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## 1. Obituary of Professor Endre Csanda (by Professor Franz Gerstenbrand)



*Professor Endre Csanda (1923-2015)*

The European Neurology has to complain the loss of one of its greatest members Prof. Endre Csanda left us.

After the turbulent war period when the European Neurology was in search of an own way having to decide to go to West or to follow an Eastern direction, Prof.Csanda in his harmonizing mentality showed the possibility to find a way in between, a way not to go too much to the West and not to go too much to the East. During this time Prof.Csanda and his co-fighters started the idea to found a regional neurological organization, including East and West, more or less with neutral background, the Danube Neurology. With this decision to found the Danube Neurological Group, the important bridge for exchange of the scientific news and for personal contacts were opened, the danger of a division of the European neurology in a Western and a Eastern course, was blocked for the next future. Intensive travelling started.

From the beginning of the Danube Group discussion on, "Bandi", as he was called from his close friends, supported the development of the Danube organization as a regional confined institution with the necessity of an own scientific obligation, in consideration of the great European tradition and the post war economic problems. Because of his harmonizing and balancing personality, Prof. Csanda was supported in his activities from some of the colleagues, Daniel Bartko and Heinz

Schulze has to be nominated, with the help of the Russian colleagues. Bandy was the stabilizing element in this scenery and one of the main organizers of the annual congresses and preparing meetings, demonstrating the importance of the regional organization. Prof. Csanda took over the contact role to the World Federation for Neurology as Vice-President. Together with some of his colleagues he did everything to build up the Danube Organization to an international institution bringing into view the unification of the European neurology. This was the beginning of the European Federation of Neurological Societies in which Prof. Csanda plays from the beginning on an important role.

Prof. Csanda was the real and most active bridge builder in the European Neurology. In his diplomatic feature and with his clear and fundamental form of thinking he was highly regarded and fully esteemed as a father like figure for all of us.

Prof. Csanda was an original child of Central Europe, being born in "Siebenbürgen", actually Romania, studying in Budapest, where he had his neurological training and where in his further professional way he had the possibility to build up a well known and modern Neurological University Clinic. His research activities were concentrated on extra pyramidal diseases, brain oedema, brain bleedings and headaches. Prof. Csanda received a long list of decorations and was a honorable member of most of the European Neurological Societies. Till in his last lifetime he was caring for patients.

We lost in Bandi Csanda an irreplaceable friend and a dynamic neurologist. The European Neurology lost a most important column.

## **2. Programme of the 47<sup>th</sup> International Danube Neurology Symposium** (by Professor Hans-Peter Hartung)

**Date:** 25-26<sup>th</sup> September, 2015

**Venue:** CCD Congress Center Düsseldorf, Rotterdamer Straße 141, 40474 Düsseldorf, [www.ccd.de](http://www.ccd.de)



### **Programme:**

**Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

08:30 - 11:30 1<sup>st</sup> Session – Stroke-Update 2015 (Room 18/19)

Chair: Hans-Peter Hartung (Düsseldorf), László Vécsei (Szeged)

08:30 Welcome



08:45 Ethical obligations and dilemma in Neurology - Franz Gerstenbrand (Wien)  
09:15 Update on endovascular therapy - Werner Hacke (Heidelberg)  
09:45 Update on stroke prevention - Sebastian Jander (Düsseldorf)  
10:15 Stroke imaging today - Achim Gass (Mannheim)  
10:45 Stroke and the immune system - Tim Magnus (Hamburg)  
11:15 Discussion  
12:00 - 13:00 *Danube Organizing Committee Meeting (Room 8)*

16:30 - 19:30 *2<sup>nd</sup> Session – Neurodegeneration (Room 18/19)*

Chair: Zvezdan Pirtosek (Ljubljana), Peter Riederer (Würzburg)

16:30 Is Parkinson's a prion disease? - Amos Korczyn (Tel Aviv)  
17:00 Virus and Parkinsonism - Peter Riederer (Würzburg)  
17:30 Pathomechanism and novel treatment strategies of PD - Jörg B. Schulz (Aachen)  
18:00 Experiences with DB in PD - Lars Wojtecki (Düsseldorf)  
18:30 PD and dementia - Vladimir Kostic (Belgrad)  
19:00 Botox in extrapyramidal disorders - Maja Relja (Zagreb)

### Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015

08:30 - 11:30 *3<sup>rd</sup> Session – Multiple Sclerosis (Room 18/19)*

Chair: Zbigniew Stelmasiak (Lubin), Hans-Peter Hartung (Düsseldorf)

08:30 New insights into the pathology of MS - Wolfgang Brück (Göttingen)  
09:00 New understanding of MS pathogenesis - Kristof Selmaj (Lodz)  
09:30 Current and future MS treatments and the Chilean experience - Jorge Villacura (Santiago de Chile)  
10:00 New developments in MS therapy - Hans-Peter Hartung (Düsseldorf)  
10:30 Kynurenines, multiple sclerosis and neurodegenerative disorders: novel therapeutic possibilities - László Vécsei (Szeged)  
11:00 Strategies promoting remyelination - Patrick Küry (Düsseldorf)

12:30 - 16:00 *4<sup>th</sup> Session – Update Neurology (Room 18/19)*

Chair: Volker Hömberg (Bad Wimpfen), Slavica Vujisic (Montenegro)

12:30 Immune-mediated neuropathies – current status and future perspectives - Bernd Kieseier (Düsseldorf)  
13:00 Update epilepsy - Christian Bien (Bielefeld)  
13:30 Update pain - Claudia Sommer (Würzburg)  
14:00 Motor Neurorehabilitation: Where are we - where to go? - Volker Hömberg (Bad Wimpfen)  
14:30 Update Botulinumtoxin and dystonia - Harald Hefter (Düsseldorf)  
15:00 Discussion & Closing



### **3. Invitation and preliminary programme of the 48<sup>th</sup> International Danube Neurology Symposium** (by Professor Zvezdan Pirtosek)

In 2005 Ljubljana hosted the 37<sup>th</sup> International Danube Symposium For Neurological Sciences And Continuing Education. A decade is over. The Symposium and ourselves, we all are all ten years wiser and older. What about neurology? Understanding of pathological mechanisms, diagnostic skills, management possibilities and ethical (self)questioning - where are we now, ten years later?

To find answers, or to be left with questions, to reinforce your neuro-optimism or justify a neuro-pessimism, may I warmly invite you to

#### **THE LJUBLJANA DANUBE SYMPOSIUM – TEN YEARS AFTER October 6-8<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Ljubljana, a charming mid-European capital will host the 48<sup>th</sup> get-together, addressing largely the same topics as discussed in 2005, but from the perspective of a decade later.

#### **Main topics:**

- The Danube Lecture
- Management of acute ischaemic stroke in Danube countries & beyond
- Management of carotid disease in Danube countries & beyond
- Atrial fibrillation treatment in Danube countries & beyond
- Pathophysiology of cortical motor disorders
- Functional neuroimaging
- Satellite symposium on new diagnostic and treatment aspects of neurological disorders
- Recent findings in experimental and clinical neurology
- Hand-over clinics – Transition from paediatric to adult neurology
- Paediatric neurological disorders at the end of adolescence
- Satellite symposium on new and emerging indications for botulinum toxin treatment
- Migraine
- Satellite symposium on dementia: What is new about Alzheimer's disease?
- Bridging neurology and psychiatry
- Demyelinating disease
- Satellite symposium on MS treatment
- Polyneuropathies
- Ethical issues in neurology

#### **Also, after a decade:**

- Young neurologists (YNT) get-together
- Specialist nurses in neurology
- Personal neurological letters from Danube countries and beyond
- Basal ganglia video dinner
- Poster highlights

### **4. Date and Main Topics of the 49<sup>th</sup> International Danube Neurology Symposium** (by Professor Sámuel Komoly)

**Date:** 19-20<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

#### **Main Topics:**

- Interface between neurology and functional neurosurgery: past, present, perspectives
- Traumatic brain injury from acute treatment to rehabilitation
- Neuroimmunology: multiple sclerosis, dysimmune neuropathies, diseases of the neuromuscular junction

**5. Programme of the 9<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Vascular Dementia** (by Professor Emeritus Amos D Korczyn)

**Date:** 16-18<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

**Venue:** Ljubljana, Slovenia



Friday, October 16, 2015			
Time	Hall A	Hall B	Hall C
10:00-10:30	Opening Ceremony and Plenary Lectures		
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
11:00-12:30	Plenary Lectures		
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
13:30-15:00	Plenary Lectures		
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
16:00-17:30	Genetics Leader: <b>Arfan Ikram</b>	Cognitive rehabilitation Leader: <b>Dafin Muresanu</b>	CADASIL Leaders: <b>Koji Abe</b> <b>Antonio Federico</b>
18:00	<i>Welcome Reception</i>		
Saturday, October 17, 2015			
Time	Hall A	Hall B	Hall C
08:00-09:30	Plenary Lectures		
09:30-10:00	<i>Coffee Break &amp; Poster Viewing</i>		
10:00-11:30	Biomarkers Leader: <b>Anders Wallin</b>	Neuropathology Leader: <b>Johannes Attems</b>	Cerebral small vessel disease Leaders: <b>Andreas Charidimou</b> <b>Deborah Levine</b>

<b>11:30-13:00</b>	<b>White matter disease and dementia</b> Leaders: <b>Hugh Markus</b> <b>Reinhold Schmidt</b>	<b>Mechanisms of neurodegeneration</b> Leader: <b>Bogdan O. Popescu</b>	<b>Free Communication</b>
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch Break &amp; Poster Viewing</i>		
<b>14:00-16:00</b>	<b>Therapy</b> Leaders: <b>Regis Bordet</b> <b>Alla Guekht</b>	<b>Neuro-imaging</b> Leaders: <b>Dieter Heiss</b> <b>Gary Rosenberg</b>	<b>The diabetic brain and cognition</b> Leader: <b>Peter Riederer</b>
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee Break &amp; Poster Viewing</i>		
<b>16:30-18:30</b>	<b>Plenary Lectures</b>		
<b>Sunday, October 18, 2015</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Hall A</b>	<b>Hall B</b>	<b>Hall C</b>
<b>08:00-09:30</b>	<b>Big data</b> Leader: <b>Terence Quinn</b>	<b>Translational models of VCI/VaD</b> Leaders: <b>Atticus Hainsworth</b> <b>Manfred Windisch</b>	<b>Post-stroke dementia</b> Leaders: <b>Natan Bornstein</b> <b>Michael Brainin</b>
09:30-10:00	<i>Coffee Break &amp; Poster Viewing</i>		
<b>10:00-11:30</b>	<b>Neuropsychology</b> Leaders: <b>Pasquale Calabrese</b> <b>Elka Stefanova</b>	<b>Lifestyle and diet</b> Leader: <b>Miia Kivipelto</b>	<b>Mild cognitive impairment</b> Leader: <b>Kenichi Meguro</b>
<b>11:30-13:00</b>	<b>Diagnostic criteria</b> Leaders: <b>Lefkos Middleton</b> <b>Oren Tene</b>	<b>Vascular parkinsonism</b> Leaders: <b>Frank-Erik de Leeuw</b> <b>Ivan Rektor</b>	<b>Free Communication</b>
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch Break &amp; Poster Viewing</i>		
<b>14:00-16:00</b>	<b>Vascular determinants of cognitive performances in brain aging</b> Leader: <b>Panteleimon Giannakopoulos</b>	<b>Rheumatic and autoimmune diseases in dementia</b> Leaders: <b>Piercarlo Sarzi-Puttini</b> <b>Joab Chapman</b>	<b>Vascular depression</b> Leader: <b>Kurt Jellinger</b>
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee Break &amp; Poster Viewing</i>		
<b>16:30-18:30</b>	<b>Plenary Lectures</b>		
18:30	<b>Closing Remarks and Farewell</b>		



# ICVD2015

9<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON  
**VASCULAR DEMENTIA**  
October 16-18, 2015 | Ljubljana, Slovenia  
[www.comtecmed.com/ICVD](http://www.comtecmed.com/ICVD)



**6. Invitation and Main Topics of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Controversies in Neurology (CONy) (by Professor Emeritus Amos D Korczyn)**

**Date:** 17-20<sup>th</sup> March, 2016

**Venue:** Sana Lisboa Hotel

Av. Fontes Pereira de Melo 8, 1069-310 Lisbon, Portugal, Tel: 00351-210064300

Website: <http://www.lisboa.sanahotels.com/>



**Main Topics:**

Auto-immune Diseases  
Autonomic Nervous System Disorders  
Dementia  
Epilepsy  
Headache and Pain  
Motor Neuron Disease  
Neuromuscular Diseases  
Neuropsychiatry  
Parkinson's Diseases and other Movement Disorders  
Peripheral Neuropathy  
Traumatic Brain Injury  
Rehabilitation

## **7. Future Conferences, Meetings, Courses and Symposia of the International Danube Neurology Association**

### **7.1. The 47<sup>th</sup> International Danube Neurology Symposium**

**Date:** 25-26<sup>th</sup> September, 2015

**Organized by:** Professor Hans-Peter Hartung (Düsseldorf, Germany)

**E-mail:** hans-peter.hartung@uni-duesseldorf.de

### **7.2. The 48<sup>th</sup> International Danube Neurology Symposium**

**Date:** 6-8<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

**Organized by:** Professor Zvezdan Pirtosek (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

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### **7.3. The 49<sup>th</sup> International Danube Neurology Symposium**

**Date:** 2017

**Organized by:** Professor Sámuel Komoly (Pécs, Hungary)

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### **7.4. The 50<sup>th</sup> International Danube Neurology Symposium**

**Date:** 2018

**Applicant:** Professor László Csiba (Debrecen, Hungary)

**E-mail:** csiba@med.unideb.hu

### **7.5. The 51<sup>st</sup> International Danube Neurology Symposium**

**Date:** 2019

**Applicant:** Professor Ovidiu Bajenaru (Bucarest, Romania)

## **8. 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.

## **9. 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.

## **10. 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.1-25)
- Managing and Executive Board Members of Danube Neurology Association
- Past and future Symposia, Conferences, Meetings
- Other further important information.