

IN MEMORIAM

John Gates: An Appreciation



John R. Gates, M.D., died on September 28, 2005, at age 54 due to brain tumor. A moving memorial service was attended by over one thousand people, and centered around readings, poetry, and music—artistic favorites of John's. He was survived by his beloved sweetheart and wife of 15 years, Rita; children, Jason, Rachel, and Stuart; and an extended family. Friends, family, patients, and colleagues around the world remember a wonderful man who made numerous and substantial contributions to the field of epilepsy and the practice of neurology.

Born in the inner city of Trenton, New Jersey, John emerged from humble surroundings to graduate Magna Cum Laude from Harvard University. Indeed, from his childhood until his untimely death, John fought for his beliefs and passions.

At the University of Minnesota Medical School, John perfected his ability to question, challenge, and shake up the status quo. His fellow residents and teachers witnessed the growth and development of a stellar and compassionate clinician who sought the truth, sometimes in unconventional ways.

John co-founded the Minnesota Epilepsy Group in St. Paul, a practice that grew into a world-renowned, comprehensive epilepsy center noted for clinical and research excellence, and widely emulated. A Clinical Pro-

fessor of Neurology at the University of Minnesota, John was known for his passionate commitment to patients and their physicians, and for intense loyalty among those who worked by his side.

John's influence on patient care and the epilepsy movement spread out from St. Paul to around the world. He authored hundreds of publications and perhaps is best known for his advocacy for patients and clinicians, and his writings and edited books on psychogenic non-epileptic seizures (NES), efficacious use of AEDs, and the surgical management of epilepsy.

Everyone who knew John was impressed by his energy. Several months before he died, John participated in an NIH-sponsored workshop on NES. He was regarded as the brightest luminary in this field by many accomplished international, interdisciplinary workshop participants. He excelled at lecturing, and his enthusiasm for teaching continued even after his constitutional energy was nearly depleted.

John was president of numerous organizations, including the Minnesota Epilepsy Group, the American Academy of Neurology Congress of Neurosocieties, the Association of Neurologists of Minnesota, and the Ramsey County Medical Society. He served on the ILAE Commission for Neurosurgery and participated in projects of the Subcommittee for Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery. He chaired the Practice Committee of the American Epilepsy Society and served on a number of other AES committees and task forces, as well as the AES Board of Directors while courageously battling his cancer. As his wife Rita remarked in accepting the AES J. Kiffin Penry Award for Excellence in Epilepsy Care on John's behalf,

John loved this society. If John were here, he would turn the tables, and, looking out at you, would make it about you. He would thank you for being such great colleagues. He would talk about how much each of you contributed; how he so appreciated your hard work; how key people working together make something come alive; how grateful he was that you shared his passion for this work, work that makes such a difference for so many; and how much fun it was to "play with you in this sandbox."

Each of us who knew John remembers something special about him, whether serious or humorous, profound or simple. He was the kind of guy who would wake up one morning with an idea and then a few hours, days, weeks, or months later, it would become a reality. He was a grassroots organizer who gave untold time and energy to innumerable epilepsy-related projects,

including summer camp for kids, assisted living for young adults, and funding for the less well-off for affordable medications.

John will be missed enormously. Many of us can still hear him say “Hi guy, how are you doing!” One of his many grateful patients said, “You were the best doctor. I had such faith in you and I know God will be with you always.”

Farewell, John! Your memory and inspiration lives on, and we are better for having known you.

Several funds have been established in memory of John Gates: the Minnesota Medical Foundation, Dr. John R. Gates Memorial Award in Neurology, 200 Oak St. SE, Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55455-2030; Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota, John R. Gates MD Project Fund, 1600 University Ave. W., Suite 205, St. Paul, MN 55104; and Minnesota ABC, Dr. John R. Gates Scholarship Fund, 8761 Preserve Blvd, Eden Prairie, MN 55344, attn: Gardner Gay.

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Editors' Remarks

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We were recently informed that the material contained in a paper published in Supplement 4 of the 2004 volume of *Epilepsia* (45 (Suppl.4): 41–42, 2004) was subsequently re-published in the *Journal of Child Neurology* (19:687–

689, 2004). The *Epilepsia* paper was a case description based on the author's presentation at the 2003 American Epilepsy Society Annual Course. The *J.Child.Neurol.* paper was longer and involved additional material, but included the *Epilepsia* text almost word-for-word (>90% of the *Epilepsia* article was duplicated).

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NEXT MONTH IN *Epilepsia*

The December issue will focus on Seizure and Drug-Associated Morbidity. This theme will be introduced by a Critical Review by Marsh, Brooks-Kayal, and Porter. In this paper, the authors consider the important question of whether seizures and AED exposure alter normal brain development. Their review and discussion make a valuable contribution to this literature. The Original Research and Brief Communication articles that follow will cover a wide range of topics related to this theme of epilepsy-associated morbidity, from quality of life issues to mortality to depression.

Online Early

- Bergqvist et al., “Vitamin D status in children with intractable epilepsy, and impact of the ketogenic diet”
- Ding et al., “Assessing the disease burden due to epilepsy by disability adjusted life year in rural China”
- Genton, et al., “Lack of efficacy and potential aggravation of myoclonus with lamotrigine in Unverricht-Lundborg disease”
- Hessen et al., “Influence of major antiepileptic drugs on attention, reaction time, and speed of information processing: Results from a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled withdrawal study of seizure-free epilepsy patients receiving monotherapy”
- Oshima et al., “A prospective study of postictal psychoses with emphasis on the periictal type”

Ristić et al., "The frequency of reversible Parkinsonism and cognitive decline associated with valproate treatment: A study of 364 patients with different types of epilepsy"

Swinkels et al., "Interictal depression, anxiety, personality traits, and psychological dissociation in patients with temporal lobe epilepsy (TLE) and extra-TLE"

Trinka, et al., "Psychiatric comorbidity in juvenile myoclonic epilepsy"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WONOEOP call for abstracts

WONOEOP (Workshop on the Neurobiology of Epilepsy) is organized by the Commission on Neurobiology of the ILAE, as a satellite of the International Epilepsy Congress (see CALENDAR). The main topic of WONOEOP 2007 is *transition from the interictal to the ictal state: neurophysiological, cellular, and molecular mechanisms*. Abstract proposals for individual presentations as well as panel discussions (involving three or four speakers) are invited. The deadline for abstract submissions is November 20, 2006. Selection of the 45 Workshop participants is based on submitted abstracts, and will be completed by December 31, 2006. Priority will be given to studies related to the main topic. Lodging and meals will be provided for the selected participants (travel costs will not be covered).

WONOEOP 2007 is scheduled for July 3–6, 2007, at the Sheraton Langkawi Resort, Teluk Nibong, Langkawi Island, Malaysia (in conjunction with the 2007 Congress in Singapore). Organizing Committee: Marco de Curtis, Yoshiya Murashima, and Raman Sankar. Please contact decurtis@istituto-besta.it or visit <http://www.wonoep2007.univ-mrs.fr> for additional information.

Esther A. & Joseph Klingenstein Fund

The Esther A. & Joseph Klingenstein Fund is pleased to announce its Fellowship Awards in the Neurosciences for 2007. The purpose of these awards is to support young investigators, in the early stages of their careers, engaged in basic or clinical research that may lead to a better understanding of the etiology, treatment, and prevention of epilepsy. Studies of interest range from the molecular and cellular levels to integrative systems function to clinical investigations. Up to ten Klingenstein Fellows will be appointed in 2007, and each will receive an award of \$150,000 over three years. Applicants must hold a Ph.D. and/or M.D. degree, and have completed all research training (including postdoctoral). The deadline for applications is December 8, 2006. For additional information, see www.klingenstein.org or write to The Klingenstein Fund, 787 Seventh Avenue-6th Floor, New York, NY 10019-6016 or call (212) 492-6181.

Michael Prize 2005/2006

The Michael Prize is one of the most highly regarded international awards for the best contribution to scientific and clinical research promoting further developments in epileptology. It is awarded biannually and specially designed to attract younger scientists (under 45 years of age). Applications should be submitted in English or German and the prize money is 15,000 Euros. Publications which have appeared in 2005/2006 or papers of the same period not yet published will be considered. Members of the Jury are Colin Binnie, London, UK; Uwe Heinemann, Berlin, Germany; and Solomon Moshé, New York, USA. Since 2006 the Michael Prize has been sponsored by UCB International. Articles and papers, together with a curriculum vitae should be submitted in triplicate to Stiftung Michael by December 31, 2006. For applications or for more information contact Stiftung Michael, Muenzkamp 5, D-22339 Hamburg, Germany. Tel.: +49 (0)40 5388540 Fax: +49 (0)40 5381559 e-mail: stiftungmichael@t-online.de

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

November 2006

6th Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress (OAEC)

16–19 November

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

<http://www.epilepsykualalumpur2006.org>

December 2006

60th Annual Meeting of the American Epilepsy Society (AES) – First North American Regional Epilepsy Congress

1–5 December

San Diego, California, USA

<http://www.aesnet.org/Visitors/AnnualMeeting/index.cfm>

January 2007

9th Asian Oceanian Congress of Child Neurology

24–27 January

Cebu City, Cebu Philippines

<http://www.aoccn2007.org>

February 2007

1st Latin American Summer School on Epilepsy (LASSE)

4–14 February

São Paulo, Brazil

email: esper.nexp@epm.br

April 2007

International Symposium on Biology of Seizure Susceptibility (ISBSS): (10th Annual Meeting of Infantile Seizure Society)

7–8 April

Tokyo, Japan

<http://www.iss-jpn.info>

First London Colloquium on Status Epilepticus

12–14 April

London, UK

<http://www.conference2k.com/statusconf.asp>

American Academy of Neurology (AAN) 59th Annual Meeting

28 April–5 May

Boston, MA, USA

<http://www.aan.com>

June 2007

Prediction of Outcome Workshop

15–16 June

Erlangen, Germany

email: Hermann.stefan@neuro.imed.uni-erlangen.de

17th European Neurological Society (ENS) Meeting

16–20 June

Rhodes, Greece

<http://www.akm.ch/ens2007/>

July 2007

27th International Epilepsy Congress

8–12 July

Singapore

<http://www.epilepsysingapore2007.org>