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2010 International Attendee Summit Announced



Please mark your calendars for the 2010 Annual Meeting in Toronto, Ontario, from April 10–17 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. An International Attendee Summit is

scheduled for Monday, April 12, from 12:00–1:00 PM. The format and details of the meeting are still pending. Please check the meeting Web site (<http://www.aan.com/go/am10>) for the most up-to-date information.

2009 International Summit Update

As promised in the July 7 International Newsletter, we are providing an update to our international readers and members on the feedback received from participants of the 2009 International Attendee Summit.

The International Attendee Summit took place at the 2009 American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington. AAN leaders provided an overview of the current status of the AAN's international membership and answered questions from the attendees.

One source of concern was the cost of AAN membership and cost of travel, accommodations, and course fees for the meeting. The AAN does offer reduced rates for anyone coming from a developing country (determined by current World Bank estimates). These members may apply for a reduced fee for membership and also receive waived Annual Meeting registration fees. Low-cost housing at AAN's annual meetings is also available for members from underserved countries.

In 2010, international members from low-income countries will also be able to take advantage of Student Rush Line for free course tickets. Interested members will need to check in at the Registration Booth each morning for tickets to available courses for that day. Tickets will be set aside for each course, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Eligible participants are limited to 1 free course per day and 2 free courses for the week unless there are unclaimed tickets 10 minutes prior to the start of a course. The program is available for half-day and full-day courses, case-study programs, and kick-off

and therapy programs. Seminars, workshops, and luncheons are not included.

Another concern was that international members thought that access to *Continuum: Lifelong Learning in Neurology*[®] would greatly enhance their ability to educate other neurologists within their countries. The Access to Research Initiative (HINARI) provides free or very low-cost online access to the major journals in biomedical and related social sciences to local, not-for-profit institutions in developing countries. *Continuum: Lifelong Learning in Neurology*[®] and *Neurology*[®] are both available through this effort for those who qualify. Members should check the HINARI Web site (<http://www.who.int/hinari/about/en/>) to view eligibility requirements and to access the registration form.

AAN staff has worked with World Federation of Neurology (WFN) Education Committee chair, Theodore Munsat, MD, FAAN, to launch a portal page on the *Continuum* area of the AAN Web site detailing the partnership between the AAN and WFN and providing login access to the subscriber site for use by the WFN CME coordinators in 41 developing countries. The WFN is now piloting online use of *Continuum* and soliciting feedback from the WFN CME coordinators. Mailings of 400 copies of each issue of *Continuum* to the WFN continue to occur twice a year, in January and June. The WFN, with the support of the AAN, is pleased to offer an enhancement to the WFN CME Program with the launch of *Continuum* Online. Please log on to <http://www.aan.com/go/elibrary/continuum/wfn> for additional information on how to take advantage of this offering.

The AAN is researching ways it can offer online or electronic educational courses and other product offerings at a discount. The AAN continues to work with our publishers to offer our publications electronically. Contractual obligations do not allow for electronic distribution of some of our publications at this time.

International members are invited to take advantage of a new AAN international member listserv. This listserv provides an opportunity for members to discuss case studies and network with other members of the AAN. To sign up for the international member listserv, please contact Lynee Koester

(lkoester@aan.com). Members are also encouraged to sign up on the AAN's Facebook social networking site. Neurologists and related physicians can also ask experts how to treat disease by signing up on www.neurolist.com.

Don't forget to apply for the 2010 International Scholarship award, which may be linked to a new mentorship program for the selected applicants. Currently, 10 awards are available. The deadline for applications is November 30. For more information and to apply, please go to <http://www.aan.com/>

[science/scholarships/index.cfm?fuseaction=home](http://www.aan.com/science/scholarships/index.cfm?fuseaction=home). welcome.

A Web page at the AAN (<http://www.aan.com/go/benefits/international>) outlines the benefits for international members. A newly launched page (<http://www.aan.com/go/benefits/international/journal>) features the journal *Neurology*'s international newsletters and selected translations of *Neurology* articles.

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