

13th Congress of the European Federation of Neurological Societies

12-15 September 2009, Florence, Italy

5500 participants from more than 90 countries attended the congress.

1700 free presentations

82 sessions

12 company sponsored satellite symposia

200 bursaries were given to young neurologists.

More than 2000 persons participated in the teaching courses.

12 young neurologists participated in the **Tournament for Young Neurologists**. The Uschi Tschabitscher prize consisting of a free registration to the 14th EFNS Congress 2010, Geneva, Switzerland, a travel grant, 4 nights hotel accommodation as well as €1000 were awarded to:

David Bradley, Dublin, Ireland for the presentation: Temporal discrimination thresholds (TDTs) in AOPTD – voxel-based morphometry findings in unaffected relatives

Roman Schniepp, Munich, Germany for the presentation: Sequential micro-PET based brain imaging in the unilateral labyrinthectomy rat model: insights to compensatory brain plasticity

The **investigator awards 2009**, consisting of €500.-, given to the best presentations by the EFNS Scientist Panels were awarded to:

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis: Quality of life and motor ability in spinal muscular atrophy by Alexandra Araujo, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Autonomic nervous system disorders: Evaluation of the “finger wrinkling test” by Sylvia Van Barneveld, Enschede, The Netherlands

Dementia and cognitive neurology: In-vivo exclusion of Alzheimer’s disease as a cause of primary progressive aphasia by Rik Vandenberghe, Leuven, Belgium

Epilepsy: Theory of mind in mesial temporal lobe epilepsy by Anika Stroebele, Erlangen, Germany

Infectious diseases: IgG-index predicts neurological morbidity in patients with infectious and neoplastic central nervous system diseases by Peter Lackner, Innsbruck, Austria

Movement disorders: The syndrome of deafness-dystonia – a case series of 11 patients by Maja Kojovic, London, UK

Multiple sclerosis and other demyelinating diseases: Killer immunoglobulin-like receptor ligand HLA-Bw4 protects against multiple sclerosis by Aslaug R. Lorentzen, Oslo, Norway

Muscle disorders: Physical activity as an adverse factor in the course of natural history in LGMD2B by Carlo Borsato, Padova, Italy

Genetics and metabolic disorders: Late-onset vanishing white matter disease by Ernestina Santos, Porto, Portugal

Neuroimaging and –sonology: Clinical correlation of traumatic MRI findings in patients with mild traumatic brain injury by Stefan Sivak, Martin, Slovakia

Neuroimmunology: Atypical NMO-IgG-like in direct immunofluorescence patterns in acute systemic infections by Kerri Prain, Brisbane, Australia

Neuro-oncology: Neoplastic meningitis: diagnosis, treatment and survival – a retrospective study in 30 patients by Maria Grazia Passarin, Verona, Italy

Neuro-ophthalmology/ -otology: A new neurogenic vestibular evoked potential (N6) recorded with the use of air-conducted sound by Eleftherios Papathanasiou, Nicosia, Cyprus

Neuropathic Pain: Laser evoked potentials as a tool for assessing the efficacy of antinocicptive drugs by Antonella Biasiotta, Rome, Italy

Neurotraumatology: Effects of PPAR- γ agonist pioglitazone on the hippocampus in traumatic brain injured rats by Gordana Zupan, Rijeka, Croatia

Sleep disorders: The association between hypocretin-1 deficiency, cataplexy, and REM sleep behaviour disorder (RBD) in narcolepsy by Stine Knudsen, Glostrup, Denmark

Stroke: Influence of pre-existing cognitive decline on functional prognosis one year after a spontaneous intracerebral haemorrhage by Veronica Popescu, Lille, France

Substance abuse and Neurotoxicology: Analysis of the neurotoxic effect of nanoparticle-rich diesel exhaust on a mouse brain by Shoji Yamamoto, Tsukuba, Japan