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Dear Readers,

With the “In Memoriam” below, we would like to reflect on the premature death of Michela Morbin, neuropathologist and scientist at the Neuropathology Unit of the “Carlo Besta” Neurological Institute in Milan. Michela sadly passed away in August 2015.

We would like to point out that the Euro-CNS examination will be held a bit earlier than usual, on July 4 and 5, 2016 at the occasion of the European Congress of Neuropathology (ECNP 2016).

The ECNP 2016 organizers are calling for abstracts and for cases for the Slide Seminar. The Slide Seminar is meant to inspire the neuropathological community with especially difficult, rare, or teaching cases. April 1, 2016 is an important deadline that applies to the early-bird registrations, travel grant applications, and for submission of case contributions to the Slide Seminar.

Furthermore, we received a concise report on the 2015 BNS Summer school which we would like to share with you.

Last but not least we include the official invitation to attend the joint meeting of the German Society for Neuropathology and Neuroanatomy (DGNN) and the Scandinavian Neuropathological Society (SNS), which will take place from September 22 – 24, 2016 in Hamburg, Germany.

We trust that you will find some items of interest in our Newsletter.

With kind regards,

*The Euro-CNS
News
Editorial team*



In Memoriam Michela Morbin (1964 – 2015)

On August 23, 2015, the day of her 51st birthday, Michela Morbin, neuropathologist and scientist, passed away. Her premature death leaves a black hole in her family, friends, colleagues, and scientific community.

Michela was born in Verona, where she also completed her studies. She graduated in Medicine in 1985 and specialized in Neurology in 1989 at the University of Verona with magna cum laude. Under the guidance of Prof. Nicola Rizzuto, she was trained in neuropathology, with particular attention to ultrastructural studies. In Verona she also got a PhD in Clinical Neuroscience in 1998, discussing her thesis on AIDS and peripheral neuropathies at the University “La Sapienza” in Rome.

In these years, her competence and passion were noticed by Prof. Orso Bugiani, who hired her in his group at the Neuropathology Unit of “Carlo Besta” Neurological Institute in Milan, where she became in charge of ultrastructural diagnostic and devoted herself to research in the field of peripheral neuropathies, storage diseases and protein misfolding diseases.

Michela worked very hard at the Division of Neuropathology for more than twenty years. In her productive career, she co-authored more than 80 papers on peer-reviewed journals and several book chapters, and contribut-

ed designing and coordinating many national and international research projects in the field of neurodegenerative diseases, establishing long-lasting and successful collaborations.

In 2006, she contributed to the European Neuromuscular Center Guideline on processing and evaluation of sural nerve biopsies, still an invaluable tool in the diagnosis of peripheral nerve biopsies.

The appreciation of the scientific community resulted in her recent appointment as a member of the Executive Committee of the Italian Association of Neuropathology and Clinical Neurobiology.

Michela was a person of extraordinary humanity, intelligence, accuracy, determination, and generosity, with a great professional capability and spirit of cooperation. Skills she transmitted with passion to young people that she has trained over these years. She played an important role in her Institution as a neurologist, neuropathologist, scientist, and teacher. For these virtues, the “Carlo Besta” Institute has entitled her the laboratory of Electron Microscopy, and the Italian Association of Neuropathology has established a “Michela Morbin” award for a young researcher.

We are deeply grateful for having had the possibility to know her and to have her as a colleague and friend.

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European Examination in Neuropathology

The European Examination in Diagnostic Neuropathology, organized by the Examination Board of Euro-CNS, will be held on July 4 and 5, 2016, right before the 11th European Congress of Neuropathology. The exam will be held at the Pathology Department of the Hôpital Pellegrin, Place Amélie Raba-Léon, Bordeaux, France. Usually there is no financial support for candidates to attend the Examination. However, if you plan to attend the 11th European Congress of Neuropathology, you could apply for a congress travel grant of



450 Euro. Examination candidates will have preferential treatment in the grant selection process, although grants cannot be guaranteed. Details about the exam and requirements are posted on the Euro-CNS website: <http://www.euro-cns.org/home/examefn/examination/>

Update European Congress of Neuropathology (ECNP 2016)

Last call for abstracts: All abstracts must be submitted by April 1, 2016! Please note that you have to register first, before your abstract can be uploaded.

Registration: We recommend to register before the deadline of April 1, which is the “early bird” submission deadline. The early fee gives a 200 Euro discount on the regular fee for members as well as non-members!

Travel grants: A limited number of travel grants is available. They are generously sponsored by the Euro-CNS, the French Society of Neuropathology, and the International Society of Neuropathology. **The deadline for applications is April 1, 2016.** **Criteria for allocation:** 1. Active participation as a poster or oral presentation presenter in the Congress; 2. Preferential allocation to Junior investigators; 3. Preferential allocation to regions with low national GDPs including investigators from Eastern Europe, Africa, Latin, and South America, Asia; 4. Preferential allocation to candidates entering the European Fellowship Examination. Please visit www.ecnp2016 or www.euro-cns.org for application details.

Slide Seminar ECNP2016 (submission deadline April 1, 2016)

You are invited to submit a case involving any field of neuropathology: tumors, epilepsy, neurodevelopmental disorders, muscle and nerve pathology, neurodegenerative diseases,



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infections, etc. We hope the selected cases will inspire the neuropathological community with especially difficult, rare, or teaching cases. Persons in charge of the selected cases will be asked to present their case at the **slide seminar** that will take place on Saturday July 9th, 2016 from 08:30 to 10:30 AM. Two communications will be awarded for the best case/presentation/discussion. The selected cases will be available on the congress website starting May 20th, 2016, as digitalized slides.

Furthermore, the best “Artistic Photograph in Neuropathology” will be awarded. Creative participants may send a single image or composite figure, photoshopped or not, using conventional stains, immunohistochemistry, electronic microscopy, or new techniques.

Please, submit your case before April 1st!

Details about slide submission are provided on the congress website www.ecnp2016.com. For any additional questions, we will be happy to answer if you write us at slideseminar-bordeaux2016@gmail.com. Hoping you will enjoy the final platform of the 11th European Congress of Neuropathology as well as – for the winners – the Bordeaux wine selected by a dedicated Neuropathologist and wine connoisseur, Professor Claude Vital.

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2015 BNS Summer School Cerebrovascular Diseases: Genetics and Pathophysiology Cirencester, UK, July 1 – 3, 2015

If I were to summarize this course in one sentence – “it was a highly educational and enjoyable experience with great course content and enthusiastic speakers, augmented by a truly mesmerizing venue and warm hospitality”.

On the first day, the course started after lunch with comprised introduc-

tory topics “an overview of the cerebral circulation” by Prof. Raj Kalara (Newcastle), “blood brain barrier” by Prof. Helga de Vries (Amsterdam), and “genetics of cerebrovascular disease” by Prof. Pankaj Sharma (London). On the second day, the topics included “common and uncommon causes of stroke” by Dr. David Werring (London), “imaging cerebrovascular diseases” by Prof. Hugh Markus (Cambridge), “pathogenesis of atherosclerosis” by Prof. Dorian Haskard (London), “arteriovenous malformations and aneurysms” by Dr. Andy Molyneux (Oxford), “how to resolve uncertainties about stroke cause and treatment” by Prof. Rustam Al-Shahi Salman (Edinburgh), “therapeutic dilemmas in intracerebral hemorrhage” by Dr. Mark McCarron (N. Ireland), “cerebral amyloid angiopathies” by Prof. Johannes Attems (Newcastle), “animal models of cerebrovascular disease” by Dr. Atticus Hainsworth (London), and “lymphatic drainage pathway and cerebrovascular disease” by Dr. Roxana Carare (Southampton). On the third and final day, the topics were “cerebrovascular disease in ageing and Alzheimer’s disease” by Prof. Seth Love (Bristol), “cerebral ischaemic injury and inflammation” by Prof. Stuart Allan (Manchester), “pathophysiology of the white matter in cerebrovascular disease” by Dr. Julie Simpson (Sheffield), and “diagnostic approach to cerebrovascular disease” again by Prof. Raj Kalara (Newcastle), finishing at lunch time.

The speakers as stated above were from diverse backgrounds and all lectures were delivered to perfection with a great audience interaction. Clinically important conditions such as stroke, vascular malformations, cerebral hemorrhage, vascular diseases in ageing and dementia and other ischemic injury and inflammation were covered. The essential translational research highlighting bench to bedside medicine was covered in a diligent manner. At least 48 candidates from the UK and abroad attended the meeting, comprising clinicians and basic scientists including students. Eight of the neuropathology registrars (including aspiring trainees) from the UK attended. From a neuropathology training perspective, it was very useful as the majority of the topics were a relevant part of the Royal College of Pathologist’s training curriculum.



Dr. Ashirwad Merve (right) with a colleague at the venue.

Marino. The combination of clinical, pathophysiological, and genetic topics in relation to cerebrovascular disease attracted interest among neurologists, neuropathologists, and neuroscientists alike. Although it was my first BNS summer school experience, it was definitely one to remember for a long time to come!

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Joint-meeting of the German Society for Neuropathology and Neuroanatomy (DGNN) and the Scandinavian Neuropathological Society (SNS) September, 22 – 24, 2016 Hamburg (Germany)

We are pleased to announce the Joint Meeting of the German Society for Neuropathology and Neuroanatomy (DGNN) and the Scandinavian Neuropathological Society (SNS), which will take place from September 22 – 24, 2016 in Hamburg, Germany.

The course was held at the Royal Agricultural University (RAU), Cirencester on July 1 – 3, 2015. The RAU is a historical venue located in the scenic Cotswolds District of the South Central England. The lecture theater had a fantastic audio-visual facility. On campus, catered accommodation with dinner bed and breakfast was provided. The university “halls of residence” rooms with ensuite rooms were located in a quiet tranquil environment. A timely summer barbecue was arranged on the first evening which was a great welcome to all. Dinners were held in a majestic university dining hall served with complete English etiquette. Post dinner it was a great venue for a British summer evening stroll. Overall the facilities not only provided comfort and joy but were a great opportunity for socializing and for professional networking. A very convenient coach travel was arranged from Charing Cross Hospital in the morning of July 1st, taking us directly to the RAU in an hour and a half. A return coach journey from the course venue back to London was also arranged in the afternoon of July 3rd.

I am sure I speak on behalf of everyone who attended the course if I say – “thank you and congratulations to BNS for organizing such wonderful event”. In particular to course organizers Dr. Roxana Carare and Prof. Raj Kalaria, BNS program secretaries – Dr. Rina Bandopadhyay and Dr. Rahul Phadke, and chair of academic committee – Prof. Silvia



Historical, scenic RAU.



Scenic road



A relaxing post dinner stroll.



This year's program will cover a broad spectrum of diagnostic and experimental neuropathology including neurodegeneration, neuroinflammation, neurooncology, and neuromuscular biology. Besides lectures by leading scientists, the program includes panel discussions, poster presentations and workshops. Industrial exhibition and a lively social program will further complete the meeting.

The venue at the historical pathology building of the University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, now a medical museum, is the ideal location for scientific exchange between young and experienced scientists, experimentally oriented researchers and physicians.

The main topics of the meeting are:

- Neurodegeneration
- Neuroinflammation
- Neurooncology
- Neuromuscular biology

We cordially invite you to contribute to the scientific content of the conference and to share your latest results in research by submitting an abstract to one of the conference topics. The deadline for abstract submission is May 13, 2016!

On the conference website www.dgnn-conference.de you can find further information on the Joint Meeting.

We are looking forward to this special meeting and to welcoming you in Hamburg in September 2016!

Kind regards,

*Markus Glatzel,
Conference Chair
and*

*Bjarne Winther Kristensen
Conference Chair*



Prof. Winther Kristensen



Prof. Glatzel

Meeting Calendar

March 15 – 18, 2016, Aachen, Germany
European Basic Course in Neuopathology

June 1 – 3, 2016, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
CME Training Course "Forensic Neuopathology".
www.euro-cns.org

June 1– 3, 2016, Hirosaki, Japan
57th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Neuopathology.
<http://www.procomu.jp/jsnp2016/>

June 16 – 19, 2016, Baltimore, Maryland, USA
Annual Meeting of the American Association of Neuopathologists.
<http://www.neuropath.org/meetings>

July 2 – 6, 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark
Fens forum 2016
<http://forum2016.fens.org/>

July 6 – 9, 2016, Bordeaux, France
11th European Congress of Neuopathology (ECNP).
www.euro-cns.org

August 31 – September 2, 2016, Munich, Germany
10th International Conference on Frontotemporal Dementias (ICFTD 2016).
<http://www.icftd2016.de/>

September 22 – 24, 2016, Hamburg, Germany
Joint meeting of the German Society of Neuopathology and Neuroanatomy (DGNN) and the Scandinavian Neuopathological Society (SNS).
<http://www.dgnn-conference.de/>

September 28 – October 1, 2016, Niagara on the Lake, London/Ontario, Canada
Meeting of the Canadian Association of Neuopathologists.
<http://www.canp.ca/annual-meetings>

October 6 – 9, 2016, Erlangen, Germany
International Summer School for Neuopathology and Epilepsy Surgery.
<http://www.neuropathologie.uk-erlangen.de/>

October 6 – 9, 2016, Ljubljana, Slovenia
11th International Congress on Non-Motor Dysfunctions in Parkinson's disease and Related Disorders (NMDPD 2016).
<http://nmdpd2016.kenes.com/>

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