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### A message from Professor Lieven Lagae, EPNS President

Dear Colleagues

I was thrilled to learn that we now have over 1,000 EPNS members! Thank you for your continued loyalty, and welcome to all members who have recently joined our Society! Together we can collaborate to achieve our goal to educate and support scientific research. It is certainly an exciting time here at the EPNS and we have lots of news to share with you! First and foremost our 11<sup>th</sup> EPNS Congress will be taking place in Vienna next month, together with our 1st EPNS International Symposium on Advances in Neuromodulation in Children. An exciting program has been put together which will satisfy all your scientific and educational needs. There has been unprecedented interest in both events taking place in Vienna, and together with the local organising committee and EPNS Board, I am very much looking forward to welcoming all delegates to this wonderful city. The EPNS Board recently had the pleasure of offering Honorary EPNS membership to 5 of our colleagues for their out-standing contribution to the field of paediatric neurology. I am delighted to say that all 5 colleagues have accepted this distinction, and a small ceremony is planned to take place during the congress in Vienna. Below we have listed the names of our recently appointed honorary members, and shortly we will be uploading their biographies and photos onto our EPNS website. Congratulations to our 5 worthy new honorary members!

Please read on to find more about the EPNS activities, including our 2015 fellowship scheme applications, our 12<sup>th</sup> EPNS Congress, our Budapest Training Courses, our Cambridge Masterclass, and a wonderful update from Dr Kvernadze regarding her research prize awarded last year. More details can be found by visiting our website <http://www.epns.info/> or follow us on Twitter @EPNSnews Please also encourage your colleagues to join us so they can also benefit from the opportunities available to our EPNS members!

Best regards, Lieven.

### **11<sup>th</sup> EPNS Congress: 27-30 May 2015, Vienna Austria – it's not too late to register!**

- <http://www.epns2015.org/>
- EPNS members who have paid their 2015 annual subscription fee will profit from reduced congress registration fees.
- granted 17 European CME credits by EACCME!
- Find all information about the e-Poster exhibition online.
- Scientific programme will reflect the multidisciplinary character of paediatric neurology.
  - Latest news in the field of Fetal Neurology, Cerebral Palsy, Neurorehabilitation and Epilepsy as well as Inflammatory Disease of the Nervous System, Metabolic Disorders, Neuromuscular Disorders, Neuropsychiatry, Stroke and Movement Disorders will be discussed by well-known experts from all over the world.
  - Special attention will be paid to the history and state of the art knowledge of Rett Syndrome, also elucidating the contribution of his first description by Andreas Rett in Vienna.
  - The EPNS Board will organise the Academy in Paediatric Neurology and a session on Highlights in Paediatric Neurology on Saturday, May 30, 2015.
  - Early morning sessions, free oral sessions and e-poster presentation complete the programme.

### **1st EPNS International Symposium on Advances in Neuromodulation in Children: 25-26 May 2015, Vienna Austria now fully booked – waiting list available!**

<http://www.epns2015.org/programme/satellite-symposium/overview.html> If you would like to be added to our waiting list please complete the on-line registration form and tick the Satellite Symposium box. You will not be charged for the Symposium, and in the event that free capacity becomes available we will contact you via email before proceeding with any bookings.

### **EPNS Honorary Members**

Sincere congratulations and best wishes to the following professors who have been awarded the distinction of honorary membership for their contribution to the field of paediatric neurology:

Eugen	Boltshauser	Switzerland
Orvar	Eeg-Olofsson	Sweden
Ilona	GYORGY	Hungary
John	Stephenson	United Kingdom
Marc	Tardieu	France

### **EPNS Fellowship 2015 – phase 2 Closing date for applications: 10 May 2015.**

The EPNS has been delighted to award a total of 5 EPNS Fellowships during 2014 and the beginning of 2015. Please visit our website for more information about our successful candidates <http://www.epns.info/index.php?c=4&ss=107> We are now thrilled to open the period for further EPNS Fellowship applications during 2015. Once again we offer this opportunity to fully paid up EPNS members to apply (who have been a member for more than 6 months). On this occasions there will be 2 EPNS Fellowships on offer. For more information, visit <http://www.epns.info.www.i-ssl.net/index.php?ss=110>

### **12th EPNS Congress: week commencing 19 June 2017, Lyon, France change of date!**

The EPNS congress taking place in France in 2017 has changed its date – please add a note to your diaries for the week commencing 19 June 2017!

## **EPNS Cambridge Master Class – ‘Pediatric Neurology meets Immunology meets Philosophy’ Now fully subscribed!**

Date: 17 - 19 September 2015

Location: Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, United Kingdom

More details can be viewed via <http://www.epns.info/index.php?c=4&ss=109>

## **EPNS Training Courses 2015-2017: Budapest, Hungary Great feedback**

The 2015 training courses took place last month and we have received some excellent feedback. Thank you to Katalin Hollódy, Coriene Catsman-Berrevoets, and the local team of organisers for making fantastic arrangements. Moreover thanks to all the faculty members, and participants for contributing to make the courses such a success. The course content was superb and we hear that the social program was amazing. Course photos have been uploaded to the 'EPNS Training Course Budapest' group on Facebook. Please feel free to join the group :

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1572639296317721/>

## **EPNS 2014 Research Prize Winner: Dr Ana Kvernadze – an update**

In September 2014 the 4th EPNS Research Meeting took place in Bucharest, Romania during which 2 EPNS Research Prizes of 2,500 Euros each were awarded. The awards were given by the EPNS Board to 2 young neurologists for presenting outstanding, innovative ideas in the area of research in Paediatric Neurology. Dr Ana Kvernadze from Tbilisi, Georgia was one of our winners, for her presentation on etiological, clinical and electroencephalographic peculiarities, treatment strategy and predictors of the long term outcome of the patients with West syndrome.

Last month we were thrilled to receive feedback from Dr Kvernadze to say that she used the award to take the opportunity to be a research observer at UCL Institute of Child Health, neuroscience unit and clinical observer at Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, UK for 2 months. She thanked the EPNS and feels very lucky to have worked with Dr Finbar O'Callaghan and Dr Flore Jansen who have given her support and guidance, helping with her Ph.D. project. It was a great pleasure and opportunity for her and she sent her sincere thanks for the benefits this will have on her future career.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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

17-20 September 2015 European Academy of Paediatrics Educational Congress & Master Course (EAP 2015), Oslo, Norway <http://eapcongress.com/>

11-15 September 2016, 12th European Congress on Epileptologie, Prague, Czech Republic <http://www.epilepsyprague2016.org/>

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/>

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

1<sup>st</sup> EPNS International Symposium on Advances in Neuromodulation in Children: 25-26 May 2015

11<sup>th</sup> EPNS Congress - Vienna, Austria: 27-30 May 2015

EPNS Master Class - Cambridge: 17-19 September 2015

12<sup>th</sup> EPNS Congress: Lyon, France week commencing 19 June 2017

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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