

EPNS Monthly Update: 13 March 2018

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EPNS Annual Subscription Fee 2018 *payments now due*

Your EPNS membership can now be renewed by paying your EPNS annual subscription fee for 2018. Visit <http://www.epns.info/epns-subscription-fees/> for more information. Thank you to all members who have already paid; your support is very much appreciated. If you need any assistance with your login for the on-line Journal, please email info@epns.info

PLEASE NOTE: If you had access to the on-line European Journal of Paediatric Neurology (EJPN) during 2017, regrettably this has been terminated if your 2018 annual fee payment has not been received.

The easiest way to pay your 2018 annual EPNS subscription fee, and activate your access to the EJPN 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 Masterclass 2018: *registration now open!*

We are delighted to announce that registration is now open for the 3rd EPNS Masterclass 2018 entitled '**When to start; when to stop. The dilemmas of advanced medical technology in paediatric neurology**'. The event will take place at Cambridge University from 6-8 September 2018. We are building on the unique features of first two Masterclasses, in 2015 and 2017. This will be a small, interactive meeting with delegates attending in "couples" of a senior mentoring clinician and the leaders of tomorrow: to share and learn from each other's ideas in areas where there are no easy answers. We are privileged to have speakers from a wide range of backgrounds including parents, ethicists and senior lawyers, as well as experienced clinicians; and will draw on the Cambridge tradition of rigorous, respectful,

intellectual exchange across the artificial boundaries of academic disciplines. Bursaries will be available for 2 mentor and young neurologist couples.

More details about the event, the bursary criteria, together with the booking form, can be found by visiting the EPNS website <https://www.epns.info/epns-cambridge-master-class-2018/>

We are limiting numbers to 42 participants to preserve the interactive nature of the meeting. Bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis, secured on receipt of full payment.

Be sure to register early to avoid disappointment!

CALL FOR LETTER OF INTENT TO BID TO HOST THE EPNS 3 year training course cycle

The EPNS is now inviting interested parties to submit a letter of intent to bid to host the EPNS 3-year training course cycle from 2021 – 2023. Also, if the standard of bids are of a high quality, the EPNS may also appoint the host for the 2024 – 2026 training course cycle from the bids received. The deadline for letters of intent to be received by the EPNS is midnight 30 April 2018.

Since 2003, the EPNS has been organising training courses in paediatric neurology. These are aimed at trainees and qualified paediatric neurologists who want to update their knowledge in specific fields. In 2009 the EPNS introduced a format where an individual centre would host the courses for a three-year period. We hold one meeting a year; each meeting offering two Courses. Most topics in the syllabus are covered over this three-year cycle. The courses also promote contact between individuals in the speciality from different parts of Europe and beyond. The style of teaching combines lectures, workshops, quizzes and interactive sessions. The courses have a highly interactive character and participants are encouraged to bring (difficult) cases to discuss.

The settings have had an atmosphere conducive to study with the venues offering local interest and good facilities for the main lectures, break-out rooms for workshops and audio-visual aids. (for more information about the topics covered in previous training courses, visit <http://www.epns.info/epns-training-programme/> For the most up to date information about the training course arrangements, please visit <http://www.epns.info/epns-training-course-2018-alicante/> where you will find information about the current Alicante training course. The training course has proven to be very popular and was fully booked within less than one week!

If you are interested in submitting a letter of intent to bid, please email info@epns.info for more information.

EPNS Research Meeting 2018: Alicante, Spain *Save the date! More information to be sent out soon!*

<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

EPNS Fellowship 2018

The EPNS has been thrilled to award 6 EPNS Fellowships this year. As promised, we will continue to share updates. This month here are summaries from 2 EPNS members who have recently been awarded an EPNS Fellowship about their goals:

- **Ani Gevorgyan** from Arabkir MC-ICAH Armenia will be going to the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom: I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as one of the recipients of EPNS Fellowship 2018. This Fellowship will provide exceptional opportunity to visit an excellent tertiary center, to see patients with different neurological diseases and “to shadow” a knowledgeable supervisor. I hope to see patients with rare neurological disorders, to gain experience and knowledge in getting to a diagnosis of these patients, to get familiar with the latest therapeutic approaches. In my country we have limited experience with identification and diagnosis of rare diseases because of a small size of the population. After improving my skills I will try to apply them in my country, to take better care of our patients, to contribute to the development of pediatric neurology in Armenia.
I look forward for this fantastic experience.
- **Gonzalo Ramos Rivera** from Comenius University, Bratislav, Slovakia will be going to Hospital Sant Joan de Deu, Barcelona, Spain: it is a very big honour for me to be granted by the EPNS for the fellowship programme. I cannot find words for expressing my gratefulness with you. This is a big opportunity for getting new experiences and knowledge, which I hope will be translated into better care of our patients. About how I plan to spend the time during the stay in Barcelona , I am focused on epilepsy, so I would like specifically to improve my EEG reading skills, also I would like to learn more about status epilepticus and epilepsy surgery. A long-term goal for me is to start a epilepsy surgery in Bratislava (Slovakia), where I work. Of course, having new professional contacts abroad will be awesome for cooperating. I am sure this fellowship will be very useful in all these aspects.

Visit <http://www.epns.info/epns-fellowship-news/> to learn more about our successful EPNS Fellowships awarded since 2014.

EPNS Training Courses 2018: Alicante, Spain *fully booked!*

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

The training course was **fully booked in less than one week!** There is a waiting list, for EPNS members who are still interested.

Registered participants will be contacted by the local organising team. Bursary applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application after 30 March 2018.

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

Joint EPNS/SINP teaching course: 16-20 April 2018 in Sicily

<http://www.pediatrasicilia.it/prossimi-eventi/1st-advanced-residential-course-in-neonatal-epileptology-and-neurophysiology.html>

First Advanced Residential Course in Neonatal Epileptology and Neurophysiology / Joint Neonatal epileptology and neurophysiology (joint-NEN)

This is a Joint event of the European Paediatric Neurology (EPNS) Italian Pediatric Neurology (SINP) and Italian Neonatology (SIN - Clinical Genetic Study Group) Societies. Professor Sameer Zuberi, Professor Finbar O'Callaghan and Professor Dimitrios Zafeiriou from the EPNS Board will be speaking at the event.

EPNS Visiting Teacher 2018 *applications period now closed*

The application period for EPNS Visiting Teacher 2018 is now closed! More details will be shared soon.

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.

EAPS 2018: EPNS 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-reg_eaps18@kenes.com
NEW: Abstract Submission Deadline: 16 April 2018 [View Abstract Topics](#)

Together we are stronger: EPNS collaborating with European national associations

The new EPNS Board is keen to continue the good work of the previous board and has identified that it is crucial we develop collaborative relationships with the network of national, international and global associations. As a first step, emails have started to be sent to each European National Association President with an offer to work together. **Together we are stronger in our role to promote training, clinical care and scientific research in the field of Paediatric Neurology and as a collective force we can bring about greater change for children with neurological issues.**

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.

European Journal of Paediatric Neurology: March 2018 (Volume 22, Issue 2) now available! Some issue highlights:

- **Editorial:**
 - [Movement disorders in children: The need to observe, describe in detail and integrate your findings to the global clinical picture](#) : Alexis Arzimanoglou
- **Commentaries:**
 - [Dystonia in childhood: Rising networks](#) : Michèl A. Willemsen
 - [Deep brain stimulation in cerebral palsy: Time for dynamism in a static encephalopathy](#): Aristide Merola, Alfonso Fasano
 - [Childhood Acute Neuropsychiatric Syndromes...furthering the discussion PANS and PANDAS](#) : Tammy Hedderly, Osman Malik

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

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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, **57** 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 and to see details about the following vacancy:

- Collaborative Training Research Program for Medical Doctors in Barcelona

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:

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