American Association of Neurological Surgeons Names Immediate Past President
Utah-based neurosurgeon William T. Couldwell, MD, PhD, FAANS, appointed to role on 2014-2015 Executive Committee.

SAN FRANCISCO (April 7, 2014) — The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) has named Utah-based neurosurgeon William T. Couldwell, MD, PhD, FAANS, as its 2014-2015 Immediate Past President. His appointment was announced during the 82nd AANS Annual Scientific Meeting held in San Francisco, April 5-9, 2014.

Dr. Couldwell is currently a professor and the chairman of neurosurgery at the University of Utah School of Medicine. He most recently served as the 2013-2014 AANS President and has served on the AANS board of directors since 2006. Dr. Couldwell has been a member of the AANS since 1995, and has been a significant part of the Executive Council, NeurosurgeryPAC Board of Directors and the Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation (NREF) during his time in the organization.

“This is a remarkable time in history to practice neurosurgery, and I see the AANS as the leader in our educational, research and advocacy activities,” said Dr. Couldwell.

Dr. Couldwell concluded a five-year term of service on the AANS Neurosurgeon editorial board in 2011, also serving as the publication’s editor, and has held editorial positions with Journal of Neurosurgery, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry, Acta Neurochirurgica, Journal of Neuro-Oncology, Neurosurgical Review, and the Journal of Neurosurgery, where he acted as chairman in 2008. He has authored more than 300 peer-reviewed publications, more than 85 book chapters and 70 abstracts, and edited several books.

A Canadian native, Dr. Couldwell is a 1984 medical graduate of McGill University in Montreal, where he received an MD-PhD (MD 1984) degree. After completing his neurosurgical residency at the University of Southern California in 1989, he obtained his doctorate degree in neuroimmunology/molecular biology from McGill in 1991.

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 Meeting/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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