

MDS PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARD

A new award to fund clinical research in Parkinson's disease

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The Movement Disorder Society and F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd are pleased to announce a new award to support clinical research in Parkinson's disease.

Research scientists and clinical physicians worldwide working in the field of Parkinson's disease are invited to submit their clinical research proposal for consideration by an international board of experts in the field.

The award of Sfr 30 000 will be made for the research proposal which the judges feel has the greatest potential to improve quality of life of people with Parkinson's disease. The winning entrant will also receive one year's membership of the Movement Disorder Society.

Further information and official entry forms will be available shortly from the Movement Disorder Society. The closing date for receipt of entries is 30 April 1999.

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MDS/Roche Parkinson's Disease Award Rules

1. This competition is open to members of the Movement Disorder Society (MDS) who are research scientists, licensed physicians or healthcare professionals with an interest in Parkinson's disease. 2. It is not open to staff of the MDS, employees of Roche, nor their families or agents. 3. Only one entry per person. 4. Entries will only be accepted on the official entry form. 5. All entries must arrive by 30 April 1999. 6. All entries shall belong to the MDS. 7. The entry will be judged on the research proposal

submitted. 8. The research proposal should have the potential of improving quality of life of people with Parkinson's disease. 9. All the research proposals will be judged by the MDS Award Committee. 10. The Committee's decision is final and no correspondence can be entered into. 11. Copyright of all entries will remain with the entrant. 12. The Award money must not be used for administrative overhead (indirect) costs or travel expenses. 13. Applications must include all current and pending funding for the

research proposal (government, private grants or contracts). 14. Applications will not be considered if they do not adhere to these guidelines for submission. 15. Applications must not include appendices and five copies plus the original should be submitted. 16. Please keep a copy of your submitted application; we regret that applications cannot be returned. 17. The recipient of the award will be notified in July 1999.

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Outgoing President's farewell message



*Dr. Eduardo Tolosa, President,
Movement Disorder Society*

Dear Friends,

By the end of December 1998, my term as President of the MDS will come to an end and I wish to take this opportunity to send my last message to the membership. Working for the Society over the last two years has been pretty hectic, but I believe that we – the International Executive Committee (IEC) – have kept the Society moving forward after inheriting it already in a very healthy state from the previous IEC, headed by Joseph Jankovic.

David Marsden

My term as President of MDS ended on a sad note; David Marsden died unexpectedly at home on 29 September. The Society not only lost one of its

founding members and one of the first chief Editors of *Movement Disorders*, but also one of the brightest and innovative minds in the field of movement disorders, a brilliant scientist and superb clinician, a man of enormous human dimension. His contributions to the field of movement disorder and to MDS were outstanding and without him the Society will never be the same.

A David Marsden Memorial Lecture was delivered by David's long-term friend and collaborator, Peter Jenner, at the International Congress in New York – the first event by MDS destined to honour David Marsden's memory.

MDS congress, New York City

On the brighter side my term of office has ended with a grand finale – the 5th International Congress of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders in New York City. We must compliment Stan Fahn and his Congress Organizing Committee, with the help of Talley Management, for having organized such a superb meeting. It was, in my opinion, a high-level meeting with the right balance between basic science and clinical material.

We should also congratulate him for the outstanding social events. The beauty of New York also helped to attract more registrants than ever and during the meeting 130 people signed up as new members of MDS.

MDS-sponsored meetings 1998

The main MDS-sponsored meetings during my term were on Tremor (organized by Günther Deuschl) and Multiple System Atrophy (organized by Niall Quinn). MDS also supported other activities, such as the symposia on Etiology, Pathogenesis and Treatment of Parkinson's Disease, and the Hyperkinetic Movement Disorders Symposium, held at the American Neurological Association's annual meetings and several other international events, which have raised the Society's profile worldwide.

Of particular importance to the Society was the co-organization with the World Health Organization (WHO) World PD Day in Barcelona this April. The Society is determined to continue this co-sponsorship of World PD Day, which is expected to be held in New York in 1999 and in Tokyo in the year 2000.



Incoming President – Mark Hallett, M.D.

Dr. Mark Hallett will take over the presidency of the Movement Disorder Society on January 1, 1999. He is currently Clinical Director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Bethesda and Chief of Human Motor Control Section, Medical Neurology Branch. His research activities focus on the physiology of human voluntary movement and its pathophysiology in disordered voluntary and involuntary movement.

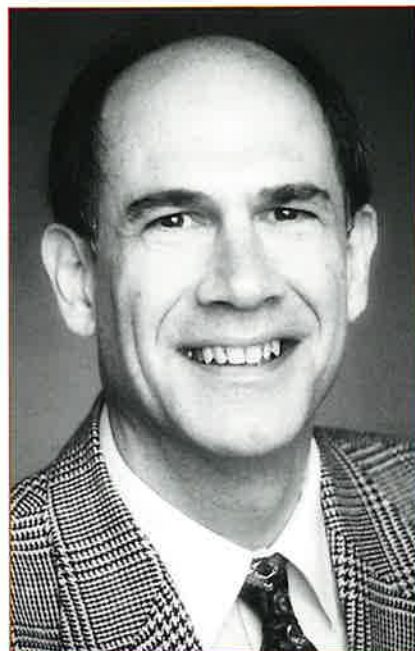
Mark qualified in medicine at Harvard University and, after an internship at the Pete Brigham Hospital, he took up a fellowship in membrane biophysics at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda. Sponsored by a fellowship from Harvard Medical School, he worked for one year with Professor C. David Marsden in the Department of Neurology, Institute of Psychiatry in London. There Mark studied voluntary movements of the thumb, long latency stretch reflexes and, together with Dr. David Chadwick, investigated the physiology of a large number of patients with myoclonus. He also received training in clinical neurophysiology with Drs. M. Driver and J. Payan.

After his fellowship in 1976, Mark took up the position as the Chief of the Clinical Neurophysiology laboratory at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and worked his way up through the

Harvard Medical School Faculty to become Associate Professor of Neurology. In 1984, he joined NINDS, and began a more full-time emphasis on normal and pathological movement.

Mark is active in the fields of both clinical neurophysiology and movement disorders. He has served as the President of the American Association of Electrodiagnostic Medicine and has participated on a number of committees of the International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology. He was charter member of both the International Medical Society of Motor Disturbances (ISMD) and the earlier incarnation of the Movement Disorder Society (MODIS) before the merger of the two organizations into the current Movement Disorder Society (MDS). He served as one of the Presidents of ISMD and in that capacity organized the 1st International Congress of Movement Disorders in Washington D.C. – the first meeting combining the ISMD and MODIS. Mark also currently serves on the Executive Board of the American Academy of Neurology.

As well as serving on a number of Editorial Boards and Medical Advisory Boards of lay organizations, Mark is also a member of the Medical Advisory Boards of the Myoclonus Research Foundation, the National Parkinson Foundation, the International Tremor Foundation and the Benign Essential Blepharospasm

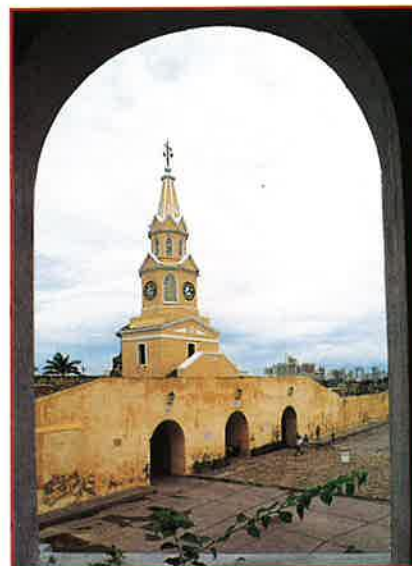


Dr. Mark Hallett becomes president of the Movement Disorder Society in January 1999

Research Foundation, for whom he also serves as chair of the Medical Advisory Board.

Mark has published many scholarly contributions to the medical literature and is well known for his work on the classification of myoclonus and his studies on the physiology and pathophysiology of voluntary movement including dystonia, bradykinesia and ataxia.

He has been one of the pioneers in the use of transcranial magnetic stimulation for the study of the central nervous system and the therapeutic use of botulinum toxin. Recently, a major focus of his research has been the plasticity of the human motor system.



that further discussions will lead to joint congresses in the very near future.

IEC strategic planning meeting

The IEC held a strategic planning meeting in Aiguablava near Barcelona in July 1998. It was a rewarding meeting where we attempted to identify the problems and solutions for helping the Society to grow in the next few years. Enclosed on a



Members of the IEC strategic planning meeting, Aiguablava, July 1998

separate sheet you will find a brief report of what transpired in this meeting.

Our first step was to identify four problems and create task forces to develop prompt solutions. The task forces and appointed chairmen are: WE MOVE Relations (Mark Hallett), Regional

Sections (Werner Poewe), Congress Consolidation (Gregg Talley) and Corporate Relations (Wolfgang Oertel). The task forces have already met to discuss the problems they face and we can look forward to hearing their solutions very shortly. Other problem areas which were identified at Aiguablava and are to be addressed in the future include active involvement with patients groups, training centers, and establishing links with all movement disorders groups worldwide.

MDS officer elections

Two officers and five IEC members will finish their terms in office by the end of December: Tony Lang as Secretary and Ira Shoulson as Treasurer and Warren Olanow, Günther Deuschl, Christopher Goetz, John Morris and Hiroshi Shibasaki. I wish to thank them all. They have done an admirable job, but I have to particularly thank and congratulate Ira Shoulson, as he has performed his difficult job with tremendous efficiency over the last two years.

The following new members have been elected for office and I would like to welcome them to the IEC: Werner Poewe (President-Elect), Bob Burke (Treasurer-Elect), Niall Quinn (Secretary-Elect) Jose Obeso, Eldad Melamed, John Nutt, Olivier Rascol and Philip Thompson. I would also like to remind them that now, more than ever, the Society has ambitious plans and it needs devoted officers and IEC members.

WE MOVE

I would not like to end this farewell message without acknowledging the active role WE MOVE has played in the

Society's affairs. Through Mitch Brin and Judy Blazer, WE MOVE effectively maintains the MDS and journal's web pages, maintains a calendar of movement disorder-related events, contributes to a page in the journal, and shares costs associated with the exhibition booth representing the Society at many international congresses.



Finally, I would like to thank Susan Whitehouse from Talley Management, who has been of great help to me. Daily e-mails and innumerable telephone calls have kept me on track with the many welcome demands the Society has imposed on me.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the MDS and its members over the last two years. Once again, I wish to express my thanks to all those who have collaborated with me during this time. On January 1, 1999 Mark Hallett starts his term of office as President, accompanied by the new officers and IEC members. There is no doubt that the Society is in good hands and we can only expect to grow and strengthen with these new leaders. I wish them every success.

Yours sincerely,

*Eduardo Tolosa
President 1996-1998*



The 5th International Congress on Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders, New York, October 10–14, 1998

The Society's 5th International Congress on Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders was an unqualified success!

Over 3600 movement disorders specialist convened in New York City for the Society's 5th International Congress on Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders. Participants from 74 countries heard state-of-the-art lectures on many topics related to Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders.

Over 1000 participants took advantage of 'Meet the Expert' workshops and 450 attended the unusual Movement Disorders video sessions. More than 1000 posters were presented and 43 corporations, occupying 85 exhibit booths, presented the latest commercial products to round off the scientific portion of the Congress.

In addition to the presentation of current science, the Society conducted its biannual Business Meeting as well as numerous committee meetings. The IEC and officers also took the opportunity to get together.

On the social side, participants took full advantage of everything New York had to offer. From special tours to Broadway – Congress participants

enjoyed the city! Over 1500 attended the welcome reception and over 5000 appeared for the Gala Banquet to hear jazz vocalist, Julie Quinn and Broadway stylist, Nancy Lerner.

MDS Congress Chair, Stanley Fahn, his International Scientific Committee, and the local Organizing

Committee were congratulated by everyone for a stimulating program, convenient venue, and exceptional organization.

Make your plans now to be in Barcelona, Spain on June 11–16, 2000 when Eduardo Tolosa will chair the Society's 6th International Congress.



Obituary – Professor C. David Marsden

With the sudden, premature death of David Marsden from an unsuspected congenital cardiac anomaly, the world of clinical neuroscience has lost its most outstanding figure.

David's glittering professional career began at St Thomas' Hospital Medical School where, unusually, he obtained both a BSc and an MSc before starting his clinical studies. After qualifying in 1963, his rise was meteoric: within three years he was lecturer in medicine, within five Senior Resident House Physician at the National Hospital, Queen Square, and within seven years, he was Senior Lecturer. Aged only 34, David was appointed to the newly established Chair in Neurology at the Institute of Psychiatry, with consultant appointments at both the Maudsley and King's College Hospitals in Camberwell. During this time, he established research teams in neuropharmacology, neurophysiology and neuropsychology. He also had the vision to establish the Parkinson's Disease Society Brain Bank.

From the very beginning, he was able to attract a stream of bright and dedicated neurologists from all over the world as research fellows, who then returned to become leaders in the field of movement disorders in their own countries. David helped pioneer visual-evoked responses and transcranial electrical stimulation as methods of demonstrating delayed conduction in neuronal pathways, and recognised the importance of

long-latency reflexes in maintaining posture. His research odyssey was directed at unravelling the functions of the basal ganglia.

The magnitude of his contribution to neuroscience was recognized in 1983 with his election as FRS, followed by the award of a DSc the following year (the Americans could never understand why he didn't have an M.D.!).

When Roger Gilliatt, the first Professor of Clinical Neurology at the Institute of Neurology, Queen Square, retired in 1987, David Marsden succeeded him. His 17 years straddling Denmark Hill were celebrated by a two-day Festschrift, for which the book of proceedings sported a large Camberwell Beauty butterfly on its cover.

David's research output was phenomenal, totalling over 1100 publications (an average of one every 11 days for 35 years), including 800 original papers. He was honoured by many societies and universities, and held 40 visiting professorships and was on the council of the Royal Society, the Medical Research Council and the Royal College of Physicians. He edited the *Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry* for a decade, and was on the editorial boards of a further 21 journals. However, the activity for which he will be best remembered around the world was to found jointly with Stanley Fahn from the Neurological Institute in New York, the Movement

Disorder Society, of which he was the first President, and the *Movement Disorders* journal, which they also edited jointly for 10 years.

Besides his academic brilliance, David Marsden had personal qualities that won him respect and admiration. He was a man of great scientific integrity and intellectual honesty, a passionate searcher for the truth. He was loyal and supportive to those who produced good work, but was careful not to promise anything he could not deliver. He was an inspiring teacher whose example lead many of us into a career in neurology. His scientific curiosity was fuelled by his busy clinical practice, seeking to better



Professor C. David Marsden who died in September



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Society newsletter, *Moving Along*

This newsletter, *Moving Along*, has been produced with support from F. Hoffmann-La Roche, and aims to keep the membership better informed of our activities. I would like to thank Bill Koller for his valuable editorial help. The initiative has been favorably received by the membership.

Committees

During my tenure, Stan Fahn's and Bob Burke's terms as chairmen of the Constitution and Bylaws and Membership Committees expired, and I appointed Niall Quinn and Günther Deuschl, respectively, as chairmen of these Committees. I also asked Bob Burke to continue for another term as Archivist of the Society.

The IEC has proposed a new policy where the Committee chairmen, as well as Committee members, will serve a term of only two years, which is renewable once. This policy needs to be approved by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and, if approved, incorporated into the Constitution. A Policy Manual is also being developed under the direction of Mark Hallett and will greatly facilitate the running of the Society.

MDS/Roche Parkinson's Disease Award

In New York, I announced a new innovative US\$22000 Award for clinical research into Parkinson's disease. I think that this Award highlights the need for continuing development of our knowledge and understanding of Parkinson's disease through patient-oriented research.

The Award is open to research scientists and clinical physicians worldwide and, along with the prize money, the recipient will receive one year's membership of the MDS. The closing date is 28 February 1999 and further details

will be available on our website at www.movementdisorders.org.

Movement Disorders journal

The journal *Movement Disorders*, one of the main 'raison d'être' of MDS, has progressed well under the direction of the current editors, Drs. Andrew Lees and Anthony Lang. They should be congratulated and thanked for the enormous time and effort they have devoted to this endeavor. *Movement Disorders* has an impact factor of 1.9 and the number of subscribers is increasing steadily, unlike most other subspecialty medical journals.

MDS symposia in 2001

After the recommendations of the Education Committee, the IEC has selected the symposia which the MDS will sponsor during the year 2001. These are on Brainstem Reflexes and Movement Disorders, organized by Ongerboer de Visser in Amsterdam, and on the Neurological Aspects of Wilson's Disease, organized by Peter LeWitt in Detroit, Michigan.

7th International Congress of Parkinson's disease and Movement Disorders

The IEC has chosen Cartagena de Indias on the Caribbean coast of Colombia as the site for the 7th International Congress in the year 2002. An attempt was made to hold the Society's congress in conjunction with one of the Biannual Symposium on Parkinson's Disease organized by the Extraparallel Research Group of the World Federation of Neurology. Unfortunately, the World Federation of Neurology was not able to commit to our terms at this time, but I hope

MDS-sponsored meetings, 1999

INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT DISORDER SOCIETY SATELLITE MEETING ON MUSCLE STIFFNESS

**August 26-29, 1999
Sheraton Mirage Resort
Port Douglas, Australia**

Local Organizing Committee: Professor Philip D. Thompson

Meeting Secretariat: Conference Action Pty Ltd., PO Box 1231, North Sydney NSW 2059, Australia.

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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON GAIT DISORDERS

**September 4-6, 1999
Prague, Czech Republic**

Convenor: Associate Professor Evžen Růžička, MD, PhD

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'No Surrender' in Barcelona for Third EPDA Conference

Accommodation without surrender was the lively theme for the Third European Parkinson's Disease Association (EPDA) Conference. Co-sponsored by MDS, this successful conference was held recently (29 October–1 November) in Barcelona, Spain.

It attracted more than 300 delegates and brought together people with Parkinson's, their partners and carers, clinicians, nurse specialists, advocacy groups, and representatives from the pharmaceutical industry.

The aims of the conference were to improve communications between these groups; to promote understanding and awareness of the medical, social and emotional needs of people living with Parkinson's; and to share models of good practice throughout Europe.

"The care of over 1.5 million people in Europe with Parkinson's disease needs to address the ability and desire of individuals to participate fully in life... by bringing together the expertise of doctors, the expertise and voice of patients, and the expertise of the pharmaceutical industry we can achieve this goal," said EPDA President, Mary Baker.

For the first time, all the partners in Parkinson's care heard details of the Global Parkinson's Disease Survey (GPDS) – the first truly international survey of quality of life in Parkinson's. The Survey is a



Mary Baker and Eduardo Tolosa answer questions at the third EPDA conference in Barcelona

joint initiative between the EPDA, the World Health Organization Working Group on Parkinson's disease, and the National Parkinson's Foundation and has been designed to identify the factors – other than disease severity and medication – which shape the quality of life for people with Parkinson's.

"We hope to identify the factors that are really relevant to people with Parkinson's and all members of the care team. Ultimately the results will help to enhance the freedom, independence, and well-being of people with Parkinson's disease," said Professor Leslie Findley, International Clinical Co-ordinator of the GPDS.

Continuing the quality of life theme, the EPDA chose the

Barcelona meeting to launch an artistic challenge to people with Parkinson's. Three first prizes of a trip to the EPDA Conference in Prague, Czech Republic (September 1999) are on offer in a provocative competition which asks people with Parkinson's to creatively express the impact that Parkinson's disease has on their quality of life.

The competition, sponsored by F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd, gives budding artists until 1 May 1999 to create a painting, sculpture, or photograph that expresses the theme 'What does quality of life mean to you?'

Full rules and entry forms will be available from local Parkinson's disease associations or the Internet at www.parkinsonsdisease.com.

Obituary – Harold L. Klawans, M.D.

The field of movement disorders lost one of its pioneers with the death of Dr. Harold Klawans on March 30, 1998, aged 60 years. It is with great sadness that we inform the members of his untimely death.

Dr. Klawans attended the University of Michigan and obtained his MD in 1952 at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. His first year of neurology residency was with A.B. Baker at the University of Minnesota. He then completed his neurology training at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Lukes, Medical Center. He had a short stay at the University of Chicago Michael Reese Hospital before he rejoined the faculty at Rush-Presbyterian-

St. Lukes where he became Professor of Neurology in 1977.

Dr. Klawans was editor and founder of the journal *Clinical Neuropharmacology* and co-editor for many volumes of the *Handbook of Clinical Neurology*.

His research efforts centered around animal models of movement disorders. Dr. Klawans was innovative in developing many theories of the effects of drugs within the basal ganglia system. He was one of the first neurologists to publish on the effect of levodopa in Parkinson's disease. An excellent teacher, he taught many other neurologists who are now experts in the field of movement disorders. His

publications include over 400 book chapters and original publications. He was truly a giant in the field of movement disorders.

Dr. Klawans began a second career as a popular writer. He wrote several books including *Sins of Commission* and *Why Michael Couldn't Hit and Other Tales of Neurology of Sports*. We will truly miss Dr. Klawans' smiling face and innovative wit. He had immense knowledge of not only neurology and movement disorders, but also of his favourite pastime, baseball.

By William C. Koller, University of Kansas Medical Center, Department of Neurology, Kansas City, USA.

Videotapes available

1. Toronto-Western Spasmodic Torticollis Rating Scale (TWSTRS) Training Videotape
2. Instructional Videotape for Motor Fluctuation Diaries in Parkinson's disease
3. Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating Scale Training Videotape

For more information or to order videos, contact Michele Puliti, Administrative Assistant, at the MDS Administrative Secretariat.

Movement Disorders journal

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understand and treat the diseases affecting his patients. He was an outstanding clinician across the whole of neurology and, no armchair neuroscientist, he believed passionately in the twinning of patient care and research.

Despite all his achievements, David was at heart a rather shy and private man. He doted on all his children and delighted in their successes. Away from work, his other joys were birdwatching, gardening, sailing and music and, more recently, the therapeutic effect of golf.

During David's tenure of the Chair at Queen Square, the Department of Clinical Neurology diversified and expanded, with new initiatives and new professors. His three-year period as Dean of the Institute of Neurology, which ended on August 31 1998, covered a critical period in the disposition of both the National Hospital and the Institute and his negotiating and diplomatic skills were invaluable to both enterprises.

On relinquishing his position as Dean, David secured a one-year sabbatical (his first) at the National Institutes of Health near Washington. He died

suddenly at his new home less than one month into his time there.

In retrospect, I'm even gladder that we did that Festschrift in 1987. In August of this year, his friends had bid him au revoir at a small dinner, little knowing that it was to be adieu. He is sorely missed, but his legacy lives on in many guises, particularly with dozens of former fellows in more than 20 countries.

Charles David Marsden, Professor of Clinical Neurology, born April 15, 1938; died September 29, 1998.

By Niall Quinn, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square, London UK.

organizations by every means possible to healthcare professionals and people with movement disorders.

The President of WE MOVE, Dr. Mitchell Brin, went on to say, "Because WE MOVE and the Movement Disorder Society share complementary goals, the leaders of both organizations work closely together in creating new projects that are important to both groups."

WE MOVE has created – and continues to develop and update – web sites for both the Society and its journal, *Movement Disorders*. The Society site

(www.movementdisorders.org) explains the benefits of Society membership, features its newsletter, *Moving Along*, and promotes Society-sponsored symposia, such as the biennial Congress. The journal site (www.mssm.edu/movejrn) features the table of contents for the current and upcoming issue, instructions for authors, and an updated listing of articles accepted for publication. In the near future, Society members will receive the journal's table of contents via e-mail. In addition, visitors to the site will find 'expedited publications' in their entirety. WE MOVE also co-

ordinates the announcements section which appears in the journal. If any Society member would like to publicize a symposium or conference, please send the information directly to WE MOVE. It will appear in the journal as well as on the web site.



WE MOVE – increasing awareness of movement disorders

WE MOVE is a not-for-profit organization committed to raising awareness of movement disorders. Since 1991, it has been educating and informing healthcare professionals, patients, and the public about movement disorders, has been developing and distributing information via a variety of traditional and new media; and has sponsored educational courses and promoted patient advocate organizations and foundations. Knowledge and understanding of movement disorders can assist healthcare professionals and patients to achieve a better quality of treatment and care.

The new and impressive WE MOVE exhibition stand, developed to co-promote the Movement Disorder Society at major medical meetings around the world, was prominently

featured at the 5th International Congress of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders in New York City. On the stand, delegates received educational materials and rating scale packs, learned about the web chat sessions and web-based newsletter 'WE TALK', previewed teaching slide sets, and visited movement disorder sites on the World Wide Web. The WE MOVE site (www.wemove.org) is the hub of web activities for movement disorders. While visiting the site, participants were invited to subscribe to E-MOVE, a research news service that delivers timely synopses of developments in movement disorders directly to the subscriber's desktop.

Also during the Congress, WE MOVE sponsored a patient advocacy and leadership event. Activities included a meeting of the WE MOVE Leadership

Council, followed by dinner and a Broadway musical. Judith Blazer, Executive Director, presided over the meeting and welcomed leaders from 26 national advocacy groups and foundations. These representatives – including Executive Directors, Presidents and Medical Advisors – came from four continents and represented six different movement disorders.

Ms Blazer noted, "WE MOVE is pleased to host this meeting and recognize those from around the world who serve the needs of people with movement disorders." This unique gathering of leaders served as a springboard for the exchange of ideas and accomplishments and has laid the foundation for ongoing communications. It is our mission to serve as a centralized international 'clearing house' and to promote these

MDS 2001 Sponsored Satellite Meetings

INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT DISORDER SOCIETY

BRAINSTEM FUNCTION AND MOVEMENT DISORDERS 2ND EUROPEAN MEETING ON BRAINSTEM FUNCTION AND PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

May 2001 Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Organized by: B. W.
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NEUROLOGICAL ASPECTS OF WILSON'S DISEASE Summer 2001 Dearborn, Michigan, USA

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