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American Association of Neurological Surgeons Presents Sir Graham Teasdale With Prestigious 2014 Distinguished Service Award

SAN FRANCISCO (April 7, 2014) — The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) will present Sir Graham Teasdale with the 2014 Distinguished Service Award on Monday, April 7, 2014, as part of its 82nd Annual Scientific Meeting in San Francisco, which takes place April 5-9, 2014. The Distinguished Service Award is one of the highest honors bestowed on an individual, recognizing exemplary service to the AANS and the neurosurgical specialty.

“The award of this great honor to someone working outside the United States is at once thrilling and profoundly humbling,” Sir Teasdale says. “The connections between neurosurgeons in Scotland and North America have always been strong and we have gained much — personally as well as professionally — and colleagues in the list of highly distinguished previous awardees are well known to me.”

Sir Graham Teasdale has served as the head of the Department of Neurosurgery at University of Glasgow, Scotland, since 1982. Along with Brian Jennett, Sir Teasdale invented the Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS), which was published in 1974 and is now used world-wide to give a reliable, objective way of measuring the conscious state of a patient.

The author of more than 300 refereed publications, Sir Teasdale has also co-authored two books, “Management of Head Injuries” and “Contemporary Neurosurgery.” His surgical interests include pituitary tumors, in particular microprolactinomas, Cushing’s disease and acoustic neuromas. His research fields include intracranial pressure, the management and prognosis of head injuries, detection and treatment of traumatic intracranial hematomas, experimental cerebral ischaemia, magnetic resonance imaging and, most recently, the translation of preclinical demonstration of the efficacy of neuroprotective agents into pioneering clinical applications in severe head injuries.

“The contributions from Glasgow over the last four decades truly do reflect the energies and outputs of a multitalented multidisciplinary team, membership evolving over the years but sustained and bound by the commitment to advancing the care of patients with a head injury that was implanted by the vision of its founder, my predecessor and mentor Bryan Jennett,” Sir Teasdale says. “Each of us spent short periods working in American neurosurgery in an early chapter of our careers; neither could have imagined these maturing into this unique, deeply appreciated recognition.”

Sir Teasdale served as President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow from 2003-2006, and was the first president of the International Neurotrauma Society. He holds current membership on the Council of The Society of British Neurological Surgeons and is the neurosurgical editor for *Journal of Neurology* and *Neurosurgery and Psychiatry*.

In 2006, Sir Graham Teasdale was knighted for his service and contributions to neurosurgery.

Media Representatives: The 2014 AANS Annual Meeting Press Kit includes releases on highlighted scientific research, AANS officer and award winners, National Neurosurgery Awareness Week, and other relevant information about this year’s program. Those releases also will be posted under the Media area on the 2014 AANS Annual Scientific Meeting website (<http://www.aans.org/AnnualMeeting/2014/Main/Media.aspx>). If you would have interest in a topic related to neurosurgery or would like to interview a neurosurgeon — either onsite or via telephone — during this year’s event, please contact John Iwanski, AANS Director of Integrated Marketing and Website Communications, via the onsite press room at 415.978.3603 or email him at jai@aans.org.

About the 2014 AANS Annual Scientific Meeting: Attended by neurosurgeons, neurosurgical residents, medical students, neuroscience nurses, clinical specialists, physician assistants, allied health professionals and other medical professionals, the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting is the largest gathering of neurosurgeons in the nation, with an emphasis on the field's latest research and technological advances. A record-breaking 1,321 scientific abstracts were presented for review at the 2014 AANS Annual Scientific Meeting, and the scientific presentations given at this year's event represent cutting-edge examples of the incredible developments taking place within the field of neurosurgery. Additional information about the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting and the Meeting Program can be found at [http://www.aans.org/Annual Meeting/2014/Main/Home.aspx](http://www.aans.org/Annual%20Meeting/2014/Main/Home.aspx).

Founded in 1931 as the Harvey Cushing Society, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) is a scientific and educational association with nearly 8,600 members worldwide. The AANS is dedicated to advancing the specialty of neurological surgery in order to provide the highest quality of neurosurgical care to the public. All active members of the AANS are certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (Neurosurgery) of Canada or the Mexican Council of Neurological Surgery, AC. Neurological surgery is the medical specialty concerned with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of disorders that affect the entire nervous system including the spinal column, spinal cord, brain and peripheral nerves. For more information, visit www.AANS.org.

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