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T S Srinivasan centre for clinical neuroscience and health policy has chosen heredity in neurological diseases as the theme for its 31st oration to be held on Saturday.

The TS Srinivasan oration on "Heredity as the cause of neurological diseases: the example of epilepsy" will be delivered by Simon Shorvon of University College, London. He is co-editor the journal Epilepsy and the author of more than 350 scientific papers. The oration will be followed by a congress bringing together 14 experts in epilepsy across the globe. The deliberations during the congress would be compiled into a book Epilepsy – A Global Approach.

Pointing out that a majority of the scientific literature in epilepsy has come from developed countries, Dr E S Krishnamoorthy said the congress would help to dispense expertise on epilepsy amongst Indian doctors. "We have 5 million in the country suffering from the disease (epilepsy), therefore we decided to chose it as the theme of the oration," he added.

Briefing media persons Simon said, "there have been tremendous advancements in our knowledge and understanding of epilepsy over the last three decades. The oration would trace the history of understanding the genetics of neurological disorders.

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