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### Message from Professor Lieven Lagae, EPNS President

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As my term in office comes to an end, I would like to thank you for all the support you have given me during this time. It has been an honour and a pleasure for me to serve as President

of the EPNS for two terms. With the enduring support and assistance of our proficient EPNS Board members, I hope I have helped the EPNS to achieve its goals and visions for the way forward. Looking back over the last 8 years, so many moments serve as reminders of the important challenges our field of paediatric neurology faces, as well as the amazing power we have as a collective force to bring about greater change for children with neurological issues. For me, perhaps the most defining of those moments are when colleagues get together for educational and research activities. The EPNS Congresses, EPNS Research Meetings, EPNS Training Courses, EPNS Fellowships are a few examples where the energy of networking can make a real difference.

It has been gratifying for me to see the EPNS become more professional and grow from strength to strength. For example, 8 years ago we had around 570 members, and today we have over 1,300 members. The EPNS has a strong tradition and is now one of the largest groups of paediatric neurologists around the world.

With 2017 marking another year of accomplishment and acclaim for Society, our EPNS Board consistently demonstrates a commitment and dedication to the success and advancement of Paediatric Neurology in Europe and the rest of the world. Soon we will be sharing our EPNS Annual Report for 2017 and I invite you to read this report which will give you a clearer idea of the Society's many achievements, the core scientific, research and educational mission, together with providing a reminder of the strong bonds and distinction that characterise the EPNS community. The new board for 2018 – 2022 will be meeting in January 2018 in Leuven. I am delighted to still be part of the board and I am excited to work with our newly elected executive committee team and president. There will be many plans for the future, and I hope to help begin with the implementation of a new strategic action plan.

I end my term as President of the EPNS with gratitude for all those who helped to make progress possible, with high hopes for the future and with renewed appreciation for this remarkable Society. I also want to sincerely thank Mrs Sue Hargreaves, our dedicated Secretary who helped us so much to keep the EPNS on the right track. Our best investment ever! As we move forward with new technological developments, political developments and environmental changes, we will confront new challenges in our field of paediatric neurology. By working together and supporting each other our Society's future is bright and together we can continue to play an important role by promoting training, clinical care and scientific research in the field of Paediatric Neurology.

Together with my colleagues on the EPNS Board, I wish you a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Best wishes, Lieven

### **EPNS Annual Subscription Fee 2018**

Your EPNS membership can now be renewed by paying your EPNS annual subscription fee for 2018. All fees remain the same as they were in 2017! Visit <http://www.epns.info/epns-subscription-fees/> for more information. The easiest way to pay your 2018 annual EPNS subscription fee is online:

- Visit the EPNS website <https://www.epns.info>
- Click on the orange 'I'm a member' button on the right-hand side of the screen
- Input user name: (usually your last name)

- Input password: if you do not remember your password, there is a 'forgotten password function', or simply email Sue on [info@epns.info](mailto:info@epns.info) who will be able to help.
- Once successfully logged into the member section of the EPNS website:
  - Select 'Subscriptions' (right hand side of screen)
  - Select 'Make new payment'
  - Choose the preferred membership type (electronic journal only or printed copy of journal as well)
  - Select 'add to cart' underneath your chosen membership type
  - Select 'checkout via Credit Card'
  - Follow the payment instructions

Alternatively you can pay by Bank Transfer to the following bank account:

Account Name: EPNS

Bank name: Merkur Bank KGaA, Bayerstrasse 33, D-80335 Munich - Germany

Account no 400088900

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Please quote your last name and the payment year in the bank transfer reference.

### **EPNS Fellowship 2018 *application period open! Closing date 5 January 2018***

The EPNS is once again thrilled to be able to offer 6 fellowships as follows:

- Clinical elective (e.g. attending clinics, developing skills in EEG, EMG etc.)
- Research project (May be part of a thesis; basic or patient orientated research, learning a specific skill / technique)

The closing date for applications is **5 January 2018** at which point the EPNS Fellowship Selection Committee will consider all applications. Applicants will be informed of the outcome by the end of February 2018. More details about the scheme, together with the application form, can be found by visiting the EPNS website <http://www.epns.info/epns-fellowship-2018/> It is the responsibility of the applicant to locate and make arrangements with their nominated host site. For details of our successful Fellowship candidates from the last 4 years please visit: <http://www.epns.info/epns-fellowship-news/>

### **EPNS Fellowship 2017 feedback**

Dr Alice Dica from Al Obregia Hospital, Romania has now completed her fellowship at UZ Brussel, Belgium. Please visit <http://www.epns.info/epns-fellowship-news/> where we are delighted to share an update from Dr Dica.

### **EPNS Neurokids App and corresponding Workbook – *an innovative answer to the clinical challenges in child neurology!***

The latest exciting EPNS project! With the basic idea of Mind Maps, the classic textbook has been further developed to provide faster and more targeted information – in English, designed for daily professional practice, bundling the broad clinical spectrum. The App in particular is ideal for daily work and can be used on iOS 10 and Android devices. The Neurokids Workbook and App are now available as a package to all **fully paid up members**

of the EPNS at the substantially discounted price of 20 Euros plus 6 Euros postage and packaging, i.e. a **total cost of 26 Euros**.

The package can be ordered and paid for by logging into the EPNS website <http://www.epns.info/> and selecting 'Subscriptions', 'Make new payment', '*Neurokids Workbook and App 26 Euros*', 'add to cart', 'checkout via Credit Card' and follow the payment instructions. Please do not hesitate to email [info@epns.info](mailto:info@epns.info) if you have any questions.

### **1st National Congress on Current Issues of Perinatal Neurology in Kiev 2017** *read all about it!*

The EPNS actively supported this event by delegating three speakers to the 1st National Congress on Current Issues of Perinatal Neurology in Ukraine on 23-24 November 2017. Please read the report to learn more about this event. <http://www.epns.info/1st-national-congress-on-current-issues-of-perinatal-neurology-in-kiev-2017/>

### **EPNS/SINP joint mini symposium, Matera, Italy / XLII Congresso Nazionale SINP, Matera, Italy** *read all about it!*

Also, four members of the EPNS Board were honoured to be involved in these 2 events in Italy which took place at the end of November/beginning of December 2017. Please read the report to learn more about this event. <http://www.epns.info/epnssinp-joint-mini-symposium-matera-italy/>

### **EPNS Training Courses 2018: Alicante, Spain** *Save the date!*

<http://www.epns.info/epns-training-course-2018-alicante/>

The EPNS has been organising training courses in paediatric neurology since 2003 specifically aiming at trainees but also at qualified paediatric neurologists who want to refresh their knowledge on certain topics. The aim is to cover most main topics in the syllabus over a three-year cycle and to promote contact between individuals in the speciality in different parts of Europe. The course has a highly interactive character and participants are encouraged to bring (difficult) cases to discuss. The number of participants is limited and applicants who wish to attend both courses will be given priority over those who wish to attend one of the two courses. The cycle of training courses 2015-2017 took place in Budapest, Hungary. We are excited to announce that the next cycle of training courses 2018-2020 will take place in beautiful Alicante, Spain.

**Program Director:** Professor Francisco Carratala, Spain

**The first training courses will be held in Alicante: 8 – 11 May 2018.**

**Topics:**

- 8 and 9 May 2018: Immune mediated diseases and infections
- 10 and 11 May 2018: Acute Neurology

More information to follow.

### **EPNS Research Meeting 2018: Alicante, Spain** *Save the date!*

<http://www.epns.info/epns-research-meeting-2018/>

We are pleased to announce that the 6th EPNS Research Meeting 2018 will be taking place in **Alicante: 26 – 27 October 2018**. More details to follow!

If you would like to learn more about our EPNS Research Meetings, please visit <http://www.epns.info/research-meeting-2016/> to see what happened in Essen last year.

### **European Journal of Paediatric Neurology (EJPN)**

The [European Journal of Paediatric Neurology](#) with an impact factor of more than 2, is the official Journal of the EPNS and is available to all members who have paid their current year subscription fee (either on-line only or printed and on-line access, depending on the fee paid). It is a multi-disciplinary journal publishing exciting clinical and experimental research in this rapidly expanding field. High quality papers written by leading experts encompass all the major diseases including epilepsy, movement disorders, neuromuscular disorders, neurodegenerative disorders and mental retardation.

Please visit <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/10903798> to see the content of the latest issue.

### **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 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](mailto:info@epns.info)

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

<http://www.epns.info/congress-2019/>

### **14th EPNS Congress: 2021, Glasgow, United Kingdom**

### **EPNS Certificate of Membership**

This can now be requested by an EPNS member who has paid their annual subscription fee. Please email Sue on [info@epns.info](mailto: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.info/become-an-epns-member/> For more information email Sue on [info@epns.info](mailto:info@epns.info) . Many thanks.

**Welcome to all our new members! So far this year, 326 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](mailto: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.info/job-vacancies/> for more information

### **1st International Residential Course on Movement Disorders in Childhood**

The “1st International Residential Course on Movement Disorders in Childhood” will take place in Tagliacozzo (Italy) from the 20 to 23 May 2018 organised by the Bambino Gesù Paediatric Hospital with the endorsement of EPNS and many speakers from the EPNS board. Is a clinically – oriented course focused on comprehensive aspects of etiology, diagnosis and treatment of children with movement disorders. <http://www.ptsroma.it/movdis-tagliacozzo>

### **Please visit the ‘meetings’ page of our EPNS website**

<http://www.epns.info/meetings/> for a list of other meetings which might be of interest to you, here are some meetings which have been added recently:

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

With kind regards

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