Dear Reader,

As the Euro-CNS Council had its annual meeting in Odense (Denmark) last October, you will find a brief report of the action items in this Newsletter. Pathology resident Jolinda van Heusden recently completed a short-term neuropathology training fellowship in the Netherlands and shared her experience with us. We would like to mention the Brain Tumor Epidemiology Consortium: a group of researchers studying the causes and consequences of brain tumors. They are organizing the Brain Tumor Disparities Congress from June 5 to 7 in Los Angeles and you will find more information below.

Wishing you a joyful Holiday Season,

The Euro-CNS News Editorial Team

Report on training fellowship in neurodegenerative diseases

I am a fifth-year resident in general pathology at the Maastricht University Medical Center and I want to specialize in neuropathology. During one of the Dutch Neuropathological Society meetings, I met Dr. Wilfred den Dunnen and decided that I would like to do an internship at his lab to further expand my knowledge of neurodegenerative diseases.

During the Euro-CNS Basic Neuropathology course, I heard about the Euro-CNS fellowship training program and I was very happy to obtain the grant and get the opportunity to spend a month at the University Medical Center in Groningen with Dr. den Dunnen.

During my four-week’s stay I had the opportunity to follow a top master program in neuroscience about various diseases of the aging brain amongst other dementing diseases and movement disorders. Besides these lectures, I studied a number of neurodegenerative cases from the archive of Dr. den Dunnen. On a daily basis, we sat together and discussed these cases. This way I became familiar with most neurodegenerative diseases. During my time in Groningen I also participated with the brain cut up and microscopic evaluation of consult cases of neurodegenerative diseases.

I learned a lot about neurodegenerative diseases, both from a pathological and from a pathophysiological view. I have gathered knowledge in brain cutting, sampling, microscopic evaluation, different immunohistochemical staining options and the reporting on neurodegenerative diseases.

This month was a great opportunity and experience for me and I cannot wait to apply this knowledge at my home institute in Maastricht. I highly recommend this fellowship training program to all as it will offer the opportunity to improve their experience and skills.

Submitted by Jolinda van Heusden, resident in general pathology, Maastricht

Euro-CNS Annual Council meeting in Odense, Denmark

On October 22nd and 23rd, the Executive Board and the Council of Euro-CNS had their annual meeting in the city of Odense, Denmark. The meetings were held at the Convention Center “Odeon”, where the European Congress of Neuropathology will take place in June 2020.

A brief summary:

– After all delegates provided an update on the status of neuropathology in their respective countries, the nomination of Paul Ince (UK) as incoming President was approved. He will replace Anne Vital (France). Martin Lammens (Belgium) succeeded to the position of Vice-President. There were no further changes in the board. The new composition of the board is provided at the end of this Newsletter.

– The minutes of the previous meeting (Amsterdam, October 13th, 2017) were approved without further changes.

– A report was given on the Fellowship Training program. So far, four neuropathology trainees had been accepted for short term training sponsored by Euro-CNS. All completed their training successfully. A fifth candidate applied recently.

– An update on the European Neuropathology Examination was also provided: Three fellows passed the Exam in the fall of 2017. The applicants in 2018 appeared not to be ready for the exam yet and will register for the examination in 2019 (UK).

– The Editor (Johannes Hainfellner) provided data about the journal and his vision on long-term planning. Options for e-learning were
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The Brain Tumor Epidemiology Consortium (BTEC) is a group of researchers studying the causes and consequences of brain tumors. This international organization hosts annual meetings, facilitates collaborative research projects, and promotes the development of brain tumor epidemiology research. The Consortium’s mission is to learn the causes of brain tumors in order to effect change by reducing the incidence through prevention and early detection, and by improving outcomes for those diagnosed with this disease. The BTEC 2019 Annual Conference will be held in Los Angeles, CA, USA, from June 5 – 7: Brain Tumor Disparities: From Biology to Social Determinants. Abstracts are due March 1, 2919 and there are several junior investigator awards available. More information at: https://sites.usc.edu/braintumorcause/
Overview of Euro-CNS courses since 2016

Upcoming Courses 2019
Forensic Neuropathology, April 3 – 5, 2019, Amsterdam
Leukoencephalopathies, June 26 – 28, 2019, Amsterdam
Registration is open for both courses.

Euro-CNS Neuropathology courses since 2016
Tumors of the Central Nervous System and its Coverings, October 3 – 5, 2018
Developmental Neuropathology, June 27 – 29, 2018
Basic Course in Neuropathology, March 13 – 16, 2018
Neurodegenerative Diseases, October 25 – 27, 2017
Muscle and Peripheral Nerve Pathology, March 22 – 24, 2017
Tumors of the Central Nervous System, October 12 – 14, 2016
Forensic Neuropathology, June 1 – 3, 2016
European Basic Course in Neuropathology, March 15 – 18, 2016
The basic course is held in Aachen, Germany. All other courses are hosted in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Changes in the Euro-CNS Executive Board

The Euro-CNS Executive Committee consists of five Officers: the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Editor of Clinical Neuropathology. They are elected by the Council from the membership.
The Council of Euro-CNS had its last business meeting on October 22nd, 2018, in Odense, Denmark.
The following changes in composition of the Euro-CNS Executive Committee were ratified:

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Scandinavia
Denmark: Bjarne Winther Kristensen
Finland: Maria Gardberg
Norway: Bård Kronen Krossnes
Sweden: Elisabeth Englund
The Netherlands: Johan M. Kros and Wilfred den Dunnen
Slovenia: Mara Popovic
Spain: Miguel Angel Idoate and Alberto Rabano
Switzerland: Enikő Kövari and Markus Tolnay
Turkey (associated society): Büge Öz and Figen Stylemezoglu
United Kingdom: Paul Ince

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Tibor Hortobagyi, Hungary

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