

Annual Report 2018



A society for physicians with a research or clinical interest in Paediatric Neurology.

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EPNS President's Overview

My first thoughts are with the family and friends of our much loved EPNS Board member, esteemed colleague and friend, Linda de Meirleir who sadly passed away this year. Linda made immense contributions to child neurology on a global level and worked tirelessly for the EPNS. Linda chaired the EPNS Scientific & Research Committee for many years ensuring that as a society we presented the latest research and invited the best speakers to our congresses. She was a great inspiration and mentor to colleagues all around Europe and her intellect, thoughtfulness and caring spirit will be greatly missed. Ingrid Tein has written a beautiful tribute to her friend which you can find on the ICNA and EPNS websites and will be published in the January 2019 issue of EJPN.



My first year as President concludes as governments in Europe are planning how they move further apart. At this time, it is even more important for physicians and scientists to work closely with each other and for us to celebrate and strengthen our shared values and passion for our profession.

I am very grateful to our past president, Lieven Lagae, for being a terrific role model, and for his guidance over the last year. The society continues to grow at a rapid pace. The EPNS Board guides the work of the society and you will see the many initiatives developed this year in the annual report. Ideas for 2019 and beyond are presented. As a society we must continue to evolve and change to meet the needs of our members and the children, young people and families they serve.

We continue to develop our scientific, research and educational initiatives and aim to strengthen our collaborations with related organisations around the globe. In 2019 we will become Associate Members of the European Brain Council and through this organisation's help our voice, representing the needs of children with neurological disorders, will be heard at European Union level. We plan to strengthen our links with the European Academy of Neurology and as partners we hope to promote better care for people of all ages with neurological disorders.

In addition, we have looked at our in-house arrangements with steps already taken to review our financial affairs and improve our website technology. Many members will be pleased to discover that the EPNS website login process is now much easier, including paying the annual subscription.

I hope to meet many of you at our 13th EPNS Congress which will take place in the birthplace of the Western philosophical tradition, Athens on 17-21 September 2019. Our EPNS congresses are at the cutting edge of science and provide the highest class for education. It is a wonderful forum for you to refresh your knowledge base and explore the innovations in paediatric neurology plus offering plenty of networking opportunities. I am delighted to announce that Lieven Lagae will be awarded the prestigious Aicardi Award at the Congress.

My congratulations are extended to Colin Kennedy, Richard Newton and Raili Riikonen who have been awarded EPNS Honorary Membership for their distinction in the field of paediatric neurology. Their achievements will be celebrated at the EPNS Congress in Athens.

I hope you will agree that this is an exciting time to be an EPNS member. If you are already a member, I encourage your active involvement and ask you to share the benefits of membership with your colleagues. If you are not a member, I urge you to join our growing society.

I am proud to present the 2018 annual report celebrating our achievements and plans. It has been a busy year, and as you will read in this annual report, there is much more to come. Together with my colleagues on the EPNS Board, I would like to thank all our members for their continued support and wish you a happy and prosperous new year.

Best wishes

Sameer Zuberi

EPNS President

Invitation to 13th EPNS Congress



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Hellenic Paediatric Neurology Association, as well as the Organizing Committee and the Scientific Committee, I would kindly like to invite you at the 13th European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) Congress 2019, in Athens, Greece.



The stimulating programme reflects the main theme of the congress which is 'Paediatric Neurology and Rare Diseases: Genetics & Environment, Progression & Transition'. The Congress will feature an exciting line-up of expert speakers and an excellent platform for the exchange of clinical and scientific knowledge on the latest developments and emerging challenges of paediatric neurology. In keeping with the tradition of the EPNS congresses, the event will be a stimulating occasion both scientifically and socially. Undoubtedly, it will be a great opportunity to see other colleagues and friends.

I strongly believe that Athens, a modern international city with many historic and physical attractions, close to breath-taking surroundings and appropriate infrastructure and world-class facilities for visitors, will be the key feature to a very successful Meeting. Please save the day in your calendars for September 17-21, 2019!

Sincerely yours,

The President of the Organizing and Scientific
Faculty of the 13th EPNS Conference 2019
Past President of the Hellenic Paediatric Neurology Association & EPNS Board Member
Dimitrios I. Zafeiriou
Professor of Child Neurology & Developmental Paediatrics

For more information, please visit the congress website: <http://www.epns2019.org/>

Important Dates:

- Abstract submission deadline: 4 February 2019
- Notification to authors: 15 March 2019
- Early Registration deadline: 14 April 2019
- Late Registration deadline: 8 September 2019

EPNS Board Members 2018-2022

President	Sameer Zuberi, Glasgow, UK
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EPNS Treasurer & Finance Report

As we complete a busy 2018 and lay the foundation for more success in 2019, we are pleased to report that the Society remains in a healthy financial state. Adequate capital reserves are maintained in safe bank accounts which have been simplified during 2018.

We have built on the processes started by the previous EPNS Board and we are confident in our monitoring and management of the EPNS finances. A system for detailed budgeting at committee level is now firmly embedded and we are forever mindful about the controlling of administrative costs. With our existing funds, the income generated from our member annual subscription fees, and royalties from the Society Journal, we have been able to serve our EPNS members by investing in many activities in 2018.

Resources were made available to the Education and Training Committee to fund a significant number of training events, together with bursaries granted to selected delegates at the EPNS Alicante Training Course and EPNS Cambridge Masterclass.

Furthermore, 3 countries were supported in relation to the EPNS visiting teacher initiative and 6 EPNS Fellowships were funded. The Scientific and Research Committee subsidised the EPNS 2018 Research Meeting in Alicante, including the award of 2 research prizes and many bursaries. In addition, the joint EACD/EPNS session in Tbilisi received EPNS funding. The EPNS/Kohlhammer Neurokids Workbook and App received a significant investment of EPNS resources during 2017 and 2018, and we hope many of our members have benefited from this innovative tool. For more information contact info@epns.info

Once again, our EPNS subscription fees have not been increased for any type of membership in 2019, and we have introduced a discount to our members who pay their 2019 and 2020 fees at the same time. We are aware that several of our members have encountered problems accessing the EPNS website and consequently steps have been taken to improve the EPNS technology.

Altogether, we are building a strong foundation for better training, clinical care and scientific research in the field of Paediatric Neurology.



Best wishes

Michel Willemsen, EPNS Treasurer

Florian Heinen, Chair EPNS Finance Committee

EPNS Scientific & Research Report

EPNS Research Meeting 2018

The EPNS Research Meeting is held biennially in alternate years to the EPNS Congress. The 6th EPNS Research Meeting 2018 was held in Alicante, Spain on 26 – 27 October 2018. Francisco Carratala was the local host and organizer, supported by the PCO team of EVENTOS.



Photo: Barbara Plecko



Photo: Francisco Carratala

Twenty-three bursaries were granted from 10 different countries in Eastern and central Europe. Bursary recipients were selected by a jury, based on applications and quality of abstracts. There were 3 prestigious invited speakers: Salvador Martínez Pérez with a talk entitled 'Cerebellar functional anatomy', Finbar O'Callaghan with a talk entitled 'Principles of study designs', and Mercedes Serrano Guimaré with a talk on 'Epigenetics and the cerebellum: offering new therapeutic possibilities'.

In addition to the 8 working groups, there was one plenary session on Saturday, with presentations from two PhD colleagues, who presented their work.

Participants were given the opportunity to attend one working group from the following first block:

- Epilepsy
- Ataxia
- Neonatal and developmental neurology
- Neuromuscular disorders

And one working group from the second block:

- Autoimmune disorders
- Neurometabolic disorders
- Stroke
- Movement disorders

Working groups considered contributions from selected abstracts of bursary applicants as well as scheduled free communication from other participants. This enabled broad views on research activities in the selected fields as well as extensive discussion with the working group participants.

The EPNS Research Prize (2500 Euro each) was awarded to two young neurologists who presented outstanding, innovative ideas in the area of research in Paediatric Neurology.



Congratulations from Sameer Zuberi (president of the EPNS) to Lucia Abela (left) from Switzerland, now research fellow in the United Kingdom, for her excellent presentation 'Development of a Patient-Derived Dopaminergic Neuronal Cell Model to Study Disease Mechanisms in Childhood Parkinsonism' and Océane Perdaens (right) from Belgium, for her excellent presentation 'The functional role of micro-RNA on the T-cell dependent immune dysregulation in multiple sclerosis'.



There were approx. 100 participants and their completed evaluations forms reveal it was a well-received meeting with 51% rating the meeting 'excellent' overall and 43% rating it 'very good'. We were proud to have delivered a stimulating meeting with a good balance between clinical and basic research. Comments on earlier announcement and stronger focus on networking and international grant applications are well received and together with my committee members and local organizers I will be looking for ways to further improve future research meetings.

Please find below announcements of future meetings

31st EACD Annual Meeting, May 23-25, 2019 Paris, France

<http://eacd2019.org/home/>



The EPNS looks forward to collaborating with the European Academy of Childhood Disability (EACD) and taking place in a joint session at the meeting in Paris next year.

EPNS Congress 2019

<http://www.epns2019.org/>

The focus for the Scientific & Research Committee is now with the next EPNS Congress which will take place at the Megaron Athens International Conference Centre in Athens, Greece on 18-21 September 2019. The main theme for the 2019 meeting will be: *Paediatric Neurology and Rare Diseases: Genetics & Environment, Progression & Transition Plans*.



The organising committee have put together a stimulating programme with invited speakers from a broad range of countries.

More details about EPNS Congress 2019 can be found on page 3 of this annual report.

EPNS Research Meeting 2020

It is with great pleasure I can announce that Professor Thomas Sejersen has offered to host the next EPNS Research Meeting in 2020 at the Karolinska Hospital in Stockholm. More details will be announced once the dates have been finalised.

EPNS Congress 2021

Glasgow, United Kingdom will host the 14th EPNS on 2 – 5 June 2021.

EPNS Congress 2023

The EPNS is now inviting interested parties to express their intent bid to host the 15th EPNS Congress in 2023. The final decision will be made in September 2019.

The EPNS looks forward to welcoming you to our next EPNS Congress in Athens!

Best wishes

Barbara Plecko

Chair EPNS Research & Scientific Committee

EPNS Education & Training Report

1st EPNS Training Course 2018: Alicante, Spain

Aim: to cover most main topics in the syllabus over a three-year cycle, promote contact between paediatric neurology trainees and qualified paediatric neurologists to refresh their knowledge. The 2018 training course was the first year of the 3-year cycle in Alicante and was fully booked within one week! There were 85 participants from 28 countries. EPNS stimulated participation by granting 28 bursaries.



COURSE ONE

Immune mediated diseases
and infections:
8 - 9 May 2018

SCIENTIFIC ORGANISER:
Coriene Catsman- Berrevoets.

Local Organiser:
Francisco Carratala



COURSE TWO

Acute Paediatric Neurology
and Emergency:
10 -11 May 2018

SCIENTIFIC ORGANISER:
Maja Steinlin



My 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 awarded 2 prizes for the best presentations:

- Best presenter: Signe Sitlere from Latvia
- 1st Runner up: Ala Fadilah from UK

EPNS Master Class 2018: Cambridge, United Kingdom

6 – 8 September 2018: 'When to start; when to stop. The dilemmas of advanced medical technology in paediatric neurology'



Local Organisers:

Florian Heinen



Rob Forsyth



The EPNS' Paediatric Neurology masterclasses were instituted in 2015 to address some of the dilemmas of practice in the 21st Century. Paediatric Neurology is a rapidly developing specialty: new healthcare technologies promise outcomes unthinkable a few years ago. But what is possible is not always what is appropriate. When do we start advanced treatments, or decide not to, or that the time has come to stop? Who has a say in these decisions, and how should disagreements be managed? Do attitudes to these issues differ between countries and if so, what does this teach us?

39 delegates, including 4 who had been awarded bursaries – coming in pairs following the mentor/ mentee principle- participated with 9 invited Speakers from 4 countries. The event was a great success where participants drew on the Cambridge tradition of rigorous, respectful, intellectual exchange across the artificial boundaries of academic disciplines.

3rd Caucasus Teaching Course 2018

This took place on 9-10 November 2018 in Tbilisi, Georgia, and the course topic was Epilepsy



Organisers: Sophia Bakhtadze, Nana Geladze, Biayna Sukhudyen & Coriene Catsman – Berrevoets

Faculty: Lieven Lagae, Finbar O'Callaghan, Monika Eisermann, Dana Craiu, Sophia Bakhtadze, Biayna Sukhudyen, Tinatin Tkemaladze, Sofia Kasradze.



56 participants from Georgia, Armenia, Greece, Kazakhstan, Russia, USA, Germany Azerbaijan attended the course, with 25 bursaries awarded.

EPNS supporting an educational event

This is a new initiative advertised on EPNS website and the EPNS hopes to support 3 events per year, which applications being consider on a first come first served basis. The 3 events supported in 2018:

Joint EPNS/SINP teaching course: 16-20 April 2018 in Catania, Sicily. 3 EPNS Board members attended as speakers: Sameer Zuberi, Finbar O'Callaghan and Dimitrios Zafeiriou attended as speakers.



Ukrainian – Bavarian Symposium: 20-22 September 2018 in Kropyvnytskiy, Ukraine. EPNS Board member Francisco Carratala attended as a speaker.

Educational Event in Pediatric Movement Disorders: 30 November -1 December 2018 in Barcelona, Spain.



EPNS 3-year training course cycle

The EPNS invited bids to host the next cycle of 3-year training courses, after the Alicante cycle has finished in 2020. The standard of bids was very high and consequently 2 cycles were awarded at one time. The EPNS extends their congratulations and very much looks forward to working with both teams.

EPNS training cycle 2021-2023: Jurmala, Latvia Congratulations to Jurgis Strautmanis and his team

EPNS training cycle 2024-2026: Ferrara, Italy Congratulations to Agnese Suppiej and her team

EPNS Fellowships 2018

Aim: To create excellence by offering the opportunity for further qualification or experience in an area of paediatric neurology in terms of clinical practice or research. The scheme is targeted at those who are at the early stages of their training in the field of paediatric neurology.

Practical considerations

3-4 month's fellowship in a specialised centre in Europe.

Fellowship budget: max 5,000 Euros

Since 2014 when the scheme started 26 Fellowships have been awarded.

Congratulations to the following in 2018 who received Research Fellowships:



Maite Gárriz Luis,
University Clinic of
Navarre, Spain to
Université
Montpellier, France.



Ani Gevorgyan,
Arabkir MC-ICAH
Armenia to the
Royal Victoria
Infirmary,
Newcastle upon
Tyne, UK



Lela Lortkipanidze,
Gudushauri Medical
Centre, Tbilisi,
Georgia to Great
Ormond St, London,
UK



Gonzalo Ramos
Rivera. Comenius
University, Bratislav,
Slovakia to Hospital
Sant Joan de Deu,
Barcelona, Spain



Iva Separovic,
University Clinical
Hospital Center,
Zagreb, Croatia to
Uni Medical Centre
Groningen,
Netherlands



Rima Ibadova from
Medical University
Azerbaijan will be
going to Children
Hospital Bambino
Gesù, Rome, Italy

EPNS Visiting Teacher 2018

The concept of the EPNS Visiting Teacher initiative:

A volunteer professor / senior/ distinguished member of the EPNS, who is a recognised expert in a certain field, visits a nominated host centre in a country in Europe which is classified by the EPNS as WB123 or WB4B for a short stay of intense teaching. Travel and stay will be supported by EPNS. It may be considered that these visits will take place annually thereafter, if the first visit proves to be a success.

In 2018, the following successfully applied for the EPNS Visiting Teacher scheme.

Ukraine:

Dana Craiu from Romania met via video conference with Ukraine in May 2018.



Kazakhstan:

Professor Raoul Hennekam from the Netherlands visited Astana Medical University in October 2018.

Estonia:

Professor Sameer Zuberi from the United Kingdom visited Estonia, hosted by Dr Inga Talvik, Tallinn Children's Hospital, in October 2018.



EPNS Education & Training Committee Plans for 2018

EPNS Training Courses: Alicante

Local organiser: Professor Francisco Carratala

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

EPNS teaching course in Uzbekistan:

13-15 March 2019

EPNS supporting an educational event

More applications are welcome in 2019, and already the EPNS has agreed to support the 2nd neonatal Epileptology & Clinical Neurophysiology Course in early spring 2019 in Catania, Sicily.

EPNS Fellowships 2019

Now a core focus for the EPNS, the application period for EPNS Fellowship 2019 opened in November 2018. The closing date is 10 January 2019.

EPNS Visiting Teacher 2019

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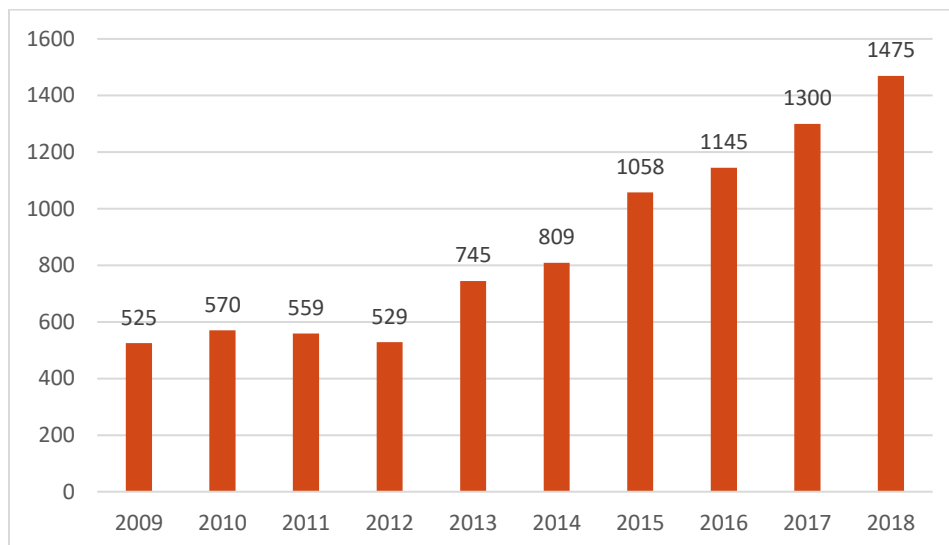
Best wishes

Coriene Catsman-Berrevoets

Chair EPNS Education and Training Committee

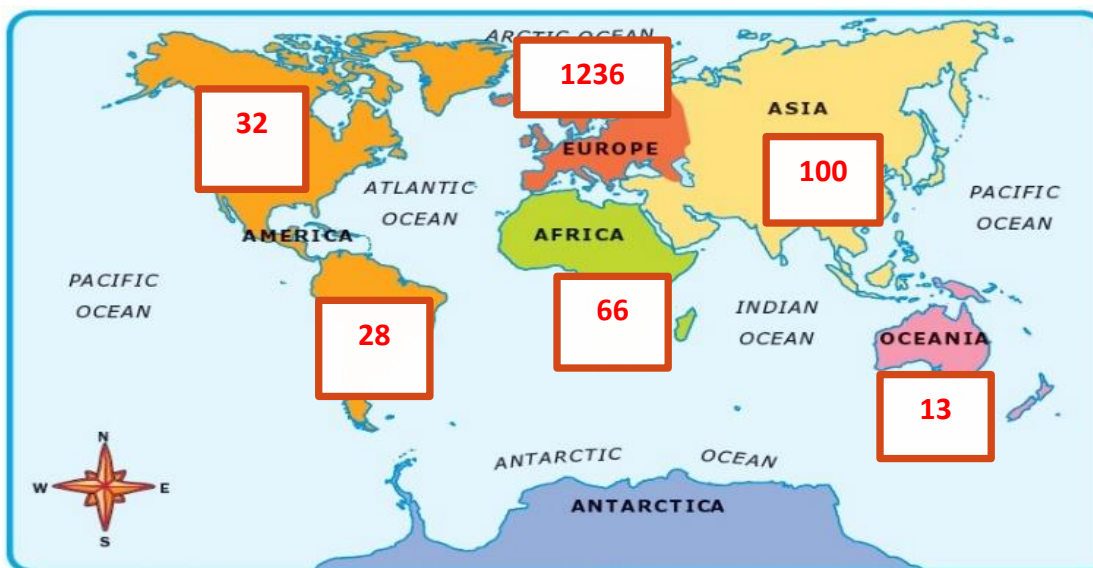
EPNS Membership & Public Relations Report

Following the trend of recent years, I am delighted to report that the number of EPNS members has increased this year. At 19 December 2018, we have a total of **1,475** members.



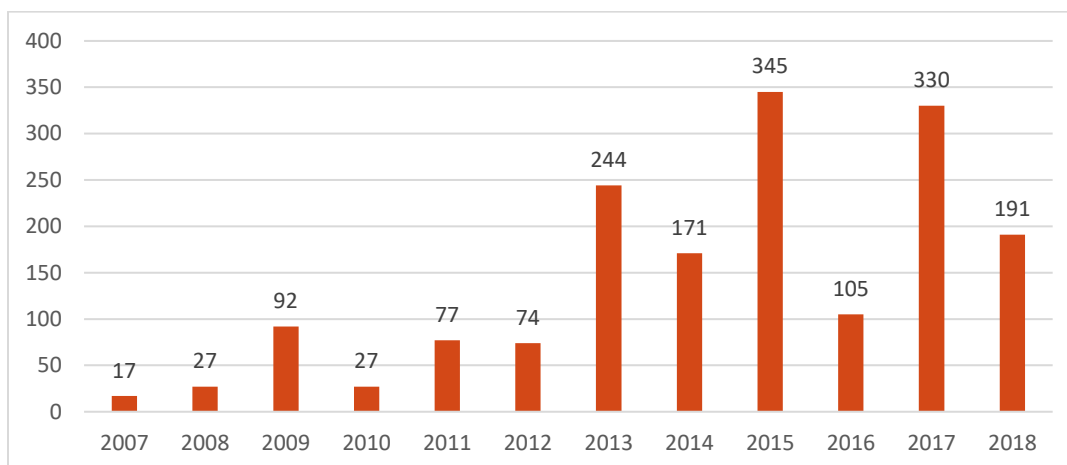
Membership Geographics

84% of our members are in Europe. This is taken as the region for which the European Office of WHO is responsible. We are delighted however that many of our EPNS members practice outside Europe.



New Members

In 2018 it has been a pleasure to welcome 191 new members. As can be seen in the table below, it is usual for more new members to join the EPNS in a congress year. However, the number joining in 2018 is a record for a non-Congress year.



In summary the Reasons for joining in 2018:

- 33% NTA/president national association encouraged me
- 16% Through a training course
- 15% Through another national conference (12% at ICNC2018)
- 13% Through a Scientific conference
- 12% I saw an advert in the EPNS Journal
- 11% Other reasons

‘Together We Are Stronger’

In March/April 2018 together with the Professor Zuberi and Ass Professor Catsman-Berrevoets I sent email to all the European National Society Presidents. At the EPNS, we believe that “together we are stronger” when promoting training, clinical care and scientific research in the field of Paediatric Neurology. I am delighted to report that we have received many positive replies, and as a result we are joining forces with other European associations. We plan to reach out to other international societies in the new year.

In addition, the Society continues to advertise appropriate meetings on behalf of other organisations on the EPNS website and in return the organisation reciprocates. We were very grateful to the ICNA who kindly allowed the EPNS to have an exhibition desk at their ICNC in Mumbai in November 2018.

EPNS Annual Subscription fees

The 2018 annual subscription fees offered great value and appropriate discounts for certain members. The annual subscription fees will remain the same for 2019 and we are pleased to add the option to pay the 2020 fee at the same time for an approx. 10% discount plus a significant additional registration fee discount for the EPNS Congress 2019:

	2019 Online only EJP	2019 printed EJP	Combined 2019/20 online only EJP	Combined 2019/20 printed EJP
Category WB4A: Member from World Bank Class 4 nations not mentioned in Category WB4B	130 Euros	160 Euros	235 Euros	290 Euros
Category WB4B: The following World Bank Class 4 nations: Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain	65 Euros	95 Euros	115 Euros	170 Euros
Category WB123: Member from World Bank Class 1, 2 or 3 nations	30 Euros	60 Euros	55 Euros	110 Euros
Category Trainee: Trainee member from any nation	20 Euros	50 Euros	35 Euros	90 Euros

'WB' = 'World Bank Classification. Here is the up to date list of countries which the World Bank have classified as Class 4 nations [World Bank list of high income economies 2019](#) If a country does not appear on this list, it is part of the category WB123.

EPNS Membership Certificates can be requested by members who have paid their current year annual subscription fee.

Communication

EPNS Flyers also play an important role in advertising the EPNS, and in 2018 approximately 2,500 flyers were distributed at events around the world.



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Email: info@epns.info

Best wishes

Finbar O'Callaghan, Chair EPNS Membership & Public Relations Committee



Committee National Advisers (C N A)

The Committee of National Advisers is constituted of advisers selected by the national paediatric neurology societies and associations of all European countries inside and outside the European Union (EU). Normally each country is represented by one member. The CNA has an executive group consisting of its chairperson, secretary and 3 elected members. The CNA is independent of the EPNS but is intended to work in close relation with it. While the CNA is constituted of advisers selected by the national societies, the EPNS is a society of individual members. The CNA is represented on the board of the EPNS and the EPNS is represented in the CNA by its president and other relevant persons as full members of the CNA.



The CNA is a forum for mutual information, discussion and debate on matters relevant to paediatric neurology. The Committee serves as an advisory group to the European Society for Paediatric Neurology (EPNS) and as a link to the national paediatric neurology societies.

During 2018 a central database has been developed relating to paediatric neurology in each European country with the assistance of members of the C N A. This is being used to produce an evaluation of European training. (www.detskaneurologie.cz)

The primary focus in 2018 has been to review the European Paediatric Neurology Syllabus. The C N A Executive Committee have communicated their suggested amendments to the EPNS board for consideration, following which the draft will be shared with all members of the C N A. Once a final version has been agreed, the syllabus will be presented to the European Academy of Paediatrics (EAP) for approval.

The next full C N A Meeting will take place on Tuesday 17 September 2019 in Athens and the agenda will cover a discussion about the European Syllabus, the evaluation of European training and reflect on role of the CNA in the future.

Best wishes

Coriene Catsman-Berrevoets

Chair Committee of National Training Advisers (C N A)

CNA executive committee members:

Alasdair Parker, Cambridge, UK: secretary

Maja Steinlin, Bern, Switzerland

Leena Hataaja, Helsinki, Finland

Dikek Yalnizoglu, Ankara, Turkey

Training Advisory Board (TAB)

In 2002 Paediatric neurology was accepted at the European level as a sub-specialty of Paediatrics and of Neurology. In the process of defining the speciality, a European Paediatric Neurology Training Programme (Syllabus) was compiled and accepted by the European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) and the national societies represented in the Committee of National Advisors (CNA) in Paediatric Neurology as well as the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) sections for Paediatrics and Neurology. The revised Syllabus was again discussed and accepted with entry both from Paediatrics or Neurology by EAP (European Academy of Paediatrics, the Paediatric Division of UEMS) in December 2010. In order to push the implementation of a high standard of paediatric neurology training, in 2004 the EPNS Board and the CNA agreed to create a Training Advisory Board (TAB) and to develop a training evaluation programme intended to support national societies in developing their training systems



TAB offers the national child neurology societies the opportunity to evaluate their national training system. The aim is a standard of training in accordance with the European Paediatric Neurology Training Programme (Syllabus) in each European country. The assessment is voluntary and initiated by the national paediatric neurology society.

In a first step it is intended to gather as much information on the national organisation of Paediatric Neurology and neurodisability services, number of paediatric neurologist and need for training capacity, national training system in Paediatric Neurology. The usual duration of the visit should be 2 days.

A report is drafted by the visiting TAB members and further developed within the TAB until it can be finally approved by TAB and CNA. The report concludes the impressions from the assessment and gives recommendations for the future development of the paediatric neurology speciality and training. The final approved report is sent as an official document to the national society. The reports are published in the Newsletter of the European Journal of Paediatric Neurology and are available through this website.

The procedure is followed 1-2 year with a follow-up questionnaire to the national society to gather information on whether the assessment contributed to the future development and whether the conclusions drawn led to any changes or developments.

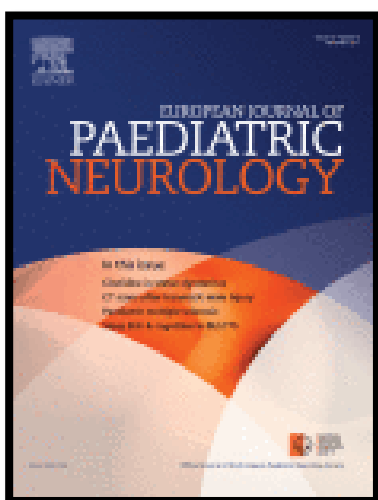
Best wishes

Coriene Catsman-Berrevoets

Chair Training Advisory Board (TAB)

European Journal of Paediatric Neurology Report (EJPN)

The European Journal of Paediatric Neurology (EJPN) is the official journal of the EPNS and is available to all members in either electronic or print & electronic format. Published 6 times a year by Elsevier Ltd. on behalf of the society it accepts papers primarily of a clinical nature on the whole spectrum of paediatric neurological disease. The journal is owned by the society and contributes to the income of the EPNS through royalty payments.



In 2018 we expect around 500 manuscripts to be submitted to the journal. These are handled by an editorial team comprising Sameer Zuberi (Editor-in-Chief) and 4 Associate Editors; Alexis Arzimanoglou, Dimitrios Zafeiriou, Finbar O'Callaghan and Deborah Sival. Manuscripts include original research, reviews, letters to the editor and highly selected case series. In 2018 we included Editorial Commentaries on key papers in every issue.

The journal has a distinguished international Editorial Board of specialists in the field who advise on the direction of the journal, special issues and review papers. In 2018 the impact factor rose to above 2.3 and our ambition is for this trend to continue. This year we published two special issues; one on movement disorders in collaboration with the Mariani Foundation which was guest edited by Nardo Nardocci and another on fetal neurology, guest edited by Dimitrios Zafeiriou and Tally Lerman-Sagie. These special issues contain comprehensive reviews as well as original research. In 2019 we are planning an issue on Epilepsy and Neurodevelopment. We have expanded the Editorial Board in 2018 and we anticipate this will help to bring reviewing and Editorial times down from submission of an article to electronic publication.

Best wishes

Sameer Zuberi

Editor-in-Chief, European Journal of Paediatric Neurology

A little more information about

The European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS)

A society for physicians with a research or clinical interest in Paediatric Neurology.

Honorary membership is for persons who the society wishes to honour for outstanding distinction in the field of paediatric neurology.

Associate membership is awarded, on application, to all paediatric neurologists and colleagues in related fields and that belong to their national society or association in their field and to any physician, basic scientist or clinical scientist trainees in paediatric neurology who shows an interest in the neurology of infancy, childhood or adolescence, whether in research or in clinical medical care. There are no geographical restrictions to associate membership. Associate members pay an annual subscription, which includes subscription to the European Journal of Paediatric Neurology, the Journal of the Society.

Ordinary membership is for any associate member that is also in practice in Europe (currently taken as the region for which European Office of WHO is responsible).

Transition from associate to ordinary membership takes place by the vote of the general assembly at the meeting of The Society. The only difference between associate and ordinary membership is the entitlement of ordinary members to vote for and stand as candidates for election to the Board of the Society.

EPNS Annual Subscription Fees for 2019

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*CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, ESTONIA, GREECE, HUNGARY, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, MALTA, POLAND, PORTUGAL, SLOVAK REPUBLIC, SLOVENIA, SPAIN

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