

EPNS Monthly Update: 19 June 2015

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A message from Professor Lieven Lagae, EPNS President

Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the EPNS Board and local organising committee, I would like to express our delight in welcoming so many delegates to our 1st EPNS International Symposium and 11th EPNS Congress in Vienna last month. With an overall number of over 1,100 delegates from approx. 70 countries, the meetings were a huge success and surpassed all expectations! I would like to offer my personal thanks to Gunther Bernert and his team, together with Jean-Pierre Lin for organising such wonderful events. The meetings presented an outstanding scientific programme and excellent networking opportunities. I hope that those of you who were able to join us in Vienna agree, and that the new information provided during the symposium and congress will support your continuing medical education and daily work. A deserved 'well done' to our 2 congress award winners too! – see below. Plans are already in the pipeline for the 12th EPNS Congress which will be taking place in Lyon, France, 20-24 June 2017, and I am sure this will at least match the quality of our meeting last week, so remember to mark the date in your 2017 diary! During the EPNS Board meeting in Vienna we were presented with the bids to host Congress 2019. The bids were of an excellent standard and the Board members were then asked to make a difficult decision and cast an anonymous vote. I am delighted to announce that Athens will be hosting our Congress in 2019.

So, lots to plan for in the future, and also in the short term the EPNS has other matters to keep us busy! First of all, please check out our new EPNS website – launched TODAY! We are delighted to have moved to this modern new format which we will continue to update and develop. We are also

working hard to get things moving for our training courses next year. The Budapest training courses will be taking place 8-11 March 2016 – see below for more details. An announcement will be sent soon to let you know more details about the programme, venue, costs, registration, etc. Also, following the success in 2014, we hope to run another training course in Georgia next year. More details will be communicated about this at a later date. Remember you must be a fully paid up member of the EPNS to participate in our training courses. I am also pleased to share with you that Essen in Germany have agreed to host our next EPNS Research Meeting on 28 and 29 October 2016, and I know that the local team are starting to make arrangements – so more news about this will be following in the future.

I'd also like to congratulate our 3 very worthy successful candidates who have recently been awarded an EPNS Fellowship. The standard of application was of an extremely high standard. This is an area which the EPNS will continue to focus on, with more opportunities offered in 2016. It is a relatively new EPNS initiative and as a result the scheme will continue to develop and evolve.

Finally, 'hot off the press'!: 2014 impact factors have just been released and I'm pleased to say that the EJPN (the Society's Journal) has seen a rise to 2.301 (up from 1.934).

We've got lots of news to share with you, so please read on!

Wishing you a happy and healthy summer.

Kind regards,

Lieven Lagae, President EPNS

11th EPNS Congress: Awards

2 awards were on offer, and the following 2 winners were presented with free congress ticket for the EPNS 2017 congress in Lyon. Sincere congratulations to both – see you in Lyon!

- **Best Oral Presentation**

Darling Alejandra from Spain: Pantotenate Kinase Associated Neurodegeneration: Clinical Assessment and Genetic Characterization by means of a Spanish Multi-Centre Research Network

- **Best e-Poster Presentation**

Laugel Vincent from France: Cockayne syndrome and DNA repair disorders : novel expanding neurological phenotype

11th EPNS Congress: Certificate of attendance

If you forgot to pick up your Certificate of attendance at the registration desk, please contact the local organisers at epns@intercongress.de

11th EPNS Congress: Elsevier Abstract Supplement

All EPNS members who have paid their 2015 annual subscription fee will be able to access an on-line version of the congress abstract supplement. If you need a reminder about how to access Elsevier's on-line Journal webpage, please email Sue on inf@epns.info

11th EPNS Congress: Photo gallery

Check out the EPNS Congress 2015 Photo gallery and re-experience our wonderful meeting in Vienna! <https://flic.kr/s/aHskdaeqYm>

EPNS Fellowship 2015 – phase 2: 3 awards given!

The EPNS is thrilled to have awarded a further 3 more EPNS Fellowships. (That is a total of 5 Fellowships awarded in 2015, and 3 in 2014). We will be re-opening the opportunity to apply for a Fellowship for 2016 at a later date, so watch this space! (remember applicants must have been a member of the EPNS for at least 6 months to be eligible to apply).

Congratulations and best wishes to the following:

- Dr Constantinos Anastasopoulos from Germany going to High Field MRI Cent, Leiden, The Netherlands The centre I will be visiting focuses on the emerging field of high-field MRI, i.e.

the application of new acquisition methods on strong magnetic scanners. I will come in close contact with the experimental methodology of radiologists, paediatricians and scientists studying the imaging of human muscle in neuromuscular disorders. As clinical practice goes hand in hand with scientific advance, I will profit from this short stay in both aspects. I hope to gain skills in measurement of muscle strength as well as in the acquisition and interpretation of muscle MRI scans, quantification of fatty infiltration, inflammation and atrophy in muscles of patients with muscular dystrophies. I am grateful that the EPNS board gave me this opportunity

- **Dr Miquel Angel Fernandez Garcia from Spain going to Hopital Neckar, Paris, France** My name is Miguel Ángel Fernández García. I am a young paediatrician from Spain, currently developing my training and educational programme in Pediatric Neurology at Hospital Infantil Universitario Niño Jesús, from Madrid (Spain). I will spend my Fellowship at the neuromuscular department of Hôpital Necker Enfants-Malades from Paris. My goal is to improve my clinical skills and gain experience on the field of neuromuscular diseases, including its diagnosis, management and particular evaluation with neurophysiology and muscle biopsy. Besides the fact that this will enrich my general neuropediatric training, I am now taking an active part in research by writing a PhD work on the topic of mitochondrial diseases. Thus, this fellowship at the neuromuscular department will lead me to analyse neuromuscular dysfunctions and its differential diagnosis, as well as to expand my knowledge on mitochondrial diseases, which will greatly help my thesis. I am also highly motivated for intercultural learning, which will broaden my vision of the Pediatric Neurology. And I wholeheartedly hope to be able to take back all this precious training opportunity into my future daily practise. Finally, I would like to highlight the effort of the EPNS in accomplishing its objectives of ensuring training opportunities for young members, encouraging international exchanges and fostering cooperation among all European Pediatric Neurologists. I am very thankful.
- **Dr Katharina Villi from Germany going to John Walter Neuro Muscular Dystrophy Cent, Newcastle United Kingdom** I very much appreciate the award for an EPNS Fellowship. There are already concrete plans to arrive in Newcastle, (Institute of Genetic Medicine, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 3BZ, England, hosting supervisor will be Prof. Volker Straub) in September for the first 3 weeks of the fellowship. During that period I am planned be involved in their neuromuscular outpatient clinics, in the assessment of patients in several of the clinical trials, and in the diagnostic workup of patients through exome sequencing.

EPNS new website

Check out our brand new, modern website which has been launched today! <http://www.epns.info/>

EPNS Training Courses 2015-2017: Budapest, Hungary further announcements to follow!

'save the dates':

- 8-9 March 2016 'Epilepsy and other paroxysmal disorders' (moderator Professor Katalin Hollódy)
- 10-11 March 2016 'Behavioural, psychological and psychiatric aspects of neurology, including autism and learning difficulties' (moderator Dr Peter Baxter)

EPNS Research Meeting further announcements to follow!

'save the date':

28-29 October 2016: Essen, Germany

European Journal of Paediatric Neurology (EJPN)

Great news! The 2014 impact factors have just been released – and we are pleased to report that the Journal has seen a rise to 2.301 (up from 1.934).

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

The new EPNS Congress 2017 website has now been launched, and plans are already well underway! Please visit www.epns2017.com

EPNS Cambridge Master Class – ‘Pediatric Neurology meets Immunology meets Literature’ Now fully subscribed!

17 - 19 September 2015 at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, United Kingdom
More details can be viewed via <http://www.epns.info/index.php?c=4&ss=109>

EPNS Fellowship 2014: feedback

For your information, we were recently delighted to receive feedback from Dr Lyudmila Yepiskoposyan from Armenia who was successfully awarded an EPNS fellowship in 2014. Her fellowship was undertaken at Univ. Children's Hospital Gasthuisberg in Belgium from January until April 2015. The aim of her study was EEG training, which is not included in her residency programme. Dr Yepiskoposyan said it was a great opportunity for her to become familiar with the technique of performing EEG and basics of EEG reading. She also had an opportunity to see patients with epilepsy, to understand use of EEG in the diagnostic work up and to increase knowledge on the principles of therapy in epilepsies as well as also new approaches in the management of these patients. Dr Yepiskoposyan learnt the principles of different montages, how to perform provocation methods, waking and sleep EEG patterns, to recognize epileptic and non-epileptic sharp phenomena, benign variants and artifacts. In addition to concentrating on what she set out to learn Dr Yepiskoposyan also had a possibility to choose a certain type of epilepsy (infantile spasms) and to read a significant amount of these EEGs in order to be ready for much more detailed interpretation. She has read several EEGs of the same patient and could see the evolution of different seizure types. Dr Yepiskoposyan has thanked the EPNS for this opportunity!

7th Euro Paediatrics Congress, Florence, 13-15 May, 2015

Our EPNS Board members, Banu Anlar and Rob Forsyth represented the EPNS at the 7th Euro Paediatrics Congress, Florence, 13--/15 May, 2015. They gave a workshop on practical neurological examination, personal practice courses on gait abnormalities and developmental delays, and a "hot topics" session. Banu Anlar participated to the summit about independent pediatric congresses in Europe including EPA/UNEPSA and subspecialist societies. The next EAP Congress will be in Bucharest, 2017.

EPNS 2015 annual subscription fee payments are now due!

Thank you to the many members who have already kindly paid this year's subscription fee. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to pay, why not pay today?! The easiest way is to pay your subscription fee is by debit/credit card by logging onto our website <http://www.epns.info/> If you have any questions about your payment, please do not hesitate to contact Sue on info@epns.info

EPNS Certificate of Membership

This can now be requested by an EPNS member who has paid their 2015 annual subscription fee. Please email Sue on info@epns.info to request a certificate.

New EPNS membership

We are always looking to welcome new members to our society and therefore we have been delighted to have seen so many new members join us over the last few years. Please continue to

encourage your colleagues to join us. A convenient on-line application form is available on our website <http://www.epns.info/> For more information email info@epns.info . Many thanks.

EPNS Trainee membership

Our annual subscription rates are good value and the 2015 trainee annual subscription fee is the lowest it has ever been at an affordable 20 Euros for the full year! This membership payment gives on-line only access during 2015 to the Society's Journal (the European Journal of Paediatric Neurology (EJPN) <http://www.ejpn-journal.com/>) If you are a trainee, this is an opportunity not to be missed... please spread the word!

EPNS on Twitter!

Please follow us. Our Twitter name is @EPNSnews

EPNS website: Job vacancy section <http://www.epns.info/index.php?c=12>

If you would like to advertise a vacancy for a paediatric neurologist role, please email info@epns.info with the following information:

- Link to the official job advertising site, name, email address and phone number of the person to contact regarding the role together with deadline for applications.

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

www.icnc2016.org website open for online submission of session proposals and abstract submission. 1 August 2015: website open for early registration!

Please note the following forthcoming meeting which has been recently advertised on our EPNS website <http://www.epns.info/>:

22-26 June 2015, Practical Neurology Study Days, GOSH, London, United Kingdom
Email: angela.mensah@ucl.ac.uk

16-20 September 2015, 1st Congress of joint European Neonatal Societies, Budapest, Hungary <http://www.neonatalinprovence2015.org/>

4-8 October 2015, 43rd Annual Congress of International Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery (ISPN 2015), Izmir, Turkey <http://ispn2015.org/>

9-10 October 2015 ICNA workshop and 14th Tunisian Child Neurology meeting, Sfaz, Tunisia. Email: neuropediatrietunisie@gmail.com

22-23 October 2015, Ukrainian National Congress on Perinatal Neurology, Kiev, Ukraine <http://www.adnu.com.ua/>

30 October - 1 November 2015, 4th Congress of Rett Syndrome, Rome, Italy <http://www.rettsyndrome.eu/>

31 October - 5 November 2015 World Congress of Neurology (WCN 2015) Santiago, Chile <http://www.wcn-neurology.com/>

1-5 May 2016, 14th International Child Neurology Congress (ICNC 2016), Amsterdam, the Netherlands <http://icnc2016.org/>

15-17 July 2016, 2nd International Neonatology Association Conference (INAC 2016), Vienna, Austria <http://2016.worldneonatology.com/>

19 - 22 October 2016, 3rd Pan-Slavic Congress of Child neurology and 21st CNM Congress (double event), Dubrovnik, Croatia <http://en.childneuro2016.eu/child-neurology-congress/>

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EPNS Training Courses 2017: Budapest, Hungary

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

13th EPNS Congress: Athens, Greece: 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.

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