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Dear friends:

We are honored to host the 2013 SUN meeting in Spain from June 16 to June 21. The core meeting will be in Malaga (Marbella, Costa del Sol) from June 16 (cocktail reception) to June 19. For those who want to visit the magic and monumental city of Granada we have prepared an official extension of the meeting moving to Granada on June 19 and leaving back home on June 21.

Located in a privileged geographical location on the banks of the Mediterranean sea, Malaga is endowed with a firmly established cultural heritage. For 3,000 years it has maintained a welcoming essence for visitors since the Phoenicians originally settled here. Malaga has many cultural offerings, enhanced by the Picasso Museum, the Carmen Thyssen Málaga Museum, Picasso's birthplace & Foundation, the Alcazaba fortification, the Gibralfaro Castel and the Contemporary Art Centre. The city of Malaga also provides excellent infrastructure with magnificent hotel facilities and unbeatable communications via an enlarged and refurbished Pablo Picasso International Airport and the AVE High Speed Train Station. The venue of the meeting in Malaga will be in Marbella at the GRAN MELIA DON PEPE HOTEL, a seaside resort (www.gran-melia-don-pepe.com)

The second part of our meeting is no less exciting. Granada is an amalgamation of culture, heritage and history. It is a bustling city that is full of youth and joy and around every corner there are new adventures to discover: Catholic Monarchs are buried in the city; Brother Luis preached here; Eugenie (Empress of France and wife of Napoleon III) was born here, and this was the home of Federico García Lorca, the famous laureate. On top of all this you will hear the faint echo of Albeniz music from the Alhambra while you gaze over the Albayzin district. Granada is a set of unique sensations and experiences. For this special occasion we will be lodged in ALHAMBRA PALACE HOTEL. This unique hotel is located inside the City of the Alhambra dominating the hill of The Sabika and at only 5 minutes' walk from the places and gardens of the Alhambra. Please, take few minutes to enjoy the views at www.h-alhambrapalace.es

Finally we would like to remark how happy and proud we feel about this wonderful opportunity to gather all the friends of the Society of University Neurosurgeons here in Spain.

We are looking forward to meeting you in the beautiful Costa del Sol. Please, come to join us at the SUNniest meeting!

Sincerely,



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Message From The President:



First and foremost, I am deeply honoured to have been elected as President of the Society of University Neurosurgeons. The fact that I am the first non-USA President reflects our increasing international membership. However, be assured I represent all the membership as best I can.

Our 2013 meeting has a special european flavour! We are deep in southern Spain and Miguel Arraez, our host, has produced a stunning programme of cultural and educational highlights. This meeting is going to be hot!

I have decided that the meeting's theme will be 'The SUN and the Stars' and I want us all to reflect how individual neurosurgeons can make a difference to patients and the advancement of neurosurgery in general. My Presidential address is entitled 'Arts and Crafts; Is Neurosurgery more than a Science?'.

I welcome you all to Spain in June. Come on - you know you want to!

Best wishes,

Neil Kitchen

Message From The Vice President



Dear Colleagues,

Excitement is building for our next meeting in Malaga under the very capable hands of Miguel Arraez. I want to remind everyone that the 15th WFNS World Congress of Neurological Surgery is being held September 8-13, 2013 in Seoul, Korea. The abstract center is open for submissions and I am sure it promises to be a superb meeting under the auspices of our very well organized South Korean friends. I

noticed that emails have just started arriving as they build up their speaker list and I encourage you to volunteer your time, talent, and expertise. Please write directly to the scientific committee to offer your contribution. The website is www.wfns2013.org. In addition to the usual scientific exchanges that are of excellent educational value, there will be the usual business of voting for various officers for the subsequent four years, and again, I encourage those of you who are official delegates of various societies to participate and make your vote count.

I take this opportunity to thank my colleague and SUN Secretary, Michael Wang, for the spectacular passion and energy he is bringing to his new position and hope to see all of you in Malaga next year. Sincerely,

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General Information

Dear friends:

Registration for the 2013 SUN ANNUAL MEETING is now open. We will guide you through the relevant information of all activities. The core meeting will be held in Marbella (Malaga) on June 16-19. There is an optional and no less exciting extension tour to Granada (June 19-20).

We will be delighted to have you in Spain!

REGISTRATION

The registration fee for the 2013 official SUN Meeting will be **1.100 euros**. It covers the participant and accompanying persons. The registration includes attendance to scientific sessions, cultural activities and tours, opening reception, all meals (including gala dinner). For those who want to make the Granada tour (June 19 and 20) registration fee will be **350 euros**, including meals, cultural tours and transportation from Malaga. Early registration deadline (Malaga and Granada meeting) will be **April 15**. Every registration will increase **100 euros** after April 15.

TRIP PLANNING / TRANSPORTATION

Malaga International Airport (Pablo Picasso Airport) is well connected with many European cities and some US cities. London and Paris are good connections. There is also a high-speed train (AVE), www.renfe.com, linking Madrid and Malaga (2h30'). The transfers from Malaga Airport to the venue Hotel in Marbella and back (60 km) are not included. The Congress Secretariat can arrange the service and the cost is **100 euros** per person.

ACCOMMODATION

We have rooms reserved for the meeting at Gran Hotel Melia Don Pepe in Marbella (www.gran-melia-don-pepe.com) Rates per room and night are: **264 euros** the double for single use room; **280 euros** the double room and **358 euros** the double room plus an extra bed. The Hotel in Granada is the Alhambra Palace Hotel (www.h-alhambrapalace.es) The rates per room and night are: **138 euros** the double for single use room; **155 euros** the double room and **202 euros** the double room plus an extra bed. Both hotels usually are overbooked in June. We have a limited number of reserved rooms for the meeting, and we do advice to make the reservation at your earliest convenience. Deadline for hotel registration (both hotels) is **April 1st**.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES FOR PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS

MALAGA-MARBELLA

- Malaga City tour (www.malagaturismo.com)
- Visit to Alcazaba Fortress
- Visit to Picasso Museum (www.museopicassomalaga.org)
- Visit to Marbella Old City (www.marbellaexclusive.com)
- Visit to Royal Hospital of Marbella (15th Century)

GRANADA

- City Tour (www.turgranada.es)
- Alhambra Fortress (www.alhambra-patronato.es)
- Generalife Gardens
- Cathedral and Old City

MORNING ACTIVITIES FOR ACOMPANYING PERSONS

- Golf Clinic
- Flamenco Dance classes

- Shopping at PUERTO BANUS (www.puertojosebanus.es)

CLIMATE AND DRESS CODE

Temperature in June ranges in Malaga between 15° and 36° C (average 23°). Granada ranges between 15° and 32° C. Black tie is advisable for Cocktail Reception and Gala Dinner. Official dress code for the morning scientific sessions is business/smart casual. On Monday and Wednesday the scientific sessions will be held at Marbella Congress Center, just beside the hotel. The second day (Tuesday 18) we will have the scientific sessions in Malaga at the Malaga University Chancellor Building (far from the hotel). We will not have time to go to the hotel to change clothes, as we will continue with the cultural visits in Malaga. So, try to combine with comfortable clothes.



Registration Form

PARTICIPANT

Sun Member				Non-Member			
If you are not a SUN Member please write down the name of your hosting member:							
Title		Name			MD		PhD
University/Organization							
Address							
Phone				Fax			
Email							
Administrative Assistant's email address							



Please let us know if you require any special assistance or requirement: allergies, room preference, babysitting, dietary needs, etc.

GUEST (S)

NAME (Spouse, child, other)	If child age	Special requests

GRAN HOTEL MELIA DON PEPE – MARBELLA

Check-in date		
Check-out date		
Double for single use room	264 euros per night	
Double room	280 euros per night	
Double room plus extra bed	358 euros per night	

Please let us know if you need any special requirement.



HOTEL ALHAMBRA PALACE – GRANADA

Check-in date	
Check-out date	

Double for single use room	138 euros per night	
Double room	155 euros per night	
Double room plus extra bed	202 euros per night	

Please let us know if you require any special requirement.

MEETING REGISTRATION

Registration Fee: € 1100

Granada package: € 350

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ACTIVITIES

Sunday June 16

**19:00 - Gran Hotel Melia Don Pepe
WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

Number of persons attending (Adults and children over 12)	
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Monday June 17

09:30 - PUERTO BANUS / SHOPPING

Number of persons attending (Adults and children)	
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13:00 - LUNCH. GRAN HOTEL MELIA DON PEPE

Number of persons attending (Adults and children)	
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17:00 - MARBELLA OLD TOWN CITY TOUR

Number of persons attending (Adults and children)	
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20:00 - JOINT DINNER WITH THE SPANISH SOCIETY OF NEUROSURGERY

Number of persons attending (Adults and children over 12)	
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Tuesday June 18

10:00 - GOLF CLINIC OR FLAMENCO DANCE CLASSES

Number of persons attending (Adults and children)	Golf Clinic	
	Flamenco	

13:00- LUNCH AT MÁLAGA HARBOUR AND CITY TOUR

Number of persons attending (Adults and children)	
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20:00 - GALA DINNER. GRAN HOTEL MELIA DON PEPE

Number of persons attending (Adults and children over 12)	
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Wednesday June 19

13:00 - LUNCH AT GRAN HOTEL MELIA DON PEPE

Number of persons attending (Adults and children)	
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17:00 - GRANADA PACKAGE

Number of persons attending (Adults and children)	
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20:00 - COCKTAIL-DINNER. HOTEL ALHAMBRA PALACE

Number of persons attending (Adults and children)	
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Thursday June 20

**09:00 - ALHAMBRA FORTRESS AND GENERALIFE GARDENS.
LUNCH. CATHEDRAL AND CITY TOUR**

Number of persons attending (Adults and children)	
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19:30 - DINNER AT ALBAYZIN

Number of persons attending (Adults and children over 12)	
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TRANSFERS from and to airport. We need to be advised of your dates and flight numbers.

Return transfers: **€ 100**

ARRIVAL DETAILS:

Number of persons (Adults and children)	
Date	
From (City)	
To (City)	Malaga-Marbella
Flight number	
Time	

DEPARTURE DETAILS:

Number of persons (Adults and children)			
Date			
From (City)	Marbella to Malaga Airport	Granada to Malaga Airport	Granada to Granada Airport
To (City)			
Flight number			
Time			



Hotels

GRAN HOTEL MELIA DON PEPE (MARBELLA)

- www.melia.com//hotels/spain/marbella/gran-melia-don-pepe/index.html
Avenida Jose Melia
Phone 0034952770300

HOTEL ALHAMBRA PALACE (GRANADA)

- www.h-alhambrapalace.es
Plaza Arquitecto Garcia de Paredes, 1
Phone 0034952770300



Malaga and Granada Information

MALAGA http://www.malagaturismo.com/home.jsp?id_idioma=2

GRANADA http://www.turgranada.es/?id_idioma=2



Call for Abstracts

Don't forget the **new deadline for abstracts** (April, 15)

Send your abstract to Dr. M. Wang: MWang2@med.miami.edu



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