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1. Summary of the 46th International Danube Neurology Symposium (in cooperation with Adriatic Neurology Forum) (Montenegro, 23-27 April, 2014) by Dr. Marija Grunauer, Member of Serbian Young Neurologists Society

Venue: Hotel Splendid, Bečići, Montenegro

This year, the 46th Danube Neurology Symposium was organized in cooperation with the Adriatic Neurology Forum, a traditional neurologist conference of Balkan region. The responsibility and pleasure of organization was confided to the Society of Serbian neurologists supported by the Society of Montenegrin and the Society of Croatian neurologists as well as numerous pharmaceutical companies.

At the opening ceremony the audience was addressed by Professor Dr. Ranko Raičević, Secretary General of the Serbian neurologists Society, on behalf of the organizing committee, Professor Dr. László Vécsei, Secretary General of the International Danube Neurology Association of Central and Eastern Europe, Regional Vice-President of European Federation of Neurological Societies (EFNS), President of Medical Section of Hungarian Academy of Science and Professor Dr. Miodrag Bobo Radunović, Minister of Health of Montenegro. The succeeding welcome cocktail provided opportunity for participants to meet and interact in a pleasant atmosphere.

The authority of foreign and regional speakers as well as a careful selection of topics inspired 250 delegates to attend the Symposium. There was great dynamic in every session. The audience was keen on learning more at question round that followed each lecture.

The first day was devoted to epilepsy and was a great success - interactive lectures, passionate speakers and motivated audience resulted in exciting beginning of the meeting. The culmination was two round tables during which participants had chance to hear experts opinion on different case reports. The afternoon hosted Young Neurologists Forum. It had two sessions - Original experiment and Case report session during which twelve young specialists and interns presented their work.

The next day was dedicated to cerebrovascular disease and was full of excellent lectures from impressive speakers. Having in mind that this is the most frequent neurological pathology it did not come as a surprise that the audience showed great interest in all the sessions.

The last morning was multiple sclerosis morning. State of the art lectures, new results, latest therapeutic options posed a perfect environment for scientific oriented neurologist. Lecture hall was full, and it was clear that the delegates enjoyed every second of it.

In poster session, young intern, Dr. Viktor Pasovski, the author of the Best Poster of the Symposium was awarded with opportunity to take part in next EFNS congress.

Last but not least was a General Neurology Forum in which doyens in various fields shared some imaginative and unordinary presentations.

The gala dinner was a wonderful end of event and everybody enjoyed it. Participants had a chance to socialize and interact listening and dancing to live music in the charming environment of Hotel Splendid.

It was a pleasure to take part in this Symposium. However, I find it even more important to emphasize that the greatest success of every conference is getting to meet people. This year, more than ever, young neurologists in particular had an opportunity to make connections that will hopefully result in close collaboration and even friendship in the years to come.

Until next time,

Warm regards from Belgrade,

Dr. Marija Grunauer, Member of Serbian Young Neurologists Society

2. Summary of the 10th Danube Teaching Course (Kazimierz Dolny, 12-13 June, 2014) by Professor Konrad Rejdak, MD, PhD

10th Danube Teaching Course was organized under the honorary patronage of the President of Medical University of Lublin (Prof. Andrzej Drop), International Danube Association (Prof. Zbigniew Stelmasiak), Polish Neurological Society and Neurology Department of Medical University of Lublin (Prof. Konrad Rejdak).

There were 6 Danube Lectures given by:

Honorary President of Danube Association, Prof. Dr Hon. Causa Mult F.Gerstenbrand (Austria) - Brain Death, Clinical and Legal Background

Prof. L. Vécsei (Hungary) General Secretary of Danube Symposium Association - Recent Findings in Migraine Research: Therapeutic Considerations

Prof. A. Korczyn (Israel) - Personalized Medicine and Disease Course Modification in Parkinson's Disease

Prof. A. Słowik (Poland) - Pharmacogenetics of stroke Treatment

Prof. E. Melamed (Israel) - Posture Changes in PD: Clinical Phenomena and Their Possible Pathogenesis

Prof. G. Bauer- Epileptic Seizures and CNS - Inflammatory Processes

There were 8 scientific sessions concerning: Multiple Sclerosis (5 Lectures), Progress in Neuroprotection and Neurodegeneration (2 lectures), Headache (5 lectures), Progress in Neurorehabilitation (2 Lectures), Pediatric Neurology (4 lectures), Epilepsy (5 lectures), Round Table Discussion on Pharmacoresistent Epilepsy- Spectrum of Clinical Issues (6 lectures) and Neurosonology (5Lectures).

The lectures and discussions were on a high level in the nice scientific and social atmosphere. There were over 350 participants including young neurologists and trainees and invited American Students from English Division of Medical University of Lublin.



From left: Prof. A. Słowik, Prof. L. Vecsei Hungary, Prof. E. Melamed Israel, Prof. A. Stępień Doz. A. Szczepańska-Szerej, Prof. J. Kotowicz, Prof. A. Korczyn Israel, Prof. B. Błaszczyk, Prof. F. Gerstenbrand Austria, Prof. Z. Stelmasiak, Prof. K. Rejdak, Prof. K. Mitosek-Szewczyk, Doz. B. Tarnacka

3. Short letter about the European Academy of Neurology (by Günther Deuschl, Professor of Neurology, CAU Kiel, President of the European Academy of Neurology)

Dear Professor Dr Vécsei,

It is my pleasure contacting you after the Joint Congress of European Neurology in Istanbul at which the European Academy of Neurology (EAN) was founded on 03 June 2014. Thank you for your participation in the first Assembly of Delegates. On behalf of the new board, I thank you very much for electing us and for your confidence.

The composition of the EAN Board is as follows (see also <http://www.eaneurology.org/EAN-Board.1604.0.html>):

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The Board is now starting its work to ensure a smooth transition of all activities from the previous societies, EFNS and ENS and to create the foundations for this new society. The board has already met in Vienna in late June. We have already posted a call for applications in Neuropenews for the two posts that will be appointed by the Board and which are the Chairpersons of the Education Committee and of the Programme Committee. Please pass this call on to your colleagues who might be interested in it. The deadline for applications is July 15, 2014. Please view the details on: <http://www.neuropenews.org/?p=6722>.

There are many tasks which are almost equally important and we will work on them step-by-step. We look forward to build a successful and active European Academy of Neurology, eventually having brought together two highly prestigious European neurological organizations. We will strive at further enhancing the co-operation within Europe and all our members and at working towards best neurological standards and practice to serve our patients. We will of course also continue our international co-operation with our fellow organizations around the world. For all of this I need your active support. It is very important for the overall success of the task to have a close connection with you because you represent the member societies and the individual members of the EAN. Please let me know if you have any matters to be discussed. I am looking forward to a fruitful cooperation.

With best wishes,

Günther Deuschl

Professor of Neurology, CAU Kiel

President of the European Academy of Neurology

www.eaneurology.org

4. Summary of The Joint Congress of European Neurology (Istanbul, 31 May-3 June, 2014)

(by Dr. Laszlo Sztriha MD, PhD, EAYNT)

The Joint Congress of European Neurology took place 31 May - 3 June 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey. During this conference the European Association of Young Neurologists and Trainees (EAYNT) organised a wide range of activities, offering an opportunity for young neurologists to get together and share their individual professional and personal experiences from different European countries.

The booth of the EAYNT (shared with the EFNS, ENS, eBrain, Neuropenews, and UEMS) proved very popular a place among colleagues, who were involved in several activities such as the lottery or the photo contest. The EAYNT Special Session this year focussed on providing practical advice to young colleagues on research, clinical career and mobility by talks from José Ferro (Lisbon, Portugal), Walter Paulus (Göttingen, Germany), and Laszlo Sztriha (London, UK).

This year's hospital visit at the Istanbul University Cerrahpasa School of Medicine Department of Neurology, kindly organized by Professor Aksel Siva, was certainly one of the best highlights of EAYNT activities. The visit started with an excellent presentation about the hospital and neurology training in Turkey. The Istanbul University Cerrahpasa School of Medicine Neurology Department is one of the oldest institutions and major medical schools in Turkey with both Turkish and English Medical programmes. The divisions within the Neurology Department range from Clinical Neurophysiology and Epilepsy to Sleep Medicine, Paediatric Neurology and Vascular Neurology.

The informative presentations were followed by a very impressive and welcoming guided hospital visit through each division and unit. All participants were then invited for a traditional Turkish dinner at the restaurant of Istanbul University.

The 1st Congress of the newly formed European Academy of Neurology will take place in Berlin, Germany in June 2015. All young Neurologists are encouraged to attend and participate in the activities of the EAYNT (www.eaynt.org)!

5. The 9th World Congress on Controversies in Neurology (Budapest, 26-29 March, 2015)



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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are proud to announce that the 9th World Congress on Controversies in Neurology (CONy) will take place in Budapest, Hungary, March 26-29, 2015.

Academically our CONy Congress will raise the most dynamic and controversial topics facing clinicians in the fields of neurology in an exciting debate forum. The Congress will promote excellence in the field by seeking to shed light on on-going and challenging debates and to bridge gaps between the expansion of information and its consolidation in clinical practice.

The CONy Congress will emphasize again the fields of Dementia, Epilepsy, Headache and Pain, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and Movement disorders and Stroke, allowing ample time for speaker-audience discussions. The Congress aims at reaching up-to-date answers to controversial issues even when data remain limited, through evidence-based medicine and expert opinion.

We welcome you to visit the Congress website for information on registration and abstract submission! www.comtecmed.com/cony

We invite you to participate in our CONy Congress in the beautiful city of Budapest.

Sincerely,

Prof. Amos D. Korczyn and Prof. László Vécsei, CONy Budapest co- chairs

6. Future Conferences, Meetings, Courses and Symposia of the International Danube Neurology Association

6.1. The 47th International Danube Neurology Symposium

Time: July 25-26, 2015 **Organized by:** Professor Hans-Peter Hartung (Düsseldorf, Germany) **E-mail:** hans-peter.hartung@uni-duesseldorf.de

6.2. The 48th International Danube Neurology Symposium

Time: 2016 **Organized by:** Professor Zvezdan Pirtosek (Ljubljana, Slovenia) **E-mail:** zpirtosek@gmail.com

6.3. The 49th International Danube Neurology Symposium

Time: 2017 **Applicant:** Professor Samuel Komoly (Pécs, Hungary) **E-mail:** komoly.samuel@pte.hu

6.4. The 50th International Danube Neurology Symposium

Time: 2018 **Applicant:** Professor Laszlo Csiba (Debrecen, Hungary) **E-mail:** csiba@med.unideb.hu

7. Present and Future Activities of the International Danube Neurology Association

- The **Danube Neurology Association** fosters and coordinates fellowship programs for young neurologists from Danube Countries
- Coordination of future **Danube Neurology Symposia**
- The **Danube Neurology Newsletter** is available free of charge (also downloadable) on Internet in electronic version
- Information about future events (**Calendar of events**)
- We also consider as our task to help with the activity of the **EFNS** in the Danube-countries.

8. Finances of the International Danube Neurology Association

According to previous decision of the Danube Neurology Curatorium Meeting, the financial sources of the International Danube Neurology Association from all kinds of symposia, conferences, meetings, teaching/training or other kinds of courses under the roof and auspices of our organization, are as follows:

According to a final report of the meetings, symposia, etc. to be handed in electronically to the Head Office in Szeged, Hungary, the financial surplus of all meetings should be divided 70:30 between the Local Organizers and the permanent International Danube Neurology Symposium Head Office in Szeged, Hungary. Or the amount of min. EUR 2,500 is to be transferred – together with the financial report – to the Head Office according to our invoice.

9. Web-site of the International Danube Neurology Association

The home-page of the **International Danube Neurology Association** consists of:

- the contents of all Newsletter (Nr.1-23)
- Managing and Executive Board Members of Danube Neurology Association
- Past and future Symposia, Conferences, Meetings
- Other further important information.