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,

The Euro-CNS News Editorial Team

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).

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.
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.

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 Hoeftberger, Austria
Proposed neuropathological criteria of anti-IgLON5-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

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

MSc Translational Pathology (Neuroscience), Sheffield
Translational Pathology (Neuroscience) combines core teaching of the fundamental aspects of major neurological 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...
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

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

March 28, 2017, Vienna, Austria

March 29 – April 2, 2017, Vienna, Austria

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

June 3 – 6, 2020, Odense, Denmark
12th European Congress of Neuropathology www.euro-cns.org

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