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A message from Professor Lieven Lagae, EPNS President

Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the EPNS Board and local organising committee, I would like to express our delight in welcoming so many delegates to our 2nd EPNS International Symposium and 12th EPNS Congress in Lyon last month. We are still evaluating the feedback forms, but with an overall number of over 1,400 delegates from more than 70 countries, it was clear to me that the meetings were a huge success and surpassed all expectations! I would like to offer my personal thanks to Vincent Des Portes, Alexis Arzimanoglou and their team, together with Jean-Pierre Lin for organising such wonderful events. The meetings presented outstanding scientific programmes and excellent networking opportunities plus some delicious food! I hope that those of you who were able to join us in Lyon agree, and attending has supported your continuing medical education and daily work. A warm welcome to all our new members including the 75 new members who joined at the Congress and a deserved ‘well done’ to our 2 congress award winners too! – see below for more details...

Plans are already in the pipeline for the 13th EPNS Congress which will be taking place Athens, Greece 18-21 September 2019, and whilst Lyon have set a very high bar, I am sure Athens will at least match the quality of our meeting last month, so remember to mark the date in your 2019 diary! During the EPNS Board meeting in Lyon we were presented with the bids to host Congress 2021. The bids were of an excellent standard and the Board members were then asked to make a difficult decision and cast an anonymous vote. I am delighted to announce that Glasgow, UK will be hosting our Congress in 2021. Allow me also to pass on my congratulations as we recently announced the Visiting Teacher 2017 has been awarded to Mrs van der Louw from the Netherlands to visit Georgia.

If you are an ordinary member, look out for an announcement in the next few months regarding the EPNS Board Elections. All ordinary members will be eligible to participate in the election.

So, lots to plan for in the future, and also in the short term the EPNS has other matters to keep us busy! I am aware we have a few last places available on the EPNS Masterclass taking place in Cambridge, UK this September. Please also see below a note about our new exciting Neurokids Workbook and App initiative and we are working hard to get things moving for our training courses in Kazakhstan and Alicante. Remember you must be a fully paid up member of the EPNS to participate in our training courses. We've got lots of news to share with you, so please read on! Wishing you a happy and healthy summer.

Kind regards, Lieven Lagae, President EPNS

12th EPNS Congress: Awards

2 awards were on offer, and the following 2 winners were presented with free congress ticket for the EPNS 2019 congress in Athens. Sincere congratulations to both – see you in Athens!

- Best Oral Presentation: Dr Belohlavkova from Czech Republic: Trends in paediatric epilepsy surgery 2000-2016
- Best Poster Presentation: M.J.Gonzalez from Spain: DTI in early treated PKU

12th EPNS Congress: Abstract Supplement

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/10903798/21/supp/S1?sdc=1>

2nd EPNS Masterclass 2017 – *Registration open and just a few last places available!*

Following the enormous success of our inaugural 2015 Masterclass we are delighted to host a 2nd EPNS Cambridge Masterclass!

We are very excited to have Siri Hustvedt contributing to the meeting. Siri is a writer of novels and non-fiction including a highly-acclaimed account of her own experiences of “medically unexplained” functional neurological symptoms. She lectures on psychiatry, medical humanities and neurosciences courses. She wonders what happens — rhetorically and physiologically — when we change our minds.

Date: 14 - 16 September 2017

Location: Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

Topic: *Functional Disorders – Child Neurology meets Literature*

More details can be viewed <http://www.epns.jmre.es/2nd-epns-master-class-2017/>

Bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis. This will be based on the receipt of the full payment and not the receipt of the completed booking form.

EPNS Neurokids App and corresponding Workbook – an innovative answer to the clinical challenges in child neurology!

At the EPNS Congress in Lyon last month, the EPNS was thrilled to launch our 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. A uniform classification allows quick orientation, providing a condensed knowledge overview and a guide to diagnostic work-up and therapeutic decision-making. Complemented by a comprehensive, precise, internationally orientated drug register, and schemes for neurological and developmental neurological examination with evidence of good practice.

Neurokids App and Workbook are identical in content, and complement each other in their formats. The App of course will continue to evolve and should be seen as a ‘work in progress’. The App in particular is ideal for daily work and can be used on iOS 10 NOW and **very soon also on Android devices**. We are looking for our members to use the feedback function extensively.

Passwords are in the process of being generated for members who bought the App in Lyon but did not have a password available at the time. If this applies to you, an email will be on its way to you very soon.

The Neurokids Workbook and App will soon be available as a package to all **fully paid up members** of the EPNS at a substantially discounted price.

More information will be sent by email to all members about how the package can be ordered and paid for via the EPNS website

EPNS Elections

Process begins soon. All ordinary members will receive an email with more information and be eligible to participate in the election.

EPNS Visiting Teacher 2017

Congratulations! The Visiting Teacher 2017 has been awarded to Mrs van der Louw, MSc dietician from the Netherlands to visit Georgia! <http://www.epns.imre.es/epns-visiting-teacher-2017/>

EPNS Congress 2021

Thank you to all the excellent bids which were submitted to host the EPNS Congress 2021. The standard was very high and the EPNS is delighted to announce that **Glasgow, UK** will be hosting our Congress in 2021. Look out for more information.

Committee of National Advisors (C N A)

CNA is a forum on which all paediatric neurology societies in Europe are represented. It has a close relationship to, but is separate from, the EPNS. The CNA provides a channel for communication between the EPNS Board and National Societies. It has an important role advising regarding training in paediatric neurology. The C N A has a meeting each year, and the 2017 meeting took place in Lyon last month. A new executive group was elected. Thank you to Professor Dana Craiu for her hardwork as Chair of the C N A over the last term and congratulations to the newly appointed executive group: Chair: Coriene Catsman-Berrevoets, Secretary: Alasdair Parker and Maja Steinlin, Nina Barisic, Leena Haataja, Dilek Yalnizoglu

EPNS Teaching Course 2017 ‘Child Neurology in Infancy’, Astana, Kazakhstan –Registration now open!

<http://www.epns.imre.es/epns-teaching-course-2017-kazakhstan/>

Date: 18-20 October 2017

Venue: Hotel Park Inn, Astana, Kazakhstan.

Subject: *Paediatric neurology in the first year of life; following the book, ‘Principles and practice of child neurology in infancy’.*

Course Content: [Final programme for Kazakhstan training course 2017](#)

Course language: English.

Registration fee: 70 Euros.

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

Accommodation: please visit to follow site of Astana hotels: www.apartamenty.kz/en/astana/hotels.html

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More details can be viewed <http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-teaching-course-2017-kazakhstan/>

EPNS General Assembly

This biennial meeting took place on 24 June 2017 at the EPNS Congress Venue, CITÉ INTERNATIONALE, 50 Quai Charles de Gaulle, Lyon. Thank you to all EPNS members who attended this important meeting in the calendar of the EPNS. A copy of the minutes will be uploaded onto the member only section of the EPNS website in due course.

EPNS Research Meeting 2018: Alicante, Spain *Save the date!*

<http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-research-meeting-2018/>

We are pleased to announce that the 6th EPNS Research Meeting 2018 will be taking place in **Alicante, Spain on 26 – 27 October 2018. More details to follow!**

If you would like to learn more about our EPNS Research Meetings, please visit <http://www.epns.jmre.es/research-meeting-2016/> to see what happened in Essen last year.

EPNS Training Courses 2018: Alicante, Spain *Save the date!*

<http://www.epns.jmre.es/epns-training-course-2018-alicante/>

The EPNS has been organising training courses in paediatric neurology since 2003 specifically aiming at trainees but also at qualified paediatric neurologists who want to refresh their knowledge on certain topics. The aim is to cover most main topics in the syllabus over a three-year cycle and to promote contact between individuals in the speciality in different parts of Europe. The course has a highly interactive character and participants are encouraged to bring (difficult) cases to discuss. The number of participants is limited and applicants who wish to attend both courses will be given priority over those who wish to attend one of the two courses. The cycle of training courses 2015-2017 took place in Budapest, Hungary. We are excited to announce that the next cycle of training courses 2018-2020 will take place in beautiful Alicante, Spain.

Program Director: Professor Francisco Carratala, Spain

The first training courses will be held in Alicante: 8 – 11 May 2018.

Topics:

- **8 and 9 May 2018: Acute Neurology**
- **10 and 11 May 2018: Immune mediated diseases and infections**

More information to follow.

EPNS 2017 annual subscription fees *payment due!*

The EPNS financial year runs from 1 January until 31 December each year and therefore EPNS annual subscription fees for 2017 are now due!

Thank you to the many members who have already paid. **If you have not paid yet** – please do so as soon as possible.

- Payment can be made via the EPNS website <http://www.epns.info/> by selecting the orange 'I'm a member' button on the right-hand side of the screen.
- Access to the on-line [European Journal of Paediatric Neurology](#) will only be available to members who have paid their 2017 annual fee.
- EPNS members who have paid their 2017 annual subscription fee benefit from significantly discounted member only delegate rates at our EPNS Congress in Lyon 20-24 June 2017

European Journal of Paediatric Neurology (EJPN)

The [European Journal of Paediatric Neurology](#) with an impact factor of more than 2, 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.

Please visit <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/10903798> to see the content of the latest issue.

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

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EPNS Certificate of Membership

This can now be requested by an EPNS member who has paid their 2017 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.jmre.es/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, 269 new members have joined the society!

Also, congratulations to all members who had their EPNS membership application considered and approved by the meeting of the EPNS Membership Committee and General Assembly at the EPNS Congress 2017 and who have been ratified to Ordinary Member of the EPNS. Ordinary members, who have paid the current year subscription fee, are eligible to put themselves forward as a candidate to join the EPNS Board and have the right to vote for the next Board. The election process for the next EPNS Board will begin later this summer, at which point all EPNS ordinary members will be notified by email.

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.jmre.es/job-vacancies/> for more information

Please visit the ‘meetings’ page of our EPNS website <http://www.epns.jmre.es/meetings/> for a list of other meetings which might be of interest to you, here is a meeting which has been added recently:

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