

EPNS Monthly Update: 9 November 2016

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Call for Letter of Intent to Bid to Host the 14th EPNS Congress in 2021 – closing date 15 November 2016

Every two years, the EPNS brings together trainees, clinicians and allied health professionals from all parts of the world in the field of paediatric neurology. The EPNS is now inviting interested parties to submit a letter of intent to bid to host the 14th Congress of the EPNS in 2021. The letter of intent must be submitted by a member of the EPNS. Certain criteria must be fulfilled in order to qualify for selection and other notable items must be considered. Please email info@epns.info for more information and/or for a Letter of Intent to bid to Host EPNS Congress 2021 pro-forma.

12th EPNS Congress: 20-24 June 2017, Lyon, France – abstracts now invited / early registration opens 1 December 2016

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

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

PRELEMINARY 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 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

EPNS Research Meeting

The 5th EPNS Research Meeting was held on 28-29 October 2016 in the University Hospital Essen, Germany. It was a great meeting providing a fantastic platform for new collaborations to be made. The EPNS would like to especially extend its sincerest thanks to the local organisers for their hospitality and hard work in putting together such a well organised event: Professor Ulrike Schara, Dr Kevin Rostasy and Professor Thomas Lücke – thank you! Also the EPNS sends warmest gratitude to all the Working Group Chairs and participants for contributing to the success of the event and creating a vibrant atmosphere. 90% of participants gave the meeting an overall rating of ‘good’ or ‘excellent’. We also received some helpful feedback about where improvements can be made in the future, and the EPNS Scientific and Research Committee will take time to review all comments received. Check out the EPNS website to see some photos! <http://www.epns.jmre.es/research-meeting-2016/>

EPNS Research Awards

Huge congratulations to our 2 Research Award winners! There is an EPNS Research Prize awarded at every EPNS Research Meeting. The EPNS Research Prize this year was awarded to two young neurologists who presented outstanding, innovative ideas in an area of research in Paediatric Neurology. The following have been awarded research funds of 2500 euro each and have sent these messages:

- **Dr Walid Fazeli** from Germany *‘I am delighted and feel honoured to have received the EPNS Research Prize 2016. The research award recognizes the translational relevance of our work and encourages us to pursue our investigations of the SCN2A mouse model with a particular focus on epileptogenesis and therapeutic strategies. I am particularly pleased that the award acknowledges my effort as a clinician to better understand mechanisms underlying genetic epilepsies by working in a basic science laboratory.’*
- **Dr Ralista Yordanova** from Bulgaria *‘It is a really great honour to be awarded with the EPNS Research Prize 2016. This is a recognition that developmental assessment and surveillance with standardized and population based tools in preschool children is of great importance. I am truly grateful about the award and believe that it will help us to improve developmental assessment in Bulgarian preschool children’*

This is a fantastic achievement for both doctors – well done!

C N A meeting

The Commission of National Advisers (CNA) is constituted of advisers selected by the national Paediatric Neurology (PN) societies and associations of all European countries inside and outside the European Union (EU). Normally each country is represented by one member. Therefore the CNA is the representative for Europe. More information can be found on the EPNS website <http://www.epns.jmre.es/cna/>

On 28 October 2016, the C N A held its 18th meeting in Essen. This was a constructive meeting where the participants agreed to work together to develop a central database relating to PN in each European country. The information in this database will assist both the EPNS in taking further action in aiming for homogenous training in PN in Europe, and countries to improve their PN training concordant to the EPNS Syllabus and the organization of the PN care using successful models from other countries and adapting these to the realities from their country. Data will serve to publish an article in the EJPN showing the current situation of PN in Europe. This article will be a powerful point of reference for countries to use in the future with statistical information about the specialty. Another important discussion point concerned on how more students and trainees can be encouraged to enter the field of PN in the future. If you work in Europe, please feel free to ask your C N A representative for more information.

EPNS Fellowship 2017 – application period opens 1 December 2016

Application period for EPNS Fellowship 2017: opens on 1 December 2016 and the closing date is 15 January 2017. An email inviting applications will be sent to all EPNS members when the application period opens. Details about the Fellowship 2017 criteria can be found on the EPNS website <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-fellowship-2017/> It is the responsibility of the applicant to locate and make arrangements with their nominated host site.

For details of our successful Fellowship candidates from 2014, 2015 and 2016 please visit: <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-fellowship/>

EPNS 2017 annual subscription fees

The EPNS Board will be having their winter meeting at the end of November when the 2017 annual EPNS subscription fees will be decided. An email will be sent to all EPNS members shortly afterwards to open the period to pay your 2017 annual subscription fee. If you have any queries whatsoever, please email Sue Hargreaves info@epns.info and she will be very happy to help.

EPNS Training Course 2017: Budapest *programmes to be announced very soon!*

Monday 3 April – Friday 7 April 2017

Program Director: Katalin Hollódy , Pécs, Hungary

Head of the Scientific and Organising Committee: Coriene Catsman-Berrevoets Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Members of the Scientific and Organising Committee and training course topics:

- Barbara Plecko, Switzerland: **Neurometabolic / Neonatal**
- Thomas Sejersen, Sweden: **Neuromuscular Disease**

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

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 **November** 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

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.imre.es/meetings/> for a list of other meetings which might be of interest to you, here are some meetings which have been added recently:

- 2-3 February 2017, 5th International Symposium on Paediatric Movement Disorders, Barcelona, Spain
- 6-11 August 2017, 11th Baltic Sea School on Epilepsy BSSSE11, Tartu, Estonia

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

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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