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The Brittany peninsula, the longest French shoreline, offers a variety of amazing landscapes. Each coastal area has its own identity, a subtle marriage between the colours and shapes of the rocks and the sea. This maritime influence has left its mark on Brittany’s history as many hardened sailors, fishermen and other seafarers have left its coast to sail the world’s oceans.

From the superb seascapes of its ever-changing coastline to the forests and farmland of its inland areas, the “Haute Bretagne” is a land steeped in history and full of contrasts, which contains architectural treasures that will seduce both history enthusiasts and those who love exploring. A town of artistic interest, Saint Malo has a turbulent maritime history. Chateauneuf, Surcouf, Jacques Cartier… Whether they were writers, privateers or sailors, Saint Malo was the cradle of many brave hearts. Just like them, proud and independent, the Corrair city erects its forts and its ramparts in full view of the sea, and appeals both by its character and its exceptional setting.

Visitors can take in the stunning view of the bay of Saint Malo on a 1.5-mile stroll around the ramparts that surround the walled city and enjoy a crepe or a glass of artisan cider along the way. A visit to the City Museum is a must to guide you through the history of Saint Malo and the stories of its great personalities, history and the evolution of the region. There are plenty of shops, restaurants and patisseries to really sample the Brittany gastronomy experience. Saint Malo itself has ample hotels to suit all budgets and requirements, which are mainly to be found in the walled city and along the seafront, all within walking distance of the congress venue.

An hour’s drive away from Saint Malo, you will be amazed by the magic of what is sometimes called the 8th Wonder of the World: the splendour of the bay out of which this granite rock arises and where the tides come and go at the speed of a galloping horse. Mont Saint Michel is a maze of corridors, steps and crypts in the abbey and the picturesque quality of the medieval village’s narrow streets is breath-taking. Congress delegates will enjoy the excursion to this unique jewel of the Middle Ages on the Friday afternoon.

For more information please visit: http://www.saint-malo-tourisme.co.uk

WMS Pre-Congress Teaching Course
Monday 2nd October to Tuesday 3rd October 2017
The 15th WMS course will be held at
The Institute of Myology, Paris.
Registration and further details can be viewed at
www.wms2017.com
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee, we invite you to attend the 22nd International Annual Congress of the World Muscle Society in 2017 that will be held for the first time in France in Saint Malo on the coast of Brittany. This is the premier annual congress on neuromuscular disorders, attended by established and young physicians, researchers, therapists and neuropathologists from all over the world.

The academic and clinical teams based at the Institute of Myology, Paris, together with the French Society of Myology and the French Neuromuscular Diseases Network FILNEMUS, will organize this exciting event that is expected to attract more than 500 attendees. The Institute of Myology has a longstanding expertise and tradition in diagnosis, management and therapy of neuromuscular diseases, and integrates medical management, basic, applied and clinical research and education. It is an international reference centre that participates in numerous trials and clinical studies, mainly concerning neuromuscular diseases but also dealing with muscle damage related to high performance sports or aging.

Saint Malo is located on the Côte d’Emeraude in Brittany, around 3 hours by high speed train (TGV) from Paris (Montparnasse station or Roissy - Charles-de-Gaulle airport). Closer airports (Nantes, Rennes, Dinard) are connected to major European cities. Dinard airport offers daily flight to and from London and Nottingham, UK. Brittany is a region renowned for the beauty of its amazing landscapes, the wealth of its historical heritage and the strong temperament of its inhabitants, with Saint Malo a proud and independent Corsair City whose name is frequently associated with the literature and romance of the sea.

The Congress venue is the Palais du Grand Large, a modern convention centre situated in the heart of the town and in close proximity to the hotels and restaurants. The convention centre includes an auditorium, two large, pleasant rotundas with views over the sea and the ramparts of the old town for exhibition and poster presentations and several rooms for committee meetings and catering.

You will have the opportunity to learn about the latest developments in world-wide myology during this 4-day international meeting from Wednesday 4th October to Saturday 7th October, with an opening reception on Tuesday 3rd October.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to Saint Malo!

Gisèle Bonne
Thomas Voit

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Main Topics
The symposium will be held in the traditional WMS format with 3 selected topics:
- Excitation-contraction coupling: basic aspects & related disorders
- Extra-muscular manifestations in NMD
- Therapeutic advances in neuromuscular disorders

One day of the symposium will be dedicated to each of the selected topics. Invited keynote speakers will summarise the state of the art on the selected topics. The sessions will comprise selected oral papers and poster presentations.

The Programme Committee kindly invites contributions on new advances across the neuromuscular field. If you are interested in submitting an abstract please submit it online at www.wms2017.com

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Key Dates
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Registration Fees (20% French VAT included).

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The registration fee for delegates includes:
- Congress Welcome Reception: Tuesday 3rd October 2017
- Access to all Congress and Poster Sessions: Wednesday 4th October to Saturday 7th October 2017
- Society Social Excursion: Friday 6th October 2017
- Congress Dinner: Friday 6th October 2017
- All coffee and lunch breaks during the Congress
- Certificate of attendance, congress bag, name badge and programme handbook
- Neuromuscular Disorders Abstract Issue

In addition to the above, non-members will receive a one year membership to the World Muscle Society (including a one year subscription to the journal Neuromuscular Disorders) for 2018.

Accompanying Persons registration includes the Welcome Reception and Congress Dinner.

For information & registration www.wms2017.com