



Society News

European Confederation
of Neuropathological
Societies

Dear Readers,

It is with pleasure that we announce in this issue that the next European Congress of Neuropathology will be held in beautiful Odense, in Denmark, from June 3 to June 6, 2020. The venue and bid application was approved at the last Council meeting. A Euro-CNS course on “Tumors of the CNS” recently took place in Amsterdam, and new Euro-CNS courses are in the make. Professor Dirk Troost, who initiated and expertly developed the training courses from 2001 until now, has rotated off as chairman of the Euro-CNS Educational Committee. Fortunately, Professor Wilfred den Dunnen has been willing to take over the gavel and we welcome him as the new chairman of the Committee. A new initiative of Euro-CNS has been the polling of our congress attendants, and members as well as non-members, on their experience and thoughts on molecular marker testing in diffuse gliomas. You will see the results in the next issue of Clinical Neuropathology. Lastly, though we do not have an all-encompassing congress report available, we would like to highlight the “best poster of the congress” and the “excellent posters” that were awarded at the European Congress of Neuropathology in Bordeaux.

Happy reading!

With kind regards,

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Next Euro-CNS Congress in Denmark

At its last meeting at the occasion of the European Congress of Neuropathology in Bordeaux, the Council of Euro-CNS unanimously voted to have the next Euro-CNS Congress in Odense, Region of Southern Denmark. The dates are June 3 – 6, 2020. The congress will be hosted by the Scandinavian Neuropathological Society.

The congress will focus on molecular mechanisms explaining pathological and clinical manifestations of neurological diseases. An important issue will be the integration of novel molecular technologies into neuropathology. The scientific program will include lectures by top scientists about cutting-edge technologies and workshops focusing on the practical approach in an innovative interactive way. The local organizing committee and the scientific committee will be represented by members of the Scandinavian Neuropathological Society, supported by an international scientific advisory board.

As soon as a congress website becomes available, we will announce it in this Newsletter and on our website (www.euro-cns.org).

Euro-CNS courses and management

The Euro-CNS neuropathology training course on tumors of the central nervous system was held successfully in Amsterdam from October 12 – 14, 2016. The course had 38 registrants. Most registrants were from Europe, but it is striking that the course has become increasingly popular among delegates from the Middle East. We also had participants as far as from the Philippines, Singapore, and Argentina. A participant’s report and pictures will follow in the next issue.

The topic of the next course is “Muscle and Nerve Pathology”. It will be held in Aachen, Germany, from March 22 – 24, 2017. We have 33 registrants already and recommend to register early!

Another updated neuropathology training course, this time on “Neurodegenerative Diseases”, will be organized later in 2017. The last time this

course was organized was in May 2014. It will be completely updated for 2017. Details will follow in the next issue or can be looked up on the Euro-CNS website: www.euro-cns.org

Course organization

Professor Dirk Troost (Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam) will now be retiring. Professor Troost had diligently started with the organization of small-scale neuropathology workshops in 2001. With the help of his able assistant Mrs. Astrid van Schendel and all individual course coordinators he turned these workshops into outstanding and extremely well-attended training courses. Professor Troost has handed the gavel to Professor Wilfred den Dunnen, of the Academic Medical Center Groningen, the Netherlands. Professor den Dunnen has been part of the organizing team since 2015 and has been learning the ins and outs of the course organization since then. There will be a meeting with all course coordinators of the various course topics in Amsterdam this month to discuss the planning and coordination of future courses. The topics are: neurodegenerative diseases, tumors of the central nervous system and its coverings, muscle and peripheral nerve pathology, leukoencephalopathies, developmental neuropathology, muscle and peripheral nerve pathology, and forensic neuropathology.



Figure 1. Dirk Troost, outgoing chair Educational Committee Euro-CNS.

Professor Troost will remain active in the organization of the courses as an advisor, at least until the end of 2017. Mrs. van Schendel has agreed to remain course administrator for the time being.



Figure 2. Wilfred den Dunnen, incoming chair Educational Committee Euro-CNS.



Figure 3. Astrid van Schendel, Administrator Euro-CNS Educational Office.

Euro-CNS Survey on molecular marker testing in diffuse gliomas

Euro-CNS is processing the feedback of more than 130 respondents to its survey on molecular marker testing in diffuse gliomas. The survey was launched at the European Congress of Neuropathology that was held in Bordeaux, from July 6 to July 9, 2016. The survey specifically targets (neuro)pathologists who routinely evaluate brain tumors. The feedback helps us gather information on current practice patterns and associated challenges. The results of the survey will be published in the next issue of Clinical Neuropathology. The survey was organized by Adelheid Woehrer and Johannes Hainfellner.

Corinna Preusse, Germany
Studying the morphology in patients with PL-7-/PL-12-antisynthetase syndrome

Annika Wefers, Germany
Molecular characterization of isomorphic astrocytoma

Suvi Hokkanen, United Kingdom
Old-age hippocampal sclerosis in the population: neuropathological, genetic and clinical characteristics

Alan King Liu, United Kingdom
Differential subregional nucleus basalis of Meynert pathology in Lewy body disorders and Alzheimer's disease

ECNP2016 Best poster award winners

A report on the whole congress would become too long, but we would still like to highlight the work of several most promising young investigators. A dedicated jury of well-known senior neuropathologists were asked to judge all posters presented at the congress. The results were as follows:

Best poster of the congress award

The Award for the best poster of the congress was presented to:
Romana Hoefflberger, Austria
Proposed neuropathological criteria of anti-IgLN5-related tauopathy

Excellent poster awards

The awards for excellent posters were presented to:
Mathilde Duchesne, France
Myositis associated with limb oedema: a rare and unknown subtype of dermatomyositis

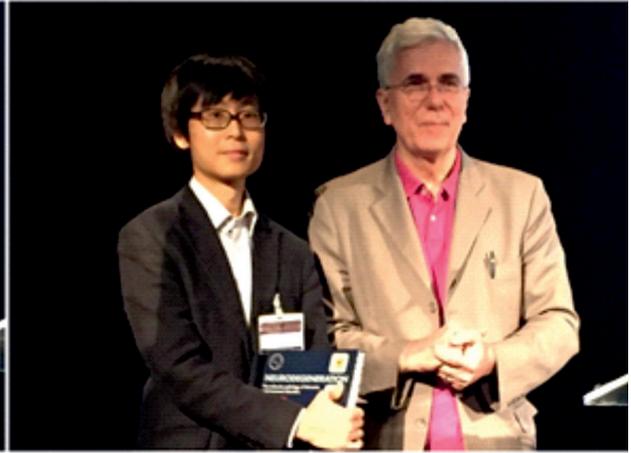
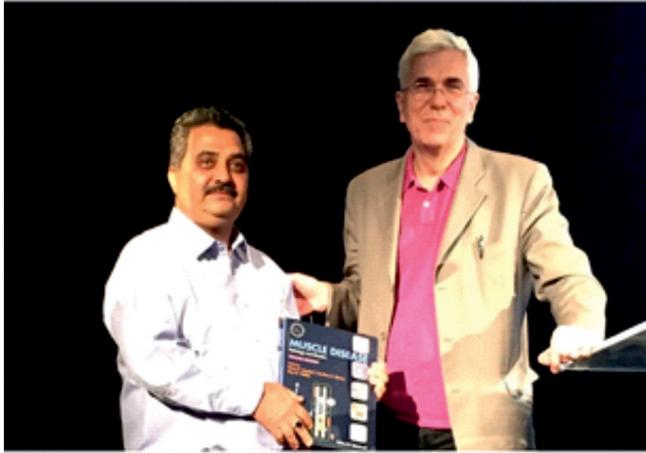
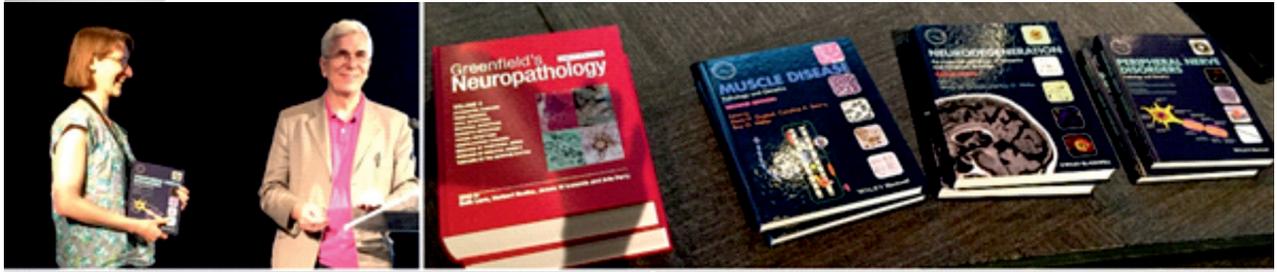
Mehar Sharma, India
C11ORF95-RELA fusions in supratentorial ependymomas correlate with upregulated NFkB signalling, VEGF and nestin immunopositivity

MSc Translational Pathology (Neuroscience), Sheffield

Translational Pathology (Neuroscience) combines core teaching of the fundamental aspects of major neuropathological diseases, with significant emphasis on the development of practical laboratory skills encompassing histopathology, molecular pathology, and microscopy. The MSc course is taught by scientists and consultant neuropathologists who are experts in the field, and will offer students the opportunity to undertake neuroanatomy dissection and to work with leading research groups during their 20 week research project.

The MSc Translational Pathology (Neuroscience) is aimed at students from a scientific background wanting to extend their knowledge in this

Figure 3. A photo collage of the prize & farewell ceremony of the ECNP2016, with Mathilde Duchesne, Mehar Sharma, Corinna Preusse, Annika Wefers, Suvi Hokkanen, Alan King Liu, (winners of the excellent poster awards), Fabien Forest (best artistic picture winner) between Ellen Gelpi and Catherine Godfraind (organizers of the Slide Seminar). In the middle: ECNP2016 organizers Anne Vital (congress president), Charles Duyckaerts (Program Chairman), the Euro-CNS Secretary-General Bjarne Winther Kristensen, Catherine Neumann (PCO), and Marie-Noelle Guineau (congress manager). Photos by Johan van Schendel.



field. The significant practical exposure to laboratory techniques will enable students to apply these skills in a research setting throughout the course and are relevant to a career in academia, diagnostic laboratories, or the biotechnology sector.

If you would like to know more about any aspect of this course, please contact our Course Lead Dr. Julie Simpson (julie.simpson@sheffield.ac.uk) or Course Administrator Mrs. Helen Hickson (h.hickson@sheffield.ac.uk). For details and brochure please visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/neuroscience/transpath.

Meeting Calendar

December 6, 2016, Edinburgh, Scotland
The Scottish TSE Network (STN) Annual Symposium: Neurodegeneration and the 3Rs: Models, Mechanisms & Resources.
<http://www.stn.ed.ac.uk/stn/seminars.html>

March 22 – 24, 2017, Aachen, Germany
CME Training Course "Muscle and Peripheral Nerve Pathology".
www.euro-cns.org

March 28, 2017, Vienna, Austria
The SYMPATH Symposium on Targeting Synucleinopathies.
<http://www.sympath-project.eu/symposium-en/>

March 29 – April 2, 2017, Vienna, Austria
The 13th International Conference on Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Diseases and related neurological disorders.
<http://adpd2017.kenes.com/>

September 23 – 27, 2018, Tokyo, Japan
19th International Congress of Neuropathology, Tokyo, Japan

June 3 – 6, 2020, Odense, Denmark
12th European Congress of Neuropathology
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