

EPNS Monthly Update: 11 May 2016

Dear EPNS member

This is your monthly email updating you on our EPNS news. Scroll down this email to learn more about:

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EPNS Research Meeting *registration opens 1 June 2016*

28-29 October 2016: Centre for Learning and Teaching, Virchowstraße in Essen, Germany. Registration will be on-line and an online registration link will be provided soon, together with more information about the cost of registration, etc.

Today however we are delighted to announce that there will be a plenary session focusing on two diverse topics:

- the role of imaging in the field of paediatric neurology
- career aspects of young colleagues.

There will be 9 different working groups:

1. Ataxia, Autoimmune-Inflammatory diseases
2. Developmental Neurology
3. Epilepsy
4. Movement disorders
5. Neonatal Neurology
6. Neurodegeneration and Neuroprotection
7. Neurometabolic diseases
8. Neuromuscular diseases
9. Paediatric Stroke.

The local organising committee are:

- Prof. Dr. Ulrike Schara, University of Essen
- PD Dr. Kevin Rostasy, University of Witten/Herdecke, Children's Hospital Datteln
- Prof. Dr. Thomas Lücke, University of Bochum

More details about the research meeting can be found by selecting the invitation here: [EPNS RESEARCH MTG ESSEN 2016a](#)

All paediatric neurology colleagues are invited to join the research meeting and please note that there is the possibility of funding for younger researchers.

More details will follow soon!

EPNS Visiting Teacher *closing date for applications: 31 May 2016!*

The concept of the EPNS Visiting Teacher initiative: A volunteer professor / senior/ distinguished member of the EPNS, who is a recognised expert in a certain field, visits a nominated host centre in a country in Europe which is classified by the World Bank per capita income group 1, 2 or 3 for a short stay (recommended 3 days) of intense teaching. Travel and stay will be supported by the EPNS. It may be considered that these visits will take place annually thereafter, if the first visit proves to be a success.

Please visit <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-visiting-teacher2016/> to learn more about the application process and this exciting new venture for the EPNS.

EPNS 2016 annual subscription fee *If you haven't yet paid your 2016 fee, please pay today!*

There are many benefits of being a member of the EPNS both on a personal level, and to ensure the field of paediatric neurology is represented at an international level.

The easiest way to pay is by logging onto <http://www.epns.info/>, click on the orange 'I'm a member' button on the right hand side of the screen. Your login name is usually your last name. Select 'Subscription', then 'Make new payment', select your preferred membership type, add to cart, then check-out. There is a 'forgotten your password' facility if you need a password reminder. If you have any queries whatsoever, please email Sue Hargreaves info@epns.info and she will be very happy to help

Free copy of 'Principles and practice of child neurology in infancy'

We are delighted to inform you that the EPNS will continue to offer new and existing EPNS members whose fees are paid up to date a free copy of '[Principles and practice of child neurology in infancy](#)' (Kennedy C (Ed.), Mac Keith Press, London, November 2012, recommended retail price £29.95 or €37.44). The 34 authors of its 24 chapters (360 pages) are paediatric neurologists and others, expert in their fields, from around Europe and the book has attracted very positive reviews. The book covers clinical assessment, special investigation and clinical scenarios and is designed to be useful at the bedside. Postage and packaging are payable at a cost of 6 Euros. In order to be eligible to receive the publication for free, members must not already have received a copy of the book from the EPNS and have paid their 2016 annual membership fee. *Please note that EPNS members who have received a free copy of the publication from the EPNS in previous years are not eligible to*

participate in the offer in 2016. Members can only receive one copy of the book. The 6 Euros postage and packaging cost can be paid in the same manner as the EPNS subscription fees. If you have any queries whatsoever, please Sue on info@epns.info

EPNS Fellowship 2016

The EPNS has been thrilled to award 6 EPNS Fellowships this year. As promised, we will continue to share updates. This month here are summaries from 2 EPNS members who have recently been awarded an EPNS Fellowship about their goals:

Dr Silvana Kau from Albania going to Istituto Di Ricovero E Cura A Carattere Scientifico, Italy. Awarded a Clinical Fellowship.

- My goal is to deepen my knowledge in epilepsy including semiology of seizures and antiepileptic drug election in order to be able to evaluate and manage paediatric patients with refractory epilepsy, establishing optimal medication regimens, maximizing seizure control and minimizing side effects. I intend to learn performing standard and video-EEG. I have particular interest in epileptic encephalopathies, especially since early and proper management, including vitamins, could have a positive effect in seizure control and in neurodevelopment, cognition and, overall, quality of life in the long term. Looking forward for this wonderful experience.

Dr Barbara Benova from Czech Republic going to Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, United Kingdom. Awarded a Research Fellowship.

- My primary research interest lies in paediatric epilepsy surgery patients, most of who suffer from malformations of cortical development (MCD). MCD comprise multiple syndromes associated with abnormalities in the structure of brain cortex and subcortical structures, a significant proportion of which lead to development of pharmacoresistant epilepsy manifesting in the first months to years of life, often with deleterious effects on the child's development. A broad spectrum of genetic changes in various MCD syndromes has been identified so far, mostly by means of next generation sequencing (NGS). I would like to learn from the experience of Great Ormond Street Hospital to be able to extend my expertise in research of MCD. In the proposed research project, brain tissue samples obtained during respective epilepsy will undergo genetic analysis. By correlating clinical outcomes of epilepsy surgery patients with MCD with genetic abnormalities present in their tissue samples, we will be able to provide a more complex picture consisting of both clinical and genetic data that in the future may help us elucidate underlying mechanisms of MCD formation.

12th EPNS Congress: 20-24 June 2017, Lyon, France *save the date!*

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The main theme of the Congress will be '*Lifelong course of diseases of the child's nervous system*'.

Plenary sessions:

PARENTAL NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS: RISKS AND OUTCOME IN CHILDREN

- Maternal epilepsy and effect of the AEDs on the child's neurological development

- Muscle Disorders: the example of Steinert disease
- Metabolic Disorders: Diagnostic and management practices for phenylketonuria in Europe
- Autoimmune Disorders and Pregnancy: the example of multiple sclerosis
- Psychiatric disorders and the child's neurological development
- Outcome of children born by medically assisted procreation

FCETAL PATHOLOGIES

- Malformations of the cerebral cortex: genetic and infectious interface
- Environmental toxics and birth defects: a large epidemiological approach
- Transgenerational non-genetic inheritance of acquired behaviours

WHAT DID WE LEARN FROM LARGE COHORT STUDIES IN CHILDREN AND ADULTS?

- Lysosomal disorders
- Neuromuscular disorders
- Genetic syndromes with behavioral and cognitive symptomatology

EVOLUTION OF TREATMENT CONCEPTS AND THERAPEUTIC NOVELTIES

- Innovative treatments in neuro-muscular disorders
- Gene therapy in neurometabolic disorders
- Treatment trials in neurodevelopmental disorders: the example of fragile X

Please note the important dates for EPNS Congress 2017:

- 1 October 2016: Opening of the call for abstracts
- 1 December 2016: Online registration opens
- 15 January 2017: Deadline to submit an abstract for EPNS 2017
- 1 April 2017: Deadline to benefit from early bird registration fees

13th EPNS Congress: 18-21 September 2019, Athens, Greece *save the date!*

EPNS Certificate of Membership

This can now be requested by an EPNS member who has paid their 2016 annual subscription fee. Please email Sue on info@epns.info to request a certificate.

New EPNS membership

Please continue to encourage your colleagues to join us. A convenient on-line application form is available on our website <http://www.epns.jmre.es/become-an-epns-member/> For more information email Sue on info@epns.info . Many thanks.

Welcome to all our new members! So far this year 103 new members have joined the society.

EPNS on Twitter!

Please follow us. Our Twitter name is **@EPNSnews**

BPNA Distance Learning in Paediatric Neurology

<http://www.bpna.org.uk/distancelearning/index.php>

EPNS website: Job vacancy section

If you would like to advertise a vacancy for a paediatric neurologist role, please email info@epns.info with the link to the official job advertising site, together with the name, email address and phone number of the person to contact regarding the role and the deadline date for applications.

Please visit <http://www.epns.jmre.es/job-vacancies/> to learn more the recently added vacancies:

Please visit the 'meetings' page of our EPNS website <http://www.epns.jmre.es/meetings/> for a list of other meetings which might be of interest to you, here are some training courses and meeting/s which have been added recently:

- 9-10 November 2017, International Expert to Expert, United Kingdom
<https://www.bpna.org.uk/> SAVE THE DATE

And finally... here is a summary of some important EPNS meeting dates for your diaries:

EPNS Research Meeting 2016: Essen, Germany: 28-29 October 2016

EPNS Training Courses 2017: Budapest, Hungary

12th EPNS Congress: Lyon, France: 20-24 June 2017

EPNS Research Meeting 2018: Alicante, Spain

13th EPNS Congress: Athens, Greece: 18-21 September 2019

EPNS Training Courses 2018-2020: Spain

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact me at info@epns.info if you have any queries about your EPNS membership.

With kind regards

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