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### **EPNS Masterclass 2018: just a few places left!**

Registration is now open for the 3<sup>rd</sup> EPNS Masterclass 2018 entitled '**When to start; when to stop. The dilemmas of advanced medical technology in paediatric neurology**'. The event will take place at **Cambridge University from 6-8 September 2018**. We are building on the unique features of first two Masterclasses, in 2015 and 2017. This will be a small, interactive meeting with delegates attending in "couples" of a senior mentoring clinician and the leaders of tomorrow: to share and learn from each other's ideas in areas where there are no easy answers. We are privileged to have speakers from a wide range of backgrounds including parents, ethicists and senior lawyers, as well as experienced clinicians; and will draw on the Cambridge tradition of rigorous, respectful, intellectual exchange across the artificial boundaries of academic disciplines.

More details about the event, together with the booking form, can be found by visiting the EPNS website <https://www.epns.info/epns-cambridge-master-class-2018/>

We are limiting numbers to 42 participants to preserve the interactive nature of the meeting. Bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis, secured on receipt of full payment. **Don't worry if you do not have a local colleague to attend with** – single registrations are being taken and teams will be allocated accordingly.

Be sure to register early to avoid disappointment!

### **EPNS Research Meeting 2018: Alicante, Spain EPNS website to be updated VERY soon!**

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

We are pleased to announce that the 6th EPNS Research Meeting 2018 will be taking place in **Alicante: 26 – 27 October 2018**. The EPNS website will be updated with more information within the next few days. Please check the website for updates about:

- The invited speakers and 8 working groups
- How to apply for one of the 30 bursaries
- Registration process and fees
- EPNS Research Prize
- Plus, other useful information

If you would like to learn more about our EPNS Research Meetings, please visit

<http://www.epns.info/research-meeting-2016/> to see what happened in Essen last year

### **EPNS Training Courses 2018: Alicante, Spain**

- 8 and 9 May 2018: Immune mediated diseases and infections
- 10 and 11 May 2018: Acute Neurology

The event took place just recently, and after having reviewed the evaluation forms completed by the participants, we are delighted to report that it was a **great success!** Sincere thanks to the Coriene Catsman- Berrevoets and Francisco Carratala for their wonderful organisation, and all the faculty members for delivering a high class and inspirational programme: Banu Anlar, Thais Armangue, Eugen Boltshauser, Kees Braun, Kumaran Deiva, Rob. Forsyth, Martin Hausler, Wolfgang Müller -Felber, Rinze Neuteboom and Maja Steinlin.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all the participants for entering the spirit of the EPNS training courses and creating an interactive atmosphere – we hope new friendships and networks have been nurtured.

The standard of participant presentations was extremely high, and it is with great pleasure we can announce the following 2 award winners – congratulations!

Best presenter: **Signe Sitlere from Latvia**

1st Runner up: **Ala Fadilah from UK**

### **EPNS and the new EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

Keeping in touch with our EPNS members is very important to us. Whether it's the latest news or information about our services, events and resources, we want to provide you with content that you find interesting and useful. We respect the personal information and contact details that you entrusted to us so, in line with the new EU general data protection regulations, we wanted to let you know that we have been reviewing our privacy policy. The new European legislation will be enforced from tomorrow (25 May 2018) and we will be in touch with further information.

### **New Edition of Aicardi's Diseases of the Nervous System in Childhood special offer!**

Aicardi's 'Diseases of the Nervous System in Childhood' 4th Edition Edited by Alexis Arzimanoglou with Anne O'Hare, Michael Johnston and Robert Ouvrier

**Special Offer for EPNS Members:** please use the coupon 'epnsaicardi' at checkout to receive 10% discount and free shipping'.

The offer will be valid until 31 July 2018.

Read more about the publication: <http://www.mackeith.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Aicardi-4th-ed-booklet-Revised-May-2018.pdf>

### **EPNS Annual Subscription Fee 2018 *payments now due***

Your EPNS membership can now be renewed by paying your EPNS annual subscription fee for 2018. Visit <https://www.epns.info/epns-subscription-fees/> for more information. Thank you to all members who have already paid; your support is very much appreciated. If you need any assistance with your login for the on-line Journal, please email [info@epns.info](mailto:info@epns.info)

### **EPNS Neurokids App and corresponding Workbook**

The latest exciting EPNS project! With the basic idea of Mind Maps, the classic textbook has been further developed to provide faster and more targeted information – in English, designed for daily professional practice, bundling the broad clinical spectrum. The App in particular is ideal for daily work and can be used on iOS 10 and Android devices. The Neurokids Workbook and App are now available as a package to all **fully paid up members** of the EPNS at the substantially discounted price of 20 Euros plus 6 Euros postage and packaging, i.e. a **total cost of 26 Euros**.

The package can be ordered and paid for by logging into the EPNS website <http://www.epns.info/> and selecting 'Subscriptions', 'Make new payment', 'Neurokids Workbook and App 26 Euros', 'add to cart', 'checkout via Credit Card' and follow the payment instructions. Please do not hesitate to email [info@epns.info](mailto:info@epns.info) if you have any questions.

### **European Research Networks (ERNs)**

Check out the new link on the EPNS website!: <https://www.epns.info/european-reference-networks-erns/>

The focus of European Reference Networks (ERNs) for rare diseases is to improve clinical care and expertise in Europe and to promote collaboration between clinical centres. At this stage this is a scheme for members of the EU. Here at the EPNS it is our aim to ensure that childhood neurological disorders are represented in the relevant networks and consequently many EPNS members and representatives from the EPNS board are involved in one or more ERNs, either as part of the ERN board or as a specialized centre. This includes the epilepsy, neurometabolic and neuromuscular groups. You will find a list of networks in which EPNS members are involved – please email [info@epns.info](mailto:info@epns.info) if there are any other networks which can be added to this list.

### **Joint EPNS/SINP teaching course: 16-20 April 2018 in Sicily**

<https://www.epns.info/joint-epns-sinp-teaching-course/>

Following the success of the meeting in Matera at the end of 2017, the SINP (Society for Italy Paediatric Neurology) kindly invited speakers from the EPNS Board to participate in a residential joint EPNS/SINP teaching course on epilepsy and clinical neurophysiology in neonates and infants in Catania. Professor Sameer Zuberi, EPNS President, together with 2 colleagues from the EPNS Board; Professor Finbar O’Callaghan and Professor Dimitrios Zafeiriou were delighted to attend as speakers.

### **European Journal of Paediatric Neurology (EJPN)**

The [European Journal of Paediatric Neurology](#) with an impact factor of more than 2, 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.

### **EAPS 2018: EPNS Membership Registration**

The 7th Congress of the European Academy of Paediatric Societies, EAPS 2018, will be taking place in Paris on October 30 – November 3, 2018. Register today and don’t miss this major educational and research event, attracting high quality scientific presentations organised by the best and brightest minds in paediatrics. As a member of EPNS, you could save more on registration by paying the member’s registration rate. For further information or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the EAPS registration manager [at-reg\\_epns18@kenes.com](mailto:at-reg_epns18@kenes.com)  
Abstract Submission Deadline: 16 April 2018 [View Abstract Topics](#)

### **BIDS TO HOST THE EPNS 3-year training course cycle**

The closing date for ‘Letters of Intent’ has now passed and invitations to submit a full bid will be sent out soon to those who have been selected.

## **Together we are stronger: EPNS collaborating with European national associations**

The new EPNS Board is keen to continue the good work of the previous board and has identified that it is crucial we develop collaborative relationships with the network of national, international and global associations. As a first step, emails have been sent to each European National Association President with an offer to work together. We have been delighted to start to receive positive replies from many countries already.

**Together we are stronger in our role to promote training, clinical care and scientific research in the field of Paediatric Neurology and as a collective force we can bring about greater change for children with neurological issues.**

## **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)

## **13th EPNS Congress: 18-21 September 2019, Athens, Greece *Save the date!***

We are delighted to inform you that Greece will be hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> EPNS Congress at the Megaron Athens International Conference Centre in Athens on 18-21 September 2019, and plans are already well on their way! The main theme for the 2019 congress will be: ***Paediatric Neurology and Rare Diseases: Genetics & Environment, Progression & Transition*** thus, coinciding with the fact that 2019 has been declared as “the Year of Rare Diseases” Therapy, prognosis and outcome of rare diseases, as well as their progression & transition to adolescence and adulthood, represent important issues and challenges both for the family and the patients, as well as for the whole health system in general (health care professionals, industry and national authorities). A large number of paediatric but also adult specialists, apart from neurologists, are involved in the care of little patients with complex rare neurological diseases, thus highlighting the need of interaction and collaboration needed at the highest level in order to offer optimum therapeutic options and a better quality of life. This prestigious congress will cover, in plenary and parallel sessions, the following major topics: Emergency & critical care neurology, rare neurogenetic & neurometabolic diseases, clinical trials & registries, sleep, but also epilepsy, movement & neuromuscular disorders, intellectual disability and autism, among them. For more information, please visit the congress website: <http://www.epns2019.org/>

## **EPNS teaching course in Uzbekistan: 13-15 March 2019 *Save the date!***

## **14th EPNS Congress: 2021, Glasgow, United Kingdom**

## **EPNS Certificate of Membership**

This can now be requested by an EPNS member who has paid their annual subscription fee. Please email Sue on [info@epns.info](mailto: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.info/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, 90 new members have joined the society!**

### **EPNS on Twitter!**

Please follow us. Our Twitter name is [@EPNSnews](https://twitter.com/EPNSnews)

### **BPNA Paediatric Epilepsy Training**

The BPNA are pleased to inform the EPNS that they have arranged new dates for the PET 1,2 & 3, CHaT, NeoNATE and Movement Disorder courses from April 2018 onwards. The BPNA recommends that anyone who has a role in managing children's epilepsy should repeat the PET courses every 5 years. Book online now: <https://www.bpna.org.uk/bpna-courses/index.php>

### **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.info/job-vacancies/> for more information

### **ICNC2018: Mumbai, India**

This year, the International Child Neurology Association (ICNA) will be hosting their 15<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CHILD NEUROLOGY CONGRESS (ICNC)

- VENUE : Hotel Grand Hyatt, Kalina, Mumbai
- DATE : 15 - 18 November 2018
- WEBSITE: <http://icnc2018mumbai.com/>
- PROGRAMME: <http://icnc2018mumbai.com/scientific-program-at-a-glance.html>
- ABSTRACT SUBMISSION now open:  
<https://icna.org/icnc/index.php/icnc/2018> CLOSES: 31 MAY 2018
- EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION CLOSES: 30 June 2018

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

<http://www.epns.info/meetings/> for a list of other meetings which might be of interest to you, here are some meetings which have been added recently:

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- 21 September 2018: 2nd Slovene Symposium on Neuromuscular Diseases: Ljubljana, Slovenia <http://nmd.pedkl.si/>
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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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