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Preface

The 7th International Congress on Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease took place during March 9–13, 2005 high in the hills of Sorrento, Italy, overlooking the splendid blue Mediterranean Sea with Mt. Vesuvius in the foreground.

This event continues to earn its growing reputation of success. With approximately 1500 scientific participants in attendance and the plenary, oral presentation, and poster sessions, the four and a half day meeting provided much scientific stimulation and many opportunities for discussion, exchange of ideas, and development of new collaborations. This book includes chapters contributed by selected invited speakers at the congress.

The generosity of several past sponsors as well as an impressive number of new corporate sponsors enabled us to ensure a meaningful and comprehensive congress. Our appreciation goes to Astra Zeneca, Axonyx, Bracco, Elan, Wyeth, and GE Healthcare (major sponsors) and to Amgen, Biogen Idec, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Merck Research Laboratories, Neurochem, Neuropharma, Newron, Novartis, and Voyager (sponsors). In addition we acknowledge with thanks the contributions of GSK, Teva, and Zapaq.

We are particularly grateful to members of the Scientific Board, whose scientific stature and contributions to the conference program contributed to the high level and excellent quality of the scientific content of ADPD 2005. The highly efficient and professional organizational skills of Kenes International were evident throughout the conference and contributed to the smooth functioning of the entire event. Professor Umberto Cornelli's provision of four competitive travel awards to junior investigators started a new trend for these conferences, encouraging and assisting young and upcoming scientists in the field of Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease research to attend these meetings.

Last but not least, the success of a conference of this caliber depends on the participants themselves. The diverse international clinical and preclinical AD and PD research and treatment community was well represented at this conference. We hope that the conference served the purpose of bringing together old friends, helped create new acquaintanceships, and resulted in new, fruitful collaborative ventures.

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