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## 11<sup>th</sup> EPNS Congress: 27-30 May 2015, Vienna Austria

Please visit <http://www.epns2015.org/>

- **Registration** - register now and save! Early registration ends on **15 March 2015**. EPNS members who have paid their 2015 annual subscription fee will profit from reduced congress registration fees.
- **Abstract submission** - Thank you for your numerous contributions! Abstracts will now go through a blind, peer-review process carried out by an international review panel. Notifications about acceptance or rejection will be sent to the presenting author at the beginning of March 2015.

## 1st EPNS International Symposium on Advances in Neuromodulation in Children: 25-26 May 2015, Vienna Austria before the main EPNS Congress – see above

This exciting and unique two-day meeting will introduce and discuss in detail all the major developments including current clinical indications for neuromodulation in children. Visit <http://www.epns2015.org/programme/satellite-symposium/overview.html> for more information

## EPNS Training Courses 2015-2017: Budapest, Hungary

Registration is available via <http://www.congressline.hu/epns2015/index.php> It has been great to see lots of interest in both these courses. The application period for bursaries has now closed and the EPNS was delighted to award a number of bursaries this week.

- **24-25 March 2015: Infection and immune mediated**
- **26-27 March 2015: Acute Neurology and Oncology**

Courses are only available to members of the EPNS who have paid their 2015 annual subscription fee.

**EPNS 2015 annual subscription fee payments are now due!**

Thank you to the many members who have already kindly paid this year's subscription fee. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to pay, why not pay today?! The easiest way is to pay your subscription fee is by debit/credit card by logging onto our website <http://www.epns.info/> If you have any questions about your payment, please do not hesitate to contact Sue on [info@epns.info](mailto:info@epns.info)

### **EPNS Cambridge Master Class – *a further announcement will be following soon!***

Date: 17 - 19 September 2015

Location: Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, United Kingdom

Topic: Paediatric Neurology meets Immunology meets Philosophy

More initial details can be viewed via <http://www.epns.info/index.php?c=4&ss=109>

### **EPNS Fellowship 2015**

The EPNS is thrilled to have awarded 2 EPNS Fellowships. We will be re-opening the opportunity to apply for a Fellowship in the next few weeks, so watch this space.

Congratulations and best wishes to the following:

- **Dr Monika Kukuruzović from Croatia who will be spending the Fellowship in the UK.**

I have always had an interest in child neurology and ever since my formal Pediatrics residency ended in January 2012, I became a formal member of Child neurology team at our Clinic. Working and gaining experience in child neurology gave me opportunities for publishing papers and actively participating in congresses and symposiums in Croatia and abroad. In my desire to broaden the scope of my education I have been enrolled in PhD program since September 2012 and have been working on a thesis titled: Association between types of epilepsy with polymorphism of ApoE genotype in children. It is my goal to improve care pathway so as to identify children with drug resistant epilepsy more quickly and in particular those likely to benefit from surgical intervention. For children too young to have surgery in Croatia. I would like to develop an algorithm by which we could completely evaluate children with drug resistant epilepsy. I should learn the ingredients of effective pre-operative assessment, when to use rarer investigational resources such as fMRI or PET in a cost-efficient way and how to manage the peri- and post-operative care pathway. This opportunity will greatly improve my approach to children with epilepsy and significantly enhance and enrich our whole child neurology team. Therefore, it is my great privilege to be given this opportunity and I would like to thank you for recognizing the value in my goals!

- **Dr Diana Barca from Romania who will be spending the Fellowship in Belgium.**

My name is Diana Barca and since 2009 I am a pediatric neurologist, part of the team in Bucharest. Working in the largest Pediatric Neurology University Clinic gave me the opportunity to gain experience in this field, but also to define the difficulties of diagnostic in certain pathologies. Working close with neonatal units and being part of developmental monitoring of premature and full term born babies allowed a large screening of this population and oriented my interests in metabolic etiology first in this age group and later in older children. Since availability for testing in this area is limited in Romania (including limited neonatal screening for metabolic disorders) , I consider crucial improving my clinical skills in order to be able to offer a better care and mainly to develop pattern-recognition and diagnostic algorithms. This would further enable me to share the experience with my colleagues, fulfilling the need for an early diagnosis and targeted management of these cases in our clinic. Also it would limit the need for referral abroad, thus shortening the intervention time and also allowing the families with financial difficulties to benefit from the same level of healthcare. Therefore it is my great privilege to be given this opportunity and I would like to thank you for recognizing the importance in my goals!

### **EPNS Constitution and Byelaws 1999: revision 2015**

The proposed revised document was sent to all ordinary members of the EPNS on 30 January 2015. Ordinary members should send any comments to [info@epns.info](mailto:info@epns.info) before 28 February 2015 . During

the next General Meeting in Vienna on 30 May 2015, a vote of the ordinary members present will take place to formally implement the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Byelaws.

### **EPNS Certificate of Membership**

This can now be requested by an EPNS member who has paid their 2015 annual subscription fee. Please email Sue on [info@epns.info](mailto:info@epns.info) to request a certificate.

### **New EPNS membership**

We are always looking to welcome new members to our society and therefore we have been delighted to have seen so many new members join us over the last few years. Please continue to encourage your colleagues to join us. There has never been a better time to join the EPNS! A convenient on-line application form is available on our website <http://www.epns.info/> For more information email [info@epns.info](mailto:info@epns.info). Many thanks.

### **EPNS on Twitter!**

Please follow us. Our Twitter name is @EPNSnews

### **EPNS website: Job vacancy section <http://www.epns.info/index.php?c=12>**

Please visit this link to see more details about an opportunity for 3 Clinical Research Associates to undertake experimental and/or clinical research in neuromuscular disease at UCL Institutes of Neurology and Child Health, United Kingdom .

If you would like to advertise a vacancy for a paediatric neurologist role, please email [info@epns.info](mailto:info@epns.info) with the following information:

- Link to the official job advertising site, name, email address and phone number of the person to contact regarding the role together with deadline for applications.

### **Survey on Neonatal Seizure Management in Europe**

As part of the EU-funded project, NEMO neonatal seizure management is being investigated in Europe. The survey is supported by the ESPR (European Society for Paediatric Research) and the UENPS (Union of European Neonatal and Perinatal Societies). We have been asked to share the survey with our members. The survey takes around 5 minutes and the link ([www.nemo-europe.com](http://www.nemo-europe.com)) is open until February 22 (enter survey in upper right corner). The results will be presented without any identification of the respondents. Doctors who provide their e-mail address will receive a preliminary summary of the survey.

### **Please note the following forthcoming training courses and meetings which have been recently advertised on our EPNS website <http://www.epns.info/>:**

22-24 April 2015, Ultrasound meets Magnetic Resonance, Rome,  
Italy <http://www.ultrasoundsrome2015.eu/>

15 May 2015, Neurosciences Symposium 'Modern Neurogenetics: unravelling mechanisms and guiding management' Glasgow, United Kingdom, email: [leigh.hamilton@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:leigh.hamilton@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

4-5 June 2015, "Neonatal Neurology Assessment and Treatment Education" (NeoNATE),  
Manchester, United Kingdom [http://www.bpna.org.uk/ecomm\\_product\\_view.php?courseid=114](http://www.bpna.org.uk/ecomm_product_view.php?courseid=114)

24-25 June 2015, Summer Conference on Neonatology, Avignon,  
France <http://www.neonatalinprovence2015.org/>

9-11 September 2015, 10th International Paediatric EMG course, Cambridge, United Kingdom <http://www.cam-pgmc.ac.uk/all-courses>

10-11 September 2015, "Neonatal Neurology Assessment and Treatment Education" (NeoNATE), Cambridge, United Kingdom [http://www.bpna.org.uk/ecomm\\_product\\_view.php?courseid=96](http://www.bpna.org.uk/ecomm_product_view.php?courseid=96)

16-20 September 1st Congress of joint European Neonatal Societies, Budapest, Hungary <http://www.neonatalinprovence2015.org/>

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

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EPNS Master Class - Cambridge: 17-19 September 2015

EPNS Congress 2017: Lyon, France

EPNS Training Courses 2018-2020: Spain

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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