

EPNS Monthly Update: 19 September 2016

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EPNS Research Meeting still places available!

28-29 October 2016: Essen, Germany.

Come and join this highly scientific biennial meeting. For more information visit:

<http://www.epns.jmre.es/research-meeting-2016/>

2 PLENARY SESSIONS:

- The role of imaging in the field of paediatric neurology: Dr Nicole Wolf
- Career aspects of young colleagues: Professor Ruth Grümmer

9 WORKING GROUPS: Each delegate can **register for 2** working groups – the programmes are repeated twice on day one:

- **Neonatal Neurology, Neurodegeneration and Neuroprotection:** Chairs: Regina Trollmann (regina.trollmann@uk-erlangen.de;) and Susan Jung (Susan.Jung@uk-erlangen.de)
- **Neurometabolics:** Chairs: Linda De Meirleir (linda.demeirleir@uzbrussel.be) and Barbara Plecko (barbara.plecko@kispi.uzh.ch)
- **Ataxia:** Chair: Peter Baxter (p.s.baxter@sheffield.ac.uk)
- **Developmental Neurology and Neuro-rehabilitation** (*click to see programme*): Chairs: Volker Mall (volker.mall@tum.de) and Martin Staudt (MStaudt@Schoen-Kliniken.de)

- **Neuromuscular disorders:** Chair: Volker Straub (volker.straub@newcastle.ac.uk)
- **Autoimmune inflammatory diseases:** Chair: Kevin Rostasy (k.rostasy@kinderklinik-datteln.de) and Martin Häusler (mhaeusler@ukaachen.de)
- **Epilepsy:** Chairs: Alexis Arzimanoglou (aarzimanoglou@orange.fr) and Helen Cross (h.cross@ucl.ac.uk)
- **Paediatric Stroke** (*click to see programme*): Chairs: Lucia Gerstl (Lucia.Gerstl@med.uni-muenchen.de), Andrew Mallick (andrew.mallick@bristol.ac.uk), Finbar O'Callaghan (f.o'callaghan@ucl.ac.uk)
- **Movement disorders:** Chairs: Jean-Pierre Lin (jean-pierre.lin@gstt.nhs.uk) and Michel Willemsen (michel.willemsen@radboudumc.nl)

The meeting is limited to 180 participants. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

EPNS Caucasian Training Course 2016 registration still open until 20 September!

30 September-1 October 2016: Tbilisi, Georgia

Day 1: Neuroimmunology and Infection

Day 2: Common neurological problems: an update with management plans

Official Language of the Course: English (there will be no translation)

For more information, please feel free to visit <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-training-course-2016-georgia/>

12th EPNS Congress: 20-24 June 2017, Lyon, France – call for abstracts opens 1 October 2016

<http://www.epns.jmre.es/congress-2017/>

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

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM http://www.epns2017.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/PROGPREL_EPNS2017_au25juilletBAT1.pdf

There will be early morning interactive sessions and parallel sessions – more details can be found on the EPNS Congress 2017 website <http://www.epns2017.com/>

Please note the important dates for EPNS Congress 2017:

- 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

European Journal of Paediatric Neurology (EJPN) September 2016 issue

The [European Journal of Paediatric Neurology](#) 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.

Please visit <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/10903798> to see the content of the September 2016 issue.

EPNS Fellowship 2015 feedback

Dr Fernandez Garcia from Hospital Infantil Universitario Niño Jesús, from Madrid (Spain) has now completed his fellowship at Hopital Necker, Paris, France, and we are delighted to share the following update from Dr Fernandez Garcia with you:

My Fellowship was aimed at training in Neuromuscular (NM) Disorders in a National Reference Centre. I got involved in the regular activity of the Neuropediatric Service at Hôpital Necker-Enfants Malades from Paris, with a varied schedule of activities: I was attending the NM Consultation 2-3 times/week, then the Electroneuromyography (ENMG) Consultation twice/week and participating in procedures such as Muscle Biopsies and other meetings from the Department, such as the Neuroradiology or the Mitochondrial Staffs.

At the Neuromuscular Consultation I was able to see how the general management of patients with NM disorders is undertaken, and how the follow-up is performed. I was lucky to see a wide variety of different pathologies, which was of great importance to set in my mind the most characteristic clinical pictures for diagnosis. Another important thing happening at the NM Consultation is the "First visit"-consultation, where I had the opportunity to get an approach to differential diagnosis of NM disorders and its initial work-up studies. But most important of all, I was to be able to see how the experienced advice plays a major role for NM patients, how important the multidisciplinary team is and how important the general and standard care are for every patient's quality of life.

Secondly, I took part at the ENMG Consultation. There, I had the opportunity to learn the basics on how to perform ENMG studies in children, how to select the suitable technique for each suspected pathology after a careful examination and how to interpret the results appropriately. I had the chance to perform from facial studies, including pharynx and diaphragm evaluation, to more distal procedures on limbs. The most important thing that I realized by performing ENMG studies, which made it really worth learning, was that in children it is really crucial to well correlate the clinical picture with the suspicion and the findings.

I also had the opportunity to learn how to perform Muscle Biopsies with sedation on a "short-stay" basis at the hospital.

Apart from this, my Fellowship involved a lot more scientific meetings and multidisciplinary learning. I joined weekly the Neuroradiology Staff, where all the interesting cases were discussed. I also joined on a week basis the Mitochondrial Staff, where cases were both presented for discussion and after successful diagnosis. I joined as well the Neuroorthopedic Consultation, critical for NM patients, which often associated problems on their column or limbs, and it was leaded by the Orthopedist in close cooperation to the Neurologist in charge. I took also advantage of being in a big reference centre for Pediatric Neurology and participated occasionally on General Neurology Consultations, Vascular Disorders Consultation and joined the visit of admitted patients.

I will never be able to thank enough Isabelle Desguerre, Cyril Gitiaux and their team for such a warm reception and motivated teaching.

EPNS 2016 annual subscription fee If you haven't yet paid your 2016 fee, please pay today!

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. Remember

to pay your current fee in order to take advantage of these benefits. 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 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 Training Course 2017: Budapest *save the date!*

Monday 3 April – Friday 7 April 2017

<http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-training-course-2017-budapest/>

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 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.jmre.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 118 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.jmre.es/job-vacancies/>

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 meetings which have been added recently:

- 11-12 January 2017, Neonatal MRI course, Utrecht, The Netherlands

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

2nd EPNS Caucasian Training Course: Tbilisi, Georgia: 30 September-1 October 2016:

5th EPNS Research Meeting 2016: Essen, Germany: 28-29 October 2016

EPNS Training Courses 2017: Budapest, Hungary: 3-7 April 2017

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

6th 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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