

Preface

A symposium on "Disorders of Muscle Tone" was held at Lake Louise, February 6-8, 1987. It was sponsored by the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation and Sandoz Canada Inc. The proceedings are published in this special supplement of the Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences.

The purpose of the symposium was to foster communication between basic and clinical neuroscientists working on chronic disorders afflicting the motor system, and to establish a bridge between those interested in extrapyramidal and pyramidal disease. It was the second Canadian Conference on Neurodegenerative Diseases, a sequel to the first symposium held in Montebello in 1983, the proceedings of which were published in this journal in February 1984.

The format of the Lake Louise Symposium consisted of platform presentations of papers, each lasting 20 minutes, to an audience that comprised some 100 neurologists and neurological residents. Papers were grouped according to topic, and there were spontaneous discussions following each group of papers. The discussions were not recorded, so some of the points to emerge are summarized in "conclusions" at the end of the publication.

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As these proceedings were going to press we received the sad news of the death of Dr. Bruce Schoenberg. Dr. Schoenberg will be remembered as one of the leading neuroepidemiologists of his generation. He has made major contributions to our understanding of the patterns of neurological disease in North America and many other parts of the world, and he played a key role at the Lake Louise symposium. It is with the deepest respect that we dedicate this special supplement of the Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences to the memory of Dr. Bruce Schoenberg.

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