Dear Reader,

Since Clinical Neuropathology became the official organ of Euro-CNS, it has been the goal of Euro-CNS to make the Journal available to all its members. We are happy to inform you that this year, all members will have free access to the online version of the Journal. In the meantime, our colleagues from the Scandinavian Neuro-Oncology Society have compiled a survey on MGMT analysis. Please help them by completing their short online survey. The Polish Association of Neuropathology has been involved in organizing the 5th International Annual ESP Working Group Meeting on the History of Pathology and Medicine in Gdańsk (June 29 – 30, 2018). Furthermore, it is noteworthy to read that neuropathology in Poland is recognized as a specialty. An update on Euro-CNS courses, and the European Examination in Neuropathology is provided. Last but not least, a neuropathology vacancy in Toronto may be of interest to anyone who is looking for a position on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean.

Enjoy reading Euro-CNS news!

With kind regards,

The Euro-CNS News Editorial Team

Free Clinical Neuropathology for all active Euro-CNS members

At its last council meeting in October 2017, it was decided to provide all Euro-CNS members with free online access to Clinical Neuropathology for one year. If you are a member of Euro-CNS (i.e., a member of a national or regional society of neuropathology affiliated with Euro-CNS), and did not receive your access codes, please contact the secretariat: secretariat@euro-cns.com

Survey MGMT analysis

MGMT promoter methylation status is used to facilitate clinical decision making. However, different methods and different cut-off levels are used to define a tumor as methylated or unmethylated. We hope you will be able to spend a couple of minutes to answer a survey about how you approach MGMT analysis in your department. The results are planned to be reported at the European Association of Neuro-Oncology meeting in Stockholm in October 2018. The results will also be reported in Clinical Neuropathology. Thank you for your contribution!

Submitted by Dr. Annika Malmström, Prof. Bjarne Winther Kristensen, Prof. Peter Söderkvist, and Prof. Roger Henriksson on behalf of the Scandinavian Neuro-Oncology Society

An update from Poland

The Polish Association of Neuropathologists announced the following officers until 2020: Professors Ewa Izycka-Swieszewska (president), Teresa Wierzba-Bobrowicz (vice-president), Malgorzata Frontczak-Banie-wicz (treasurer), Dorota Dziewulska (secretary-general), Aleksandra Sejda (board member). The Editor-in-Chief of Folia Neuropathologica is Prof. Ewa Matyja. The National Consultant in Neuropathology is Prof. Wieslawa Grajkowska. In addition, Euro-CNS has welcomed Prof. Wieslawa Grajkowska and Ewa Izycka-
Swieszewska to the Euro-CNS council. The neuropathology status in Poland is of particular interest: neuropathology in Poland is a medical specialty with a formally organized training system in place which is supervised by a National Consultant and the Expert Committee. The specialization can be done as a separate program (residency) or as a continuation of education with dedicated programs in pathology, neurology, or neurosurgery. Several obligatory courses are part of the program. Upon completion of the training program, there is a national examination. Upon successful completion, the candidate will be board certified as a neuropathologist.

5th International Annual Meeting on the History of Pathology and Medicine

On behalf of the History of Pathology Working Group of the European Society of Pathology (ESP), the Polish Association of Neuropathologists invites you to attend the 5th Meeting of the Working Group on the History of Pathology. The meeting will be held from June 29 – 30, 2018 at the Medical University of Gdańsk (MUG). For more information please visit the Euro-CNS website.

Neuropathology vacancy – Toronto

The Tanz Center for Research in Neurodegenerative Diseases (Tanz CRND) at the University of Toronto and the Krembil Research Institute (KRI) at the University Health Network in Toronto, Canada, are seeking an early to mid-career neuropathologist clinician-scientist in the area of neurodegenerative diseases, particularly but not exclusively Parkinson’s disease and other degenerative parkinsonian disorders. The successful candidate will be a qualified neuropathologist with an MD/PhD, postdoctoral experience and demonstrated research excellence. The successful candidate will be expected to qualify for an appointment at the Assistant or Associate Professor level (status only) in the Department of LMP at the University of Toronto. Please see all details on the Euro-CNS website.

Next examination in neuropathology

The EFN examination constitutes an assessment of candidates’ knowledge of diagnostic neuropathology and their ability to apply that knowledge in clinical practice. It provides external quality assurance that a trainee in neuropathology practice has reached the standard appropriate for practice as an unsupervised specialist in diagnostic neuropathology. The next examination will be held on October 18 and 19, 2018, in London (University College London, Institute of Neurology, Division of Neuropathology). Please visit the Euro-CNS website for more information.

Meetings Calendar

May 17 – 19, 2018, Milan, Italy
54th Congress of the Italian Association of Neuropathology and Clinical Neurobiology
http://www.neuropathology.it/en/

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

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

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

September 8 – 12, 2018, Bilbao, Spain
30th European Congress of Pathology
https://www.esp-congress.org/

October 3 – 5, 2018, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Euro-CNS CME Course Tumors of the Central Nervous System
www.euro-cns.org

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

CME Course on Developmental Neuropathology, Amsterdam, June 27 – 29, 2018 (see program on page 161).


Tip: Euro-CNS members get a 100 Euro discount on the Euro-CNS courses. If you register, please mention your membership in the registration form. Information on the Euro-CNS website.

Euro-CNS Courses for the second half of 2018

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PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 27th

08:30 – 09:00 Registration
09:00 – 09:15 Welcome & Course content

Day session: Introduction; Atlas of Human Embryology; Normal brain development; Neural tube defects; Forebrain patterning defects; Cell migration disorders; Interactive case presentations

09:15 – 09:45 3D Atlas of Human Embryology – Bernadette de Bakker
09:45 – 10:30 Normal brain development, Neuronal Migration, Axonal Connections – Homa Adle-Biassette
10:30 – 11:00 Brain cut & stains – Marianna Bugiani
11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break
11:15 – 12:00 Brain developmental slides (binocular microscopes)
12:00 – 12:45 Neural tube defects: developmental origins and primary prevention – Gabriel Galea
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
14:00 – 14:45 Forebrain Patterning defects: midline patterning defects and microcephaly – Jeffrey Golden
14:45 – 15:30 Cell migration disorders: Lissencephaly I, Cobblestone brain malformation (COB, lissencephaly type 2) and Polymicrogyria – Jeffrey Golden
15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break
15:45 – 16:30 Interactive case presentations and discussion
16:30 – 17:30 Brain developmental slides (binocular microscopes and small groups at multi-head microscope)

Thursday, June 28th

Day session: Clinical features, Genetics, Cortical malformations and Epilepsy; Cerebellar and brainstem malformations; Myelination, Paediatric demyelinating diseases; Infectious diseases

08:30 – 09:15 Brain malformations: Clinical features – Anna Jansen
09:15 – 10:00 New developments in genetic diagnosis of brain malformations – Grazia Mancini
10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break
10:15 – 11:00 Brain developmental slides (binocular microscopes)
11:00 – 11:45 Cortical Malformations and epilepsy – Eleonora Aronica
11:45 – 12:30 Cerebellar and brainstem malformations – Jeffrey Golden
12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
13:30 – 14:15 Myelination normal and abnormal – Charles ffrench-Constant
14:15 – 15:00 Paediatric demyelinating diseases – Marianna Bugiani
15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break
15:15 – 16:00 Brain developmental slides (binocular microscopes and small groups at multi-head microscope)
16:00 – 16:45 Infectious diseases – Homa Adle-Biassette

Dinner

Friday, June 29th

Day session: Acquired Brain Damage in the foetus and neonate; Trauma; Metabolic disorders, Congenital myopathies

09:00 – 09:45 Patterns of Acquired Brain Damage in the foetus and neonate – Tom Jacques
09:45 – 10:30 Trauma (including non-accidental injury) – Colin Smith
10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break
10:45 – 11:45 Brain developmental slides (binocular microscopes)
11:45 – 12:30 Metabolic Disorders (1) – Hans Goebel
12:15 – 13:30 Lunch
14:15 – 15:00 Congenital myopathies and congenital muscular dystrophies – Rahul Phadke
15:00 – 16:30 Brain developmental slides (binocular microscopes and small groups at multi-head microscope)

final discussion & evaluation

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On behalf of the Working Group of History of Pathology within the European Society of Pathology, we would like to invite you to Gdańsk to attend the 5th Meeting of the Working Group on the History of Pathology.

General Information:
- The meeting will be held at Atheneum Gedanense Novum at the Medical University of Gdańsk (MUG)
- For two days there will be six sessions with lectures and oral presentations and poster sessions
- The official language of the 5th Meeting on the History of Pathology is English
- The oral and poster sessions will concern wide aspects of history of pathology, neuropathology, veterinary pathology and medicine, as well as Polish input into development of medical sciences
- All abstracts and awarded presentations will be published
- Contact addresses: wghp.esp.gdansk2018@gmail.com and jgulczynski@gumed.edu.pl
- The Preliminary programme and more detailed information including the bank account number is available on our website: www.wghp-esp-gdansk2018.eu

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- Marek Bukowski, MD PhD, Museum of Medical University of Gdańsk

Call for papers: Abstracts should be sent to the following e-mail addresses before the 15th of May: jgulczynski@gumed.edu.pl and gabriella.nesi@unifi.it

Fee and ESP Grants: The fee is 120 Euros before the 15th of May (later – 150 Euros). Participants under 35 are free of charge. The ESP will provide four grants to support the attendance of residents and trainees in pathology at the meeting in Gdańsk. It includes a free registration to the Meeting and a monetary grant of 500 Euro. Membership of the ESP and submission of an abstract are required. A proof of residency and a supporting letter should be submitted during the application process.

Accommodation: Gdańsk has a wide range of hostels and hotels with every amenity that might be required. One can find nice, small boutique hotels close to the Medical University, or bigger ones for example by the Motława River, in the Old Town. A list of suggested places will be available on the website.

General Information about the city: Gdańsk, with its thousand-year history is located by the Baltic Sea. In the past it was at the crossroads of important commercial and communication routes, an extensive port with mercantile traditions. All this had made Gdańsk a meeting place of many cultures and nationalities. Today it is a living and colourful city, one of the most attractive places to visit in Europe, with many interesting places and venues about art, history, science and much more.

Participants can get here:
- by plane (Lech Walesa Gdańsk Airport), Warsaw Chopin Airport and then train to Gdańsk
- by train (Gdańsk Główny Railway Station)
- by ferry (Gdynia and Gdańsk Port)
- or by car using the highways (paid)

In June the usual temperature varies between 15 and 25 degrees C.

Attending the meeting will also give you the opportunity to learn more about Gdańsk, Pomerania and Poland.