SYMPOSIUM ON NARCOLEPSY AND HYPERSOMNIA

ORGANIZED BY CZECH SOCIETY FOR SLEEP RESEARCH AND SLEEP MEDICINE

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IN MEMORY OF BEDŘICH ROTH (1919–1989)
DEAR COLLEAGUES,

It is a great pleasure for us to invite you to the „Symposium on Narcolepsy and Hypersomnia“ scheduled for April 24, 2009 in Prague, Czech Republic.

The symposium is organized in memory of Prof. Bedřich Roth, one of the pioneers of sleep medicine both in the Czech Republic and abroad. Thanks to his endeavour, patients with excessive daytime sleepiness, especially narcolepsy and hypersomnia, started being systematically examined at the Henner Department of Neurology in Prague, in the early 1950s. Also a sleep laboratory, the first of this kind anywhere in Central and Eastern Europe, was launched into existence at the turn of the 1950s. In 1961, Prof. Roth was one of the founders of the International Society for Sleep Research and of the Association of Professional Sleep Societies in the United States. These two organizations inspired the development of similar associations in the rest of world’s continents (including the European Sleep Research Society), and after some time the foundation of the umbrella organization – the World Federation of Sleep Research Societies.

The symposium is organized under the auspices of the European Sleep Research Society, and will be followed by a teaching course organized by the society.

The programme will consist of several solicited papers presented during the morning session, while the afternoon session will be devoted to short oral/poster presentations submitted by participants. You are encouraged to submit an abstract of your contribution by February 28, 2009.

The Organizing Committee will try to prepare also an interesting social and tourist programme for participants.

We believe that our symposium will stimulate interest in these topics and help to increase the numbers of young, dedicated co-workers eager to specialize in sleep medicine.

We look forward to meeting you in Prague.

Soňa Nevšímalová, Karel Šonka
LANGUAGE
English will be the official language at the symposium.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME
Solicited papers:
- S. Nevšímalová (Czech Republic): Bedřich Roth’s ideas in present-day light
- M Billiard (France): Idiopathic hypersomnia
- E. Mignot (USA): Narcolepsy: animal model and pathophysiology
- C. Bassetti (Switzerland): Clinical spectrum of narcolepsy
- G. Mayer (Germany): Comorbidity of narcolepsy and implications of age at onset in narcolepsy
- T. Pollmacher (Germany): Metabolic aspects of narcolepsy

Participants are invited to submit an abstract of their contribution on narcolepsy and hypersomnia. Details will be presented in the 2nd Announcement and Call for Abstracts available on the symposium website www.conference.cz/narcolepsy-hypersomnia2009 in December 2008.

REGISTRATION
You are cordially invited to follow the symposium website www.conference.cz/narcolepsy-hypersomnia2009. In case you wish to attend the symposium, kindly make a preliminary registration on this website by October 31, 2008. On this page, updated information about the symposium activities will be continually presented.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
Deadline for:
- Preliminary registration October 31, 2008
- Abstract submission February 28, 2009
- Early registration February 28, 2009

SYMPOSIUM VENUE, ACCOMMODATION
The symposium will be held in the Pyramida hotel with a purpose-designed conference hall and a full range of associated facilities. The hotel is located within short walking distance from the historical part of Prague, Prague Castle and the Lesser Town. Symposium participants and accompanying persons can be accommodated at the four-star Pyramida hotel. Other accommodation possibilities in nearby hotels and family guest-houses will also be available.

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