The Société de Neuroendocrinologie (SNE) is one of the founding societies of the International Neuroendocrine Federation. With about 300 active members, from France, Belgium, Switzerland and Canada, the SNE is the third largest Neuroendocrine Society after the Japanese and the American Neuroendocrine Societies. The SNE was founded in 1971 by Jacques Benoît, a pioneer in the field who made seminal observations regarding the neuroendocrine control of reproduction. Besides Jacques Benoît, several talented neuroendocrinologists have been President of SNE including Ivan Assenmacher, Andrée Tixier-Vidal, Jean-Didier Vincent and Claude Kordon. The SNE is the oldest Society of Neuroendocrinology: the first SNE meeting was held in 1971 in Strasbourg and since then, 33 annual SNE meetings have been organized in different towns of France, Belgium, Canada, United Kingdom and Switzerland. Each year the SNE bestows a Jacques Benoît Lecture given by a prominent neuroendocrinologist, and awards four SNE prizes for young, promising researchers. Actually, the SNE has a very active policy for promoting young investigators in the field of Neuroendocrinology and helping them in finding research positions. The SNE has organized the 2nd International Congress of Neuroendocrinology in Bordeaux in 1990, under the chairmanship of Jean-Didier Vincent and Dominique Poulain. Twenty years later, the SNE wishes to make a bid for the organization of the 7th International Congress of Neuroendocrinology that would be held in Rouen, Normandy, France, July 11-15, 2010.
Welcome to Rouen, Normandy

Proposed dates:

July 11-15, 2010

Venue:

The venue of the symposium will be the Maison des Musiques Actuelles, a new convention building located in downtown Rouen, on the bank of the Seine River, at walking distance from the Place du Vieux-Marché (where Joan of Arc was burnt alive in 1431) and the famous Cathedral, painted by Jean Monet. Rouen, the capital of Normandy, is one of the major cities in France with the largest number of old and historic buildings with streets of half-timbered houses, and with a rich selection of monuments. Not just the Cathedral, but the equally spacious churches of Saint-Ouen or Saint-Maclou, veritable jewels in stonework, make Rouen the center of flamboyant Gothic architecture. Rouen is also famous for its Gros-Horloge archway, the Renaissance Law-Court, and its wealth of original museums dedicated to Joan of Arc, Corneille, Flaubert, as well as for its arts, wrought ironwork, ceramics and antiquities. A commanding ring of forests and hills overlook Rouen and offer grandiose panoramas of the city and the Seine River.

If you can Plan to stay a few extra days in Normandy, the province provides a range of activities to relax and enjoy yourself. The Seine river has carved a majestic route to the sea between cliffs and wooded slopes, in a framework of green countryside and forests. A number of Castles and Abbeys are scattered in the green triangle formed between the Seine and the sea. All along the Alabaster Coast, quiet peaceful resorts are tucked away in little valleys set in grandiose cliffs that culminate in the three archways and needle at Etretat. The Mont-Saint-Michel
and the famous tapestry of Bayeux embroidered in the 11th Century for Queen Mathilde are also part of the Normandy heritage.

Hopefully, the 7th International Congress of Neuroendocrinology will also provide an excellent opportunity to appreciate the prestigious Norman gastronomy: fruits de mer, caneton à la Rouennaise, Norman cheeses, tarte aux pommes, bottled cider… and of course the famous Calvados!
Congress facilities

The Law Faculty (Faculté de Droit) is a new building, close to the bank of the Seine River, that is very well suited for the organization of medium-sized conventions. It comprises a large amphitheatre and several smaller meeting rooms for parallel sessions. Hotels of all categories are located at walking distance or near the Cathedral (15 min walk). A very convenient public bus service (TEOR) shuttles between the Law Faculty and the Cathedral.
Social events

The Social events, included in the registration fees of all participants and accompanying persons, will comprise a get-together party on Sunday July 11, a cheese-and-wine party during one of the poster sessions, a concert at the Cathedral or in Saint-Ouen Abbey, a half-day excursion in Normandy, a banquet in a historical building, a spectacular lights and show of the Cathedral (Monet aux Pixels) every evening, and a firework on the Seine River on July 14.
Publication of Proceedings

A preliminary agreement has been made with Elsevier to have the Abstracts of the 7th International Congress of Neuroendocrinology published in a special issue of *Regulatory Peptides*.

A preliminary agreement has been made with the New York Academy of Sciences to have the Proceedings of the 7th International Congress of Neuroendocrinology published as a volume of the *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*. Each presenting author will get a complimentary copy of the volume of the Annals.
How to reach Rouen?

When you arrive at Paris’ Charles-de-Gaulle airport, the cheapest transportation system is to buy a single train ticket from Charles-de-Gaulle to Rouen. With this ticket, you will be allowed to take the train from Charles-de-Gaulle to Paris’ Gare-du-Nord station (about 30 min), from Gare-du-Nord station to Haussmann-Saint-Lazare station (about 10 min), and from Saint-Lazare station to Rouen (about 70 min).