

Annual Report 2024



An international and independent non-profit making Society for physicians, health professionals, scientists, and students with research and/or clinical interest in Paediatric Neurology.

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EPNS President's welcome

As I reflect on 2024, I am proud to report that European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) has taken further steps in our mission to promote excellence in patient care, research, and education to improve the neurological outcome of children and young people in Europe and across the world. The year 2024 has been one of strengthening our established activities, increasing our advocacy efforts and looking forward to how the EPNS will look in the future.



Photo: Kevin Rostasy
EPNS President

This annual report provides an overview of the many EPNS activities which have taken place and the exciting initiatives that lie ahead.

In 2024, in line with previous years, we saw a steady increase in our EPNS membership numbers with 649 new members joining our society. This growth not only strengthens our collective voice but also enhances the diversity of expertise and experience within our network.

Our 8th biennial EPNS Research Meeting took place in October 2024 hosted in Ljubljana. In an environment that stimulated international collaborations and research in Paediatric Neurology, we were thrilled to welcome Paediatric Neurologist researchers at all stages of their career. The feedback received has been excellent and I send my personal congratulations to the EPNS Research award winners.

The EPNS Scientific and Research Committee together with the Local Organising Committee have put together a scientifically stimulating programme for the 16th EPNS Congress which will take place in Munich Germany on 8-11 July 2025. I hope to see you there where you will be part of a unique ABC format to learn, network and exchange ideas on an international stage.

Don't forget to also mark the 17th EPNS Congress on 6-10 April 2027 in Barcelona in your calendars, and in July 2025 we will announce the location of EPNS Congress 2029.

The EPNS Education and Training committee continues to focus on promoting excellence and providing a comprehensive learning environment in Paediatric Neurology. During 2024 the EPNS Moodle has been enhanced and we are pleased to see that this excellent resource has been used by more and more of our EPNS members. Our regular EPNS webinar programme maintains high attendance and has been heightened by the introduction of the new EEG Club webinars which take place twice monthly. The EPNS is thrilled to support the EPNS Visiting Teachers and EPNS Fellowships, which provide career changing opportunities for our EPNS members. In February 2024 we hosted our well-established training courses as part of the 3-year rolling programme in Ferrara covering the topics 'Acute Neurology' and 'Neurophysiological Investigations'. The unique biennial EPNS Masterclass took place in the surroundings of Cambridge University in the UK in September 2024 under the topic heading of 'Great Expectations'. The 6th Biennial EPNS Caucasus Teaching Course was

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hosted in Tbilisi, in November 2024, with the opportunity for virtual attendance of the first day of the course, which covered the topic 'Neonatal Neurology'.

I hope you will be able to get involved in our planned educational activities for 2025, which include the next round of EPNS Training Courses in Ferrara, with the topics 'Movement Disorders' and 'Neuroimaging'. The 2nd fully virtual joint EPNS/ERN-RND Spring School will be taking place in March 2025 under the heading 'Challenges of Treating Rare Neurological Diseases' and in the same month, the EPNS Central Eurasia Workshop on 'Epileptic conditions of children from Newborn to childhood' will be in Almaty City. Not forgetting the opportunity for EPNS Fellowships, Visiting Teachers, the EPNS Exam taking place on 8 July 2025, and much more.

The EPNS Advocacy and Collaboration Committee made significant strides in our advocacy efforts, particularly for the implementation of the Intersectoral Global Action Plan on epilepsy and other neurological disorders (IGAP) which is a major focus for the EPNS in the coming years ahead. Our 44 EPNS IGAP representatives in Europe are playing an essential role in lobbying at a national level and plans are taking shape for the EPNS to provide additional support to help our EPNS IGAP representatives in this role. We encourage and empower all our EPNS members to be advocates of Paediatric Neurology and Brain Health within their own communities.

In addition, the EPNS continued to build strong alliances with other organisations who share similar goals, and I urge you to read in particular the EPNS Advocacy and Collaboration Committee update within this annual report to appreciate the breadth of work taking place. These partnerships amplify our collective voice on behalf of Paediatric Neurology and bolster our efforts to address the healthcare gaps.

As we move into the next year, the EPNS remains committed to advancing our advocacy efforts. We will continue to prioritise the IGAP implementation. Together we are stronger in advocating for easy and equitable access to the highest standard of patient care in neurology for children, young people, and support for their caregivers

The Young EPNS (YEPNS) is an established integral part of the EPNS. The efforts of the YEPNS play a vital role in the operation of the EPNS and I am proud to acknowledge their dedication. Their energy, innovation, and commitment are making a lasting impact on our society, and I look forward to building on these successes in the coming year. More details about their wonderful work are shared in the YEPNS update in this annual report.

With one representative from almost all European national Paediatric Neurology associations, the Committee of National Training Advisers (C N A) continues to be a valuable network assisting in important EPNS projects, including shaping the EPNS Exam. A summary of their activities can be found in this annual report.

Lastly, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all our EPNS members and collaborators for your continued support and trust in the EPNS. I also want to express my sincere thanks to our EPNS Board members, whose guidance and vision continue to propel our society forward and whose commitment and expertise are the cornerstone of our success.

As we move into 2025, I remain optimistic about the future of the EPNS. Recently the EPNS Board members took part in a brainstorming strategy session, and we will be building on this in the coming months to review how the EPNS will evolve. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact on patient care, research, and education to improve the neurological outcome of children and young people in Europe and across the world. I look forward to working with all of you to further our mission and achieve even greater success in the years ahead.

I wish you and your families good health and success.

Best wishes

Kevin Rostasy, EPNS President

EPNS Mission Statement

The EPNS as an international and independent non-profit making Society for physicians, health professionals, scientists, and students with research and/or clinical interest in Paediatric Neurology. Our mission is to promote excellence in patient care, research, and education to improve the neurological outcome of children and young people in Europe and across the world.

The EPNS goals are outlined as follows:

- Advocate for easy and equitable access to the highest standard of patient care in neurology for children, young people, and support for their caregivers.
- Promote excellence in education and training, providing a comprehensive learning environment in paediatric neurology to students, trainees, and qualified professionals in all stages of their career.
- Foster, expand and support science and clinical research in paediatric neurology bringing together the best clinicians and scientists in the field.
- Engage with policy makers, patient groups, and the general public to promote best practice from fetal life to the young adult.
- Nurture multidisciplinary and international collaborations to address the diagnosis and treatment of children and young people with neurological disorders.
- Improve understanding, respect, inclusion, and support for all individuals affected by long term neurological sequelae providing appropriate management and rehabilitation.

EPNS Board Members 2022-2026

Nadia	Bahi-Buisson	France
Dewi	Bakker	Netherlands
Sandra	Bigi	Switzerland
Anne-Marie	Childs	United Kingdom
Maria Roberta	Cilio	Belgium
Dana	Craiu	Romania
Rob	Forsyth	United Kingdom
Lucia	Gerstl	Germany
Kathleen Mary	Gorman	Ireland
Anna	Jansen	Belgium
Altynshash	Jaxybayeva	Kazakhstan
Ilona Anna	Kopyta	Poland
Pavel	Kršek	Czech Republic
Lieven	Lagae	Belgium
Ming	Lim	United Kingdom
Jean-Pierre	Lin	United Kingdom
Ignacio	Malaga Diéguez	Spain
Francesco	Muntoni	United Kingdom
Finbar	O'Callaghan	United Kingdom
Jasna	Oražem Mrak	Slovenia
Barbara	Plecko	Austria
Kevin	Rostasy	Germany
Thomas	Sejersen	Sweden
Agnese	Suppiej	Italy
Inga	Talvik	Estonia
Monica	Vasconcelos	Portugal
Federico	Vigevano	Italy
Michel	Willemsen	Netherlands
Dilek	Yalnizoglu	Turkey
Dimitrios	Zafeiriou	Greece
Sameer	Zuberi	United Kingdom

EPNS Treasurer & Finance Report

The EPNS has a system for detailed budgeting for our six main committees and monitors all financial matters closely. This allows the EPNS to flourish for the benefits of its members and all their activities in the field of child neurology.

Below is a summary of some of the highlights from each of the 6 committees:

EPNS Scientific and Research Committee it was a pleasure to host our 8th EPNS Research Meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia, supporting the EPNS mission to research to improve the neurological outcome of children and young people. The event was subsidised by the EPNS, including the grant of 30 bursaries plus 2 EPNS Research Awards of 2,500 Euros each.

The meeting was a great success for research and networking opportunities for paediatric neurologists from around the world.

EPNS Education and Training Committee in the tradition of the EPNS, we continue to host and financially subsidise our well established and well regarded 3-year rolling EPNS training programme which took place in Ferrara, Italy in 2024. In addition, the EPNS supported the hybrid EPNS Caucasus training course in Tbilisi, Georgia, and received excellent feedback. Funds continue to be invested in online ways for the EPNS to provide educational opportunities for our members, such as the EPNS Moodle and virtual platforms for our Monthly Webinars, Online Training Courses, Journal Clubs, Case Discussions, EEG Club etc. It is an honour for the EPNS to fund the EPNS Fellowships (8 in 2024) and EPNS Visiting Teachers (2 in 2024) where we enable career changing experiences to take place.

EPNS Advocacy and Collaboration Committee continues to make great progress in raising the voice of child neurology at a global, European and national level. Several fruitful collaborations have been funded for European activities, plus this year the EPNS supported the Global Regional Initiative Program (GRIP) by funding a visit of 2 EPNS Board members to Zambia.

EPNS Guidelines Committee has been collaborating with other organisations to develop guidelines in for example, transition and paediatric epilepsy. Whilst in 2024, no funds have been spent in this area, a budget is set aside each year in line with the contract agreements.

EPNS Membership, PR and Website Committee I am happy to announce that membership is growing at a steady pace over the past years and a small budget is set aside for promotional activities.

EPNS Finance Committee We continue to strive to keep our administrative costs to a minimum.

I am pleased to report that the EPNS continues to successfully finance its ongoing activities with adequate funds domiciled in a safe bank account at a Private Bank in Germany.

Best wishes

Michel Willemsen, EPNS Treasurer



Photo: Michel Willemsen
EPNS Treasurer

EPNS Scientific & Research Committee

8th EPNS Research Meeting 2024

The latest EPNS Research Meeting took place at the Cankarjev Dom Cultural and Congress Centre, Ljubljana, Slovenia on 17-18 October 2024 and was hosted by local organisers Professor Zvonka Rener Primec and Dr Jasna Orazem from University Children's Hospital Ljubljana.



Photo: Barbara Plecko
Chair EPNS Scientific & Research Committee

In the tradition of the EPNS Research Meeting there were 3 plenary talks from respected invited guests plus parallel working group break-out sessions with a max of 40 participants in each, covering 8 main paediatric research topics and co-Chaired by 16 distinguished Working Group Chairs.

The meeting was accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 9.0 European CME credits (ECMEC®s).

Prior to the event participants were invited to submit their abstracts and successful abstract presenters benefited from a waived registration fee. New projects or starting/ongoing projects were welcomed however single case reports (unless representing a completely new disorder) could not be accepted. The Working Group Chairs evaluated and judged the abstract submissions for their related topic and using the successful abstracts put together scientifically stimulating programmes for their break-out sessions.

The EPNS was pleased to offer bursaries. Applicants had to be fully paid-up members of the EPNS and submit at least one accepted abstract. All applications were reviewed by a jury of 8 of the Working Group Chairs. 30 bursaries were granted, and successful participants were eligible to claim up to 500 Euros each for travel and hotel costs after the meeting.

The event was well attended with 145 participants, and we were thrilled to welcome Paediatric Neurologist researchers at all stages of their career: leaders/senior colleagues, junior scientists and PhD students.



Day 1 started with a plenary talk presented by Professor Dr. Jasna Križ, Canada entitled 'Deregulation of Immunity in the injured brain – novel regulatory mechanisms and targets for therapy'. This was followed by the participants moving to the break-out sessions which they had pre-selected during registration. There were 2 break-out session bands each allocated with 165 minutes, during which the following working group sessions were running parallel. Participants could attend only one from each band:

First Band:

1. Epilepsy 1: Co-Chairs: Professor Lieven Lagae and Professor Floor Jansen
2. Movement Disorders: Co-Chairs: Dr Jean-Pierre Lin and Professor Michel Willemsen
3. Neurometabolic: Co-Chairs: Professor Barbara Plecko and Professor Dimitrios Zafeiriou
4. Paediatric Stroke: Co-Chairs: Professor Finbar O'Callaghan and Dr Lucia Gerstl

Second Band:

1. Epilepsy 2: Co-Chairs: Professor Lieven Lagae and Professor Floor Jansen
2. Ataxia: Co-Chairs: Professor Deborah Sival and Professor Maja Steinlin
3. Autoimmune & Infectious Diseases: Co-Chairs: Professor Martin Häusler and Professor Sandra Bigi
4. Neonatal Neurology & Developmental Neurology: Co-Chairs: Professor Nadia Bahi-Buisson and Professor Regina Trollman (absent)
5. Neuromuscular: Co-Chairs: Professor Guenther Bernert and Professor Thomas Sejersen.

Day 2 started with two plenary talks. First Professor Eugenio Mercuri (virtual) and Dr Jos Hendriksen presented 'the BIND project: brain related comorbidities in DMD' and secondly there was a presentation from Professor Roman Jerala entitled 'Development of targeted therapies for rare genetic diseases in child neurology'. There followed an award session with one presentation selected by the Chairs from each Working Group.



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A commission of EPNS Board members decided the two EPNS Research Prizes (2500 Euros per person) awardees for presentations of outstanding, innovative ideas in research in Paediatric Neurology. Sincere congratulations to our 6 participants who were presented with certificates of achievement for their excellent presentations plus the following 2 EPNS Research Prize winners for 2024:

- **Sam Geuens, Belgium:** is very honoured to be granted this award for his neuromuscular research lecture entitled ‘Development and pilot validation of the DuMAND Checklist to screen for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy-Associated Neurobehavioral Difficulties (DuMAND)’. The funds will be used to invest in new equipment for the research group, so they can improve their functionality plus the remaining funds will be invested in additional training in research management.
- **Marietta Papadopoulou, France:** who is very grateful for the award for the project “The ENGenE App: development and validation of an educational diagnostic algorithm on epilepsy nosology” which is an ongoing collaborative work, supported by the ERN EpiCARE and the ILAE, aiming to create an intelligent tool for trainees and non-experts, which will enhance and stratify knowledge on epilepsy syndromic classification, with focus on genetic aetiologies. Marietta intends to use the award for participation in scientific meetings to stay updated on the topic and support dissemination of the ENGenE App progress.

We have received excellent feedback, and I thank the local organising team, all plenary speakers and my colleagues who are EPNS Working Group Chairs for all their hard work in planning the event and developing a stimulating scientific programme in this unique format. Special thanks must be expressed to Zvonka Renner Primec for organising such a wonderful event. Thank you also to those of you who were able to join us in picturesque Ljubljana and I hope you have found the event supported your research in the field of paediatric neurology.

16th EPNS Congress 2025



Plans are now full speed ahead for the next EPNS Congress which will be hosted by the Gesellschaft für Neuropädiatrie (GNP) at the ICM – International Congress Center in Munich, Germany on 8-11 July 2025.

The following Local Organising Committee have worked hard to develop a programme with innovative platform sessions and distinguished invited speakers.

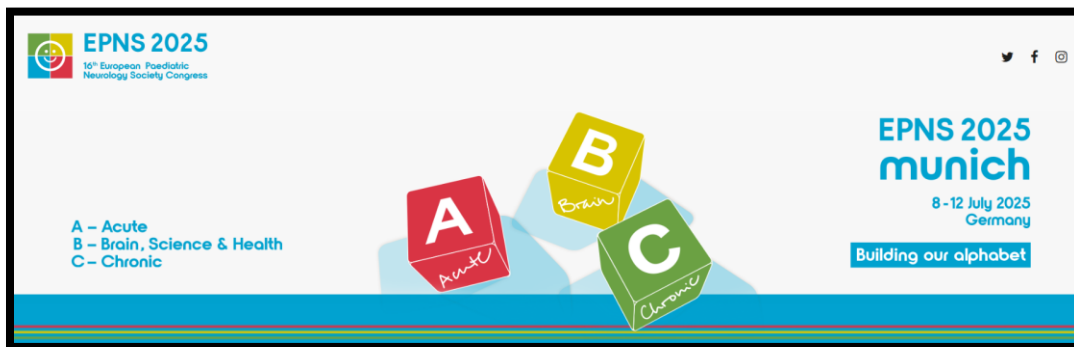
Chair: Florian Heinen

Co-Chair: Lucia Gerstl

Scientific Committee: Manuela Baumgartner, Steffen Berweck, Ingo Borggräfe, Folkert Fehr Matthias Kieslich, Andrea Klein, Thomas Lücke, Kevin Rostasy, Ulrike Schara-Schmidt, Katharina Vill, Maja von der Hagen



The pre congress symposium will take place on 8 July 2025 in the Brainlab, and the topic is 'The Child and the Brain. Where it's all started'



EPNS Congress 2025 starts with the opening ceremony on the evening of 8 July 2025 during which I will be honoured to present the 5th Aicardi Award Lecture.

The congress will be classified into the following headlines:

- A** for Acute
- B** for Brain, Health & Science
- C** for Chronic.

More information can be found on this website, including the preliminary programme and abstract submission process: <https://epns-congress.com/>

The detailed programme will be uploaded to the website by the end of December 2024 and the abstract submission deadline is 15 January 2025. Registration for participants will open at the beginning of March 2025.

The final day of EPNS congresses is always a special day and 12 July 2025 in Munich will be no exception. The EPNS Academy will cover the topic 'Speech Development and Disorders of Speech Development' and we are delighted that four distinguished guests in this field have accepted our invitation to present talks. This will be followed by the 'EPNS highlights session' where six of my colleagues on the EPNS Board will present literature reviews of the last 3 years on selected 'best papers'.

I hope you will join us to take part in this unique ABC format to learn, teach, meet and exchange ideas on an international stage.

9th EPNS Research Meeting 2026



Professor Dimitrios Zafeiriou will host the 9th EPNS Research Meeting which will take place in Thessaloniki, Greece on 16-17 October 2026. Following the success of this year’s meeting, plans are now taking shape based on the same format. Please save the date and look out for further announcements.

17th EPNS Congress 2027

6-10 April 2027 might seem a long way off, but I can report that the following local organising team in Barcelona are already planning EPNS Congress 2027!

Chair: Carmen Fons

Thais Armangué, Ángeles García-Cazorla, David Gómez-Andrés, Darío Ortigoza, Belén Pérez-Dueñas, Rocío Sánchez-Carpintero

Honour Members

Jaume Campistol, Alfons Macaya and Emilio Fernandez-Álvarez



18th EPNS Congress 2029

We are currently undergoing a bidding process, and we look forward to announcing the hosting city during EPNS Congress 2025.

Young EPNS (YEPNS)

This committee is aligned with the YEPNS Research and Career Working Group, and I had the pleasure of recently attending one of their recent virtual meetings.

I am delighted that this enthusiastic group of YEPNS members have continued to successfully co-organise, with this committee, a series of Journal Club webinars, which covered the following topics in 2024:

31-Jan-24	Climate change and sustainability in Child Neurology
27-Mar-24	Antenatal diagnosis of corpus callosum disorders
22-May-24	Know Better to Do Better: Research Updates in Paediatric Headache
25-Sep-24	Outcomes of Hypoxic-Ischaemic Encephalopathy
27-Nov-24	Oral corticosteroid dosage and tape duration at onset in myelin oligodendrocyte glycoprotein antibody-associated disease influences time to first relapse

More details about the activities of this Working Group are shared in the YEPNS update in this annual report.

I wish you all the best and hope to see you in 2025 at the EPNS Congress in Munich!

Best wishes

Barbara Plecko, Chair EPNS Research & Scientific Committee

EPNS Education & Training Committee

The Moodle

The EPNS Moodle is a learning platform designed to provide our EPNS members with a 'one stop shop' learning environment where they can find all EPNS educational and scientific resources. EPNS members who have paid their current year EPNS membership fee can login to the EPNS website, click on the 'EPNS Moodle' button and see webinar recordings, EPNS Training presentations, etc. New resources continue to be added to enhance the learner experience, in 2024 we have added webinar short descriptions, test yourself questions and learning objectives.



Photo: Dana Craiu
Chair EPNS Education and Training Committee

EPNS Exam

The EPNS Exam assesses the basic knowledge needed to underpin Paediatric Neurology training. It is an exam which will benefit Paediatric Neurology trainees/residents who are qualified physicians and have completed at least 2 years training and established registered Paediatric Neurologists who currently practice in the field of Paediatric Neurology and would like an assessment of their continuing knowledge. Achieving a pass in the EPNS Exam is an excellent personal goal in this area of specialised medicine. Candidates who have passed the EPNS Exam have an additional qualification which may be an advantage when applying for a new role. Candidates wanting to test their knowledge, including those in countries without a nationally recognised exit exam, will find it very helpful. On 20 June 2023 the first summative EPNS Exam took place in Prague and now plans are underway for the next EPNS Exam taking place on 8 July 2025 at the EPNS Congress in Munich. There are 48 places available, and registration opened in July 2024. The CNA have contributed to the exam question development.

Young EPNS (YEPNS)



This committee is aligned with the YEPNS Education & Clinical Working Group, and more details are shared in the YEPNS update in this annual report.

We are delighted that this enthusiastic group of YEPNS members have continued to successfully co-organise, with this committee, a series of Case Discussion webinars, which covered the following topics in 2024:

Feb-24	Etiology in a 15-year old boy with treatment resistant epilepsy
Apr-24	Trembling hands: pearls and pitfalls
June-24	More Than Meets The Eye: Looking Beyond Infantile Spasms
Oct-24	Acute necrotizing encephalopathy and COVID-19

EPNS Training Course: Ferrara, Italy 2024

The EPNS has a 3-year rolling EPNS training programme with an aim to cover most main topics in the EPNS Training Guide over the cycle, promote contact between paediatric neurology trainees and for qualified paediatric neurologists to refresh their knowledge. Ferrara, Italy was the venue for the training courses in 2024 organized locally by Agnese Suppiej.

26-27 February 2024: Acute Neurology



The Moderators were Dewi Bakker and Kathleen Gorman
This course was accredited with 12.5 European CME credits (ECMEC®s)

28 – 29 February 2024: Neurophysiological Investigations



The Moderators were Dana Craiu and Agnese Suppiej
This course was accredited with 14.5 European CME credits (ECMEC®s).

We had 100 delegates with 39 countries represented, 30 bursaries awarded and 12 case presentations. The feedback received was excellent and thanks are extended to all involved.

For more information visit: <https://www.epns.info/training-courses-already-held/epns-training-course-ferrara-italy-2024/>

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EPNS Training Course: Ferrara 2025

As part of the EPNS 3-year rolling EPNS training programme, Ferrara, Italy will again be the venue for the training courses in 2025. For more information visit:

<https://www.epns.info/epns-training-course-italy-2025/>

EPNS 3-year training course cycle
19 - 22 February 2025



Ferrara, Italy

For more information visit the EPNS website: <https://www.epns.info/> or email info@epns.info



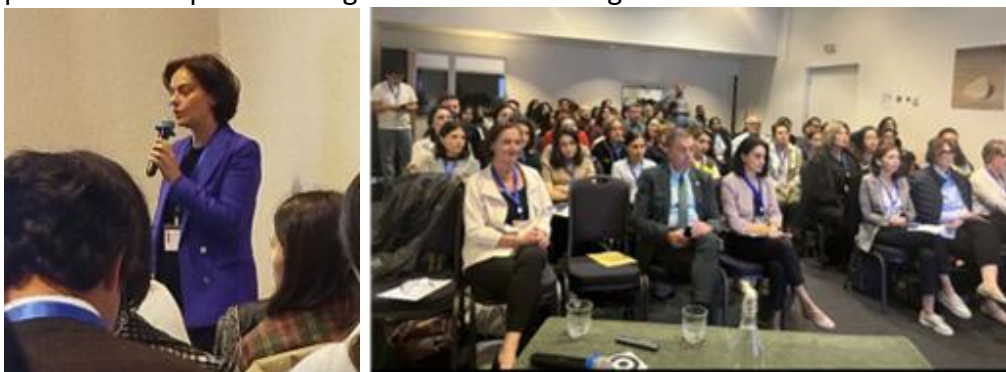
**EUROPEAN
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Course 1:
Movement Disorders

Course 2:
Neuroimaging

EPNS Caucasus Training Course: Georgia, 2024

The EPNS Caucasus Training Course took place on Friday 1 and Saturday 2 November 2024 covering the topic 'Neonatal Neurology'. The course was granted 12.5 CME points. 28 Countries were represented, with 49 in-person delegates, 38 virtual delegates and 5 case presentations. The EPNS sincerely thanks Professor Sophia Bakhtadze, the programme organising committee and of course the full faculty for their stimulating presentations plus all delegates for contributing to the event.



EPNS Monthly Webinars

The EPNS FREE 60–90-minute educational webinars on topics of key interest to Child Neurologists on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 17:00h CET has become a well-established event in the diaries of both EPNS members and non EPNS members. Feedback continues to confirm that they are a useful and appreciated teaching tool. Each webinar is broadcast live on Zoom and available for FREE to anyone who would like to register, and those who attend for the full broadcast receive a certificate of attendance.

Fully paid up EPNS members can access a recording of the full session via the EPNS Moodle after the event, together with learning objectives, test yourself questions and a list of recommended references from the guest speaker. In addition, each speaker is invited to write a Teaching Review on their topic to align with the new EPNS Training Guide & EPNS Exam within 3 months after the webinar. The Teaching Reviews are accessible for educational purposes to paid up EPNS members via the EPNS website.

Below is the webinar schedule for 2024:

Date	Topic	SPEAKER	Chair
10-Jan-24	Consensus guidelines for diagnosis of cortical malformations	Nadia Bahi-Buisson	Anna Jansen
07-Feb-24	Diagnosis and Confirmation of Death using Neurological Criteria	Rob Tasker	Rob Forsyth
13-Mar-24	Normal and abnormal cortical development in the prenatal period	Tally Lerman Sagie	Federico Vigevano
10-Apr-24	Joint EPNS/EAN: Headache treatment from the perspective paediatric neurologist and an adult neurologist	Christoph Schankin from EAN and Catrinel Iliescu	Agnese Suppiej
08-May-24	Pattern recognition of paediatric movement disorders	Anne Koy	Jean Pierre Lin
12-Jun-24	A Pragmatic Approach to Autism Spectrum Disorder(s)	Lidia Gabis	Kathleen Gorman
11-Sep-24	MOGAD - what is new?	Kevin Rostasy	Dana Craiu
09-Oct-24	Imaging cortical malformations	Andrea Rossi	Dewi Bakker
13-Nov-24	Congenital myasthenia syndromes	Hans Lochmuller	Dana Craiu
11-Dec-24	Prenatal consultation and counselling - the role of Paediatric Neurology	Tally Sagie	Thomas Sejersen

For more information <https://www.epns.info/epns-free-monthly-webinars/>

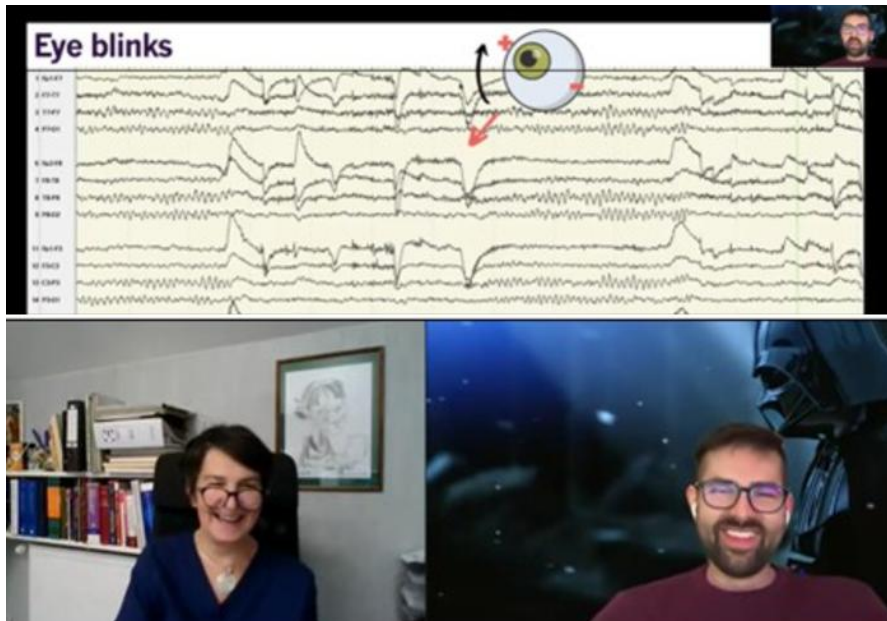
EPNS EEG Club

Since the spring of 2024 the EPNS has been offering a FREE twice monthly interactive 60-minute EEG club on Monday's at 18:00h CET, the EEG club is put together and presented by Professor Dana Craiu and guests. The EEG club is interactive in nature,

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attendees are invited to join as panellists and be part of the discussion. The EEG to be discussed is shared on the EPNS Website and EPNS Moodle one week before the EEG Club so that attendees can view the EEG and make their own reading and report and be prepared to contribute to the discussions during the EEG Club. As the EEG Club has become more established guest speakers are being invited and feedback for this new initiative has been excellent.

For more information visit: <https://www.epns.info/epns-eeeg-club/>



Child Neurology in Infancy Online Courses

As a result of a collaboration project, the EPNS and Mac Keith Press are offering interactive online learning courses based on the 2nd edition of the Professor Colin Kennedy book *Principles and Practice of Child Neurology in Infancy*.

There are 2 courses:

Course 1: Principles of Child Neurology in Infancy.

Course 2: Clinical Practice of Child Neurology in Infancy

The graphic is a promotional poster for the online courses. It features a testimonial on the left, course details in the center, and a book cover on the right. The testimonial is from Dr. Fatima Shirly Anitha (2021) and praises the course's structure and practical tips. The course details include a free trial, a discount for EPNS members, and accreditation. The book cover shows the two courses: 'Principles of Child Neurology in Infancy Course' and 'Clinical Practice of Child Neurology in Infancy Course'.

More information: <https://www.epns.info/child-neurology-in-infancy-online-courses/>

EPNS Fellowships 2024

The following successful candidates were awarded an EPNS Fellowship taking place in 2024:



Johanna Wagner
AICARDI
From Germany to UK.



Ayberk Selek
From Turkey to Germany



Dekel Avital
From Israel to UK.



Luca Bergonzini
From Italy to UK



Alba Gabaldon Albero
From Spain to UK



Tinatin Nadiradze
From Georgia to UK



Rosa Pugliano
From Italy to Belgium



Maria Elisa Morelli
From Italy to Spain

The EPNS is thrilled to have awarded a total of 68 EPNS Fellowships (3 in 2014, 5 in 2015, 6 in 2016, 6 in 2017, 5 in 2018, 3 in 2019, 6 in 2020, 6 in 2021, 6 in 2022, 8 in 2023 and 8 in 2024, 6 in 2025).

EPNS Visiting Teacher 2024

The application period for EPNS Visiting Teacher 2024 opened in summer 2023, and with pleasure were awarded and took place as follows:



Feb 24 - Kevin Rostasy visited Astana Medical University in Kazakhstan: approach to a child with a suspected autoinflammatory disease in the context of the extensive differential diagnosis.



March 24 - Dana Craiu, Romania visited Kyrgyzstan: Epilepsy disorders; the interactive lectures based on case-examples; topics covered: Epilepsy diagnosis; Epilepsy classification.



Nov 24 - Tally Sagie – postponed from 2023. Visit to Carol Davila University of Medicine, Bucharest on the field of Fetal Neurology with advanced lectures and hands-on ultrasound. A report on the visit is still to be shared and will be added to the EPNS website in due course.

5th EPNS Masterclass 2024



This EPNS biennial event took place on 19-21 September 2024 at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, UK (accommodation also in St Catz and Gonville and Caius) and the topic this time was “Great Expectations”. The invited speakers were Sarah Barclay, Hannah Cock, Sarah Davis, Gerald, Dickens, Paul Eunson, Peter Falkai, Andreas Meyerheim, Erika Molteni, Ulrike Schara-Schmidt, Laurent Servais, Barbara Wren.

Thank you to all faculty and participants for entering into the spirit of the EPNS Masterclass 2024 and contributing to this special EPNS event.

EPNS/ERN-RND Spring School 2025

The Joint EPNS/ERN-RND Spring School takes place every 3 years with the last one taking place on 20-22 January 2022 covering the topic ‘Neurorehabilitation’. The next Spring School will once again be virtual on take place on 12-14 March 2025 covering the topic ‘Challenges of Treating Rare Neurological Diseases’. The goal is education on challenges, successes, limitations and failures in treating RNDs.

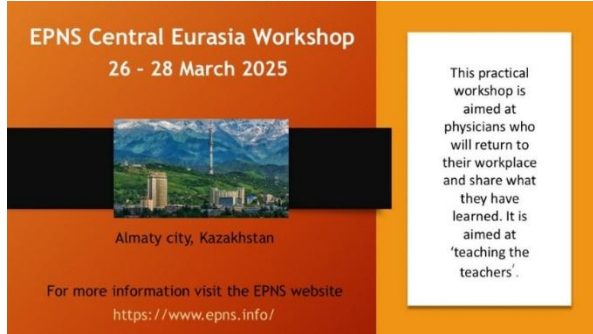
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Day 2: 13 March 2025 09:00h – 13:30h CET

Day 3: 14 March 2025 09:00h – 13:30h CET

EPNS Central Eurasia workshop 2025

The next Central Eurasia workshop will take place in Almaty City, Kazakhstan on 26-29 March 2025 with the topic 'Epileptic conditions of children from Newborn to childhood'. It is expected that there will be approximately 100 participants.



EPNS Central Eurasia Workshop
26 - 28 March 2025

Almaty city, Kazakhstan

For more information visit the EPNS website
<https://www.epns.info/>

This practical workshop is aimed at physicians who will return to their workplace and share what they have learned. It is aimed at 'teaching the teachers'.

For more information visit -

[https://www.epns.info/epns-central-
eurasia-workshop-2025/](https://www.epns.info/epns-central-eurasia-workshop-2025/)

EPNS Fellowships 2025

The application period for EPNS Fellowship 2025 opened in summer 2024. Congratulations to the following who have been awarded an EPNS Fellowship to take place in 2025:



Giuseppe Tiralongo -From
Italy to Canada - AICARDI



Hadi Helali
From UAE to UK



Antonio Spagarino
From Italy to UK.



Sibel Öz Yıldız
From Turkey to UK



Marie Rohlenová
From Czech Rep to France



Maria Angeli
From Greece to UK

EPNS Visiting Teacher 2025

The application period for EPNS Visiting Teacher 2025 opened in summer 2024, and with pleasure 3 have been awarded as follows:

- EPNS Visiting Teacher Pasquale Striano will visit Georgia 27 April – 1 May 2025
- EPNS Visiting Teacher Tally Lerman-Sagie will visit Slovenia 5 – 7 May 2025
- EPNS Visiting Teacher Manoëlle Kossorotoff will visit Romania 9 – 11 October 2025

I wish you all the best and hope to welcome you to an EPNS educational event in 2025!

Best wishes

Dana Craiu, Chair EPNS Education and Training Committee

EPNS Membership, PR, and Website Report

On behalf of the EPNS Membership, PR and Website committee, I am delighted to report that the EPNS continues to have the privilege of serving many members from across the world and in 2024 we continued to welcome new members to the Society. EPNS members benefit from a range of EPNS education, research and networking opportunities and these activities strengthen the Society's voice in advocating for paediatric neurology.

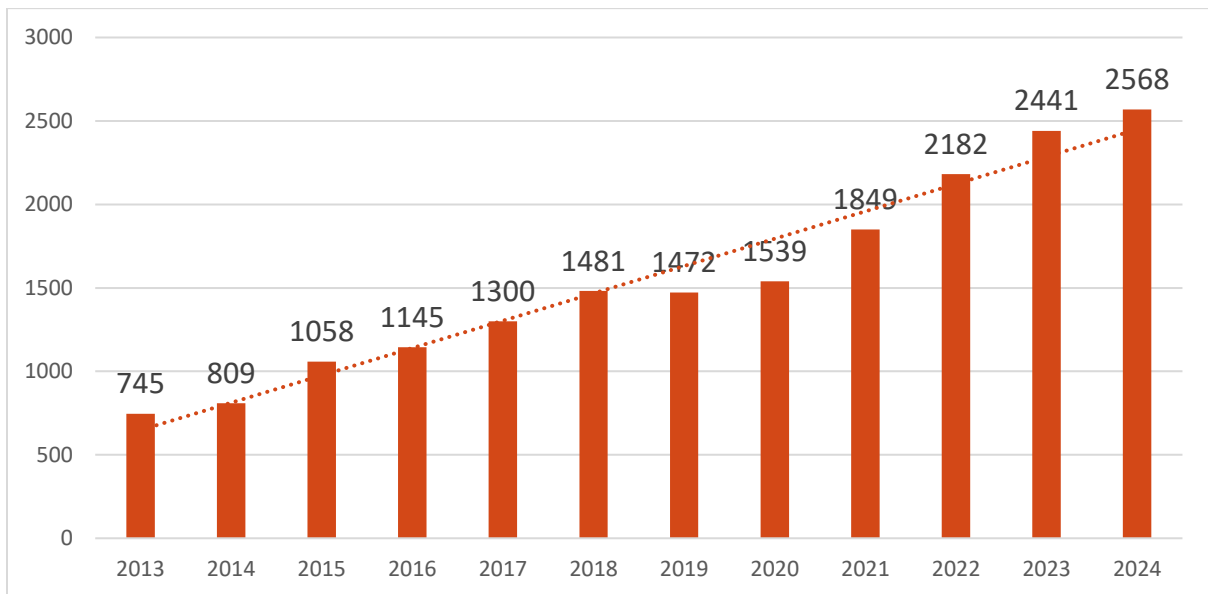


Photo: Jean-Pierre Lin
Chair EPNS Membership,
PR & Website Committee

Young EPNS (YEPNS)

This committee is aligned with the YEPNS social media & Networking Working Group, and more details are shared in the YEPNS update in this annual report.

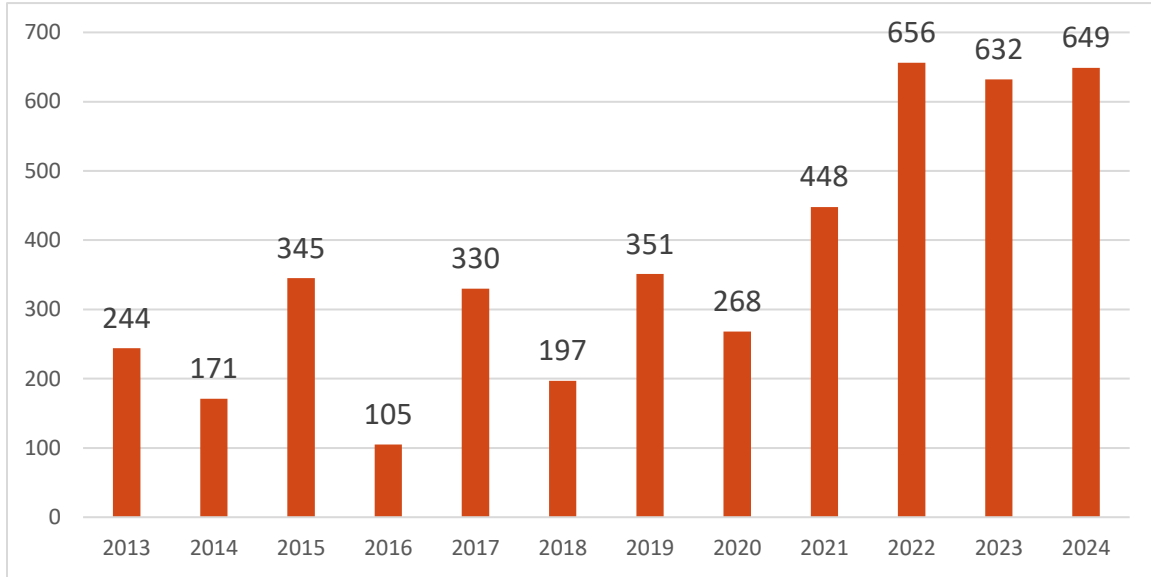
The number of EPNS members over the last year has increased, and we now have a significant total of 2,568 EPNS members.



The EPNS maintains an up-to-date database and EPNS members who do not pay their EPNS membership fee over a 2-year period are removed but continue to receive EPNS newsletters.

EPNS new members in 2024

It has been a pleasure to welcome 649 new members in 2024.



In summary, the main reasons why EPNS members joined in 2024:

30% EPNS Training Course

23% EPNS Congress or EPNS Research Meeting

17% National Training Adviser/president national association encouraged me

15% EPNS webinar

8% Through another national conference or training course

4% I saw an advert in the EPNS Journal

3% Other reasons

EPNS New Membership Categories

In 2023 the EPNS introduced four new membership categories as follows:

- Allied Health professionals and Nurses with an interest in Paediatric Neurology,
- Neuroscientists and other Clinical Specialists with an interest in Paediatric Neurology.
- full time PhD Students
- Medical Students (undergraduate students interested in Paediatric Neurology)

I am pleased to report that membership in these groups has been steadily increasing and we welcome colleagues from these categories who are an indispensable part of modern child neurology practice

EPNS membership fees 2025 and 2026

EPNS membership fees are payable each year and cover the period 1 January until 31 December. In alternate years, for convenience, EPNS members have the option to pay for 2 years at the same time.

With pleasure I can share the following EPNS membership fees for 2025 and combined 2025/2026, which depends on the EPNS membership category.

For the first time, we have separated out the fee for members who, in addition to the automatic online access to the Society Journal (European Journal of Paediatric Neurology – EJPN), would also like to receive also receive a printed copy.

All EPNS membership fees remain the same for 2025 and members opting to pay for 2025 and 2026 at the same time will benefit from an approx. 10% discount.

EPNS Membership Category EPNS members who pay the current year EPNS Membership fee** have automatic access to the online Society Journal (EJPN), EPNS Moodle and opportunities to be involved in other EPNS activities	EPNS Membership fee**		Printed Journal 2025 (only) 6 issues
	2025	Combined 2025 & 2026	
Regular members: high-income countries* (WB4A)	150 Euros	270 Euros	60 Euros
Regular members: selected countries*** (WB4B)	75 Euros	133 Euros	60 Euros
Regular members: low-income countries* (WB123)	35 Euros	63Euros	60 Euros
Trainees/Residents who are qualified physicians	20 Euros	36 Euros	60 Euros
Allied Health Professionals & Nurses (AHPN)	20 Euros	36 Euros	60 Euros
Neuroscientists and other Clinical Specialists (NSCS)	20 Euros	36 Euros	60 Euros
PhD full time Students	20 Euros	36 Euros	60 Euros
Medical undergraduate Students	20 Euros	36 Euros	60 Euros

**Based on the World Bank (WB) income category of the country in which the member practices*

**** Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain*

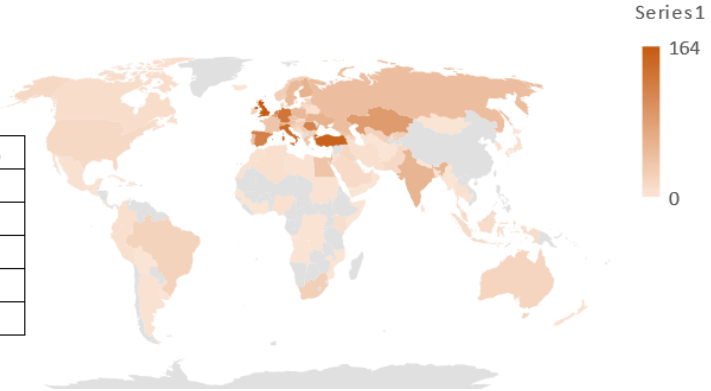
EPNS membership fees offered great value, and above it can be seen that appropriate discounts are available to the range of EPNS membership categories.

All registered EPNS Congress 2025 delegates will be eligible for a significant registration fee discount if they are a fully paid up EPNS member. I would therefore encourage all colleagues in the field of paediatric neurology to not only activate their EPNS membership but also come along and join us in Munich for the EPNS Congress on 8-12 July 2025, to enjoy the science and networking opportunities!

Geographic Distribution of EPNS Members:

The EPNS is proud of the wide geographical distribution of our EPNS membership which gives the EPNS a global appreciation:

EUROPE	2163	84.2%
ASIA	190	7.4%
AFRICA	113	4.4%
SOUTH AMERICA	47	1.8%
NORTH AMERICA	33	1.3%
OCEANIA	22	0.9%



EPNS Website

The EPNS website <https://www.epns.info/> continues to evolve and we continuously keep up to date with the latest security and technology.

The EPNS website is very much a shared resource between all the EPNS Committees and their respective activities but can also support National and International needs for communication and project-sharing. Ideas and suggestions for website development should be shared with Ignacio Malaga Diéguez.



Thank you to all our EPNS Members for contributing to making 2024 such a success, wishing all our EPNS members all the very best for 2025.

Best wishes

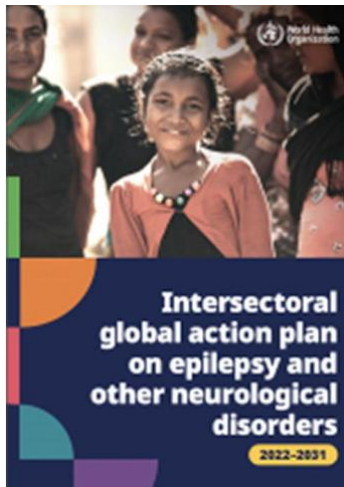
Jean-Pierre, Chair EPNS Membership & Public Relations Committee

EPNS Advocacy & Collaboration Report

This committee has now completed its 3rd year and during this time strides have been taken in raising the voice of Child Neurology and promoting the aims of the EPNS. Our goal is to advocate at the highest level for the life-course approach to brain health from antenatal influences on brain development, through to childhood, adolescence and onto later life. Our collaborations with related societies are highly valued and we look forward to developing further. The committee continues to reflect on our activities to ensure they are beneficial to the EPNS goals.



Photo: Anna Jansen
Chair EPNS Advocacy & Collaboration Committee



Intersectoral Global Action Plan on epilepsy and other neurological disorders (IGAP)

The World Health Organisation's (WHO) IGAP is our focus. In May 2022, all Member States adopted the IGAP 2022-2031, which aims to improve access to treatment and care and quality of life of people with neurological disorders, their carers and families as well as promote brain health across the life-course. It includes actions to be undertaken by all stakeholders to attain the global targets.

The 5 strategic objectives of the global action plan by 2031 are:



The EPNS has identified it is our duty to support, advocate and ensure the IGAP is implemented across Europe with specific reference to paediatric neurology and the

Education, **P**romotion, **N**etworking, **S**cience for Paediatric Neurology

EPNS Board have embedded the objectives into all EPNS committees so that they become part of our day-to-day work. Based on the IGAP 5 strategic objectives, the EPNS has developed an IGAP framework to focus our goals:

IGAP strategic objective	EPNS actions
1 Raise policy prioritisation and strengthen governance.	Nurture collaborations with policymakers, patients, patient groups, the public, national IGAP contacts and other major stakeholders. Advocate for paediatric neurology to be included in National brain plans that are being developed.
2 Provide effective, timely and responsive diagnosis, treatment, and care.	Promote excellence in education, providing a comprehensive learning environment in paediatric neurology to students, trainees, and qualified professionals in all stages of their career to improve the neurological outcome of children and young people.
3 Implement strategies for promotion and prevention.	Advocate through policymakers, patients, patient groups, the public, national IGAP contacts and other major stakeholders about the importance of brain health through the lifespan.
4 Foster research and innovation and strengthen information systems.	Foster, expand and support science and clinical research in child neurology bringing together the best clinicians and scientists in the field.
5 Strengthen the public health approach to epilepsy.	Advocate for easy and equitable access to the highest standard of patient care in neurology for children, young people, and support for their caregivers. EPNS aims to improve understanding, respect, inclusion, and support for all.

This year, 44 EPNS IGAP representatives in Europe were appointed and their role is crucial in advocating for the implementation of IGAP at a national level. To help with their work, each representative has been sent a personalised letter which can be used as a introduction to national ministries of health and brain councils, etc. the representatives are listed below and I express my thanks for their contributions:

Country	first name	last name
Albania	Artan	Haruni
Armenia	no rep	
Austria	Rainer	Seidl
Azerbaijan	Ayten	Mammadbayli
Belgium	Roberta	Cillo
Bosnia Herzegovina	Feriha	Catibusic
Bulgaria	Ivan	Ivanov
Croatia	Nina	Barisic
Cyprus	Paola	Nicolalides
Czech republic	Pavel	Krsek
Denmark	Maria	Miranda
Estonia	Inga	Talvik
Finland	Johanna	Uusimaa
France	Nadia	Bahi-Buisson
Georgia	Sophia	Bakhtadze
Germany	Luca	Gerstl
Greece	Stella	Mouskou
Hungary	Katalin	Hollody
Iceland	Margret	Oskarsdottir
Ireland	Mary	O'Regan
Israel	Adi	Aran
Italy	Raffaele	Falsaperla

Country	first name	last name
Kazakhstan	Altynshash	Jaxybayeva
Kyrgyzstan	no rep	
Latvia	Mikus	Dinks
Lithuania	no rep	
Macedonia	Olga	Jotovska
Moldova	Svetlana	Hadju
Netherlands	Deborah	Sival
Norway	Espen	Lien
Poland	Maria	Mazurkiewicz- Beldzińska
Portugal	Monica	Vasconcelos
Romania	Cristina	Pomeran
Russia	Valery	Zykov
Serbia	Jasna	Jancic
Slovakia	Miriam	Kolnikova
Slovenia	Natalija	Krajnc
Spain	Rocio	Sánchez-Carpintero Abad
Sweden	Ronny	Wickstrom
Switzerland	Annette	Hackenberg
Turkey	Dilek	Yalınızoglu
Ukraine	Alla	Nechay
United Kingdom	Anne-Marie	Childs
Uzbekistan	Shaanvar	Shamansukov

So far, two Zoom meetings with the EPNS IGAP representatives have taken place. The first was in March 2024 and during the meeting Dr Vanessa Cavallera, Technical Officer and Paediatric Neurologist from the World Health Organisation (WHO), presented an overview of the IGAP plus an introduction on to how to go about implementing at a national level. The 2nd Zoom meeting took place on 26 September 2024 and Wolfgang Grisold, President of the World Federation of Neurology attended as our guest speaker to introduce the WHO IGAP toolkit.

Education, Promotion, Networking, Science for Paediatric Neurology

A dedicated EPNS webpage has been set up <https://www.epns.info/intersectoral-global-action-plan-on-epilepsy-and-other-neurological-disorders-igap/> where resources can be found.

Two surveys have been completed by the EPNS IGAP representatives. The first was a general data gathering exercise and the second allowed us to consolidate the situation in Europe and work towards strengthening our IGAP action plan and advocacy voice. The results are being studied and has identified the desire for training in advocacy. As a result we are now developing a short series of online courses which will take place in 2025, and will also involve an in-person Early Morning Teaching session at the EPNS congress in Munich.

EPNS Representatives and collaborations

The EPNS has appointed EPNS Representatives in key organisations and we have developed an extensive network with colleagues around the globe related to the field of child neurology. I thank all EPNS representatives for their hard work and dedication.

Committee of National Advisors: CNA

With one representative from almost all European national paediatric neurology associations, this committee report continues to be a valuable network in spreading the word about the activities of the EPNS and assisting in important projects. I pass on my thanks to all members of the C N A. Many C N A members are also EPNS IGAP representatives.

Young EPNS (YEPNS)

This committee is aligned with the YEPNS Climate change & Sustainability Working Group, and more details are shared in the YEPNS update in this annual report.

European Brain Council (EBC)

The EPNS has been a full member of the EBC since 2021. The EBC is non-profit network of key players in the “Brain Area” which consists of Scientific societies, patient organisations, professional societies, and industry partners.

Sameer Zuberi has been appointed as the EPNS legal representative for a second 2-year term.

The EBC is a powerful supporter for prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of brain diseases and research of the brain as a priority for Society. Through this network, the EPNS is advocating at an EU level for the life-course approach to brain health from antenatal influences on brain development, through to childhood, adolescence and onto later life. This is a busy organisation and below are some of the activities which the EPNS has been involved in during 2024:





EBC Brain Awareness Week 2024 Event:
Kevin Rostasy and Sameer Zuberi



Rare Disease Day 2024: Anna Jansen



Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS)
"Boosting Youth Brain Health": Kevin Rostasy

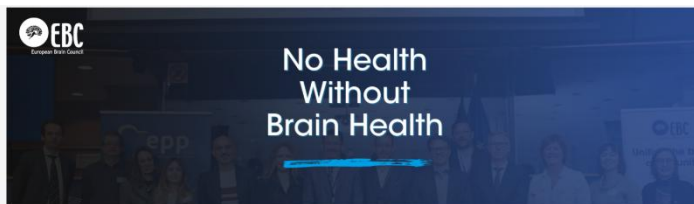
79th UN General Assembly



Due to our membership of the EBC, Sameer Zuberi represented the EPNS at the Global Brain Coalition event, 'Neuroscience & Society: A Life Course Approach to Brain Health', Science Summit of the 79th UN General Assembly in New York City. The session addressed brain health across the life course and why it is vital to tackle the burden of brain conditions & protect future generations.

Coordination and Support Action (CSA) Brain Health

The EPNS is involved in this EU funded project with a runtime of 2 years which aims to prepare a European Partnership on Brain Health, coordinate the research and innovation activities in this area and seek to strengthen basic, translational, clinical, social and participatory research as well as technological efforts



Press Release – 100 Organisations Call on Policymakers to Place the Brain Higher on the European Policy Agenda

On 9 Sept 2024 a press release was made with the EPNS and 100+ organisations urging European policymakers to place the brain higher on the European policy agenda by establishing a European

Parliament Intergroup on Brain Health and Research and supporting National and EU Brain Plans.

Brain Innovation Days



Took place in Brussels on 12-14 November 2024 with the theme 'Navigating the Brain Across a Lifetime'. Sameer Zuberi represented the EPNS on the pitch competition jury & panel on neurotechnology and Thomas Foidelli



represented the YEPNS in a session about Protecting the Planet, Preserving Health.

"Societal and Economic Impact of Brain Health"



In Brussels on 2 December 2024, Kevin Rostasy presented a session at the EU4Health Integration and Impact Initiative for Health Conference

MEP Interest Group on Brain Health and Neurological Disorders

Anna Jansen attended the meeting. 10-20% of children are affected by a neurological or developmental disorder. A major cohort within childhood neurology are living with rare neurological conditions. Rare Neurology needs continued investment and support.



OneNeurology



The EPNS is a partner of OneNeurology which is an initiative aiming to unite and strengthen neurology-related groups to stimulate collaborative advocacy, action and accountability for the prevention, treatment, and management of neurological disorders worldwide. OneNeurology was an

instrumental player in implementing and communicating the IGAP and is now focusing on implementation through the member states. Coriene Catsman-Berrevoets, EPNS honorary member, is the vice Chair of OneNeurology.

On 8 April 2024, a OneNeurology partner meeting took place in Geneva where successful strategies and further actions were discussed for implementation of the objectives of IGAP with partner OneNeurology members and representatives of the WHO Brain Health Unit and the Non Communicable Disease alliance involved. A next level action plan was developed, a further meeting took place online on 2 October 2024. Coriene Catsman-Berrevoets represented the child neurology on 8 October 2024 at the WHO mental health forum in Geneva giving a presentation at the Market fair and being part of a panel with representatives of NGO's with space for a 4-5 minute statement.



International Presidents

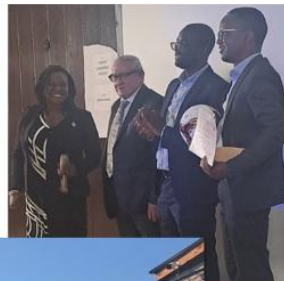


This special group with representatives from the societies in Africa, Asian, North America, Oceania and South America, plus the international society, ICNA, meets every 6 months with the aim to collaborate and avoid duplicating activities. Usually, the meetings take place via Zoom, however for the first time this group met in-person during the ICNA congress in Cape Town, which was a pleasure for all involved. The main topic of discussion at all current meetings is the implementation of IGAP.



Global Regional Initiative Programme (GRIP)

This is an initiative developed by the International Presidents forum (above) and focuses on working together to ensure steps are being taken to develop which aims to upskill a region in the space of child neurology. This year, as part of the scheme, EPNS Board members Ilona Kopyta and Ignacio Malaga Dieguez visited Zambia and full reports can be viewed on the EPNS website; <https://www.epns.info/global-regional-initiative-programme-grip/>



World Federation of Neurology (WFN)

This year the EPNS was thrilled to meet with Wolfgang Grisold, President of the WFN, to discuss collaboration opportunities, and as a result the EPNS is currently in the process of applying to become a WFN global member. In the meantime, the EPNS was proud to have an article about child neurology published in World Neurology News, which can be viewed here (on page 7)

https://worldneurologyonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/WFN_04_2024.pdf

The WFN organise World Brain Day which was celebrated on 22 July 2024 with the theme prevention & healthy behaviours across the lifespan: prenatal, children to later life. Improving lives of patients & caregivers. The EPNS actively supported this event with a social media campaign.



International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE)

The ILAE is the world's leading association of health care professionals and scientists working toward a world where no person's life is limited by epilepsy. This year, the EPNS was delighted to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the ILAE, and we look forward to future collaborations. There are already several joint guideline projects underway. The 15th European Epilepsy Congress took place in Rome in September 2024 which was attended by many EPNS Board members and the YEPNS manned an EPNS/YEPNS desk in the exhibition area.



International Paediatric Stroke Organisation (IPSO)

On 29 October 2024 this new collaboration was launched with a Zoom meeting taking place attended by IPSO board representatives and EPNS Board members Anna Jansen, Ilona Kopyta and Dana Craiu. As a result, a Memorandum of Understanding is in the process of being put in place plus collaborative educational, guidelines and congress activities. Heather Fullerton, IPSO President, stated *“One of our key priorities is to help hospitals without pediatric stroke expertise to be “pediatric stroke ready”—aware that children can have stroke and effective adult stroke therapies can be considered in children, and having a plan in place for a child that might have a stroke. I think this would be a particularly fruitful area of collaboration.”*



International Child Neurology Association (ICNA)

The biennial ICNA congress was held in May 2024 in Cape Town, South Africa. The EPNS was honoured that Anna Jansen was invited to deliver a plenary talk entitled “IGAP and child neurology”: Anna Jansen. In addition, Kevin Rostasy and Kevin Rostasy and Eva-Maria Wendel participated in the new mentor/mentee Grand Rounds format with a session entitled ‘Young child, presenting with suspected encephalitis: work-up, differential diagnosis and treatment approach’.

European Academy of Neurology (EAN)

The EAN is a Society focusing on Adult Neurology in Europe, working closely with the EPNS. The two societies have a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate in advocacy, education & research. The EPNS is pleased to



have representatives on nineteen EAN scientific panels, which have a significance for child neurology. The Presidents of the 2 societies meet regularly with the last meeting taking place during the EAN Congress in Helsinki in June 2024 with the discussion covered topics on the EPNS and EAN working together in the field of neurology and brain health.

Building on this collaboration, a joint EPNS/EAN webinar entitled 'Headache treatment from the perspective paediatric neurologist and an adult neurologist' took place in April 2024 and was chaired by Agnese Suppiej. During the EAN Congress in Helsinki, EPNS Board member Roberta Cilio chaired a joint EPNS/EAN workshop 'Challenges and opportunities in the management of status epilepticus across age groups', and we were delighted that this session was well attended with excellent feedback. Plus during the Congress, Kevin Rostasy took part in the EAN TV show, taking the opportunity to raise the profile of child neurology.



You will read in Dana Craiu's Guideline Committee update in this report about the activities of the EPNS/EAN Taskforce on Transition which is an important step in this area.

Already plans are taking shape for EAN/EPNS joint sessions at EPNS Congress 2025 and EAN Congress 2025.

Brain Health Mission

The EPNS is a Brain Health Mission (BHM) strategic partner. The BHM is driven by the EAN and is an inclusive advocacy initiative, to get various stakeholders on board to create general awareness for the importance of Brain Health – from doctors to caregivers as well as patients, governments, industry etc. Roberta Cilio, EPNS Board member and Rosa Pugliano, EPNS Fellow, attended the European Brain Health Summit on 7 May 2024 which was an incredible opportunity to advocate and engage stakeholders on children's brain health



European Reference Networks: ERNs

ERNs are virtual networks involving healthcare providers across Europe focusing on complex or rare diseases and conditions. The EPNS are actively involved in the following 10 networks and has develop new Memorandum of Understanding with several (indicated by *).



- EpiCARE: European Reference Network on epilepsy *
- ERN NMD: European Reference Network on neuromuscular diseases *
- ERN-RND: European Reference Network on neurological diseases *
- ERN ITHACA on congenital malformations and rare intellectual disability *
- ERN-rita care of patients with Rare Immunological Disorders *
- MetabERN: European Reference Network on hereditary metabolic disorders*
- ERNICA: European Reference Network on inherited and congenital anomalies
- ERN EYE: European Reference Network on eye diseases
- Endo-ERN European Reference Network on endocrine conditions
- ERN Paedcan: European Reference Network on Paediatric Oncology

JARDIN

Our mission and vision

JARDIN is a Joint Action (JA) created to achieve the integration of European Reference Networks (ERNs) into National Healthcare Systems.

JARDIN's mission and vision are based on "Integration, equity and sustainability". JARDIN was born with the aim to grow as a bridge between ERNs and national health systems.

The vision is to put people living with rare diseases or complex conditions at the centre of care, and aims to make the care pathway clear and easily accessible.

JARDIN: Improving the accessibility to the ERNs by integrating them into the National Healthcare Systems



JARDIN is the Joint Action for the integration of European Reference Networks (ERNs) into the national health systems of the European Union and several EPNS representatives kindly accepted an invitation to attend a Zoom Meeting on 25 September 2024 with the purpose for JARDIN to gain feedback from EPNS.

Connect 4 Children (C4C) Meeting – Amsterdam, 13-14 November 2024



Ignacio Malaga Dieguez, EPNS Board member, attended this interesting meeting representing the EPNS. The EPNS hopes to explore a future collaboration with C4C

European Academy of Childhood Disability (EACD)

The EPNS is pleased to have a Memorandum of Understanding in place with the EACD to cement our close collaboration, and in May 2024 a joint session took place at the EACD Congress in Bruges entitled 'Creative intervention in paediatric neurology'. The session was co-Chaired by EPNS Board member Ilona Kopyta and from the EACD, Els Ortibus. The invited speakers were Phillip Pearl, Christophe Mattys and Angels Garcia Cazorla. The joint sessions have been finalised for the EACD congress 2025 and EPNS congress 2025.



European Society of Neuroradiology (ESNR)

Following a fruitful introductory meeting with members of the ESNR board with EPNS board members Kevin Rostasy, Anna Jansen and Dilek Yalnizoglu, the EPNS was delighted to enter this new collaboration this year. As a result a Memorandum of Understanding has been implemented and the YEPNS have been introduced to ESNRise, the young ESNR group.

Andrea Rossi, EPNS President kindly participated in an EPNS educational webinar as a speaker in October 2024 entitled 'Imaging cortical malformations' and will be a faculty member at the Neuroimaging EPNS Training course in Ferrara 2025



It was an honour to be invited to take part in joint EPNS/ESNR sessions at the European Paediatric Neuroradiology Congress in Budapest 13-16 Nov 2024 as follows:

- The clinical landscape of paediatric arterial ischemic stroke: how to improve the early diagnosis: Ilona Kopyta, EPNS Board speaker
- CNS inflammatory demyelinating diseases: Kevin Rostasy, EPNS Board speaker
- Identifying the epileptogenic zone: EEG for dummies: Jasna Oražem Mrak, YEPNS speaker

European Academy of Paediatric Societies (EAPS)

The EAPS biennial congress was held in Vienna in October 2024 and EPNS Board member, Roberta Cilio attended as an invited speaker and was a member of the Brain, Development, and Imaging (DBI) Section, reviewing related abstracts.

Société Européenne de Neurologie Pédiatrique (SENP)

The EPNS has a mutual goal to improve the lives of children and collaborated this year by spreading the word about the main meetings being organised by each society.

European Patient Groups

The EPNS also has representation in two European Patient groups: European Federation of Neurological Associations (EFNA) and EURORDIS and the EPNS will continue to develop these relationships.

European Medicines Agency (EMA)

The EMA fosters interaction with healthcare professionals, including doctors, pharmacists and nurses who are independent experts in clinical practice, to incorporate the real-world experience of the full spectrum of healthcare into drug development, benefit/risk evaluation and monitoring.

The EPNS is an EMA stakeholder to ensure Child Neurology is represented in the evaluation and supervision of medicines and experts in key paediatric neurology fields have been appointed to be EMA points of contact.



I wish all our EPNS members the very best.

Best wishes

Anna Jansen, Chair EPNS Advocacy and Collaboration Committee

EPNS Guidelines Committee

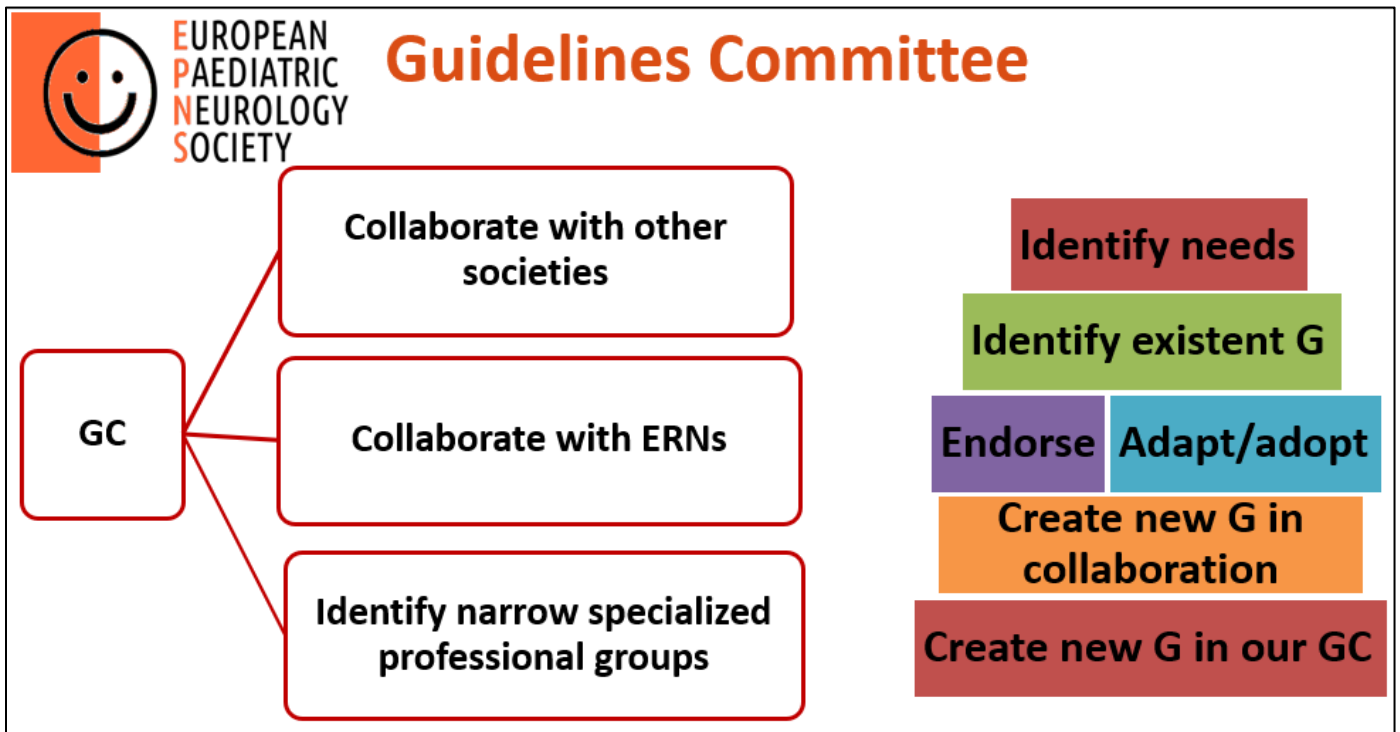
Scope

The EPNS Guidelines committee has been in situ for a couple of years now and was created to promote high-quality and homogenous patients care (diagnosis, treatment) based on existing evidence all over Europe. The Committee consists of members of the EPNS Board and Young YEPNS, CNA members plus invited specialists who are non-board members for specific tasks. There is an important collaboration with the ERNs and different professional societies (EAN, ILAE) or narrow specialized professional groups serving in neurological disorders, based on MoUs (Memorandum of Understanding) for guidelines production.



Photo: Dana Craiu
Chair EPNS Guidelines Committee

The EPNS President and the EPNS Scientific Committee approve the Guidelines Committee activities.



Young EPNS (YEPNS)

The YEPNS Guidelines Working Group is an integral part of the EPNS Guidelines Committee and an invaluable support. More details are shared in the YEPNS update in this annual report.

EAN/EPNS joint Task Force on Transition from Childhood to Adulthood

In collaboration with the European Academy of Neurology (EAN), a Task Force has been commissioned with representatives from both societies:

EPNS: Dana Craiu, Romania: Co Chair

Roberta Cilio, Belgium

Ilona Kopyta, Poland

Ming Lim, UK

Marietta Papadopoulou, YEPNS

Cristina Cazacu, Romania, YEPNS

EAN: Thomas Berger, Austria: Co-Chair

Kristl Claeys, Belgium

Leena Haataja, Finland

Rubboli, Denmark

Chiara Ferrazzoli, Young EAN

Ronan McGinty, Young EAN



The 1st meeting of this Task Force took place on 8 January 2024 where consideration about what the most important part of transition is. The EPNS work on the paper regarding the current situation of transition in neurology in Europe has provided a structure for the meetings. Several meetings have followed, a survey has been developed which will be circulated to the members of both societies to gather valuable data. Work has now started on developing a policy paper.

JOINT EpiCARE-ILAE-EAN-EPNS guidelines

The following projects are at different stages in development (PICOs have been defined, now search strategy and actual literature screening is being performed):

- Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome – Christin Eltze (EPNS) is chair of the working group
- Infantile Spasms - Marietta Papadopoulou (YEPNS) is co-leading the working group
- Dravet Syndrome – Dana Craiu (EPNS), Lieven Lagae (EPNS) and Rima Nabbout (EPNS, ILAE) are co-chairs of the working group
- Pharmacological Treatment Status Epilepticus

JOINT Epilepsy Surgery

The following projects are ongoing: in all guidelines – EPNS is represented by Pavel Krsek, Cristina Cazacu (YEPNS), Andreea Badea (YEPNS). The work was started on 3 guidelines, the stage of work is defining PICOS

- Pre-surgical evaluation
- Epilepsy surgery proper
- Neuromodulation

EAN submission

EPNS has submitted a Management of Cerebral Palsy guideline proposal for the EAN to consider, and we await the outcome.

Functional Neurological Disorders (FND) Guideline

A new collaboration with the EAN on a Functional Neurological Disorders (FND) Guideline is in the early stages, with Rob Forsyth and Alasdair Parker representing the EPNS.

EPNS and Dystonia project

The Italian group headed by Franca Benini launched the Dystonia in Paediatric Palliative care. Jean Pierre Lin represents EPNS as a partner in scoping Delphi project in Dystonia in children.

Adoption of the ILAE neonatal seizures treatment protocol

Kathleen Gorman and a group of non-EPNS Board members applied the Adoption protocol for rare disorders as a standard protocol of endorsement of the ILAE neonatal seizures treatment protocol.

DMD Delphi initiative

This group, headed by Rosaline Quinlivan, Diana Castro, and Thomas Sejersen regarding the development of a new global Delphi initiative aiming to establish consensus among global experts in DMD on best practice for transitioning patients from paediatric to adult healthcare services will make a written partnership with EPNS, as co-author of the final document; Thomas Sejersen will represent EPNS; the final document will be published in the EJPN.

Website

A dedicated Guidelines webpage has been started <https://www.epns.info/epns-guidelines-committee/> and will continue to be developed.

The future

Undoubtedly, AI will play a role in the future, and I will be seeking to improve AI awareness possibilities and training of the pediatric neurologists on using AI driven applications for guidelines use.

I am looking forward to keeping EPNS members informed about this important work.

Best wishes

Dana Craiu, Chair EPNS Guidelines Committee

Young EPNS (YEPNS)

The Young EPNS was created in 2020 to raise the voice of young members of the Paediatric Neurology Society in Europe and above. The subscription is free to every Young EPNS member through the [ONLINE APPLICATION FORM](#), available at the EPNS website, with currently more than 130 subscribed members. There are 22 YEPNS Committee members representing 15 European countries and participating with other active YEPNS members in the following Working Groups, in collaboration with the EPNS Board liaison member for each activity/WG:



Photo: Marietta Papadopoulou
Chair Young EPNS (YEPNS)

Education and Clinic WG (Coordinator: Karina Kersbergen)/

Liaison EPNS Board: Pr Craiu & Pr Cilio for EPNS Case discussions

✓ Main activities:

- EPNS Case discussions: Interactive webinars discussing rare conditions of key interest to Child Neurologists based on a clinical case presented by a YEPNS member and further supported by the comments of an EPNS senior member; When? 4th Wednesday of every other month at 17:00h CET; Who; >100 online attendees/session in average representing >40 countries around the world with very encouraging feedback at the end of each webinar
- “Guess the syndrome” session during the EPNS biannual congress

✓ New in 2024:

- Preparation of content based on EPNS Case discussions to be shared in SM platforms and through podcasts
- Feedback to Prof Craiu regarding Educational Webinars topics

✓ Ideas launched in 2024:

- Possibility to discuss ‘open cases’ in Case discussion webinars
- Mentor/mentee programme
- Creation of content for preparation of EPNS exam
- Joint Case discussions/Journal clubs with other societies
- Online hub/platform (as part of EPNS website? YEPNS SM?) for information regarding education and career opportunities across Europe (and beyond) (e.g. license, specialty recognition, vacancies, contacts, baseline information for new arrivers) (joint Education & Clinic AND Research & Career WG)

Research and Career WG (Coordinator: Maria Gogou)/ Liaison EPNS Board: Pr Plecko

✓ Main activities:

- EPNS Journal Club: Interactive webinars discussing selected articles of key interest to Child Neurologists presented by a YEPNS member and further supported by the comments/presentation of an EPNS senior member; When; 4th Wednesday of every other month at 17:00h CET; >100 online attendees/session in average representing up to 54 countries around the world with very encouraging feedback at the end of each webinar (up to 70% of participants are “Very satisfied” with the webinar)

✓ New in 2024:

- Preparation of content based on EPNS Journal Club to be shared in SM platforms



Education, Promotion, Networking, Science for Paediatric Neurology

- Preparation of a monthly update with research news shared via YEPNS social media
- ✓ **Ideas launched in 2024:**
 - An online repository with research work done by YEPNS members (in process)
 - Online hub/platform (as part of EPNS website? YEPNS SM?) for information regarding education and career opportunities across Europe (and beyond) (e.g. license, specialty recognition, vacancies, contacts, baseline information for new arrivers) (joint Education & Clinic AND Research & Career WG project)
 - YEPNS/EPNS Podcasts project: each podcast will be presented by a YEPNS member, summarising and promoting what was discussed in webinars, journal clubs, case discussions, duration 5-10 minutes, cost estimation ongoing
 - YEPNS active participation in organizing and promoting EPNS Research biannual Meeting

Social Media and Networking WG (Coordinator: Roberto Previtali)/ Liaison EPNS

Board: Dr Lin

- ✓ **Main activities:**
 - SM and email account handling: **918 Instagram** followers; **222 Facebook** followers
 - Preparation of at least one SM post per week
 - Organisation of the YEPNS social event during the EPNS Congress
 - Participation in the International Collaboration of the Young Representatives (of continental or subcontinental pediatric neurology Societies- YES, ICNA, others)
- ✓ **New in 2024:**
 - Publication of educational content prepared by Education & Clinic AND Research & Career WG
 - YEPNS members attending the EU parliament for brain health event
 - Establishment of collaboration with youth sections with similar interests & aspirations from paediatrics and adult neurology: joint YEPNS/ Young Epilepsy Section during the European Epilepsy Congress (Rome, 09/2024) with a presentation of 2 YEPNS Members on Climate Change and Neurological Disorders in Childhood; first online meeting with young section of ERN Ithaca
 - Creation of a Task Force to support YEPNS active participation/contribution and promotion of the EPNS Congress 2025 in Munich, coordinated by a German YEPNS committee member (Moritz Thiel)
- ✓ **Ideas launched in 2024:**
 - YEPNS Banner: in process
 - YEPNS booth for socializing and mentorship opportunities during EPNS congress
 - Change of the format of the EPNS Committee election process: new members elected based on voting of the existing members on the basis of an intention letter (background+ aspirations regarding YEPNS/EPNS) with an online procedure coordinated by the Chair and the SM every 2 years, a few months before the EPNS congress, results announced during the YEPNS socializing event during the Congress, 5 YEPNS Committee members <40 years to be elected in 2025)

Guidelines & Good Clinical Practice WG (Coordinator: Lena Luise Becker)/ Liaison

EPNS Board: Pr Craiu

✓ **Main activities:**

- Support of the activities of the EPNS Guidelines Committee: participation in the Joint ILAE/EAN/EPICARE/EPNS Guidelines for Dravet syndrome, Lenox Gastaut syndrome, Infantile Epileptic Spasms Syndrome and Epilepsy Surgery Guidelines
- Educational/training regular meetings on tools and principles relevant to Evidence based Reports and Clinical Practice Guidelines development

✓ **New in 2024:**

- Teams YEPNS training repository
- Contribution to the update of an article in Transition Guidelines in Paediatric Neurology and Participation on 2 YEPNS Members in the joint EPNS/EAN Transition taskforce

✓ **Ideas launched in 2024:**

- YEPNS Systematic Review on Climate Change and Neurological Disorders in Children (in process- preliminary results presented during the joint YEPNS/YES session in EEC 2024)
- Contribution to the finalisation of an article on the Transition in Child Neurology in Europe

Climate Change and Sustainability WG (Coordinator: Thomas Foiadelli)/ Liaison

EPNS Board: Pr Jansen

✓ **Main activities:**

- To raise awareness among members regarding the impact of climate change in pediatric neurology
- Calculate/reduce YEPNS/EPNS carbon footprint
- Plan specific climate-saving actions

✓ **New in 2024:**

- Collaboration with EAN Environmental Influences Taskforce and EPNS representation by the Climate Change and Sustainability YEPNS WG Coordinator
- Joint YEPNS/ Young Epilepsy Section during the European Epilepsy Congress (Rome, 09/2024) on Climate Change and Neurological Disorders in Childhood

✓ **Ideas launched in 2024:**

- Main session on Environmental influences in Neurology («the heat is on temperature and the brain) in **next 2025 EAN Congress (Helsinki)** ...early morning session
- **YEPNS/ EPNS «manifesto»** on climate issues
- **Early morning session on Climate Change during the EPNS 2025 Congress**
- Contact with EPNS 2027 Congress Committee (Barcelona) to anticipate a « green » congress

Marietta Papadopoulou, Chair, Young EPNS

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Committee National Advisers (C N A)

The Committee of National Training Advisers is constituted of advisers selected by the national paediatric neurology societies and associations from European countries according to the World Health Organization (WHO) European Region definition. Normally each country is represented by one member. Currently 44 countries are represented in the CNA along with an observer from the European Academy of Neurology (EAN).



Photo: Dilek Yalnizoglu
Chair C N A

The CNA is a forum for mutual information, discussion and debate on matters relevant to pediatric neurology. The CNA has an executive group consisting of its chairperson, secretary and 3 elected members. The CNA is independent of the EPNS but is intended to work in close relation with it. While the CNA is constituted of advisers selected by the national societies, the EPNS is a society of individual members. The CNA is represented on the board of the EPNS and in its Education and Training Committee by its chairperson and elected members. The EPNS is represented in the CNA by its president and other relevant persons as full members of the CNA.

Established in 2022, the EPNS Advocacy and Collaboration Committee has brought up new opportunities to improve this relation further.

C N A Meeting

The CNA meets biennially just before the EPNS Congress. The last CNA meeting took place on 20 June 2023, before the 15th EPNS Meeting in Prague, Czech Republic, 20-24 June, 2023. It has been a marvellous opportunity for the CNA members to meet finally face to face after on line and hybrid meetings due to the pandemic situation during previous years. The next CNA meeting will be before the 16th EPNS Meeting in Munich, Germany, 8-12 July, 2025. I look forward to a fruitful meeting.

EPNS Exam

The first EPNS Exam was also held just before the 15th EPNS Meeting in Prague, Czech Republic, and it resulted in a great success. Maja Steinlin, head of the EPNS Exam Organising Team, and colleagues have been working on the second exam which will be held before the 16th EPNS Meeting in Munich, Germany in 2025. They are now equipped with the experience of the previous trial exams and the first official exam. I would like to note that CNA members are an integral part of the EPNS Exam Organising Team, providing questions and spreading the word about the exam across their national societies. CNA members are invited to contribute to the exam and include their local network -if they think that would be more productive. Maja Steinlin, head of the EPNS Exam Organising Team, continues to support CNA members regarding their questions and comments on preparing exam questions. In addition to classical references, the references for the exam include the EPNS syllabus, training guide with webinar/course synchronisation. More details can be found here <https://www.epns.info/epns-exam/> The Exam Organising Team looks forward to continued support from CNA members for the future EPNS Exams.

EPNS IGAP Initiative

In 2021, WHO published a discussion paper; *Intersectoral Global Action Plan (IGAP) on Epilepsy and Other Neurological Disorders 2022-2031*. Following a period of consultations and revisions, IGAP was adopted unanimously at World Health Assembly in 2022.

In 2024, the EPNS started an initiative regarding IGAP. The EPNS vision is to ensure IGAP is implemented in each European country with the voice of child neurology heard. This has been an ongoing project lead by Kevin Rostasy, EPNS President and Anna Jansen, Chair EPNS Advocacy and Collaboration Committee, in collaboration with WHO. The framework of the EPNS IGAP policy is based on the 5 strategic IGAP objectives:

- 1-Raise policy prioritisation and strengthen governance.
- 2-Provide effective, timely and responsive diagnosis, treatment, and care.
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- 4-Foster research and innovation and strengthen information systems.
- 5-Strengthen the public health approach to epilepsy.

Initially a survey on IGAP was sent to CNA members in January 2024, after data gathering and evaluation, an EPNS IGAP zoom meeting was held in 14 March 2024. The panel included Kevin Rostasy, EPNS President, Vanessa Cavallera, Technical Officer, WHO, Anna Jansen, Chair EPNS Advocacy and Collaboration Committee, Dilek Yalnizoglu, Chair CNA Executive Committee. One EPNS IGAP representative from almost every European country as well as special guests from the EPNS Board, OneNeurology and YEPNS attended the meeting. First, Kevin Rostasy, EPNS President, gave information on EPNS, its structure and focus, then outlined the purpose of the meeting which was providing the participants with information about IGAP. Dilek Yalnizoglu, Chair CNA Executive Committee, presented the survey results which among other data, revealed that in most European countries CNA members were the EPNS IGAP representatives. Next, Dr Vanessa Cavallera, Technical Officer, WHO and Anna Jansen, Chair EPNS Advocacy and Collaboration Committee, gave information on next steps at a national level and tool kits available. Anna Jensen, presented EPNS IGAP Policy Framework based on IGAP strategic objectives and relevant EPNS actions. The updated material on IGAP is available for CNA members and EPNS IGAP representatives via this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/9gkqvfuobxnvuzr3ts1y/h?rlkey=v3lqyq0b2khgdgj47cqdva8q&st=o0skez5s&dl=0>

The EPNS looks forward to working with you to make the vision a reality, and thank you CNA members, for taking on the crucial role as EPNS IGAP representative.

CNA Executive Committee

The CNA election takes place every 4 years to appoint the Executive Committee positions: Chair, Secretary and 2 Members for 4 years, and each person can serve 2 times in a particular role. The current CNA Executive Committee for the 2022-2026 term consists of 4 positions: Dilek Yalnizoglu, Turkiye, Chair

Anne-Marie Childs, UK, Secretary, EPNS Board Representative (2024-2026)

Agnese Suppiej, Italy, Member, Elected EPNS Board Member

Monica Vasconcelos, Portugal, Member, EPNS Board Representative (2022-2024)

It has been my honour to serve as the CNA Chair. I would like to emphasize the enormous potential CNA has to contribute to the EPNS, particularly in education and training aspects. I look forward to continued support from the CNA in educational activities of the EPNS and the EPNS IGAP vision.

Best wishes

Dilek Yalnizoglu, Chair C N A



Chair TAB

Training Advisory Board (TAB)

In 2002 Paediatric Neurology was accepted at the European level as a sub-specialty of Paediatrics and of Neurology. In the process of defining the specialty, a European Paediatric Neurology Training Programme (Syllabus) was compiled and accepted by the European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS) and the national societies represented in the Committee of National Advisors (CNA) in Paediatric Neurology as well as the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) sections for Paediatrics and Neurology. The revised Syllabus was again discussed and accepted with entry both from Paediatrics or Neurology by EAP (European Academy of Paediatrics, the Paediatric Division of UEMS) in December 2010. The Syllabus was revised and updated by a CNA working group in 2019, which was accepted by the General Board of EPNS and by the CNA (<https://www.epns.info/education-and-training/european-syllabus/>).

In order to push the implementation of a high standard of paediatric neurology training, in 2004 the EPNS Board and the CNA agreed to create a Training Advisory Board (TAB) and to develop a training evaluation programme intended to support national societies in developing their training systems. TAB offers the national child neurology societies the opportunity to evaluate their national training system. The aim is a standard of training in accordance with the European Paediatric Neurology Training Programme (Syllabus) in each European country. The assessment is voluntary and initiated by the national paediatric neurology society. So far the training system was evaluated in 13 countries. The most recent TAB visit was to Ukraine completed in 2021.

I am delighted to announce that CNA-TAB has received an invitation from Spanish Paediatric Neurology Society, SENEP in October 2024. Thanks to SENEP for the invitation, and a TAB visit to Spain is currently in preparation.

I look forward to working with national paediatric neurology societies while EPNS TAB continues to support national training programmes. In addition, I suggest that national societies of the countries who had been visited in the past may consider if they will benefit from an update visit and assess their progress and accomplishments after the first evaluation. In the mean time, reminder letters to CNA members will be sent periodically.

Best wishes

Dilek Yalnizoglu, Chair TAB

European Journal of Paediatric Neurology Report

The European Journal of Paediatric Neurology (EJPN) is the official journal of the EPNS and is available to all members in either electronic or print & electronic format. Published 6 times a year by Elsevier Ltd. on behalf of the society it accepts high-quality papers primarily of a clinical research nature on the whole spectrum of paediatric neurological disease, as well as consensus statements and expert guidelines on current interesting issues and controversies. The journal is owned by the society and contributes to the income of the EPNS through royalty payments.



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Editor-in-Chief, European Journal of
Paediatric Neurology (EJPN)

With an Impact Factor of 2.7, the number and quality of submissions remains high, despite the difficulties posed by and after the pandemic. Two new special issues on current interesting topics (New Advances in Neurometabolic Diseases & New Advances in Childhood Stroke) are on the way, with many world-leading basic and clinical neuroscientists contributing articles.

In accordance with the educational nature of EPNS, the Editorial team has continued to publish high-quality “Teaching Papers” on specific topics presented in the EPNS monthly Webinars.

As you already know, the Editorial Team together with the EPNS Board awarded for the first time the “EJPN Paper of the Year” award (original paper), which was presented during the Opening Ceremony of the Biennial EPNS Congress in Prague (June 2023) and which is accompanied by a money prize and free registration to the Congress and will be awarded every two years during the Opening Ceremony of each future EPNS Congress. The next “EJPN Paper of the Year” will be awarded during this year’s EPNS Congress in Munich (July 2025).

The journal has a distinguished and recently renewed international Editorial Board of specialists who advise on the direction of the journal, special issues, and review papers, superbly moderated by four Associated Editors, Deborah Sival, Lucia Gerstl, Anne Jansen and Ming Lim and who are world-renowned experts in their field.

Best wishes

Dimitrios Zafeiriou, MD, PhD

**Professor of Paediatric Neurology & Developmental Paediatrics^[1]_{SEP} Editor-in-Chief,
European Journal of Paediatric Neurology**

A little more information about

The European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS)

Honorary membership is for persons who the society wishes to honour for outstanding distinction in the field of paediatric neurology.

Associate membership is awarded, on application, to all paediatric neurologists and colleagues in related fields and that belong to their national society or association in their field and to any physician, basic scientist or clinical scientist trainees in paediatric neurology who shows an interest in the neurology of infancy, childhood, or adolescence, whether in research or in clinical medical care. There are no geographical restrictions to associate membership. Associate members pay an annual subscription, which includes subscription to the European Journal of Paediatric Neurology, the Journal of the Society.

Ordinary membership is for any associate member that is also in practice in Europe (currently taken as the region for which European Office of WHO is responsible). Transition from associate to ordinary membership takes place by the vote of the general assembly at the meeting of The Society. The only difference between associate and ordinary membership is the entitlement of ordinary members to vote for and stand as candidates for election to the Board of the Society.

EPNS Membership Fees for 2025 and 2026

EPNS membership fees (also known as subscription fees) are payable each year and cover the period 1 January until 31 December.

EPNS members who have paid the current year EPNS membership fee receives access to:

- [EPNS Moodle](#)
- ONLINE [European Journal of Paediatric Neurology \(EJPN\)](#)
- participate in EPNS activities
- discounted EPNS Congress registration fees.

EPNS members may also pay an extra fee to receive a printed copy of the FOR ONE YEAR [European Journal of Paediatric Neurology \(EJPN\)](#)

EPNS members can pay their EPNS membership fees for 2025, or if preferred the combined 2025/2026 to benefit from a discount.

The amount paid depends on the EPNS membership category

EPNS Membership Category	EPNS Membership fee*		Printed Journal 2025 6 issues
	2025	Combined 2025 & 2026	
Regular members: high-income countries** (WB4A)	150 Euros	270 Euros	60 Euros
Regular members: selected countries*** (WB4B)	75 Euros	133 Euros	60 Euros
Regular members: low-income countries** (WB123)	35 Euros	63Euros	60 Euros
Trainees/Residents who are qualified physicians	20 Euros	36 Euros	60 Euros
Allied Health Professionals & Nurses (AHPN)	20 Euros	36 Euros	60 Euros
Neuroscientists and other Clinical Specialists (NSCS)	20 Euros	36 Euros	60 Euros
PhD full time Students	20 Euros	36 Euros	60 Euros
Medical undergraduate Students	20 Euros	36 Euros	60 Euros

* Automatic access to the online Society Journal (EJPN), EPNS Moodle and opportunities to be involved in other EPNS activities

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Joining the EPNS

New members are welcome!

If you are not already a member, please think of becoming one. By doing so you join a growing group of like-minded active professionals in our field who are committed to improving standards of care of all children with suspected neurological problems and to collaborating on training, continuing medical education and research. Membership is open to all paediatric neurologists and colleagues in related fields. Membership rates have been substantially reduced for trainees and for colleagues from certain countries after completion of training.

It's easy to join the EPNS! Our new membership application form can be completed online through our website <https://www.epns.info/become-an-epns-member/new-membership-application/> Once you submit the form, you will receive an email acknowledging receipt. Sue or Mel from our EPNS Administration Team will then get in touch with you shortly afterwards to formally welcome you to the Society.