Dear Readers,

We hope you enjoyed the summer season! On the news front it has been calm, but we would like to reflect a bit on the 9th Euro-CNS tumor course, and in the end there is a list of several short announcements. The full program of the course is provided at the end of this newsletter.

With kind regards,
the Euro-CNS News Editorial Team

Course content and target group

The upcoming course covers 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 course is of interest to those who are involved in the pathological diagnosis of brain tumors: trainees and specialists in pathology, neuropathology, neurosurgery, neurology, or neuro-oncology.

Accreditation

As with each Euro-CNS course, accreditation (ECMEC) was requested from the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME), and 20 CME points were granted. CME accreditation granted by the UEMS-EACCME® provides a guarantee to participants from all over the world that the content of the CME provided is of a high quality, unbiased and didactic and, for European doctors, that this quality will be recognized in their home country. There is a mutual recognition agreement with the American Medical Association (AMA), which is handy in case the participants need AMA credits rather than the European credits. All participants will receive an EACCME certificate at the end of the course.

Topics and program

Topics include: typing and grading of gliomas; newly recognized rare glioma variants and pitfalls in the histopathological diagnosis; histopathological aspects of non-gliarial intracranial tumors as meningiomas; tumors encountered in the brain and its coverings. The tentative program is provided at the end of this newsletter.

Course organization

The course is organized by Prof. Wilfred den Dunnen (Groningen, NL), Prof. Pieter Wesseling (Amsterdam/Nijmegen, NL), Prof. Eleonora Aronica (Amsterdam, NL) and Prof. J. Max Kros (Rotterdam, NL). Course management is provided by Mrs. Astrid van Schendel (Amsterdam, NL).

Grants and registration

The course is fully booked and we recommend anyone who would like to do this course in the future to contact the Course Administrator and inquire about future dates. Generally, a tumor course is held every 2 years, and all dates will be placed on the Euro-CNS website at least a year in advance.

To help cover (part of) travel expenses, a limited number of grants of € 550 is usually available for young trainees in neuropathology. Preference is given to applicants from emerging countries in Europe. Travel grants can also be requested from the International Society of Neuropathology. These are intended for trainees in neuropathology in a low-income country (and non-European/ non-North American). Application details for both types of grants are provided on the Euro-CNS website.

Contact

Anyone with questions or comments are welcome to contact the Euro-CNS Course Administration office: Mrs. van Schendel (office. euro.cns@gmail.com), P.O. BOX 23586, 1100 EB Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
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Fellowship Trainee in Vienna. At the moment, a Euro-CNS fellowship trainee from Romania is completing his short-term training at the Institute of Neurology, at the Medical University of Vienna. A report will follow with the next issue.

For details about activities and programs of Euro-CNS, please visit the Euro-CNS website: www.euro-cns.org.

Meeting Calendar

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

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

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

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Euro-CNS short announcements

Successful completion of Euro-CNS course “Developmental Neuropathology”. The most recent course was held successfully from June 27 to 29, in Amsterdam. Participants came from Europe, Asia, Latin America, North America, and the Middle East. A report will be provided in the next issue of Euro-CNS News.

Euro-CNS Council meeting in Denmark. The next Euro-CNS Council meeting will take place in Odense, Denmark, on October 23, 2018. In addition, a site visit is planned of the Congress Center where the 2020 European Congress of Neuropathology will be held.

FENS Governing Council meetings, Berlin, July 2018. The FENS governing council meets every year. Euro-CNS is usually represented at these meetings in its capacity as an affiliated Society. This time, in Berlin, Euro-CNS was represented by the German Councilor, Prof. Christian Mawrin. He will report to the Euro-CNS Council in October.

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Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018

08:30 - 09:00  Registration
09:00 - 09:05  Welcome - Pieter Wesseling / Max Kros / Wilfred den Dunnen
09:05 - 09:30  Diffuse gliomas (pathobiology) - Max Kros
09:30 - 10:00  WHO classification consensus - Pieter Wesseling
10:00 - 10:30  Cases / microscopy
10:30 - 10:45  Coffee break
10:45 - 11:15  Glioma treatment - Mathilde Kouwenhoven
11:15 - 11:45  Cases / microscopy
11:45 - 12:15  Neuroradiology (mainly) of gliomas - Marion Smits
12:15 - 12:45  Cases / microscopy
12:45 - 14:00  Lunch
14:00 - 14:30  Integrated glioma diagnostics - Pieter Wesseling
14:30 - 15:00  Cases / microscopy
15:00 - 15:45  Molecular diagnostics of CNS tumors - Christian Hartmann
15:45 - 16:15  Cases / microscopy
16:15 - 16:30  Coffee break
16:30 - 16:50  Metastatic tumors - Max Kros
16:50 - 17:30  Cases / microscopy

Thursday, October 4th, 2018

08:30 - 09:00  Pilocytic and pilomyxoid - Tarik Tihan
09:00 - 09:30  Embryonal tumors - Felice Giangaspero
09:30 - 10:00  Cases / microscopy
10:00 - 10:15  Coffee break
10:15 - 10:45  Neuronal and glioneuronal tumors - Figen Soylemezoglu
10:45 - 11:15  Cases / microscopy
11:15 - 11:45  AT/RT and other related tumors - Martin Hasselblatt
11:45 - 12:30  Lunch
12:30 - 13:30  Meningeomas - Christian Hartmann
14:00 - 14:30  Peripheral nerve tumors - Rob Verdijk
14:30 - 15:00  Cases / microscopy
15:00 - 15:15  Coffee break
15:15 - 15:45  Hereditary tumor syndromes - Max Kros
15:45 - 16:15  Cases / microscopy
16:15 - 17:00  Novel tools in brain tumor classification – Christian Hartmann / Pieter Wesseling
19:30  Dinner

Friday, October 5th, 2018

09:00 - 09:30  Ependymomas / choroid plexus tumors - Tarik Tihan
09:30 - 10:00  Cases / microscopy
10:00 - 10:15  Coffee break
10:15 - 10:45  Sellar and pineal tumors - Werner Paulus
10:45 - 11:30  Cases / microscopy
11:30 - 12:00  Rare intracerebral tumors - Figen Soylemezoglu
12:00 - 13:00  Lunch
13:00 - 13:30  Lymphomas and histiocytic lesions - Werner Paulus
13:30 - 14:30  Cases / microscopy
14:30 - 15:00  Pitfalls in diagnosis of CNS tumors - Pieter Wesseling/ Max Kros
15:00 - 15:15  Coffee break
15:15 - 17:00  Cases / microscopy