Dear Readers,

This issue gives you information about a successful meeting in Bucharest that was held from May 8 to 12, 2018 and organized by the Romanian neuropathologists and neurologists, a review of the Euro-CNS Basic Course in Neuropathology (March 13 – 16) by a participant from Singapore, and we provide an overview of several neuropathology sessions at the upcoming European Congress of Pathology in Bilbao, Spain (September 8 – 12). New candidates for European Fellowship Grants are still welcome to apply, and the Euro-CNS Examination Committee is calling for candidates for the upcoming European Examination in London (October 18 – 19).

If you read our News section regularly, you may find that we mostly report on Euro-CNS activities. We welcome contributions from subscribers and Euro-CNS members about other meetings and about developments in neuropathology worldwide. Please contact us if you have information to share.

With kind regards,
the Euro-CNS News Editorial Team

Spring meeting Romanian Society of Neuropathology

The spring meeting of the Romanian Society of Neuropathology was held from May 8 to 12 in Bucharest. It was organized in conjunction with the 16th Congress of the Romanian Society of Neurology. The meetings were combined with the purpose of gathering a larger audience for both. This formula worked well, as there were over 500 participants including many young doctors, especially neurologists, from Romanian and other countries. The neuropathology program was as follows: 1) A. Bastian, V. Mageriu, E. Manole: The sural nerve biopsy for the actual diagnostic work-up of peripheral neuropathies (Oral presentation). 2) I. Cojocaru: Normal and pathological Virchow-Robin space (Oral presentation). 3) M.M. Manea, A.M. Dobre, D. Antonescu-Ghelmez, F. Antonescu, E. Manole, A. Bastian, S. Tuta: Axonal polyneuropathy and mitochondrial oculo-facial myopathy. Clinical case (Poster presentation). 4) E. Manole, A. Bastian, B. O. Popescu: Claudines 1 and 19 expression in hemato-venous barrier in the mouse with diabetic peripheral neuropathy – Preliminary data (Poster presentation).

Submitted by Marilena Alexianu and Alexandra Bastian, Romania

Basic Course in Neuropathology – a report

From the host organizer:
The 6th Euro-CNS Basic Neuropathology course took place in Aachen, Germany, on March 13 – 16, 2018. The course was organized for participants from the field of neuropathology, pathology, neurology, neurosurgery, and neurobiology. It was again fully booked with 50 attendees from 19 countries. The program combined teaching sessions on the pathology of the CNS, PNS, and skeletal muscle including neurodegenerative diseases,
Participant’s report

Recently, I attended the 6th European Basic Neuropathology Course, which was highly recommended to me by a senior colleague at my institute. Being a newly minted pathologist with plans for subspecializing in neuropathology, I registered for this course hoping that it would reinforce and improve my meager knowledge in this field.

During these 4 days, a broad spectrum of basic neuropathology was covered including: trimming of autopsy brain, cerebrovascular diseases, neurotrauma, infections, developmental diseases, nerve and muscle pathology, neurodegenerative diseases, and brain tumors. Despite the sheer amount of information and topics covered, the expert speakers were able to present their topics in a way understandable to the uninitiated, and yet with new information for those who already have experience in the field.

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The course was organized by Wilfred den Dunnen, Groningen, and Joachim Weis, Aachen. The course administration was in the experienced hands of Mrs. Astrid van Schendel, Amsterdam, and Mrs. Doris Dahmen, Aachen.

diologists, and researchers. Besides the fantastic scientific agenda, there was a very good social program. The highlight was the evening tour of Aachen which, unfortunately, was dampened by the rain, but the delicious dinner at the Ratskeller in the cellar of the Rathaus (Aachen Town Hall) made it all worthwhile.

Besides bringing me up to date with the newest morphological and molecular classification of brain tumors as well as new developments in neurodegenerative diseases (which presently is hardly seen in my institute), the course had practical recommendations such as immunostains and molecular tests required in a pathology lab that does neuropathology. These aspects were very well covered during the course and are highly relevant to my daily practice as my hospital is moving towards developing neuropathology as one of our major subspecialties.

I would definitely recommend this course to anyone who likes to know more about neuropathology. To conclude, I would like to thank the organizers for this highly educational and valuable course, especially Ms. Astrid van Schendel, Professor Wilfred den Dunnen and Professor Joachim Weis. I look forward to attending the next Euro-CNS course in Amsterdam.

Submitted by Po Yin Tang, Pathologist, Singapore General Hospital, Department of Anatomical Pathology, Singapore

European Congress of Pathology, Bilbao

The European Congress of Pathology will be held from September 8 to 12, 2018 in Bilbao, Spain. The aim of the organizers is to provide an up-to-date scientific program covering all major areas of diagnostic, translational, molecular and investigative pathology. Special emphasis will be put on both recent discoveries in pathology, and the reinforcement of close clinico-pathological co-oper-
the molecular landscape of ependymomas: the new diagnostic paradigm – Eloy Rivas, Spain

17:15 – 19:15
Symposium SY-25
Neuropathology: Immuno-oncology in glioblastoma
Chairs:
Miguel Angel Idoate, Spain
Kurt Schalper, USA
Speakers:
Immuno-oncology in glioblastomas: general considerations and practical aspects – Miguel Angel Idoate, Spain
New models for the study for the quantitative analysis of the brain tumor environment – Juan J. Garcia Vallejo, the Netherlands
Determinants of sensitivity and resistance to immune checkpoint blockers in solid tumors: opportunities and challenges for high grade gliomas – Kurt Schalper, USA
Immuno landscape in gliomas: mechanism of treg infiltration and sialic acid-siglec interactions and possible prognostic and therapeutic implications – Gosse Adema, the Netherlands

Wednesday, September 12, 2018
14:00 – 16:00
Symposium SY-31
Joint Symposium Soft Tissue and Bone Pathology/Neuropathology: Melanocytic lesions of the meninges, the eye and the sinonasal region
Chairs:
Timothy Helliwell, United Kingdom
Martin Lammens, Belgium
Sarah Coupland, United Kingdom
Speakers:
Meningeal melanocytic lesions – Heidi Küsters-Vandevelde, the Netherlands
H&N melanomas – Manju Prasad, USA
ICCR data – Timothy Helliwell, United Kingdom
Conjunctival melanoma – Sarah Coupland, United Kingdom
Uveal melanoma – Robert M. Verdijk, the Netherlands

14:45 – 16:45
Short Course SC-10
Neuropathology: Brain tumors of children and young adults
Chairs:
Anne Vital, France
Ho-Keung Ng, Hong Kong
Speakers:
Open questions. Are IDH wt lower grade gliomas all malignant? Are 1p19q non-deleted gliomas all astrocytic? – Ho-Keung Ng, Hong Kong
Diagnostic challenges in pediatric brain tumour pathology after WHO 2016 – Teresa Ribalta, Spain
Therapeutic and prognostic implications of BRAF V600E in pediatric low-grade gliomas – Rachael Vaubel, USA

European Examination in Neuropathology

European Examination in Neuropathology 2018: The next examination will be held on October 18 and 19, 2018 in London (University College London, Institute of Neurology, Division of Neuropathology). The EFN examination constitutes an assessment of candidates’ knowledge of diagnostic neuropathology and their ability to apply that knowledge in the clinical practice. Thus, 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. To see the recommended Curriculum, which forms the basis on which examiners will assess the knowledge and competence of examination candidates, please visit the Euro-CNS website: www.euro-cns.org.

Fellowship training program. Call for candidates!

The Euro-CNS fellowship training program is intended to facilitate short (maximum 2 months) diagnostic training opportunities in either Tumor or Muscle and Nerve pathology for trainees in neuropathology. The individual training plan for each Fellow appointed to the scheme will reflect the skills and knowledge that are required by the home Institution and which can be implemented upon the trainee’s return. For more information, please visit the ‘Fellowship Training’ page on this website. Applications can be submitted at all times.

Survey MGMT analysis

We reported on this in our previous issue, but the hyperlink to the survey was not included. You can find the survey via the frontpage of the Euro-CNS webpage: www.euro-cns.org.
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 October 2018 in Stockholm and 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

Meeting Calendar

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

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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