

## EPNS Monthly Update: 16 April 2018

Dear EPNS member

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  - 6th EPNS Research Meeting: Alicante, Spain: 26-28 October 2018
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  - 13th EPNS Congress: Athens, Greece: 18-21 September 2019

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **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: May 2018 (Volume 22, Issue 3) now available!**

See the table of contents: <http://www.ejpn-journal.com/issue/S1090379818X00038?elsca1=etoc>

Editorials:

- o [Further expansion of the genetic GABA-A-opathies](#) Joseph Symonds
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### **EPNS Masterclass 2018: *registration now open!***

Registration is now open for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

### **EPNS Visiting Teacher 2018 *3 awards – congratulations to all!***

This year, the EPNS is delighted to announce that 3 EPNS Teaching awards have been granted. Over the next 12 months we will update the membership and website with more details of the visits. In brief, the concept of the EPNS Visiting Teacher initiative is that a volunteer professor / senior/ distinguished member of the EPNS, who is a recognised expert in a certain field, visits a nominated host centre in a country in Europe which is classified by the World Bank per capita income group 1, 2, 3 or 4B for a short stay of intense teaching. Travel and stay is supported by EPNS.

The EPNS is pleased to announce the recipients of the awards, and looks forward to learning about how the visits have benefited paediatric neurologists in the centres (please visit <https://www.epns.info/epns-visiting-teacher-2018/> for more information and future updates):

- **Estonia:** Professor Sameer Zuberi from the United Kingdom will be visiting Estonia. The visit will be hosted by Dr Inga Talvik, Tallinn Children's Hospital, in October 2018.
- **Kazakhstan:** Professor Raoul Hennekam from the Netherlands will be visiting Kazakhstan. The visit will be hosted by Dr Altynshash Jaxybayeva, Astana Medical University, in October 2018.
- **Ukraine:** Professor Dana Craiu from Romania will be visiting the Ukraine. The visit will be hosted by Dr Alla Nechai, Kiev City Paediatric Hospital, in May 2018.

## **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](mailto:info@epns.info) for more information.

## **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](mailto:info@epns.info) if you have any questions.

## **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:

- **Dr Iva Separovic** from University Clinical Hospital Center Sestre milosrdnice, Zagreb, Croatia will be going to University Medical Centre Groningen, the Netherlands: I am a member of child neurology team as a resident at Paediatrics clinic, UHC Sestre milosrdnice, Zagreb, Croatia. This fellowship will enable me to participate in the activities at the Institute of Developmental Neurology, Beatrix Children's Hospital, University Medical Center Groningen in Groningen, the Netherlands, starting in September 2018. I'm honoured to be offered an opportunity to work with Prof. Hadders-Algra. Through this Fellowship I will be able to participate in the IMP-SINDA Project which includes assessment of infants aged 2 to 18 months with two novel neurodevelopmental tests, the Infant Motor Profile (IMP) and Standardized NeuroDevelopmental Assessment (SINDA). The study is supervised by prof. Hadders Algra and Dr. Kirsten Heineman. I will also be able to participate in journal club which will help me widen my understanding of this area. The knowledge and skills I will acquire during this Fellowship will improve the quality of my work and care for patients in my homeland. I'm very grateful for this opportunity.
- **Dr Lela Lortkipanidze** from Gudushauri Medical Centre, Tbilisi, Georgia will be going to Great Ormond Street, London, United Kingdom: European Paediatric Neurology Society every year gives great opportunities for young doctors WITH EPNS fellowship program. It is pleasure for me to be one of the recipients of EPNS fellowship 2018. I work as consultant neurologist in clinic with largest neonatal intensive care unit in Georgia. Here I see term and very preterm babies with different neurological problems. EEG is very important and a powerful tool in the assessment of neonatal brain and measure outcome. In the frames of EPNS fellowship program will visit Great Ormond street Hospital under supervision Dr. Ronit Pressler and Dr Stewart Boyd. During this time I will do my best to get as much information as possible and improve my clinical and EEG skills. I am grateful to EPNS for giving me this chance

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!**

Registered participants have been contacted by the local organising team.

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.pediatriasicilia.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.

### 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](mailto:at-reg_eaps18@kenes.com)  
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.**

### 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](mailto:info@epns.info)

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

We are delighted to inform you that Greece will be hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> EPNS Congress at the Megaron Athens International Conference Centre in Athens on 18-21 September 2019, and plans are already well on their way!

The main theme for the 2019 congress will be: ***Paediatric Neurology and Rare Diseases: Genetics & Environment, Progression & Transition*** thus, coinciding with the fact that 2019

has been declared as “the Year of Rare Diseases” Therapy, prognosis and outcome of rare diseases, as well as their progression & transition to adolescence and adulthood, represent important issues and challenges both for the family and the patients, as well as for the whole health system in general (health care professionals, industry and national authorities). A large number of paediatric but also adult specialists, apart from neurologists, are involved in the care of little patients with complex rare neurological diseases, thus highlighting the need of interaction and collaboration needed at the highest level in order to offer optimum therapeutic options and a better quality of life. This prestigious congress will cover, in plenary and parallel sessions, the following major topics: Emergency & critical care neurology, rare neurogenetic & neurometabolic diseases, clinical trials & registries, sleep, but also epilepsy, movement & neuromuscular disorders, intellectual disability and autism, among them.

For more information, please visit the congress website: <http://www.epns2019.org/>

**EPNS teaching course in Uzbekistan: 13-15 March 2019 *Save the date!***

**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](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.info/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, 73 new members have joined the society!**

**EPNS on Twitter!**

Please follow us. Our Twitter name is [@EPNSnews](https://twitter.com/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](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.info/job-vacancies/> for more information

**ICNC2018: Mumbai, India**

This year, the International Child Neurology Association (ICNA) will be hosting their 15<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CHILD NEUROLOGY CONGRESS (ICNC)

- VENUE : Hotel Grand Hyatt, Kalina, Mumbai
- DATE : 15 - 18 November 2018
- WEBSITE: <http://icnc2018mumbai.com/>
- PROGRAMME: <http://icnc2018mumbai.com/scientific-program-at-a-glance.html>
- ABSTRACT SUBMISSION now open: <https://icna.org/icnc/index.php/icnc/2018> CLOSES: 31 MAY 2018
- **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION CLOSES: 30 June 2018**

### 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:

- 3-5 May 2018: International Paediatric Neurology Congress: Dubai, UAE  
<http://www.cvent.com/events/dubai-international-paediatric-neurology-congress/event-summary-5a27aab3473a4df4b595df379bdb9e6b.aspx>
- 8-9 June 2018: Paediatric Stroke Days: 2nd European Paediatric Stroke Conference: Bern, Switzerland [Paediatric Stroke Days – Invitation](#)
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### And finally... here is a summary of some important EPNS meeting dates for your diaries:

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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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