

## EPNS Monthly Update: 9 May 2017

Dear EPNS member

This is your monthly email updating you on our EPNS news. Scroll down this email to learn more about:

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**12<sup>th</sup> EPNS Congress: 20-24 June 2017, Lyon, France – 6 weeks to go and approx. 1000 delegates have already registered! Still time to register!**

<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*'.

**Final programme** [http://www.epns2017.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/PROGPREL\\_EPNS2017\\_au28avril.pdf](http://www.epns2017.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/PROGPREL_EPNS2017_au28avril.pdf)

**Registration fee**

- includes: access to all scientific sessions, digital abstract book, lunches on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as well as the opening ceremony and welcome cocktail on 20 June 2017
- More information <http://www.epns2017.com/registration-information/>

**Accommodation:**

- June is peak season in Lyon, it is highly recommend you to book a hotel quickly! <http://www.epns2017.com/accommodation/>
- click [here](#) for a map of hotels (walking distance from the "Cit  Internationale"-congress venue <http://www.epns2017.com/epns-venue/> ) and few others reachable by bus.

Remember EPNS members who have paid their 2017 annual subscription fee benefit from significantly discounted member only delegate rates!

If any of your colleagues need more information about becoming a member of the EPNS, please ask them to visit <http://www.epns.jmre.es/> or they are very welcome to send an email to Sue Hargreaves at [info@epns.info](mailto:info@epns.info)

## **2<sup>nd</sup> EPNS Satellite Symposium on Advances in Neuromodulation in children: Neuronal Networks, Neurophysiology and Neuroplasticity – Registration open!**

- PRE-CONGRESS SYMPOSIUM
- **19 and 20 June 2017**
- Discover the programme [http://www.epns2017.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/PROGPREL\\_SYMPOEPNS2017\\_au25avril-2.pdf](http://www.epns2017.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/PROGPREL_SYMPOEPNS2017_au25avril-2.pdf)
- Additional fee of 150€ for congress attendees – 300€ for attending those only attending the symposium.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> EPNS Masterclass 2017 – Registration open!**

Following the enormous success of our inaugural 2015 Masterclass we are delighted to host a 2<sup>nd</sup> EPNS Cambridge Masterclass!

We are very excited to have Siri Hustvedt contributing to the meeting. Siri is a writer of novels and non-fiction including a highly-acclaimed account of her own experiences of "medically unexplained" functional neurological symptoms. She lectures on psychiatry, medical humanities and neurosciences courses. She wonders what happens — rhetorically and physiologically — when we change our minds.

**Date:** 14 - 16 September 2017

**Location:** Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

**Topic:** *Functional Disorders – Child Neurology meets Literature*

More details can be viewed <http://www.epns.jmre.es/2nd-epns-master-class-2017/>

Bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis. This will be based on the receipt of the full payment and not the receipt of the completed booking form.

### **EPNS Visiting Teacher *Application period closes 31 May 2017!***

Last year we introduced the EPNS Visiting Teacher Scheme and as a result 2 highly successful events took place. Visit <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-visiting-teacher-news/> to find out more.

If you would like to consider applying for a visit to your country, the period to apply to participate in the 'EPNS Visiting Teacher 2017' scheme is now open! **The closing date is 31 May 2017.**

Please visit our website <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-visiting-teacher-2017/> to learn more about the criteria for this exciting new venture for the EPNS.

### **EPNS Teaching Course 2017 'Child Neurology in Infancy', Astana, Kazakhstan – *First Announcement! Registration now open!***

<http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-teaching-course-2017-kazakhstan/>

**Date:** 18-20 October 2017

**Venue:** Hotel Park Inn, Astana, Kazakhstan.

**Subject:** *Paediatric neurology in the first year of life; following the book, 'Principles and practice of child neurology in infancy'.*

**Course Content:** [Final programme for Kazakhstan training course 2017](#)

**Course language:** English.

**Registration fee:** 70 Euros.

**Registration fee includes:** attending the whole course, written materials, two meals, coffee breaks, certificate of attendance.

**Accommodation:** please visit to follow site of Astana hotels: [www.apartamenty.kz/en/astana/hotels.html](http://www.apartamenty.kz/en/astana/hotels.html)

**BURSARIES are available**

More details can be viewed <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-teaching-course-2017-kazakhstan/>

### **EPNS Research Meeting 2018: Alicante, Spain *Save the date!***

<http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-research-meeting-2018/>

We are pleased to announce that the 6th EPNS Research Meeting 2018 will be taking place in **Alicante, Spain on 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.jmre.es/research-meeting-2016/> to see what happened in Essen last year.

### **EPNS Training Courses 2018: Alicante, Spain *Save the date!***

<http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-training-course-2018-alicante/>

The EPNS has been organising training courses in paediatric neurology since 2003 specifically aiming at trainees but also at qualified paediatric neurologists who want to refresh their knowledge on certain topics. The aim is to cover most main topics in the syllabus over a three-year cycle and to promote contact between individuals in the speciality in different parts of Europe. The course has a highly interactive character and participants are encouraged to bring (difficult) cases to discuss. The number of participants is limited and applicants who wish to attend both courses will be given priority over those who wish to attend one of the two courses. The cycle of training courses 2015-2017 took place in Budapest, Hungary. We are excited to announce that the next cycle of training courses 2018-2020 will take place in beautiful Alicante, Spain.

**Program Director:** Professor Francisco Carratala, Spain

**The first training courses will be held in Alicante: 8 – 11 May 2018.** More information to follow.

### **EPNS Fellowship 2017 - goals**

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 Katerina Gaberova from University Hospital “St. George”, Bulgaria will be going to Uniklinik RWTH Aachen, Germany:**

Already during my first years of residency in paediatric neurology I became interested in neuroscience and particularly in questions tackling the propensity of the human brain for plastic changes. Thanks to the EPNS Scholarship Program I now have the opportunity to join the team of the fMRI – laboratory In Aachen/Jülich to further deepen my knowledge and special skills in non-invasive human brain imaging and study their application into understanding the mechanisms of structural and functional brain plasticity. Making advantage of the established sophisticated technology allowing for unprecedented image quality I want to learn and further develop data analysis methods to get new insights of the brain macro-/microanatomy and their link to brain function. Most importantly, I want to successfully transfer the gained know-how to our new fully research-dedicated MRI imaging platform at the Medical University Plovdiv.

#### **Dr Elena Maqueda from Hospital Sant Joan de Déu, Barcelona will be going to Hopital Femme Mere Enfant, France:**

The aim of my clinical fellowship will be to improve my knowledge in the field of clinical epileptology and electro-encephalography in children of different age groups. To become familiar with the recognition of EEG patterns, both interictal and ictal, in neonates and infants. To better understand the electro-clinical definition of the various epilepsy syndromes and better identify optimal diagnostic workup for each. I will be involved daily with admissions at the 4-beds 24H Video-EEG monitoring unit, history taking and neurological examination of children with epilepsy, both newly diagnosed or drug-resistant. With the support of a senior physician with expertise in the field I will become acquainted with the development of treatment strategies, both medical and surgical. I will also be introduced to the interpretation of prolonged video-EEGs (24H to 72 hours) and drafting of EEG reports. Twice a week I will participate at outpatient clinics and train in summarizing complex case reports for presentation at the weekly epilepsy conference of the department (multidisciplinary session). From a clinical research standpoint, I will also be involved to the ongoing research program of the department focusing on emotional regulation disorders in children with newly diagnosed epilepsies, aged 6 and above. Allow me to thank the EPNS for this unique opportunity to perform my fellowship in another country of the European Union. This unique experience will not only allow me to improve my knowledge in the field but also to develop a European network at the service of global epilepsy care.

### **EPNS 2017 annual subscription fees *payment due!***

The EPNS financial year runs from 1 January until 31 December each year and therefore EPNS annual subscription fees for 2017 are now due!

Thank you to the many members who have already paid. **If you have not paid yet** – please do so as soon as possible.

- Payment can be made via the EPNS website <http://www.epns.info/> by selecting the orange ‘I’m a member’ button on the right-hand side of the screen.

- Access to the on-line [European Journal of Paediatric Neurology](#) will only be available to members who have paid their 2017 annual fee.
- EPNS members who have paid their 2017 annual subscription fee benefit from significantly discounted member only delegate rates at our EPNS Congress in Lyon 20-24 June 2017

### European Journal of Paediatric Neurology (EJPN)

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 latest issue.

### 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)

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

**Welcome to all our new members! So far this year, 177 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](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/> for more information.

### **Ramesh Festschrift *Save the date!***

A warm invitation to Newcastle for all friends and colleagues to join us for a Festschrift for Venkat Ramesh on October 19th. Please save the date and let colleagues know. For further information please see <http://bit.ly/2nx5yCD>

### **Please visit the 'meetings' page of our EPNS website**

<http://www.epns.imre.es/meetings/> for a list of other meetings which might be of interest to you, here is a meeting which has been added recently:

- 30 November – 2 December 2017: XLII Congresso Nazionale SINP: Matera, Italy  
<https://www.biomedica.net/mws/SINP2017>

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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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