we have conceived a rich scientific program, we hope that you will take the time to enjoy visiting Sinaia, a place where nature and history contribute to a wonderful atmosphere, ideal for professional meetings but also for moments of relaxation.

I am looking forward to meet you all in May 2008, so please consider yourself warmly invited in our country.

Welcome to Romania!

Ovidiu Bajenaru
President of the Romanian Society of Neurology

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Participants are encouraged to submit an abstract to the Secretariat by e-mail (neurodanube2008@yahoo.com)

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: MARCH 15th, 2008

Authors will be notified by e-mail regarding abstract acceptance, the method of presentation and the assignment to the appropriate scientific session. Please indicate if you are submitting your abstract for poster or oral presentation. Only a few papers will be scheduled for oral presentation. Information regarding poster format, set-up and dismantling will be sent to the authors with their notification of abstract acceptance. The abstracts will be published as a Supplement of the Romanian Journal of Neurology

ABSTRACTS OF INVITED SPEAKERS
Speakers are requested to submit an abstract of their presentation as per instructions

Guidelines for submission:

1. The abstract should cover the following items: object of the study, design and method, results and conclusions
2. The presenting author should be clearly specified
3. Should be written in good English; standard abbreviations may be used
4. Should be no longer than 250 words
5. Should be concordant with the theme of the scientific sessions
6. Inclusion in the Book of Abstracts and Scientific Program will be operated only after the payment of registration fees.

METHOD OF SUBMISSION

Send your abstract to: neurodanube2008@yahoo.com

FAXED ABSTRACTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE
SCIENTIFIC TOPICS

**Wednesday, May 21:**
- Teaching course: Evidence based medicine
- Session of the Society for the Study of Neuroprotection and Neuroplasticity
- Scientific symposium

**Thursday, May 22:**
- Honorary conference “Gh. Marinescu”
- Plenary session: Dementia
- Parallel sessions: Stroke, Dementia, Neuroethics, Neurorehabilitation, Epilepsy
- Scientific symposia

**Friday, May 23:**
- Plenary session: Movement disorders
- Parallel sessions: Multiple Sclerosis, Movement disorders, Peripheral neuropathies, Neurooncology
- YNT session
- Scientific symposia

**Saturday, May 24:**
- Plenary session: Myasthenia
- Scientific Symposia

TEACHING COURSE is proposed to MD under age of 40 but everyone interested is welcome. The access is included in registration fee.

Industrial exhibition - pharmaceutical companies and manufactures of technical equipment and software are invited to display their products at the industrial exhibition which will be part of the symposium. Satellite symposia will be organized by sponsoring companies.

**ACCOMMODATION**
Tricolor 21 is the official congress agent for the 40th International Danube Symposium. Booking of accommodation is part of the registration form for the symposium (please register for the symposium and book your accommodation in the same time).
Due to the financial laws in Romania romanian citizens will pay the fees in RON. An e-mail/letter of confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of payment (for registration and booking of accommodation).

METHODS OF PAYMENT - by BANK TRANSFER payable to:

For ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS
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Cont: RO83RNCB0076029420400006

For FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS
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Registration form for residents must be accompanied by a letter from their head of department confirming their status.
The delegate registration fee includes:
- access to all sections of the scientific programme and exhibition
- congress bag including Book of Abstracts and other printed materials
- morning and afternoon coffee breaks, lunch package
- a welcome reception
The accompanying person fee includes:
- a visit to Peles Castle
- a welcome reception
- access to exhibition

CANCELLATION POLICY
For cancellation (congress fee, accommodation, social programme):
- before April 25\textsuperscript{th} 2008 a 80% of the fee paid will be refunded
- before May 10\textsuperscript{th} 2008 a 60% of the fee paid will be refunded
No refund on cancellations sent after May 10\textsuperscript{th} 2008
All refunds due will be processed after the symposium.
TRAVELLING TO SINAIA

Sinaia is situated about 1.5 hours by car north-west of Bucharest (120 km).

HOW TO GET TO SINAIA

• BY AIR: Bucharest Airports
  - International Airport Henri Coanda (www.otp-airport.ro)
  - International Airport Bucuresti Baneasa (www.baneasa-airport.ro) - for the low cost flights
  We can arrange direct shuttle buses (upon request, if it will be enough interest). Price: cca 15 Euro.
  Please contact the congress agent to order your transportation.
  Rent a car services are available in the airport.
  Taxi services are available at the airport (we strongly advise you to take an authorized company, like Fly Taxi). Price: 10-25 Euro, depending on traffic (duration between 30 min-2 hours), for the route Henri Coanda Airport - Central Station (Gara de Nord) and approximately half price and duration from Baneasa Airport.

Buses:
  - 783 Line from Henri Coanda Airport to Piata Victoriei (price 4 Euro/ticket), and than the Metro line to Gara de Nord (0,30 Euro/ticket)
  - 105 Line from Baneasa Airport to Gara de Nord (0,30 Euro/ticket)

• BY TRAIN: Gara de Nord Station
  Train timetables (www.infofer.ro)
  Price: cca 10 Euro; for the best category available (Intercity or Rapid)

• BY CAR:
  Sinaia is situated on E 60 route; traffic can be very crowded, especially on weekend.

Please contact the organizer of the symposium if you need help arranging transport.

LETTER OF INVITATION

Romania is a member of the EU since January 1st 2007. If an official letter of invitation is necessary in certain countries, please contact the organizers.

WEATHER

The weather at the end of May is usually warm. Average temperatures 16-24 °C; rainy days may be expected.
SINAIA AND SURROUNDINGS

Situated in a breathtaking mountain scenery, Sinaia takes its name from the 17th-century monastery built by a Romanian nobleman after undertaking a pilgrimage to Mount Sinai, Egypt.

Sinaia is one of the most famous and oldest mountain tourist resorts in Romania, known as “The Carpathian Pearl”. But Sinaia is more than just a resort, it is history… The city is officially documented first time around year 1200. Its position, on the valley that connects Muntenia (the southern part of Romania) with Transylvania, made of Sinaia one of the important villages since the medieval times.

The city’s orthodox church is the oldest building and one of the interesting places to visit.

But the most interesting place to visit in Sinaia is the Peles Castle. This is one of the best-preserved royal palaces in Europe. It served as the summer residence of the first Hohenzollern king of Romania, Carol I.

The mountain beauty can be explored in the summer and Sinaia is the best place to start your journey into the deep forest hiking trails. Bucegi mountains hiking routes are well marked and signs are in good conditions. The hiking routes can be chosen for every taste, ranking from very easy to very difficult ones.

Due to its location, many destinations can be easily reached from Sinaia. Brasov, an important city of Transylvania, still maintaining its medieval atmosphere along with the modern one is only 50 km away and also, Bran Castle or the Rasnov fortress which is the oldest fortress in Brasov area, are interesting places to visit.

For more information regarding the city of Sinaia and its surroundings please visit the conference website: www.danube2008.ro
CONGRESS LOCATION
International Convention Centre
Casino Sinaia
Boulevard Carol I nr. 2, Sinaia, 106100
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LANGUAGE
English is the official language of the Symposium

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INTERNATIONAL DANUBE SYMPOSIA

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2008 - Sinaia, Romania
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2010 - Croatia