

## EPNS Monthly Update: 15 February 2016

Dear EPNS member

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

Thank you to the many members who have paid their 2016 annual subscription fee. If you haven't yet had the chance to pay – why not make the payment today? The easiest way to pay is online by logging onto the EPNS website <http://www.epns.info/> The correct schedule of fees for 2016 for the country where you practice will have been automatically applied. You will need to click on the orange 'I'm a member' button on the right hand side of the screen, and you will be taken to the login screen. Your login name is usually your last name. Once you have logged in please 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](mailto:info@epns.info) and she will be very happy to help

**EPNS Training Courses 2015-2017: Budapest, Hungary *fully booked! CME points granted***

- 8-9 March 2016 'Epilepsy and other paroxysmal disorders'

- 10-11 March 2016 'Behavioural, psychological and psychiatric aspects of neurology, including autism and learning difficulties'

Both training courses are now fully booked, and a waiting list has been started. We are pleased that both training courses have received such a large amount of interest, although this is not unexpected in view of the scientifically stimulating programmes! Last week we received the great news that the four day training event has been granted 24 European CME credits (ECMEC) by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME).

### **EPNS Fellowship 2016 *closing date 29 February 2016!***

The EPNS is thrilled to be able to offer 6 fellowships this year. For the first time we have introduced 2 types of fellowship in 2016:

- 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)

The closing date for applications is **29 February 2016** at which point the EPNS Fellowship Selection Committee will consider all applications. Applicants will be informed of the outcome by the end of March 2016. More details about the scheme, together with the application form, can be found by visiting the EPNS website <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-fellowship-2016/>

**EPNS Fellowship 2015 feedback:** Dr Constantinos Anastasopoulos from Germany completed a fellowship in C.J.Gorter Center for High-field MRI, Leiden, The Netherlands, and we are pleased to share the following update from Dr Anastasopoulos with you:

'The research focused mainly on MR-imaging of the skeletal muscle. I was from the very beginning involved in a new project on muscle-perfusion imaging and contributed to the direction the project took during my stay. My activities involved operating the MR scanner, adapting the exercise apparatus that was needed for the experiments, communicating with the programmers that helped us build and program the force transducer needed for the measurements and adapting analysis software for the MR data. Short meetings of the involved researchers were held almost every week, where I was given the opportunity to present new results. I also presented and discussed the procedure and data in the scheduled meetings of the department. In this period I submitted an abstract to three conferences, both scientific and clinical. I also visited the 'Duchenne clinic' of the paediatric neurology, that takes place every 4 weeks. I wanted to deepen my knowledge in scientific methods I am also using at my home university and was open to learn a new method as well. Both goals were achieved. I also wanted to work independently, but at the same time in close collaboration with the rest of the scientific team. The Gorter Center was the perfect setting to achieve these goals.

### **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 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!***

Please visit [www.epns2017.com](http://www.epns2017.com) A newsletter will be sent later this month to announce the important dates.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@epns.info) . Many thanks.

Welcome to all our new members! So far this year 61 new members have joined the society.

#### **EPNS on Twitter!**

Please follow us. Our Twitter name is **@EPNSnews**

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

[www.icnc2016.org](http://www.icnc2016.org)

deadline for "early bird" registration fees is extended until 29 February 2016

#### **Organelles and Neuro-metabolic Disease: a practical approach**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April, prior to the start of ICNC 2016. Program is available [here](#) and

registration is available through this link: <https://amc.congrezzo.nl/satellite/registration>

Contact: [neurometab2016@amc.uva.nl](mailto:neurometab2016@amc.uva.nl)

#### **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](mailto: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.imre.es/job-vacancies/> to find more details about the following vacancies currently being advertised.

#### **EMA consultation: Draft guideline on the clinical development of medicinal products intended for the treatment of pain**

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

document is open for consultation and is available by clicking [here](#). Comments should be provided using this [template](#). The completed comments form should be sent to [cnswpsecretariat@ema.europa.eu](mailto:cnswpsecretariat@ema.europa.eu). Please note that the deadline for comments is 31 March 2016.

**Please visit the 'meetings' page of our EPNS website <http://www.epns.info/> for a list of other meetings which might be of interest to you, here are some meetings which have been added recently:**

- 21-22 April 2016, Neonatal Neurology course, Bristol, United Kingdom
- 29-30 September 2016, Neonatal Neurology course, Glasgow, United Kingdom

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

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EPNS Training Courses 2017: Budapest, Hungary

12<sup>th</sup> EPNS Congress: Lyon, France: 20-24 June 2017

EPNS Research Meeting 2018: Alicante, Spain

13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@epns.info) if you have any queries about your EPNS membership.

With kind regards

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