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Message from Professor Lieven Lagae, EPNS President

Dear Friends and Colleagues, I am writing to convey my very best wishes and sincere thanks to all of you as we wrap up an eventful 2016 here at the EPNS, and shift our momentum into the next calendar year. As I reflect on the past year, I believe that we have many reasons to have enormous pride in our achievements in promoting training, clinical care and scientific research in the field of Paediatric Neurology and I look forward with enthusiasm to next year at the EPNS. The following update contains lots of news about the opportunities and events taking place next year, and please take a moment to look at our first annual report which celebrates the accomplishments of the Society during 2016. Also, it's that time when we start collecting the annual subscription fees for next year, and I would urge you to do as I do, and pay now, so it's one less thing on your 'things to do list'!

Together with my colleagues on the EPNS Board, I wish you a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and look forward to welcoming you to Lyon in June 2017!

Best wishes, Lieven

1st EPNS Annual Report

It is with great pleasure that the EPNS Board presents the 1st EPNS Annual Report providing a comprehensive overview of the activities of the Society during 2016. The Annual Report serves to communicate our accomplishments and on-going activities to all members of the EPNS. We also encourage our members to share this report with colleagues who are not yet members of the EPNS so they can learn more about the EPNS, the opportunities available, the training courses and scientific and research events! **1st EPNS Annual Report 2016**

EPNS 2017 annual subscription fees *payments now being taken!*

By now you may have seen the email announcing that you can now renew your EPNS membership by paying your EPNS annual subscription fee for 2017. Payment can be made via the EPNS website <http://www.epns.info/> by selecting the orange 'I'm a member' button on the right-hand side of the screen. **Remember the 12th EPNS Congress takes place 20-24 June 2017 <http://www.epns2017.com/>, and EPNS members who have paid their 2017 annual subscription fee benefit from significantly discounted member only delegate rates.** If you have any queries whatsoever, please email Sue Hargreaves info@epns.info and she will be very happy to help.

12th EPNS Congress: 20-24 June 2017, Lyon, France – *abstracts now invited / early registration opens soon!*

<http://www.epns.jmre.es/congress-2017/>

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

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM http://www.epns2017.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/PROGPREL_EPNS2017_au25juilletBAT1.pdf

There will be early morning interactive sessions and parallel sessions – more details can be found on the EPNS Congress 2017 website <http://www.epns2017.com/>

Please note the important dates for EPNS Congress 2017:

- 15 January 2017: Deadline to submit an abstract for EPNS 2017
- 1 April 2017: Deadline to benefit from early bird registration fees

EPNS Fellowship 2017 – *application period now open!*

Application period for EPNS Fellowship 2017 is now open and the **closing date is 15 January 2017**. Details about the EPNS Fellowship 2017 criteria can be found on the EPNS website <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-fellowship-2017/> 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 2014, 2015 and 2016 please visit: <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-fellowship/>

EPNS Fellowship 2016 - *feedback*

Dr Petra Grđan from Croatia went to the Hopital Femme Mere Enfant in Lyon, France, and we are delighted to share the following update from Dr Petra Grđan with you:

During my Fellowship period I was involved in everyday clinical work, management of patients with pharmaco-resistant epilepsies and discussion about selection of surgical candidates among them. I participated on staff meetings where very interesting clinical cases were present in the field of newborn epileptic seizures, genetics and epilepsy, pharmaco-resistant epilepsy, autoimmune encephalopathies, epileptic syndromes. I learned about the EEG analysis, analysis of EEG monitoring and EEG of premature born children and maturational features.

EPNS Training Course 2017: Budapest, Hungary 1st announcement: programme now available – registration opens 16 January 2017

Tuesday 4 April – Friday 7 April 2017

Program Director: Professor Katalin Hollódy, Pécs, Hungary

Head of the Scientific and Organising Committee: Dr Coriene Catsman-Berrevoets
Rotterdam, The Netherlands

- Tuesday 4 April – Wednesday 5 April, 2017
 - SCIENTIFIC ORGANISER: Professor Barbara Plecko, Austria
 - Programme: **Infantile Metabolic Encephalopathies (IME) and Neonatal Neurology**
- Thursday 6 April – Friday 7 April, 2017
 - SCIENTIFIC ORGANISER: Professor Thomas Sejersen, Sweden
 - Programme: **Neuromuscular Disorders**

For more information about the location, registration fees, criteria for attending and bursaries, please visit <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-training-course-2017-budapest/>

European Journal of Paediatric Neurology (EJPN)

The European Journal of Paediatric Neurology 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

Principles and Practice of Child Neurology in Infants - questionnaire

A second edition of the book is planned. The aim is to amend the content to retain the book's relevance to clinical practice in Western Europe, Australasia and North America, but also to make it more broadly applicable for resource poor countries. To identify how useful this would be, for which countries and what specific amendments would be required, Mac Keith Press, the publishers, would very much welcome your help in completing a questionnaire. Your answers will help to shape the 2nd edition of the book and make it as relevant as possible to clinical practice. The questionnaire can be found at the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3K78JS9>

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 165 new members have joined the society.

EPNS on Twitter!

Please follow us. Our Twitter name is [@EPNSnews](https://twitter.com/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 find more information about the following vacancies:

- Consultant Paediatric Neurologist in Newcastle, United Kingdom
- Professorship for Neuropaediatrics in Zurich, Switzerland
- Paediatric Neurologist in Canada
- Head Of Paediatric Neurology Department in Barcelona, Spain

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 meetings which have been added recently:

- 2-3 February 2017, 5th International Symposium on Paediatric Movement Disorders, Barcelona, Spain

- 8-10 June 2017, 14th meeting of the European Congress of Magnetic Resonance in Neuropediatrics, Tübingen, Germany
- 12-15 October 2017, EAP Congress and Master Course, Ljubljana, Slovenia

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

EPNS Training Courses 2017: Budapest, Hungary: 4-7 April 2017

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

6th 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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