



## Society News

European Confederation  
of Neuropathological  
Societies

Dear Readers,

It is with pleasure that we present to you a report on Neuropathology activities in the Baltics. The Baltic Association of Neuropathologists (BAN) is an active society and managed to attract 70 participants from 7 countries to their last meeting. Also the Japanese Society of Neuropathology has been busy preparing for the International Congress of Neuropathology. The tentative program at-a-glance is available from their website, and abstract submission and registration will open in February. Please see registration and abstract submission information in their announcement below. Our own Euro-CNS educational committee is organizing three neuropathology courses this year: the European Basic

Course in March (Aachen), the updated Neurodevelopmental Neuropathology course in June (Amsterdam), and the updated Tumor Course in October (Amsterdam).

*Enjoy our news!  
With kind regards,*

*The Euro-CNS News  
Editorial Team*

### Report Neuro-course in Neuropathology, Kaunas, Lithuania

The Baltic Association of Neuropathologists (BAN) summoned neuropathologists, general pathologists, geneticists, scientists, and students to the 3<sup>rd</sup> “NEURO-course in Neuropathology – Tumors of the Central Nervous System” which was held in Kaunas, Lithuania, on October 13, 2017. Even though the meeting was organized locally by Dr. Inga Gudinavičienė, it attracted a record number of 70 participants from 7 different countries. The course was sup-

ported by the Lithuanian Society of Pathologists, the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, and internationally recognized speakers.

Dr. Zane Jaunmuktane (University College London, UK), one of the four main speakers, gave an update on glioma histogenesis and biological behavior extending her talk to biomarkers and new classification of the brain tumors. Prof. David Capper (Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany) delivered a lecture on DNA methylation-based classification of human CNS tumors, its applications, and ongoing new projects. Development and management of molecular pathology service in the genome era was introduced by Prof. Sebastian Brandner (University College London, UK). Furthermore, Prof. Hannes Vogel (Stanford University, USA) gave two detailed talks on pediatric tumors and midline gliomas. The meeting was closed with several interactive case presentations presented by Inga Gudinavičienė (Lithuanian University of Health Sciences) and Donatas Petroška (Vilnius Centre of Pathology, Lithuania) as well as a research project on microRNAs in brain tumors presented by Dr. Kastytis Šidlauskas (University Hospital Southampton, UK).



Participants of 3<sup>rd</sup> “NEURO-course in Neuropathology” and members of the Baltic Association of Neuropathologists (BAN). Front row sitting from left to right: Ivanda Franckeviča (newly elected president of the BAN, Latvia), Inga Gudinavičienė (former president, Lithuania and Sweden), Zane Jaunmuktane (former vice-president, Latvia and UK), Donatas Petroška (newly elected vice-president, Lithuania). Second row from left to right: Hannes Vogel (USA), Andres Kulla (Estonia and UK), Valdas Gasilionis (Lithuania), Laura Neverauskiene (Lithuania), Sebastian Brandner (UK), Kristine Nevidovska (Latvia), Maris Sperga (Latvia), Darius Pranys (Lithuania), Maija Lubgane (Latvia), Kastytis Šidlauskas (Lithuania and UK).

During the BAN business meeting, Dr. Ivanda Franckeviča (Latvia) was elected as the new president, and Dr. Donatas Petroška (Lithuania) was elected as the new vice-president. The positions were taken over from previous president Dr. Inga Gudinavičienė and vice-president Dr. Zane Jaunmuktane who served for 2 years during which several successful events were organized, new members joined the association, and international collaborations were significantly extended.

The Baltic Association of Neuropathologists will continue to facilitate neuropathology practice in the Baltic States and encourage development of international interactions in the next informal meeting in Latvia, scheduled for May 2018.

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## **19<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Neuropathology, Tokyo, Japan**

The ICN 2018 will be held from September 23 to 27, in conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> Asian Congress of Neuropathology, the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

of the Japanese Society of Neuropathology, and the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Japan Society of Brain Tumor Pathology. An exciting and interdisciplinary scientific program is currently being finalized by the scientific committee. The topic is "A gateway to modern neuroscience". The congress will be held at Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo. The online hotel reservation system will open on the website as of February 1. The tentative program schedule is available online. Online abstract submission and registration will open on the February 5. The deadline for submitting an abstract is March 31. For details please visit the Congress website. You can access the website by simply typing "ICN2018 TOKYO" in your browser. Please take a look at the official promotion video and enjoy!

trainees in general pathology, neuropathology, neurology, or neurosurgery but also for neurobiologists and PhD students in neurological sciences. Specifically for those who, in the course of their PhD research, will be involved with the neuropathology of, e.g., neurodegenerative diseases, developmental diseases, brain tumors, or white matter diseases. The first basic course was held from March 10 to 14, 2008. The home base for the course is the Institut für Neuropathologie, Universitätsklinikum der RWTH in Aachen, Germany. Subsequent courses were held in 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2016.

**Program:** The program consists of teaching sessions in the mornings, and sessions with gross neuropathology and histology (slide viewing and case discussions) in the afternoons. **Topics covered are:** general pathology of the central nervous system, muscle, nerve, tumors, neurodegenerative diseases, vascular pathology, infections of the CNS, human prion diseases, white matter diseases, metabolic diseases, developmental neuropathology, and epilepsy. On one of the evenings there is a possibility to bring up intriguing or puzzling clinicopathological cases. The detailed program is available on the Euro-CNS website.

**Organizers:** Wilfred den Dunnen, Chairman Euro-CNS Educational Committee; Joachim Weis, Local Organizer; Mrs. Astrid van Schendel, Administrator.



Imperial Palace Gardens.



Institute for Neuropathology, University Clinic of the RWTH in Aachen.



Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam.

## **2. Continued Medical Education: “Developmental Neuropathology”, June 27 – 29, 2018**

The updated Euro-CNS neuropathology training course “Developmental Neuropathology” will be held from June 27 to 29, 2018, at the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam. The same course was held in October 2015 but has been updated since then. The course consists of lectures with an emphasis on teaching. Practical (microscope-based) sessions are part of the course. This course and workshop will provide practising (neuro)pathologists, clinicians, and researchers with up-to-date reviews of the classification and the diagnostic problems in the pathology of neurodevelopmental diseases. The course language is English. Participants will receive a richly illustrated work manual of the histopathology of the most common neurodevelopmental disorders.

Target group: The course is intended for all involved in the pathological diagnosis of neurodevelopmental diseases: trainees and specialists in pathology, neuropathology, neurosurgery, neurology or neuro-oncology.

Topics include: Clinical signs; neuroimaging; normal brain development; genetics of brain development; defects in brain growth; cortical mal-

formation; degenerative diseases; infections; epilepsy; trauma; vascular malformation; organization.

Organizers: Homa Adle Biassette, Eleonora Aronica, Wilfred den Dunnen, the Netherlands. Course Administrator: Astrid van Schendel, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

## **3. CME Course “Tumors of the Central Nervous System”, October 3 – 5, 2018**

The updated Euro-CNS course will also be held at the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam. It will cover the 2016 update of the WHO classification (typing and grading) of CNS tumors, supplemented by lectures on clinical and neuroradiological aspects, and molecular diagnostics relevant for daily clinical practice. The lectures will be given by a group of well-known surgical neuropathologists. Histological slides of the whole spectrum of CNS tumors are available, and multiple time slots are planned for personal practical exercise as well as for interaction with the experts. The same course was held earlier in Helsinki (2000), Graz (2004), Amsterdam (2005), Athens (May 2008), Amsterdam again (June 2010), Zagreb (September 2012), Odense/Denmark (2015), and Amsterdam (2016).

Target group: The course is intended for all involved in the pathological diagnosis of brain tumors: trainees and specialists in pathology, neuropathology, neurosurgery, neurology, or neuro-oncology.

Topics: Typing and grading of gliomas; newly recognized rare glioma variants and pitfalls in the histopathological diagnosis; histopathological aspects of non-glial intracranial tumors as meningiomas; tumors encountered in the brain and their coverings.

Accreditation: The program has been granted 27 European CME credits (ECMEC) by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME). There is a mutual recognition agreement with the American Medical Association (AMA). Participants will receive an EACCME certificate at the end of the course.

Organizers: Wilfred den Dunnen, Pieter Wesseling, Eleonora Aronica. Administrator: Astrid van Schendel.

## **Meeting Calendar**

March 13 – 16, 2018,  
Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
Basic in Course Neuropathology

June 27 – 29, 2018, Amsterdam,  
the Netherlands  
CME Training Course  
“Developmental Neuropathology”

July 7 – 11, 2018, Berlin, Germany  
11<sup>th</sup> FENS Forum of Neuroscience  
<http://forum2018.fens.org/>

September 23 – 27, 2018, Tokyo, Japan  
19<sup>th</sup> International Congress of  
Neuropathology, Tokyo, Japan  
<http://icn2018.umin.jp/>

June 3 – 6, 2020, Odense, Denmark  
12<sup>th</sup> European Congress of  
Neuropathology  
[www.euro-cns.org/events/other-meetings](http://www.euro-cns.org/events/other-meetings)

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