

EPNS Monthly Update: 17 January 2017

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EPNS Honorary Member: Professor Brian Neville (1939 - 2016)

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of EPNS Honorary member, Brian Neville, formerly Professor of Paediatric Neurology at UCL Institute of Child Health, London 1989-2004, and The Prince of Wales's Chair of Childhood Epilepsy 2004-2007, in the early hours of 14th December 2016. He had battled ill health over a long period of time. As the first Chair of Paediatric Neurology in the UK, he set up the first academic department of Paediatric Neurology and Neurodisability at Great Ormond Street Hospital and the Institute of Child Health (later UCL-ICH). He wrote the training programmes for Paediatric Neurology for Europe and the UK. He founded European Academy of Childhood Disability and was chairman for 12 years, and founded the European Society for movement analysis in children, chairman for 10 years. He was instrumental in establishing the BPNA, of which he over the years was a committee member, secretary and president. Above all, however, he was an extremely caring man, who always thought of the children and their families first and foremost. He will be sadly missed.

Professor J Helen Cross OBE, The Prince of Wales's Chair of Childhood Epilepsy, London, United Kingdom

1st EPNS Aicardi Award

The EPNS Board is delighted to announce that Professor Alexis Arzimanoglou from the University Hospitals of Lyon, France has been selected as the recipient of the first EPNS Aicardi Award. The EPNS was deeply saddened about the passing of Professor Jean François Marie Aicardi in 2015. In recognition of our honorary EPNS member we have introduced the Aicardi Award. The award is given to Professor Arzimanoglou in appreciation of his exemplary contribution to the field of Paediatric Neurology. To celebrate this accomplishment, Professor Arzimanoglou is invited to present an award lecture at the EPNS Congress in Lyon on Tuesday 20 June 2017 at 19:00h at the Cite International. **Our sincere congratulations Professor Arzimanoglou on this outstanding achievement!**

EPNS 2017 annual subscription fees *payments now due!*

The EPNS financial year runs from 1 January until 31 December each year and therefore EPNS annual subscription fees for 2017 are now due!

Thank you to the many members who have already paid.

If you have not paid yet – please do so as soon as possible. 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 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 deadline extended / 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 AVAILABLE – details can be found on the EPNS Congress 2017 website <http://www.epns2017.com/>

Please note extended deadline to submit an abstract for EPNS 2017 is **6 February 2017**

Registration will open soon, and all members of the EPNS will be sent an email to announce when registration is possible. Remember that EPNS members who have paid their 2017 annual subscription fee are eligible to benefit from the significantly discounted EPNS member delegate registration fees. If you have any questions about your EPNS membership, please contact Sue Hargreaves info@epns.info

EPNS Training Course 2017: Budapest, Hungary *registration now open! Limited number of places available.*

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/>

2nd EPNS Masterclass 2017 – save the date!

Where: Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University, United Kingdom

When: 14-16 September 2017

Topic: *Paediatric Neurology meets Functional Disorders meets Literature*

Further details will be announced soon. Places will be limited and confirmed on a strictly first-come-first-served basis.

EPNS Fellowship 2016 - feedback

Dr Miriam Abuladze from Georgia went to the Epilepsy Centre in Kork, Germany

Please visit <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-fellowship/> where we are delighted to share an update from Dr Miriam Abuladze.

EPNS Fellowship 2016 - feedback

Dr Barbora Benova from Czech republic went to the Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health UCL in London, United Kingdom

Please visit <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-fellowship/> where we are delighted to share an update from Dr Barbora Benova.

EPNS Fellowship 2017

Application period for EPNS Fellowship 2017 is now closed. Thank you to all candidates for submitting application forms – we wish you all the very best - the outcome will be communicated next month following a meeting of the EPNS Fellowship Selection Committee.

For details of our successful Fellowship candidates from 2014, 2015 and 2016 please visit: <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-fellowship/>

EPNS Visiting Teacher 2016 - feedback

Please visit our website to read about the 2 centre visits which were granted the EPNS Visiting Teacher Award for 2016 <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-visiting-teacher2016/>

- Professor Linda DeMeirleir from Belgium visit to Romania
- Dr Petia Dimova from Bulgaria visit to Armenia

1st EPNS Annual Report

If you haven't had chance yet, please take a moment to look at our [1st EPNS Annual Report 2016](#) which provides a comprehensive overview of the activities of the Society during 2016.

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

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, 19 new members have joined the society – that's in just 2 weeks!

(during 2016, we were happy to welcome 183 new EPNS members)

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/> for more information.

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 is a meeting which has been added recently:

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

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2nd EPNS Masterclass: Cambridge University, UK: 14-16 September 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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