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EPNS Masterclass 2018: Hurry: just 3 places left!

The 3rd EPNS Masterclass 2018 entitled ‘**When to start; when to stop. The dilemmas of advanced medical technology in paediatric neurology**’ 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/>

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.

EPNS Research Meeting 2018: Alicante, Spain: Registration now open (closes 19 October 2018)!

The 6th EPNS Research Meeting 2018 will be taking place in **Alicante: 26 – 27 October 2018**.

To register: [EPNS Research Meeting 2018 Alicante Registration Form](#)

To pay the registration fee: [EPNS Research Meeting Alicante 2018](#)

Full details: <https://www.epns.info/epns-research-meeting-2018/>

Programme: [EPNS Research Meeting 2018 Alicante PROGRAMME.docx](#)

Participants will attend 2 out of the 8 different working groups, i.e. one from each of the two blocks of four. There is a maximum of 40 delegates per working group which will be booked on a first come, first served basis. Delegates are encouraged to participate actively, including presenting research projects in the respective working groups. Working group Chairs should be contacted directly to make arrangements for presentations. There will be an **EPNS Research Prize awarded to 2 young neurologists (2500 Euros per person)** who present outstanding, innovative ideas in research in Paediatric Neurology. For more

information about the meeting, including Working Group Chair contact details, please visit <https://www.epns.info/epns-research-meeting-2018/> 19 October 2018: registration closes

3rd Biennial Caucasus course 9-10 November 2018 in Tbilisi, Georgia:
registration now open!

<https://www.epns.info/epns-caucasus-teaching-course-2018/>

Programme: <http://www.neurologyassociation.ge/programme.pdf>

Registration Form: http://www.neurologyassociation.ge/registration_form.pdf

13th EPNS Congress: 18-21 September 2019, Athens, Greece: Preliminary programme available soon!

We are delighted to inform you that Greece will be hosting the 13th 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/>

New Edition of Aicardi's Diseases of the Nervous System in Childhood special offer until 31 August 2018!

Aicardi's 'Diseases of the Nervous System in Childhood' 4th Edition Edited by Alexis Arzimanoglou with Anne O'Hare, Michael Johnston and Robert Ouvrier is now available to purchase. We are very pleased to share with you a special Offer for EPNS Members for a limited period only: please use the coupon '**epnsaicardi**' at checkout to receive 10% discount and free shipping'. The offer will be valid until 31 August 2018. The print and eBook can be purchased together from the following link:

<http://www.mackeith.co.uk/shop/aicardis-diseases-of-the-nervous-system-in-childhood-4th-edition-special-offer-print-and-ebook-together/>

EPNS Fellowship 2018 feedback

Dr Ani Gevorgyan from Arabkir MC-ICAH Armenia went to the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom and we are delighted to share the following update: During this fellowship my primary goal was to deepen my knowledge in paediatric neurology. I had an opportunity to take part in paediatric neurology outpatient clinics, to follow the diagnostic and treatment processes in the inpatient department, to visit neurophysiology, neurogenetics,

neuromuscular, neuroophthalmology and CMT (Charcot Marie Tooth) clinics. In each of these clinics during this 3 mo period I was able to see a lot of patients with difficult-to-treat epilepsy and/or rare neurological disorders, which I could not see during a long period of time in Armenia. I thank again the EPNS for this amazing experience.

Dr Gonzalo Ramos Rivera from Comenius University, Bratislav, Slovakia went to Hospital Sant Joan de Deu, Barcelona, Spain and we are delighted to share the following update from **Dr Ramos Rivera with you:** During the fellowship, I was focused on management of pharmaco-resistant epilepsy, especially on clinical aspects – diagnostic and therapy. We performed also an analysis of the cohort of children with implanted vagus nerve stimulator for the treatment of epilepsy who are followed-up in the Hospital Sant Joan de Déu. In the field of diagnostic in pharmaco-resistant epilepsy, I got more experience in EEG reading, seizure semiology, neuroradiology and indication of intracranial EEG, ictal SPECT, neuropsychological examination and Wada test. About therapy, the approach for indication of epilepsy surgery and the selection of the type of surgical procedure was very interesting for me.

EPNS teaching course in Uzbekistan: 13-15 March 2019 save the date!

<https://www.epns.info/epns-teaching-course-in-uzbekistan-13-15-march-2019/>

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

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 if you have any questions.

European Journal of Paediatric Neurology (EJPN)

The [European Journal of Paediatric Neurology](#) with its recently announced increased **impact factor of 2.3**, 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. Volume 22, Issue 4 now available!

19th Annual Meeting of Infantile Seizures Society (ISS)

www.ptsroma.it

In 2018 for the first time the Annual Meeting of Infantile Seizures Society (ISS) will be held in Europe. It is a big honour and privilege to host the 19th Meeting in Rome. During previous editions experts coming from Europe participated to the ISS Meetings having experienced by themselves the high scientific value. The 19th edition of the ISS, will see the participation of several young researcher and clinicians coming from Europe and other countries worldwide, they will directly get in contact with the ISS, an extremely eminent society in the field of epilepsy. The 19th Annual Meeting of ISS will be dedicated to the therapeutical approach to epilepsy: International Symposium on Severe infantile Epilepsies: old and new Treatments (ISSET). Our purpose is to have an up-to date on the management of the most severe epileptic entities with onset during infancy as symptomatic focal epilepsy, and epileptic encephalopathies.

EAPS 2018: EPNS Membership Registration

The 7th Congress of the European Academy of Paediatric Societies: October 30-November 3, 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Website: <http://www.eaps.kenes.com/2018>

Registration Savings Deadline for EPNS members: October 17, 2018

Serving as a nexus for the wealth of knowledge provided by three leading paediatric societies, the 7th Congress of the European Academy of Paediatric Societies (EAPS 2018) promises to build on the reputation of previous highly successful meetings. Paediatric professionals from around the world will gain unparalleled access to the best scientific research programmes.

Firmly established yet dedicated to thinking outside the box, EAPS 2018 aims to engage the world's best in a hearty exchange of experiences and expertise in research and clinical care. Europe's foremost paediatrics subspecialty societies EAP, ESPNIC and ESPR have dedicated their time and formidable talents into organizing an stellar educational/research forum that will celebrate outstanding science in all areas of paediatrics.

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

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 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 . Many thanks.

Welcome to all our new members! So far this year, 120 new members have joined the society!

EPNS on Twitter!

Please follow us. Our Twitter name is [@EPNSnews](https://twitter.com/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.info/job-vacancies/> for more information

ICNC2018: Mumbai, India

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

- VENUE : Hotel Grand Hyatt, Kalina, Mumbai
- DATE : 15 - 18 November 2018
- WEBSITE: <http://icnc2018mumbai.com/>

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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http://www.aulavhebron.net/aula/index.php?go=info_cursos&curso=133
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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

Best wishes

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