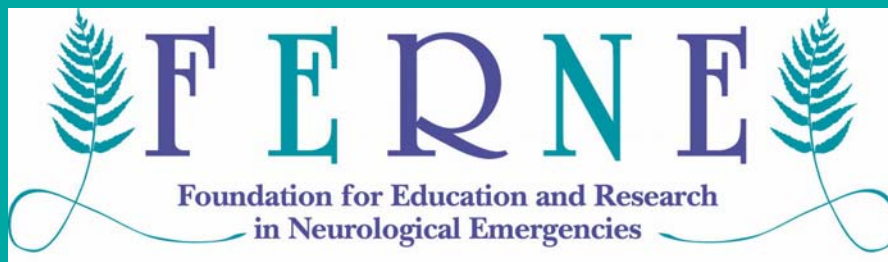


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FERNE Educational Events

EuSEM
4th European Congress
October 4-8, 2006
Heraklion-Crete, Greece



**EMRA SA Activities &
ACEP Scientific Assembly**
October 15-18, 2006



SIMEU/ACEP
Emergency Medicine Congress
November 9-11, 2006
Lingotto Congressi



IEME & Washington ACEP's
Current Concepts in EM Care
December 4-9, 2006
Wailea Marriott



SIMEU/ACEP Special Edition **FERNE Presents Special Session on** **International Clinical Trials Research in** **Ischemic and Hemorrhagic Stroke**

FERNE is pleased to be able to participate with ACEP and SIMEU in the presentation of a special session that addresses current concepts in CNS emergencies international research. The focus will be recent clinical trials that seek to identify agents that provide neuroprotection in the acute management of ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke patients. This special educational session is titled:

“Case Studies in Cerebrovascular Emergencies Research: Current International Clinical Trials in Ischemic and Hemorrhagic Stroke”.

**Friday, November 10,
2006**

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

**Centro Congressi
Lingotto**



*This special session is supported by the
FERNE endowment.*

Topics to be discussed by this expert panel include the following:

“What are the preliminary results of the SAINT II trial of NXY-059 in ischemic stroke patients and what are the implications for the identification of a CNS neuroprotectant?”

“What is the status of the clinical trials of Factor VIIa in the treatment of ICH patients, and how does this situation differ from the NXY-059 clinical trials?”

“How can international clinical trials CNS emergencies research be optimally conducted in the US and EU?”

“What role can the new NETT research group play in international research?”

Thank you to FERNE Board Members Drs. Barsan, Huff, and Jagoda and Dr. Edlow for their participation, as well as our Italian hosts who also participated in this panel.

All are welcome to attend, and lunch will be served. CME for US participants will be provided through the University of Illinois at Chicago. No pre-registration is required.

For more information, please go to
www.ferne.org.

FERNE Presents TIA and Stroke Case **Conferences at EuSEM Crete Congress**

FERNE would like to thank the European Society for Emergency medicine for their supports of FERNE's presentations at the 4th EuSEM Congress in Crete, Greece. Three separate sessions were conducted, covering the topics of ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke, transient ischemic attacks, and subarachnoid hemorrhage. Thanks to Drs. **Asimos** and **Bunney** for their efforts, and to **AstraZeneca Neurosciences** for their support of the meeting. These excellent lectures can be viewed & saved from www.ferne.org.

FERNE Facts



What is FERNE?

The Foundation for the Education and Research in Neurological Emergencies (FERNE) is an independent not-for-profit organization committed to improving the care of patients who present to the ED with neurological emergencies.

FERNE was founded by Emergency Physicians and is governed by an Executive Board comprised of Board Certified Emergency Medicine Physicians.

FERNE Statistics:

To date, FERNE has:

- Provided 63 meetings: 53 national & 10 international
- Given 400+ Educational Lectures
- Presented 14 Research Lectures
- Collaborated with 180+ lecturers
- Has provided CME to over 3300 physicians and other professionals, and over 7600 physician CME contact hours from 1997 to 2006
- FERNE educational courses and lectures have been evaluated as good or excellent by 97% of attendees

FERNE Content Use & CME

Content that has been presented at FERNE sponsored events can be found in its entirety on the FERNE website at www.ferne.org. In addition to written materials, the actual lecture of each speaker can be downloaded and/or viewed at your convenience. The written materials also can be printed for your use or to use in educating others.

Selected FERNE lectures may also be available for CME credit through our partnership with EmedHome at www.EMedHome.com

YOUR Participation in FERNE:

If you are interested in participating in future program development, or to participate as a lecturer/instructor, please email ferne@ferne.org or edsloan@uic.edu. Thanks!

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Emergency Medicine Resident Q and A: Who, What and Why FERNE?

Who and What is FERNE?

FERNE is a group of emergency physicians that promotes research and education in the area of neurological emergencies. There are both an executive board and a larger advisory board that provide input into the goals and activities that FERNE pursues in support of its mission.

In essence, FERNE is a medical education group that provides medical education and research support for emergency physicians by emergency physicians. The goal of these efforts is excellence in the acute care of ED neurological emergency patients.

In What Ways Does FERNE Promote Excellence in Neurological Emergency Patient Care?

FERNE pursues the following efforts:

- Case-based educational conferences.
- Concise answers to clinical questions.
- Free access to internet archives.
- Technology use in education.
- Research funding via EMF.
- Pilot research funding via FERNE.
- Neurological emergencies advocacy.
- Participation in guideline development.
- Enhancing awareness & collaboration.

How Does FERNE Support Itself?

FERNE was originally endowed funds to start this educational foundation for emergency physicians. Since that time, FERNE has been granted unrestricted educational grant funds, primarily from the pharmaceutical industry, in order to educate regarding disease states such as seizure, stroke, and traumatic brain injury. The ultimate goal is to obtain federal funding that supports the FERNE website and education in all of its venues.

How Can I Get Involved with FERNE's Efforts?

FERNE is eager to have EM residents and faculty as well as EM practitioners present cases at its case conferences nationally and internationally. If you have an interesting case that can be used to educate your peers on the optimal management of ED patients with neurological emergencies, please contact FERNE to see if the case can be presented and/or posted on the FERNE website. Examples of educational case presentations, such as those from the EuSEM meeting can be viewed at www.ferne.org.

FERNE/EMF Award Recipient Ross Wins SAEM Best Clinical Paper Award

FERNE would like to congratulate **Michael Ross, MD** for his best faculty presentation award at the 2006 SAEM meeting in San Francisco, CA. His presentation, titled: "**An ED Diagnostic Protocol for Patients with TIA: A Randomized Controlled Trial**", was presented as part of the meeting's plenary research presentation session. FERNE looks forward to the publication of his work with fellow authors Drs. **Compton, Kilowski, Medado, and O'Neil** from William Beaumont Hospital. Job well done!

The Foundation for the Education and Research in Neurological Emergencies (FERNE) is an independent, 501C3 not-for-profit organization committed to the following principles:

- Patients with neurological emergencies deserve quality emergency care.
- The emergency care for neurological emergencies can be enhanced through quality scientific research.
- Emergency medical care providers can provide optimal medical care for patients with neurological emergencies through participation in quality medical education that highlights state-of-the-art

"Dedicated to improving the care of patients with neurological emergencies"

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