2017 Boston Annual Meeting Builds on 2016 Innovations

Every year, the AAN’s Annual Meeting provides the worldwide neurology community with the latest and greatest in science and education. But 2016’s meeting was something else altogether. The innovations planned and carried out by hundreds of volunteer members and the Academy staff infused the meeting with new energy and excitement and generated multitudes of positive comments from satisfied attendees.

For the 2017 Annual Meeting, the event again has been structured to deliver tremendous value, choice, customization, and innovation to attendees. I’ve asked Stefan M. Pulst, MD, FAAN, chair of our Meeting Management Committee, to share some of the highlights that our members can expect when they come to Boston in April.

What do we have in store for this year’s Annual Meeting?

Our tagline this year is “Advancing Neurology. Advancing You.” And that really says it all. The meeting will bring forward the latest neurology science and education that advances our understanding of the brain and the disorders that affect it and the central nervous system. With more than 3,000 abstracts, 200+ expert-led courses, and exclusive programming for advocacy, practice, and medical economics, attendees will enjoy a wealth of opportunities to advance their knowledge and skills—as well as their enjoyment of their careers in neurology.

What facets of last year’s meeting are being carried over to this one?

Value is always an attribute of the Annual Meeting, but last year was a real game-changer with our all-inclusive registration fee that eliminates pre-registration for individual courses. This gives people the flexibility to choose sessions and move between them as they wish. Attendees can customize their schedule specifically to suit their interests and needs by choosing from 20 subspecialty topics and career-development options.

What about innovation?

We were very happy with how attendees of the 2016 Vancouver meeting embraced the innovative experiential learning formats we introduced. We all acquire information in highly individualized ways. Some like the traditional didactic presentation, and others prefer more dynamic and interactive delivery. So we will continue to break down some walls and have numerous out-of-classroom experiences for learners to enjoy.

We continue to break new ground from a programming standpoint, including the introduction of new Neuroscience in the Clinic sessions. These will feature a mix of scientists and clinicians sharing case discussions and poster and panel presentations to integrate scientific research with clinical application. The topics will include concussion, neuroendocrine, critical care, vision and neurodegeneration, the Zika virus, functional recovery, and language and neurobiology.

Boston is a marvelous site for our Annual Meeting, isn’t it?

Definitely. Along with being integral to America’s history, Boston has been a vibrant hub for neurology, with top universities and legendary hospitals. It has proven to be a popular destination for past AAN Annual Meetings, offering unique character, charm, and cultural activities you can’t experience elsewhere. And with no Annual Meeting programming scheduled in the evenings, you’ll have more opportunity to explore this great city—on your own, with colleagues, or with family.

To take advantage of this Annual Meeting’s fabulous value, choice, customization, and innovation—and your best savings as an AAN member—be sure to visit AAN.com/view/AM17 to learn more and reserve your hotel accommodations by March 8 and register for the meeting before the March 30 early registration deadline.

I hope to see you in Boston!

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