

The World Federation of Neurology Research Group in Huntington's Disease (HD) combined with the International Huntington's Association (IHA) to organize the World Congress of Huntington's Disease in Dresden, Germany September 8-11 2007 (www.worldcongress-hd.net). This successful meeting was organized by Dr Bernhard Landwehrmeyer and his committee, including Dr Alexander Storch, the Chair of the local organising committee working in close liaison with Christiane Lohkamp, President of IHA who stepped down from that role at the Congress.

Research advances and updates were covered in keynote addresses, platform research presentations and poster sessions. Dr Elizabeth McCusker, current Secretary General of the WFN HD Research group invited a representative from the ministry of Social Affairs, State of Saxony to officially open the Congress and Prof Heinz Reichmann, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dresden also gave a welcoming address.

Dr Michael Conneally, immediate past Secretary General of the WFN HD Research group chaired the opening session in which a tribute was paid to the late Dr Milton Wexler and the history of IHA and HD research development and HD in New York was reviewed. Over the course of the meeting, the Biology of HD, Clinical studies and trials, Pathogenesis and Pathophysiology of HD, Biomarkers in HD, Inflammatory and metabolic alterations were discussed. Sessions also included Understanding the clinical features , genetic testing, cell replacement , experimental models and HD related disorders.

The next World Congress of Huntington's Disease will be held in

Vancouver Canada, September 12th-15th 2009. watch this site for more information
(www.worldcongress-hd.net)

The organizing committee is Chaired by Dr Blair Leavitt and Dr Michael Hayden.

At the WFNHD Research Group Business meeting during the WCHD a committee was formed of the following members:

Dr Raymund Roos, Dept Neurology Leids Unversity Medisch Centrum Leiden Netherlands (Treasurer),

Dr Michael Conneally, Medical and Molecular Genetics, Indiana University USA(Immediate past Secretary General),

Dr David Craufurd Dept Medical Genetics, St Mary's Hospital, Manchester, UK,

Dr Michael Hayden , University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada,

Dr Bernhard Landwehrmeyer , Abt Neurologie Universitätsklinikum Ulm, Germany (Congress organizer and co-ordinator, European HD Network (www.euro-HD.net) ,

Dr Ira Shoulson, Clinical Trials co-ordination Centre and Chair of Huntington Study Group (www.Huntington-Study-Group.org) , University of Rochester New York State USA,

Dr Blair Leavitt, University of British Columbia, Vancouver Canada

Dr Elizabeth McCusker, Dept Neurology Westmead Hospital , Sydney Australia(current Secretary General WFN HD Research Group)

For information about HD Services, Research and contacts in particular countries please visit the Congress web site (www.worldcongress-hd.net),

the Huntington Study Group (www.Huntington-Study-Group.org),

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