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Dear SFNS membership.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our society.

We are excited to invite everyone to our 70th annual meeting March 23-25, 2018 at the newly renovated Silverado Resort in Napa. We will have a wine event to celebrate our beautiful location, and we have some very nice donated wines to raffle off, including a bottle of Chateau Margaux.

Our Saturday night annual dinner keynote speaker will be Dr. Lucy Kalanithi. Dr. Kalanithi has recently given interviews with Katie Couric, Charlie Rose and Sheryl Sandberg discussing her late husband, Paul Kalanithi's, Pulitzer finalist and New York Times best selling book, "When Breath Becomes Air." In addition, we have a great scientific agenda planned out and look forward to seeing you all there! Details are coming soon.

Lastly, we are deeply saddened by the passing of Past President and Neuro Cinema Festival Director, Dr. Oscar Abeliuk. Our sympathies are with his family during this time. We have created an SFNS blog so that members of the Society may share stories, sentiments or photos, to remember Oscar. Please visit the blog here: <http://sfneurological.blogspot.com/>

Gordon Li, M.D.
SFNS President



Oscar Abeliuk, M.D.
1949 - 2017

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Oscar Abeliuk, M.D. Dr. Abeliuk was a past President of the San Francisco Neurological Society (SFNS), Chair of SFNS Neuro-Cinema Festival, and the SFNS Cultural Director. Dr. Abeliuk was a long time member of the San Francisco Neurological Society (SFNS), the California Neurology Society (CNS), the American Academy of Neurology (AAN), the California Society of Industrial Medicine and Surgery (CSIMS), an active neurologist in the community, and a friend to many.

Dr. Abeliuk was fluent in both English and Spanish. He grew up in Santiago, Chile and attended the University of Chile Medical School. He interned at Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati and did his neurology residency at University of Cincinnati Medical Center and UC Davis where he served as Chief Resident in Neurology. He did a fellowship in EMG and Neurological Rehabilitation at UC Davis and the VA Medical Center Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Dr. Abeliuk had been practicing general neurology with an interest in neuromuscular problems for over 30 years in the Greater San Francisco Bay Area. He was the medical director of one of the first chronic pain clinics in the Bay Area. He had extensive experience in evaluating complex neuro-orthopedic disorders, such as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), neck and low back injuries, and sequelae from surgical treatment of those disorders, as well as head trauma, entrapment neuropathies, such as Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, ulnar neuropathy, and complications of shoulder, elbow, knee, ankle, and foot injuries. After serving as a consultant for the John Muir Medical Center, Concord and Walnut Creek campuses for many years, he centered his practice in medical-legal

evaluations.

Dr. Abeliuk served as the President of the Bay Area History of Medicine Club (affiliated with UCSF Department of Anthropology, History, and Social Medicine) from 2002 to 2005 and was a former President of the San Francisco Neurological Society (2008-2009). He was the recipient of the **Outstanding Service Award** from SFNS in March of 2017. Dr. Abeliuk founded the Neuro-Cinema Festival and was an active producer and director of documentary films. Some of his films included: Sara of Rhodes (life of a holocaust survivor now in Berkeley), My Recovery (our colleague's post stroke rehabilitation), Desdeel Quisco Con Amor (High School Reunion), and Voices of a Tsunami (Chilean Tsunami of 2010).

Dr. Abeliuk has been a lecturer on the History of Medicine for more than 25 years. Just a few notable topics were:

- *"Santiago Ramon y Cajal: Life & Discoveries"* and *"Camillo Golgi: Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1906"* - Bay Area History of Medicine Club - 2001
- Many lectures for the SFNS Annual Meetings including: *"History of Facial Expressions from Darwin to Botox"*; *"Darwin's Illness"*; *"Einstein's Brain"*; *"Phineas Gage"*; *"Egag Moniz and the Emergence of Psychosurgery"* to mention only a few.

Dr. Abeliuk died on a hiking trail. He is survived by his partner, Robyn Heilbrun, his daughter Emily, son Michael, daughter-in-law Ginger, granddaughter Juniper and extended family in Chile and Israel. A celebration of life is being planned for a future date.

Tax deductible charitable donations can be made to:

Association of California Neurologists Foundation {or ACNF}
[Tax ID # 26-3814573]
(Memo: the Oscar Abeliuk Scholarship)
1000 Q Street, Ste. 204, Sacramento, CA 95811

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NOVEMBER 2, 3 & 4, 2017 THE CNS NEUROCARDIOLOGY CONFERENCE AND THE 4TH BI-ANNUAL SFNS FULL-DAY DEMENTIA SYMPOSIUM

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

**" Current State and Direction of Therapy Trials "
Frank Longo, MD - Chair
Stanford Department of Neurology**

Saturday, November 4, 2017 9:45 - 10:15am

Dr. Longo received his MD from the University of California, San Diego in 1981 and his PhD in 1983. Following an internship in medicine at New York University, he trained as a resident in neurology at the University of California, San Francisco where he also completed a fellowship in neurobiology. He joined the UCSF faculty and eventually served as professor and vice chair of UCSF's Department of Neurology. Before joining Stanford in 2006, Dr. Longo was the H. Houston Merritt Professor and Chair of Neurology at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. At Stanford, Dr. Longo serves as the George E. and Lucy Becker Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurology and Neurological Sciences and along with his colleagues focuses on building programs in neurology and the neurosciences. His interests include translational research in neurodegenerative disease therapeutics, providing patient care in the Stanford Memory Disorders Clinic, and mentoring medical students and other trainees. Dr. Longo is the 2015 recipient of the inaugural Melvin R. Goodes Prize for Excellence in Alzheimer's Drug Discovery from the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation, and his team's work on Alzheimer's therapeutics was featured on the cover of Time Magazine in 2016.

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Aird Professorship Lecture
Thursday, November 16, 2017
5:00pm to 6:00pm - Reception
6:00pm to 7:00pm - Lecture
Genentech Hall, Auditorium
600 16th St, San Francisco, CA 94158

This year's Aird Visiting Professor of Neurology will be Walter Koroshetz, MD.

Walter Koroshetz is the Director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). He works to advance the mission of the Institute, to improve fundamental knowledge about the brain and the nervous system, and to use that knowledge to reduce the burden of neurological disorders. He joined NINDS as the Deputy Director in 2007. Before coming to NIH Dr. Koroshetz was a Harvard Professor of Neurology, Vice Chair of Neurology at the Massachusetts General Hospital, director of Stroke and Neurointensive Care, and a member of the MGH Movement Disorders clinic. His research activities spanned basic neurobiology to clinical trials. He directed Neurology training at MGH for 16 years. A graduate of Georgetown University and University of Chicago Medical School Dr. Koroshetz specialized in Internal Medicine and Neurology.

Additional details coming soon!

2018 SAN FRANCISCO NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY 70th ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 23-25 • NAPA, CA • DETAILS COMING SOON!



SFNS 70th Annual Meeting

March 23-25, 2018

Silverado Resort, Napa, CA

Additional details coming soon!

Membership Dues Reminder

The purpose of the San Francisco Neurological Society is to increase, improve and disseminate knowledge of the nervous system and to improve the practice of neurology and neurological surgery within the area of the Society's influence.

Please join us for the first time or renew your SFNS membership if you have not already; your support is appreciated.

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