

**Dr. Alan Rapoport, *Neurology Reviews*[®] Editor-in-Chief,
Named President of the International Headache Society**

Parsippany, NJ – July 18, 2013 – Alan M. Rapoport, MD, became the President of the International Headache Society (IHS) at the semi-annual meeting of the International Headache Congress in Boston, MA on June 29, 2013.

Dr. Rapoport is a Clinical Professor of Neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA in Los Angeles and has a private practice at the California Medical Clinic for Headache in Santa Monica, CA. He is the Founder and Director-Emeritus of the New England Center for Headache in Stamford, CT and the Founding President of the Headache Cooperative of New England. He has been practicing neurology since 1972 when he started in Stamford and Greenwich, CT.



“My goal for the next two years is to spread headache information and education around the globe through effective communication and teaching,” said Dr. Rapoport. “An informed headache patient can help the doctor to get an accurate history, make the right set of diagnoses, and give optimal treatments. Unfortunately most general and family physicians and many neurologists have not been well trained in headache care and patients often go to several doctors having multiple tests before getting relief. The other problem is the lack of headache specialists worldwide. Even in the US there are only about 400 headache experts for a population of about 310 million people. In many other countries there may be just one or two doctors interested in taking care of headache patients.”

The International Headache Society is a charity based in London and is charged with improving knowledge about and treatment for headache worldwide. It works closely with the American Headache Society and its 36 Million Migraine Campaign, a newly launched initiative dedicated to increasing the national research investment in migraine and raising public visibility for one of the world’s most disabling disorders.

Dr. Rapoport has been involved with the IHS since the first meeting in Germany in 1983. He was born in Brooklyn NY and is a graduate of Dartmouth College and the president of his class. He went to medical school at the Downstate Medical Center of the State University of NY, did his internship at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn and his neurology residency in Manhattan at the Mount Sinai Hospital. He served his country for 2 years during the Vietnam War and was a surgeon in the Public Health Service stationed at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. He has over 250 publications, posters, and chapters and has co-authored 9 books for patients and the public on headache. He is an editor of the journal *Headache*, *CNS Drugs* and is the Editor-in-Chief of *Neurology Reviews*. He reviews for many peer-reviewed journals such as *Neurology* and the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

He is the Co-Founder of a start-up non-profit company named **ProMyHealth.org** which is a website for headache patients where a sufferer can have their history taken online by an expert and receive a detailed letter to take to their doctor with an accurate headache history, set of clinical impressions, and list of red flags that will help to save time, increase accuracy and effectiveness, and lead to better outcomes.

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