

EPNS Monthly Update: 15 January 2019

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EPNS Honorary Members 2019 announcement

I am pleased to announce the 2019 award of honorary EPNS membership will be presented to three esteemed colleagues this year. The three worthy recipients are **Professor Colin Kennedy (UK), Dr Richard Newton (UK) and Professor Raili Riikonen (Finland)**. There will be an award ceremony during the EPNS Congress networking event in Athens which is due to take place on the evening of Thursday 19 September 2019. EPNS honorary members are described in our constitution as '*persons the society wishes to honour for outstanding distinction in the field of paediatric neurology.*' Needless to say, this is not an honour which the EPNS Board bestows lightly, and the 2019 recipients of EPNS honorary membership join an illustrious list of respected colleagues who have made significant contributions to our field. Biographical and achievement details of all our EPNS honorary members are shown on the EPNS website, <https://www.epns.info/honorary-members/>

Sincere congratulations to Colin, Richard and Raili on achieving this deserved honour, and I look forward to celebrating with you later this year.

Sameer Zuberi, EPNS President

EPNS Aicardi Award 2019 announcement

In memory of the internationally renowned French child neurologist, Professor Jean Aicardi (1926-2015), the EPNS, in partnership with MacKeith Press, has established a series of award lectures. The biennial award recognises a respected and admired doctor who has attained major achievements in child neurology. The award presentation and lecture take place at the EPNS Congress which is held every two years. I am delighted to announce that **Professor Lieven Lagae** (Belgium) will be presented with the prestigious 2nd Aicardi Award at the 13th EPNS Congress in Athens. The award presentation and lecture will take place at the Congress welcome reception on Tuesday 17 September 2019. The title of the talk which Professor Lagae will deliver is '*Miss Understanding is the Greek Goddess of Clinical Research*', covering the problems, challenges, successes and failures of clinical research in paediatric neurology. More information can be found on the congress website <http://www.epns2019.org/859>

Personally, I am very much looking forward to the award lecture which promises to be a highlight of the congress. Many congratulations on this notable accomplishment Lieven!

Sameer Zuberi, EPNS President

EPNS Co-opted Board Member announcement

It was announced last year that the EPNS training cycle 2021-2023 will take place in Latvia, and already we are starting to make plans. As a result, with pleasure I congratulate and welcome **Dr Jurgis Strautmanis** from Latvia to the EPNS as a co-opted board member. The EPNS Board looks forward to working with you.

Sameer Zuberi, EPNS President

EPNS Annual Subscription Fees 2019 and 2020: Pay and benefit from a significant EPNS congress discounted registration fee plus more!

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.

If you have any questions about the EPNS annual subscription fees, please feel free to email Sue Hargreaves at info@epns.info who will be very happy to help.

Thank you to all our members who have already paid – if you had access to the online Journal during 2018, your access will be uninterrupted.

15th 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

Video: https://youtu.be/olel7T_yKOA

4th Newsletter: [EPNS 2019 Congress – Newsletter Vol. 4: Programme, Abstracts, Bursaries, Registration, Accommodation](#)

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 Training Course, Alicante, Spain: 7-10 May 2019 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](#)

Thank you for all the bursary applications. Candidates will be notified of the outcome very soon.

For more information about the training course, please visit the EPNS website:

<https://www.epns.info/epns-training-course-2019-alicante/>

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 Preliminary programmes available and registration now open!

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

The EPNS is delighted to announce that for the first time, the next EPNS training course following the book, ‘Principles and practice of child neurology in infancy’ series will be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Date: 13-15 March 2019

To register: [REGISTRATION CLICK HERE](#)

Venue: Business center Poytaxt, Sharaf Rashidova str,16

Subject: Programme: click this link: [EPNS Interactive Training Course Uzbekistan programme](#)

Language: English / simultaneous translation to Russian will be provided

Deadline for registration: 28. 02. 2019

Deadline for abstract submission: 15.02.2019

Registration fee: 200 USD.

Registration fee includes: attending the whole course, written materials, two meals, coffee breaks, certificate of attendance.

PRIZES: 2 prizes will be awarded for the best case presentations. The 2 winners will be announced at the end of all clinical session and will have their registration fee reimbursed. All faculty members will vote for the prize candidates.

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EPNS Fellowship 2019:

The application period has now closed. The EPNS Selection Committee will be reviewing the applications and candidates will be notified of the outcome in February 2019.

EPNS Visiting Teacher 2019

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EPNS Fellowship 2018 update

The EPNS was thrilled to award 6 EPNS Fellowships in 2018. Dr Maite Gárriz Luis from University Clinic of Navarre, Spain went to Université Montpellier, France, and we are delighted to share the following update on our website: <https://www.epns.info/epns-fellowship-news/>

EPNS Annual Report 2018

It is with great pleasure that the EPNS Board presents this link to the [3rd EPNS Annual Report 2018](#) providing a comprehensive overview of the activities of the Society during 2018. The Annual Report serves to communicate our accomplishments and on-going activities to all members of the EPNS.

EPNS supporting educational events

A core goal of the EPNS is to promote training in the field of Paediatric Neurology. As a result, the EPNS has a small budget to support a limited number of educational events. The allocated budget allows the EPNS to support a maximum of 3 events in each calendar year.

Applications will be considered on a first come first served basis. Read all about this successful event which was supported by the EPNS <https://www.epns.info/epns-supporting-educational-events/> To check eligibility and to apply visit <https://www.epns.info/request-for-epns-to-support-an-educational-event/>

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 23, Issue 1 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, 23 new members have joined the society – that's more than one member every day!

EPNS on Twitter!

Please follow us. Our Twitter name is [@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:

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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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