

NOTES FROM THE CLOSING CEREMONY

Professor Byron Kakulas, President of the Congress expressed his gratitude to all concerned with the organisation and scientific aspects of the Congress. In particular, the contributions of all of the participants, speakers and delegates was acknowledged.

Special thanks was given to Clayton Wiley and the staff of Brain Pathology for their superb effort in bringing out the Abstract Volume in such a short space of time and for the individual mailing, the cost of which was met by the Journal.

In the same manner, the committees which organised the Congress and the staff of the Royal Perth Hospital and the Australian Neuromuscular Research Institute who worked so hard in both preparing for the Congress and during the week was recognised with gratitude. The lay organisers, the International Congress Management Services (ICMS) were thanked for their assistance, particularly the registration desk during the week. Similarly, the financial sponsors of the Congress as listed in the programme were acknowledged.

The Closing Ceremony was the last occasion at which the President of the International Society of Neuropathology, Professor Georg Kreutzberg officiated. He was congratulated for his great contribution both for the ISN and the Congress. The new President of the ISN, Professor Yngve Olsson was welcomed with good wishes for the tenure of his Presidency.

Professor David Graham representing the Organising Committee for the next Congress due in the year 2000 invited all to attend 'Birmingham 2000' which promised to be a memorable scientific event.

Professor David Graham awarded the Student Prizes to Mr Mark Davis of the Royal Perth Hospital for his topic on "Genetic Testing for Malignant Hyperthermia in Western Australia". The Student Prize was shared with Marion O'Leary of Cambridge, her topic was "Oligodendrocyte Precursors Survive Poorly and do not Migrate Following Transplantation into the Normal Adult Central Nervous System". An incidental highlight was the presentation of a Birmingham 2000 T-shirt to the current Congress President.

The Closing Ceremony was followed by a Lord Mayor's Reception for the delegates who remained. This was an enjoyable event at which the Lord Mayor, Dr Peter Natrass invited the delegates to stay on and enjoy the attractions of Australia.