

EPNS Monthly Update: 15 November 2018

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A message from the EPNS President

It is with utmost sadness that I announce our much loved EPNS Board member, esteemed colleague and friend, Linda de Meirleir, passed away on the morning of 31 October 2018 after a brave battle with illness. There are few words to express the enormity of this loss. We are all deeply shocked and would like to offer our sincerest sympathy to Linda's family, colleagues and friends. Linda made immense contributions to the EPNS and her legacy will live on. Her intellect, humour, thoughtfulness and caring spirit will be greatly missed.

Sameer Zuberi, EPNS President

With the kind blessing of Ingrid Tein, ICNA President, I share this beautifully written tribute <https://icnapedia.org/s/linda>

EPNS Fellowship 2019 Applications now welcome

The EPNS is once again thrilled to be able to offer 6 fellowships as follows:

- Clinical elective (e.g. attending clinics, developing skills in EEG, EMG etc.)
- Research project (May be part of a thesis; basic or patient orientated research, learning a specific skill / technique)

Applications are now welcome and the closing date for applications is **10 January 2019** at which point the EPNS Fellowship Selection Committee will consider all applications. Applicants will be informed of the outcome by the end of February 2019. More details about the scheme, together with the application form, can be found by visiting the EPNS website <https://www.epns.info/epns-fellowship-2019/>. 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 the last 5 years please visit: <https://www.epns.info/epns-fellowship-news/>

EPNS Visiting Teacher 2019 Applications now welcome

The application period for EPNS Visiting Teacher 2019 is now open! The EPNS is once again thrilled to be able to offer 2 opportunities. The closing date for applications is **10 January 2019** at which point the EPNS Selection Committee will consider all applications. More details about the scheme, together with the application form, can be found by visiting the EPNS website <https://www.epns.info/epns-visiting-teacher-2019/>. For details of our successful Visiting Teachers from the last 3 years please visit: <http://www.epns.info/epns-visiting-teacher-2016/> and <http://www.epns.info/epns-visiting-teacher-2017/> and <https://www.epns.info/epns-visiting-teacher-2018/>

15th EPNS Congress 2023 Letters of Intent for bids to host now invited

The EPNS is now inviting interested parties to express their intent bid to host the 15th Congress of the EPNS in 2023. The invitation is extended to all fully paid up members of the EPNS, however, certain criteria must be fulfilled to qualify for selection. Full details can be found in the [Guidelines and Procedures for applications to host a scientific meeting of the EPNS 2023](#). At this stage, interested parties must submit a completed [EPNS Congress 2023 letter of intent to bid to host PRO FORMA \(LI\)](#) which will be evaluated by

representatives from the EPNS Board. Without a successfully selected LI, it is not possible to move to the next stage and submit a full bid to host the 15th EPNS congress in 2023. The closing date for LI to be received by the EPNS is **midnight 15 February 2019**

13th EPNS Congress: 18-21 September 2019, Athens, Greece: registration, bursary applications and call for abstracts now open!

Registration: Benefit from the early fee and save up to 15% on your registration!

Click [here](#) to register

Call for Abstracts: Click [here](#) to submit your abstract

Bursary applications: Click [here](#) for eligibility criteria and application procedure

Scientific Programme: Click [here](#) to see more

1st Newsletter: [EPNS 2019 Congress – Newsletter Vol. 1: Save the Date](#)

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! 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 Research Meeting 2018: Alicante, Spain Congratulations to the EPNS Research Prize Winners!

The 6th EPNS Research Meeting 2018 took place in Alicante: 26 – 27 October 2018. There was a stimulating programme with a good balance between clinical and basic research via 8 working groups and plenary sessions. Twenty-three bursaries were granted from 10 different countries and the completed evaluations forms reveal it was a well-received meeting with 51% rating the meeting ‘excellent’ overall and 43% rating it ‘very good’. Comments on earlier announcement and stronger focus on networking and international grant applications are well taken and we will be looking for ways to implement this for future research meetings.

The EPNS Research Prize was awarded to two young neurologists who presented an outstanding, innovative ideas in the area of research in Paediatric Neurology.

Congratulations to

- **Océane Perdaens** from Belgium, for her excellent presentation ‘The functional role of micro-RNA on the T-cell dependent immune dysregulation in multiple sclerosis’

- **Lucia Abela** from the United Kingdom, for her excellent presentation ‘Development of a Patient-Derived Dopaminergic Neuronal Cell Model to Study Disease Mechanisms in Childhood Parkinsonism ‘

EPNS Training Course, Alicante, Spain: 7-10 May 2019 SAVE THE DATE!

- 7-8 May 2019: Metabolic Disorders (Coriene Catsman- Berrevoets/Michel Willemsen/ Barbara Plecko)
- 9-10 May 2019: Epilepsy (Lieven Lagae)

REGISTRATION WILL BE OPENED NEARER THE TIME. All EPNS members will be notified by email when registration has opened, and the website page will be updated at the same time. <https://www.epns.info/epns-training-course-2019-alicante/> This is a popular event, and registrations will be accepted on a strictly first come, first served basis.

EPNS training cycle 2021-2023: Jurmala, Latvia Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jurgis Strausman and the team in Latvia for submitting an excellent bid and being awarded the EPNS training cycle 2021-2023. The EPNS looks forward to working with you.

EPNS training cycle 2024-2026: Ferrara, Italy Congratulations!

Congratulations to Agnese Suppiej and the team in Italy for submitting an excellent bid and being awarded the EPNS training cycle 2024-2026. The EPNS looks forward to working with you.

New upsurge of Acute Flaccid Myelitis cases in 2018

We are pleased to share this report from Oebele F. Brouwer (o.f.brouwer@umcg.nl) University Medical Centre Groningen, Netherlands: <https://www.epns.info/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/New-upsurge-of-Acute-Flaccid-Myelitis-caused-by-enterovirus-D68.pdf>

EPNS Visiting Teacher 2018: Kazakhstan

Professor Raoul Hennekam from the Netherlands visited Astana Medical University in Kazakhstan. Please read the report from Altynshash Jaxybayeva about this promising EPNS supported event <https://www.epns.info/epns-visiting-teacher-2018/>

EPNS supporting educational events: Educational Event in Paediatric

Movement Disorders: Barcelona: 30 Nov-1 Dec 2018

From Genome to Precision Medicine in Paediatric Movement Disorders
<https://sites.google.com/view/permedpediamovementdisorders>

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 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.

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. There will be an announcement next month regarding the EPNS Annual Subscription fee for 2019.

European Journal of Paediatric Neurology (EJPN)

The [European Journal of Paediatric Neurology](#) with its recently announced increased impact factor of 2.36, 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 5 now available!

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.**

14th EPNS Congress: 2-5 June 2021 Glasgow, United Kingdom Save the date!

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, 163 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

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, including:

- 12-14 June 2019 5th International Neonatology Association Conference (INAC) Tijuana, Mexico <http://2019.worldneonatology.com/welcome-letter-2/>

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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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