

Rouen, the capital of Normandy, is one of France's major cities with the largest number of old and historic buildings , many streets of half-timbered houses, and a rich selection of monuments. Not just the Cathedral, but the equally spacious churches of Saint-Ouen and 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, Pierre Corneille, Gustave 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. Om

Without doubt, 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!

[Panoramic view of famous French places](#)

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the International Neuroendocrine Federation (INF), the Société de Neuroendocrinologie (SNE), the University of Rouen and the Région Haute-Normandie, we would like to invite you to Rouen to participate in the Seventh International Congress of Neuroendocrinology (icn2010), which will be held on 11-15 July, 2010. The venue of icn2010 will be the Law Faculty, a beautiful new building located in downtown Rouen, on the bank of the Seine River, within walking distance from the Place du Vieux-Marché (where Joan of Arc was burnt alive in 1431) and the famous Cathedral, painted by Claude Monet. Gareth Leng will Chair the Program Organizing Committee and we can therefore be guaranteed of a stellar program that will encompass all facets of contemporary neuroendocrinology in both the basic and clinical arenas. The scientific program will comprise a Lay-public Lecture, 7 selected timely Plenary Lectures, 16 Symposia with 64 State-of-the-Art Lectures, 72 free oral communications and several hundred posters. The social events, included in the registration fee 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, a half-day excursion in Normandy, a banquet in a historical building, a spectacular light show at the Cathedral (Monet aux Pixels) every evening, and a firework display on the Seine River on July 14. Travel awards for young investigators (graduate students and postdoctoral fellows) will be available and special consideration will be given to individuals from economically underdeveloped regions of the world. We very much hope that you will be able to join us for this major international neuroendocrine forum in Rouen in 2010. You will be able to learn about the most recent advances in neuroendocrinology and related disciplines, to meet old friends and colleagues, and to initiate new relationships with others working in fields similar to your own. In the meantime, if there is anything that we can do to help you attend the Congress, please do not hesitate to contact us directly at hubert.vaudry@univ-rouen.fr or plant1@pitt.edu.
With best wishes

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