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EPNS Board Meeting January 2018

The outgoing board together with the new EPNS Board for 2018-2022 met in Leuven, Belgium, this month for a constructive meeting reflecting on past achievements, handing over ongoing projects and planning for new initiatives for the future.

New EPNS Board 2018-2022

During the meeting in Leuven the following appointments were approved – **congratulations to all!**

The EPNS website will be updated shortly

President	Sameer	Zuberi
Treasurer	Michel	Willemsen
Secretary	Dana	Craiu
Secretary	Rob	Forsyth
Chair of Scientific and Research committee	Barbara	Plecko
Chair of Education and Training committee	Coriene	Catsman-Berrevoets
Chair of Finance committee	Florian	Heinen
Chair of Public Relations, Membership and Website committee	Finbar	O’Callaghan
Webmaster	Francisco	Carratala

In addition, at this meeting the options available for co-opting more members onto the Board were discussed, and more information about this will be available in a forthcoming update.

Committee of National Advisors (C N A)

The CNA is a forum on which all paediatric neurology societies in Europe are represented and provides a channel for communication between the EPNS Board and National Societies with 2 representatives from the C N A co-opted to the EPNS Board. At the EPNS Board meeting in Leuven it was announced by the C N A Chair, Coriene Catsman-Berrevoets, that the 2 co-opted C N A members to the EPNS Board for the next 4 years will be the C N A Secretary, Alasdair Parker together with Leena Haataja for the 2018-2019 term and Dilek Yalnizoglu for the 2020 to 2021 term.

New EPNS President’s first message: Professor Sameer Zuberi

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is a special honour and a privilege to begin my term as President of the EPNS. Our outgoing President, Lieven Lagae, deserves an enormous thank you from all of us— for guiding the society so ably. He has been a great role model, and his shoes will be impossible to fill. Luckily, for all of us, Lieven will continue to serve as a member of the EPNS Board and I am especially grateful that I will be able to rely on his wise counsel during my term.

I was shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden passing of our colleague Smail Zubcevic, Professor of Child Neurology in Sarajevo. Smail was an active and important member of the EPNS who organised highly popular and successful teaching courses in Sarajevo in 2012 to 2014. Smail was a wonderful host to all the participants and faculty and will be deeply missed by all his colleagues in the EPNS.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express heartfelt thanks to Peter Baxter, Isabelle Desguerre, Katalin Hollody, Alla Nechay, Raili Riikonen and Biayna Sukhudyana as they leave the EPNS Board. Their commitment and contribution has played a big role in making the EPNS what it is today. On behalf of the EPNS I wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.

With my newly-elected board, we are engaged in strategic planning to continue the excellent achievements made so far and reaching our priority to promote training, clinical

care and scientific research in the field of Paediatric Neurology. To this end, I urge you to become involved with EPNS and spread the word to your colleagues encouraging them to join us. Our new committees are excited by the prospect of taking a fresh look at how the Society can fulfil its goals and I embrace wholeheartedly the opportunity to serve this vibrant organisation.

So, I look forward to keeping you updated with our progress, I thank you for your continued support, and please don't hesitate to let me know what you think will make us even better. Best wishes, Sameer

EPNS Training Courses 2018: Alicante, Spain *registration now open!*

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

On-line registration is now open for the forthcoming EPNS training courses in Alicante this year! There are a limited number of places available, so register soon to avoid disappointment!

Please visit for <http://www.epns.info/epns-training-course-2018-alicante/> further information.

Participation is only available to members of the EPNS who have paid their 2018 annual subscription fee. Bursaries are being offered.

EPNS Annual Report 2017

The 2nd EPNS Annual Report is almost complete and will be sent to all EPNS members soon providing a comprehensive overview of the activities of the Society during 2017. The Annual Report serves to communicate our accomplishments and on-going activities to all members of the EPNS.

EPNS Fellowship 2018 *application period is now closed*

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)

Applicants will be advised of the outcome before the end of this month.

EPNS Fellowship 2017 feedback

Please visit <http://www.epns.info/epns-fellowship-news/> where we are delighted to share an updates from:

- Dr Elena Maqueda from Hospital Sant Joan de Déu, Barcelona who went to Hopital Femme Mere Enfant in France.
- Dr Marta Gomez Garcia de la Banda from Vall d'Hebron University Hospital, Barcelona, who went to Hopital Raymond Poincare, France.

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 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

BIC code: GENODEF1M06

IBAN no: DE64 7013 0800 0400 0889 00

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

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 if you have any questions.

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

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 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 . Many thanks.

Welcome to all our new members! So far this year, 17 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.info/job-vacancies/> for more information

EAPS 2018 - Membership Registration

The 7th Congress of the European Academy of Paediatric Societies, EAPS 2018, will be taking place in Paris on October 30 – November 3, 2018.

Register today and don't miss this major educational and research event, attracting high quality scientific presentations organised by the best and brightest minds in paediatrics. As a member of EPNS, you could save more on registration by paying the member's registration rate.

For further information or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the EAPS registration manager at at-reg_eaps18@kenes.com

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:

- 27 February 2018: A study day on mild Traumatic Brain Injury and Concussion in Children, Liverpool, United Kingdom [MILD TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND CONCUSSION IN CHILDREN – V6 CPD approved](#)
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As ever, please do not hesitate to contact me at info@epns.info if you have any queries about your EPNS membership.

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