Dear Fellow Society Members and Guests:

On behalf of the Department of Neurologic Surgery at Mayo Clinic, it is our pleasure to extend a warm welcome to Rochester, Minnesota for the 105th Annual Meeting of The Society of Neurological Surgeons, May 17-20, 2014. The entire meeting will be on the campus of Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. This year represents a milestone year for Mayo Clinic, a year in which we are celebrating our sesquicentennial – the 150th anniversary of when Dr. William Worrall Mayo opened a medical practice that evolved under his sons into Mayo Clinic.

The theme of the outstanding scientific program put together by program chair, Dr. Robert Friedlander, and his committee is “Preparing For The Future”. There are a variety of incredible individuals and experts who will be participating in the meeting.

On Saturday, May 17th, there will be a joint session for residency program directors and coordinators. The entire scientific program Saturday through Tuesday will be held in Phillips Hall of the Siebens Building which is adjacent to the hotels connected by skyways.

The welcoming reception on Saturday evening will be in the Mayo Building, which will include food, libations, and live entertainment. The Sunday night reception will be held in the Gonda Building Atrium, again with food and libations as well as the sweet sounds of the Neurosurgery Jazz Band. The Monday night dinner and dance featuring Incognito, the best band in southeast Minnesota, will be held at the historic Mayowood Stone Barn.

The Mayowood Stone Barn was built by Dr. Charles H. Mayo (a.k.a. Dr. Charlie) in the early 1900’s. The historic ground that the barn sits on is a parcel of the 3,000 acres of the original Mayowood farm. By having this farm, Dr. Charlie balanced his compassion for his patients with his great interest and attention to animals. Aside from the horses and cows, this place was home to rare Japanese deer, buffalo, elk and many species of birds. The history is in every stone, the craftsmanship is evident. The beauty is in the arches and windows, boasting the character achieved only by thoughtful design, hard work and the passing of the years.
We look forward to spending an evening of fellowship together in this historic, charming and rustic venue. It is a short bus ride from downtown and we encourage a more casual, country dress for a fun evening. Black tie and evening gowns are not allowed!

We look forward to celebrating 150 years at Mayo Clinic and seeing you in Rochester!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at meyer.fredric@mayo.edu; 507-254-4230; Connie Hoeft at hoeft.constance@mayo.edu; 507-284-2254; or Betsy Koehnen at koehnen.elizabeth@mayo.edu.

With warmest personal wishes and best regards,

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