

Welcome from the Congress President

Dear Colleagues

*This is the Final Program of the the **4th Congress of the International Neuromodulation Society** and the **4th Congress of the International Functional Electrical Stimulation Society**, which will be held jointly on **September 16th-20th, 1998 in Lucerne, Switzerland.***

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Lucerne on behalf of the Boards of the INS and IFESS, and we hope you will appreciate the scientific program, the social events, and also profit from the superb sightseeing and tourist options the city of Lucerne and Switzerland offer you.

The topics of this four day symposium will span across many different disciplines and applications. This conference will especially focus on methods for the "Treatment of Pain and Motor Disorders". We will present to you not only the "State of the Art" of the methods of Neuromodulation as well as Functional Electrical Stimulation by lectures and workshops from renown experts, but we will also inform you on ongoing research and the exciting new developments, coming up in the near future, as well as on the expected breakthroughs of the years 2000 -2005.

The INS is a multidisciplinary society, which brings together basic research, clinical work of many medical specialities and bio-engineering with the aim to develop and improve new methods.

To reach this goal, we see a remarkable potential in this Joint Meeting with IFESS. We do hope to start new and promising projects together, and we will report on this at our forthcoming congresses.

Back to the presence: We do not want to offer "High-Tech-Medicine", which nobody can afford! So, we will discuss all questions of Cost-Effectiveness of Minimal Invasive Procedures in extenso, and you will see: Neuromodulation can offer not only excellent, but also affordable solutions, when applied correctly.

*We offer **Special Awards for the Best Free Presentation.***

Those who have not registered yet for the scientific sessions may use the enclosed Registration Form. Please use one Registration Form per person and register at your earliest convenience as this significantly facilitates organization.

We want to offer you an exciting as well as relaxing atmosphere during your stay in Lucerne, which is, surrounded by lakes and mountains, a very beautiful place in September, the time of the Swiss "Indian summer". It will allow you to relax, enjoy and think of all the new ideas, you always wanted to be inspired with.

Sincerely,

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