

EPNS Monthly Update: 8 April 2016

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A message from Professor Lieven Lagae, EPNS President

Dear Colleagues

It's an exciting time here at the EPNS. Last month we hosted our 2nd set of EPNS training courses in the current 2015-2017 cycle which is taking place in the beautiful city of Budapest, Hungary. I had the pleasure of participating as a member of the faculty and I am pleased to report the event was a great success! Plans are already being discussed for our Budapest training courses in 2017. Moreover, we were delighted to award 6 EPNS Fellowships last month and I would like to wish all 6 doctors the very best as they embark on this new adventure to expand their knowledge of paediatric neurology. In addition, we have been busily collecting your 2016 annual subscription fees; thank you to all who have paid, we appreciate your support. If you haven't yet paid your fee, I urge you to do so soon. There are many benefits of being a member of the EPNS both on a personal level, and to ensure the field of paediatric neurology is represented at an international level.

Please read the following update to learn more about the above plus our forthcoming EPNS events and initiatives. I would especially draw your attention to our new 'EPNS Visiting

Teacher' scheme – the closing date for applications is 31 May 2016, also keep a look out for future announcements regarding the EPNS Research Meeting 2016 in Essen and of course our 12th EPNS Congress in Lyon in 2017.

Finally, I would like to extend my kind regard to Professor Heikki Rantala who retired last month from the EPNS Board as representative of the Committee of National Training Advisors

On behalf of the EPNS Board, with best wishes,
Lieven.

Very best wishes to Professor Heikki Rantala

Professor Heikki Rantala from Finland, EPNS Board member as representative of the Committee of National Training Advisors, retired on 17 March 2016. The EPNS passes on our thanks for all the contributions and wishes Professor Rantala all the very best for a healthy and happy retirement. <https://pbs.twimg.com/media/CdwgITGW0AA-E4b.jpg:large>

EPNS 2016 annual subscription fee *payments now being taken – so don't delay – if you haven't yet paid your 2016 fee, please pay today!*

The easiest way to pay is by logging onto <http://www.epns.info/>, click on the orange 'I'm a member' button on the right hand side of the screen. Your login name is usually your last name. Select 'Subscription', then 'Make new payment', select your preferred membership type, add to cart, then check-out. There is a 'forgotten your password' facility if you need a password reminder. If you have any queries whatsoever, please email Sue Hargreaves info@epns.info and she will be very happy to help

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 34 authors of its 24 chapters (360 pages) are paediatric neurologists and others, expert in their fields, from around Europe and the book has attracted very positive reviews. The book covers clinical assessment, special investigation and clinical scenarios and is designed to be useful at the bedside.

Postage and packaging are payable at a cost of 6 Euros. In order to be eligible to receive the publication for free, members must not already have received a copy of the book from the EPNS and have paid their 2016 annual membership fee. *Please note that EPNS members who have received a free copy of the publication from the EPNS in previous years are not eligible to participate in the offer in 2016. Members can only receive one copy of the book.* 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

EPNS Visiting Teacher *application period now open!*

The period to apply to participate in the NEW 'EPNS Visiting Teacher 2016' scheme is now open! The closing date is 31 May 2016.

Please visit our website <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-visiting-teacher2016/> to learn more about this exciting new venture for the EPNS.

EPNS Training Courses March 2016: Budapest, Hungary

The 2016 training courses took place last month with participants from 29 different countries! We received some great feedback, plus some constructive comments which will be used to further improve our future training events. Thank you to Katalin Hollódy, Peter Baxter, Coriene Catsman-Berrevoets, and the local team of organisers for making fantastic arrangements. Moreover thanks to all our valuable faculty members, and inquisitive participants for contributing to make the courses such a success. We hear that the social programme was also a big hit, especially the cooking class! Course photos have been uploaded onto the EPNS website, so please feel free to click on <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-training-courses-2016/> and you are welcome to visit us on Facebook by joining our closed group "EPNS Training Course 2016 Budapest".

EPNS Fellowship 2016

Thank you to all our EPNS members who applied for EPNS Fellowships for 2016; we were thrilled to receive so many applications of such a high standard. Following a meeting of the EPNS Fellowship Selection Committee, the EPNS is delighted to have awarded 6 EPNS Fellowships for 2016; 3 Clinical Fellowships and 3 Research Fellowships. We will keep you up dated with more information about each Fellowship in future monthly updates, and today we are pleased to announce the names of our successful 2016 EPNS fellows – congratulations to all on this fantastic achievement – we wish you all the very best.

- **Clinical Fellowships:**
 - Dr Mari Abuladze from Georgia going to Children's Epilepsy Hospital, Kehl-Kork, Germany
 - Dr Silvana Kau from Albania going to Istituto Di Ricovero E Cura A Carattere Scientifico, Italy
 - Dr Esra Serdaroglu from Turkey going to Evelina London Children's Hospital, United Kingdom
- **Research Fellowships:**
 - Dr Barbara Benova from Czech Republic going to Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, United Kingdom
 - Dr Lucia Gerstl from Germany going to Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, United Kingdom
 - Dr Petra Grđan from Croatia going to Hopital Femme Mere Enfant Epilepsie, Sommeil & Explorations Fonctionnelles Neupediatriques, Lyon, France

ICNC2016: 1-5 May 2016: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

www.icnc2016.org

The EPNS will have an exhibition desk at ICNC2016, and representatives from the EPNS Board will be available to talk about the benefits and activities of the EPNS. If you are attending ICNC2016 in Amsterdam and you have chance, please come and say 'hello' to us!

EPNS Research Meeting *save the date!*

28-29 October 2016: Essen, Germany

More details will be available soon.

12th EPNS Congress: week commencing 20-24 June 2017, Lyon, France *save the date!*

www.epns2017.com

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

Please note the important dates for this event:

- 1 October 2016: Opening of the call for abstracts
- 1 December 2016: Online registration opens
- 15 January 2017: Deadline to submit an abstract for EPNS 2017
- 1 April 2017: Deadline to benefit from early bird registration fees

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

EPNS website and database security

As part of our ongoing drive to continuously improve and keep up to date with the latest security, we have now completed the implementation of new improvements measures. Included in these enhancements is a new Password Wizard that helps find safe passwords for the Password Update and the Password Forget Feature. Also amongst other improvements, we have replaced the old Member Authentication System with a Server Side Authentication.

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.imre.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 83 new members have joined the society.

EPNS on Twitter!

Please follow us. Our Twitter name is [@EPNSnews](https://twitter.com/EPNSnews)

EMA consultation: Draft guideline on the clinical development of medicinal products for the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder

The European Medicines Agency has released for public consultation a draft guideline on the clinical development of medicinal products for the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is among the most common and varied disorders in paediatric psychiatry. It impacts significantly on social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning, and is a lifelong condition. Although various therapies and interventions are available, few are supported by scientific studies. Pharmacotherapies approved to date for the management of autism have been non-specific for the condition (e.g. atypical antipsychotics for the control of behavioural disturbance) and do not target

the core symptoms. This guideline is intended to provide guidance on the evaluation of new products in ASD; it should be read in conjunction with other EMA and ICH guidelines, which may apply to similar conditions and patient populations. The document open for consultation is available by clicking [here](#). Comments should be provided using this [template](#). The completed comments form should be sent to cnswpsecretariat@ema.europa.eu. Please note that the deadline for comments is Wednesday 31 August 2016.

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 learn more the recently added vacancies:

- MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases at Newcastle: Newcastle University INSTITUTE OF GENETIC MEDICINE, 2 X Clinical Research Associates (Clinical Fellow) Grade:CRA

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 training courses and meeting/s which have been added recently:

- 24 June 2016, Symposium: "Neonatal seizures – update", Zurich, Switzerland, <http://www.epns.jmre.es/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Neonatal-seizures-update-24th-June-2016-Un>
- 29-30 September 2016, Neonatal Neurology course, Glasgow, United Kingdom, <https://www.bpna.org.uk/courses/index.php>
- 20-21 October 2016, EXPERT TO EXPERT: MOVEMENT DISORDERS, Bristol, United Kingdom, <https://www.epns.jmre.es/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Neonatal-seizures-update-24th-June-2016-Un>

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

EPNS Research Meeting 2016: Essen, Germany: 28-29 October 2016

EPNS Training Courses 2017: Budapest, Hungary

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

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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