

Letter to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR

Mary Anne Lee

The passing of Mary Anne Lee in her prime¹ has evoked sadness and reflection. She was my first resident, lively, inquisitive and impish. My first demonstration of subtle neurological signs was greeted with utter skepticism. Escalating attempts at demonstration were matched by rising disbelief. Soon, on the neurology service, a patently obvious sign was dubbed "Mary Anne positive".

One day, we were viewing a woman's chest x-ray. I pointed out that sometimes one can infer the individual's handedness from the pectoral profile. Mary Anne said, "That's an interesting

tid-bit", blushing as she realized the possible alternate interpretation of her words. Thereafter, she became very interested in clinical "tid-bits" and before she finished her rotation, a "Mary Anne positive" sign came to mean that it was subtle but definitely present.

When we think of Mary Anne's death, we are saddened, but when we think of her life, we smile gently, in silent tribute.

*Vladimir Hachinski
London, Ontario*

1. Zochodne D. In Memoriam: Mary Anne Lee MD FRCP(C), 1945-2001. *Can J Neurol Sci* 2001;28:270-271.

Notes and Announcements

Canadian Neurologist Receives Accolade

Dr. George Karpati, Professor of Neurology and Neurosurgery, Isaac Walton Killam Chair in Neurology at McGill University and Coordinator of the Neuromuscular Group at the MNI, has been appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada. The Governor General announced the appointment, recognizing people who have made a difference to our country. The appointment took effect May 30, 2001 and the official investiture will be on Dec 4, 2001 at Rideau Hall in Ottawa. The Order of Canada is our country's highest honour for lifetime achievement.



Dr. Karpati is recognized internationally as one of the leading experts on the diagnosis and treatment of neuromuscular disorders and is one of North America's outstanding neurologists. Dr. Karpati has made seminal contributions in the area of muscular dystrophy. He is most noted for his achievements in the study of Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a lethal genetic disorder due to a deficiency of the cytoskeletal muscle protein, dystrophin. Dr. Karpati was the first to show the localization of dystrophin to the muscle fibre surface and to demonstrate a lack of dystrophin in the fibre of Duchenne patients.

The Italian Society for the Study of Headache (SISC) Announces The International Enrico Greppi Award 2002

The Italian Society for the Study of Headache (SISC) announces the competition of the biennial International Enrico Greppi Award 2002. The award will be granted to the best unpublished original paper, written in English, by researchers of any nationality, dealing with the epidemiological, genetic, pathophysiological, and/or therapeutic aspects of headache. Each prize amounts to 2,500 EURO. The papers must be submitted in six hard copies or in electronic format and must be in accordance with the editorial instructions of The Journal of Headache and Pain. The winning articles will be published in The Journal of

Headache and Pain within twelve months of the presentation of the award. Since the award is under the patronage of the European Headache Federation the recipient is also invited to present the paper at the 6th European Headache Federation Congress, 2002, to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 26-30 June 2002.

The manuscripts must be received by the President of the SISC, Prof. Virgilio Gallai, Dipartimento di Neuroscienze, Clinica Neurologica, University of Perugia, Policlinico Montelucente, Via Enrico dal Pozzo, 06126 Perugia (e-mail: gallai@unipg.it) no later than 120 days before the 6th European Headache Federation Congress, 2002 (deadline: February 27th 2002).

2002 Canadian Electroencephalography (EEG) Exam

The Canadian Society of Clinical Neurophysiologists (CSCN) is accepting applications for this exam to be held in Vancouver, BC on Monday, June 17, 2002.

Deadline for receipt of application fee of \$200.00 is February 1, 2002. The exam fee of \$500.00 is payable by April 1, 2002.

Send applications to:

Dr. Richard Desbiens, CSCN Examining Committee (EEG),
c/o Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences,
709 7015 Macleod Trail SW, Calgary, AB T2H 2K6.

For additional information, contact Marika Fitzgerald of the CCNS Secretariat at (403) 229-9544 or email: brains@ccns.org.

2002 Canadian Electromyography (EMG) Examination

The Canadian Society of Clinical Neurophysiologists (CSCN) is accepting applications for this exam to be held in Vancouver, BC on Saturday, June 22, 2002.

Deadline for receipt of application fee of \$200.00 is February 1, 2002. The exam fee of \$500.00 is payable by April 1, 2002.

Send applications to:

Dr. Tom Miller, CSCN Examining Committee (EMG),
c/o Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences,
709 7015 Macleod Trail SW, Calgary, AB T2H 2K6.

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