

I would like to announce that on 12<sup>th</sup> September, at the International Society of Neuropathology (ISN) Council Meeting held during the XVIIth International Congress of Neuropathology (ICN) (11<sup>th</sup> Sept. to 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2010, Salzburg) it was decided that the XIXth International Congress of Neuropathology (ICN) in 2018 will be held in Tokyo.

Tokyo, Japan had already won most votes from the ISN Councilors (as reported at the Annual Meeting of the Japanese society of Neuropathology in April, 2010), but with the official announcement from the ISN Council Meeting the decision has been finalized. I want to share the joy about this decision with all the members of The Japanese Society of Neuropathology. This is the result of year-long activities by our members in the international neuropathology community, and the decision to hold the International Congress in Tokyo, 2018 reflects the positive appraisal of the international community for these activities.

This is the second time that the ICN will be held in Japan. The first time was the 11<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Neuropathology, held in Kyoto, 1990. I remember it clearly as a very successful congress, attracting many young and senior researchers from all over the world. Recently, there has been concern that the number of attendants at the ICN is decreasing (this year in Salzburg it was over 500 attendants, one quarter of them from Japan). The reason for this decrease could be explained by various factors such as financial and economic problems. At the ICN in Tokyo, 2018, we want to overcome these problems and make it a successful event both academically and socially. We need direct help and assistance from each member of the Japanese Society of Neuropathology to achieve this. Your support is kindly welcomed.

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