

## EPNS Monthly Update: 19 December 2018

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### EPNS President message

2018 has certainly been a busy year for our growing and thriving Society, with much more to look forward to in the forthcoming years. Later this month we will be sharing our 2018 Annual Report with you, showcasing the EPNS activities that have taken place during this year and reporting on our on-going activities. In the meantime, together with my colleagues on the EPNS Board, I would like to wish all our members health, prosperity and joy over the holiday season.

Sameer Zuberi, EPNS President

### EPNS Annual Subscription Fees 2019 and 2020: Payments now welcome

You can now renew your EPNS membership by paying your EPNS annual subscription fee. For your convenience we have added the opportunity to pay your **2019 and 2020 annual subscription fee at the same time** (Combined 2019 & 2020) which gives members an approx. discount of 10% plus a **significant registration fee discount for EPNS Congress 2019 in Athens**. Please click on this link [epns questions and answers 2019](#) for more information about the annual subscription fee payment methods, including the **new EPNS bank account number**, and other useful information.

### EPNS Fellowship 2019: closing date for applications: 10 January 2019

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 closing date for applications: 10 January 2019

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/>

**15<sup>th</sup> EPNS Congress 2023** closing date for Letters of Intent for bids to host: **15 February 2019**

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. Deadline: 4 February 2019

**Bursary applications:** Click [here](#) for eligibility criteria and application procedure: Closing date: 4 February 2019

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter:** [EPNS 2019 Congress – Newsletter Vol. 2: Preliminary Program & Faculty List](#)

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! 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 Training Course, Alicante, Spain: 7-10 May 2019** bursary application period open (closes: **15 January 2019**) , preliminary programmes available, registration opens soon!

- 7-8 May 2019: Metabolic Disorders (Moderators: Coriene Catsman- Berrevoets/Michel Willemsen/ Barbara Plecko)
  - Click this link to see the programme: [EPNS Training course 2019 Alicante 78 May Neurometabolic diseases PROGRAMME](#)
- 9-10 May 2019: Epilepsy (Moderator: Lieven Lagae)

- Click this link to see the programme: [EPNS Training course 2019 Alicante 910 May Epilepsy PROGRAMME](https://www.epns.info/epns-training-course-2019-alicante-910-may-epilepsy-programme/)

The application period for bursaries is now open until 15 January 2019. For more information about the training course, bursary application criteria and bursary application form, please visit the EPNS website: <https://www.epns.info/epns-training-course-2019-alicante/>

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 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 Fellowship 2018 update**

The EPNS has been thrilled to award 6 EPNS Fellowships this year. Dr Iva Separovic from University Clinical Hospital Center Sestre milosrdnice, Zagreb, Croatia recent went to University Medical Centre Groningen, the Netherlands and we are delighted to share the following update on our website: <https://www.epns.info/epns-fellowship-news/>

### **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. Read all about this successful event which was supported by the EPNS <https://www.epns.info/epns-supporting-educational-events/>

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

The [European Journal of Paediatric Neurology](https://www.epns.info/epns-supporting-educational-events/) 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 6 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](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, 189 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>

### **Publication of Children and Youth with Complex CP special offer for EPNS Members!**

Mac Keith Press are proud to announce the publication of *Children and Youth with Complex Cerebral Palsy: Care and Management*, edited by Laurie Glader and Richard Stevenson. This is the first book to explore the management of the many medical comorbidities that children with complex cerebral palsy often encounter, including orthopaedic concerns, mobility and equipment needs, cognition and sensory impairment, difficult behaviours, seizures, respiratory complications and nutritional challenges, among many others. In addition, adaptable care tools will be provided both in the text and as a downloadable resource, to guide clinicians in evaluation, preventive care and crisis management. Importantly, the book includes contributions from parents of children with cerebral palsy and youth with cerebral palsy, providing unique and critical wisdom for family-centred care. Parents and families of children and youth with complex cerebral palsy will particularly appreciate the inclusion of chapters on adolescence, transition to adulthood, and growing up well with cerebral palsy.

Mac Keith Press have kindly granted EPNS Members a 20% discount for a limited period. To take advantage of this offer, order through the website link <http://www.mackeith.co.uk/shop/complex-cerebral-palsy-care-and-management/> and use the discount code **complexcp20** at checkout.

### **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

**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:

- 3-5 April 2019 MRI of the Neonatal Brain, Utrecht, The Netherlands [two day course Utrecht neonatal brain imaging and workshops 3-5 April 2019](#)
- 18-24 August 2019 13th Baltic Sea Summer School on Epilepsy (BSSSE 13), Rostock, Germany <http://www.epilepsiestiftung-wolf.de/>

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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

Best wishes

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