

1995 Marseille, France

1st EFNS Congress, Marseille, France, 9 - 14 September 1995

A Tremendous Success

The beautiful city of Marseille in the South of France was for a whole week the capital of European neurology. On Sunday 10 September 1995, the First Congress of the EFNS was opened at the Faculté de Medecine. The outstanding scientific programme had attracted more than 1,500 participants from practically all European countries as well as from further afield.

In nine main sessions and seven topical seminars, experts presented the latest knowledge in diagnosis and treatment of a large range of neurological diseases. More than 400 oral communications and poster presentations formed an important part of the programme.

Highlights were the three main lectures: "The visual brain", S.Zeki, UK; "Cell transplantation strategies in neurodegenerative disorders", A.Björklund, Sweden; and "Neuronal function of potassium channels", M.Lazdunski, France. The four satellite symposia sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim, Eli Lilly, Glaxo and Parke Davis also attracted large crowds to the lecture halls.

Associated Meetings

The Congress offered the various committees, task forces and scientist panels of the EFNS the opportunity to hold business meetings.

Taking advantage of the presence in Marseille of neurologists from all over Europe the WHO, in cooperation with the EFNS, held a workshop on Neurology and Public Health in Europe as part of its global initiative in this field.

The Neurological Monospecialist Section of the UEMS also met in conjunction with the EFNS Congress, to discuss European standards for postgraduate training in neurology. The local organizers offered a splendid social programme, featuring receptions at the luxurious Palais de la Bourse and the famous Prefecture of Marseille and culminating in a gala dinner at the Vieille Charite, an impressive baroque building now housing a museum.

Vote of Thanks

Professor Georges Serratrice, President of the Congress, is to be warmly congratulated on the success of the event. The EFNS is very grateful to him for his generous hospitality. A special word of thanks goes to his charming assistant Madame Claude Vidal Naquet for the excellent organization, and to the staff of Alice Congress.