

WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear colleagues and friends,

On behalf of The Third ISN Special Neurochemistry Conference, 8th International Meeting on Brain Energy Metabolism, I would like to welcome all of you to Beijing, China.

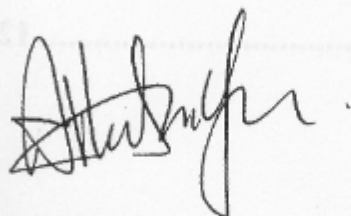
The conference offers a program of interest to neuroscientists from worldwide, particularly to young and emerging investigators such as postdoctoral fellows, trainees and graduate students, to be exposed to an international, professional environment and learn from the experiences of outstanding researchers from different fields. It also facilitates exchange of ideas among participants by helping them establish contacts and potential collaborations. The conference comprises of presentations by many experts and leading authorities from around the world and we are extremely grateful to organize this conference, serving as a platform to integrate invaluable ideas of these talents.

The conference has brought together neurochemists from over 33 countries to introduce and highlight the latest developments that have enhanced our understanding of brain energy metabolism relating to neuro-degenerative diseases (e.g., Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease and Epilepsy) and on neuro-regeneration. There are twelve sessions ranging from the role of glycogen, ammonia metabolism and toxicity, mitochondria function and dysfunction, neuro-degeneration, to neuro-regeneration and many other interesting, inspiring topics. Please make sure to take the opportunity of networking sessions during the welcoming reception, breaks, poster-sessions, lunches, and other social events to share your ideas and explore future collaboration opportunities.

Beijing, one of the culturally richest capitals of the world, is home to five world heritage sites. The city is a fantastic blend of rich historical reserves, traditional Chinese culture, and 21st century technology and modern lifestyle. From the world-famous Great Wall, the artistically astonishing Forbidden City, the mysterious Temple of Heaven to the reviving Summer Palace, Beijing has it all for you to explore. So don't miss this opportunity during your stay to check out our various historic sites and feel for yourself the unique culture and our unforgettable regional cuisines.

Again we would like to welcome you to ISN Beijing Meeting 2008. We are confident that the conference will be an impressive, successful one and you will find the science fascinating, the friendship fruitful and the cultural aspects of Beijing refreshing and enriching.

From the President of the Conference,



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