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13TH EFNS CONGRESS, FLORENCE, ITALY, 12-15 SEPTEMBER 2009

2200 abstracts submitted to 13th EFNS Congress, Florence, Italy

The call for abstracts to be submitted for presentation at the 13th EFNS Congress in Florence, Italy, September 12-15, 2009, was answered with a strong response of over 2200 contributions. This number again demonstrates the high scientific quality of the topics dealt with at the EFNS congresses.

EFNS Lecture on Clinical Neurology

Giacomo Rizzolatti, Parma, Italy

Mirror neurons: a mechanism for understanding others

Tuesday, September 15, 2009 – 12.00-13.00

Teaching courses

Since there is only a **limited number** of tickets available for the upcoming teaching courses, please register now at €15.– per course.

For detailed information and registration, visit the congress website <http://www.efns.org/efns2009>.

Saturday, 12 September 2009

Free Teaching Course: “How do I examine...?”

TC1: Movement disorders – basic clinical knowledge

TC2: Movement disorders – advanced

TC3: Stroke – basic clinical knowledge: cerebral small vessel disease – a clinical update

TC4: Stroke – advanced: current concepts in stroke rehabilitation

TC5: Multiple sclerosis – basic clinical knowledge: Spasticity and pain in MS

TC6: Multiple sclerosis – advanced: B- and T-cell involvement in multiple sclerosis – contribution to disease pathology

TC7: Luigi Amaducci Teaching Course on dementia – basic clinical knowledge

TC8: Diagnosis and treatment of epilepsies

TC9: Management of pain in neurology

TC10: How to diagnose and treat headache

TC11: Neurotraumatology and critical care

TC12: Neurological infections of worldwide importance

TC13: Neurological disorders in pregnancy

TC14: Eye movements: clinical and scientific aspects

TC15: Peripheral neuropathy

TC16: My most difficult cases

TC17: Therapy in neurology I

TC18: Therapy in neurology II

Hands-on courses on clinical neurophysiology: Practical early morning breakfast sessions

Breakfast will be provided.

Sunday, 13 September 2009

TC19: EMG – practical demonstration

Monday, 14 September 2009

TC20: Nerve conduction – practical demonstration

9TH COURSE OF THE EUROPEAN SCHOOL OF NEUROIMMUNOLOGY (ESNI)
 Sponsored and supported by the EFNS
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rkbudak@hacettepe.edu.
<http://www.esni.org>

25TH CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR TREATMENT AND RESEARCH IN MS (ECTRIMS)
 September 9-12, 2009
 Düsseldorf, Germany

ectrims2009@uni-duesseldorf.de
<http://www.congex.ch/ectrims2009/>

Tuesday, 15 September 2009

TC21: Transcranial magnetic stimulation – practical demonstration

Uschi Tschabitscher Prize – Tournament for Young Neurologists

The 2009 participants and winners of a travel grant to Florence and a free congress registration are:

Tournament 1 – Clinical neurology
 Sunday, 13 September 2009, 11:00-12:30h

David Bradley, Dublin, Ireland
 Roisin Lonergan, Dublin, Ireland

Louise-Laure Mariani, Le Kremlin-Bicêtre, France
 Milija Mijajlovic, Belgrade, Serbia
 Kaare Severinsen, Århus, Denmark
 Katerina Tsatsou, London, UK

Tournament 2 – Basic neurology
 Monday, 14 September 2009, 11:00-12:30h

Jula Huppert, Mainz, Germany
 Bartosz Karaszewski, Gdansk, Poland
 Nicola Riccardo Polizzotto, Siena, Italy
 Ilya Pyko, Minsk, Belarus
 Roman Schniepp, Munich, Germany
 Anna Vorobyeva, Moscow, Russia

FELLOWSHIP 2008

Report by Veronica Popescu, Bucharest, Romania



April 2009 (poster), XVIII European Stroke Conference, May 2009 Stockholm, Sweden (poster).

An abstract has been submitted for the 13th Congress of the European Federation of Neurological Societies, which will be held in Florence, Italy, September 12-15, 2009.

Several papers are in preparation for publication.

I would like to thank the EFNS for the wonderful opportunity to expand my knowledge of neurology by taking part in this challenging project, through research and studying the practice of neurology. The nurturing clinical and scientific environment has given me the chance to create new connections within the framework of a multicultural team.

Report by Alexandru Hanaganu, Chisinau, Moldova



The EFNS fellowship, which was granted to me in 2008 for a period of 6 months, gave me the opportunity to spend an elective period at the Neurology Clinic of Schleswig-Holstein University Clinic, Campus Kiel; Head of Neurology Department: Prof. Dr. Günther Deuschl; Head of Research Department: Prof. Dr. Hartwig Siebner. The title of the research project was *Transcranial cortex stimulation of the ipsilesional motor cortex in healthy subjects and patients with subcortical motor stroke: a combined rTMS-tDCS approach to improve motor function.*

We applied repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation and transcranial direct current stimulation alone and simultaneous in order to induce long-lasting excitability changes in the primary motor cortex. The main finding of this study was that the used stimulation paradigms are safe and induce relevant excitability changes in the primary motor cortex. These changes outlasted twenty minutes after the end of the stimulation. The synergic combination of both stimulation

Thanks to the generous sponsoring of the EFNS, I spent one year at the Neurology department of Lille University Hospital, Hôpital Roger Salengro, Lille, France, chaired by Prof. Dr. Didier Leys. I have been working on the project *incidence, predictive factors and influence in prognosis of post-stroke dementia in a cohort of non-traumatic intra-cerebral haemorrhages.*

During this year I have worked on a prospective study that had started in 2004 and went on until the end of my stay in Lille. I handled the inclusion of the patients according to the CRF. I was also in charge of completing and updating the database (clinical and radiological data). I also had to follow-up the patients in an outpatient clinic. I have expanded my theoretical and practical knowledge of the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of haemorrhagic stroke and cognitive deficits.

I was able to follow the regular clinical practice in the Stroke Unit as well as in the wards of the Neurovascular Department. I was in permanent contact with the very active clinical team of the department, which also gave me the opportunity to learn about the local working culture.

I attended the regular interdisciplinary meetings between the departments of neurology, neuro-radiology, vascular surgery and neurosurgery.

The results of my work were presented at the 13th Joint Meeting of the French Neurological Society and of the French Stroke Society, Paris, France, October 2008 (oral presentation), the 7th Karolinska Stroke Update Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden, November 2008 (poster); Journées de Neurologie de Langue Française, Lille, France,

**14TH CONGRESS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL HEADACHE
SOCIETY**
September 10-13, 2009
Philadelphia, USA
<http://www.ihc2009.org>

**13TH CONGRESS OF THE
EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF
NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETIES**
September 12-15, 2009
Florence, Italy
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www.efns.org/efns2009

methods rTMS and tDCS did not show a significant difference in the resulted long-lasting changes of cortical excitability. Additionally, I had the opportunity to join and get special insights in the clinical work of the neurological department. These insights together with the possibility to participate in the educational activities at the clinic as well as in national and international conferences gave me a new view and comparison to the clinical and scientific work in my home department.

I address my sincere thankfulness and gratitude to Prof. Günther Deuschl and Prof. Hartwig Siebner for giving me the possibility to work at such a high level clinic and to get in touch with scientific groups of great value. I would like to thank to Prof. Stanislav Groppa for trusting and choosing me for this inter-clinic collaboration. Also my sincere thanks are addressed to Dr. Sergiu Groppa for social support, scientific

opinion and new practice with TMS and neuro-imaging. Many thanks go to Dr. Nicolas Lang, who showed me the management system with epilepsy patients. I also address my thankful thoughts to my colleagues in the scientific department – Oliver Granert, Til Ole Bergmann, Christoph Ritter, Gesa Hartwigsen, Joyce van der Vegt and Michael Weiss, who kindly welcomed me and created a great scientific collaboration spirit.

All these changes became real only because of the EFNS. I express my sincere thanks and gratitude to the EFNS team for their support and help during the whole period as well as for allowing me this unique possibility of scientific work and self-development.

EFNS FELLOWSHIP GRANTEES 2009

It is a great pleasure to introduce the recipients of the EFNS Fellowship 2009 (in alphabetical order):

Scientific Fellowship:

Maria Centeno Soladana from Spain was selected for her project: *Fronto-temporal connectivity: A functional MRI study of memory encoding dysfunction in frontal lobe epilepsy*, which she will carry out at the Department of clinical and experimental epilepsy at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery in London, UK, chaired by Professor John S. Duncan.



Chiara Criscuolo from Italy was selected for her project: *Identification of a gene causing autosomal dominant essential tremor*, which she will carry out at the department of clinical genetics at the Erasmus MC in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, chaired by Professor Ben Oostra.



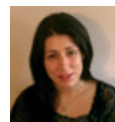
Paolo Giannetti from Italy was selected for his project: *The role of white and grey matter and meningeal inflammation in MS and clinically isolated syndromes (CIS) as quantified using [(11)C]®-PK11195 positron emission tomography (PET) scanning*, which he will carry out at the Multiple Sclerosis Trial Collaboration, Charing Cross Campus, Imperial College in London, UK, chaired by Dr Richard Nicholas.



Valerie Hirt from Germany was selected for her project: *Retinal nerve fibre layer (RNFL) thickness measured by optical coherence tomography (OCT) as a biomarker for axonal degeneration in patients with clinically isolated syndrome (CIS)*, which she will carry out at the Neuroscience Center at BARTS and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry in London, UK, chaired by Professor Gavin Giovannoni.



Reka Horvath from Hungary was selected for her project: *Influence of epileptic activity on amygdale functions – an fMRI project*, which she will carry out at the Clinic Mara at the Epilepsy Center Bethel in Bielefeld, Germany, chaired by Doctor Alois Ebner.



Chiara Marini Bettolo from Italy, was selected for her project: *Chromowave analysis of the expression profile and chromosomal changes in inclusion body myositis*, which she will carry out at the Department of Clinical Neuroscience at the Charing Cross Campus, Imperial College in London, UK, chaired by Professor David Brooks.



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 September 23–26, 2009
 Nürnberg, Germany
<http://www.dgn.org>

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 October 16–18, 2009
 Linz, Austria
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 October 24–30, 2009,
 Bangkok, Thailand
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Olga Uspenskaya from Russia, was selected for her project: *Neurochemical and Neuroimaging markers in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease*, which she will carry out at the Center of Cognitive and behavioural disorders at the Hospital "la Salpêtrière" in Paris, France, chaired by Professor Bruno Dubois.



Krisztina Vörös from Hungary, was selected for her project: *Role of the kynurenine system in ALS mouse models*, which she will carry out at the Department of Neurology at the University of Ulm in Germany, chaired by Professor Albert Ludolph.



Educational Fellowship:

Maria Aguirregomozcorta from Spain, was selected for her project: *Sensory temporal discrimination and mental rotation in patients with fixed dystonia*, which she will carry out at the National Institute for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen square, London, UK, chaired by Professor Kailash P. Bhatia.



Araceli Alonso Canovas from Spain, was selected for her project: *Myoclonus and paroxysmal dyskinesia: Focus on clinical and neurophysiological features* which she will carry out at the National Institute for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen square, London, UK, chaired by Professor Kailash P. Bhatia.



Ioana Dumitru from Romania, was selected for her project: *Ictal hypoxemia in localisation related epilepsy*, which she will carry out at the Department of Neurology, at the Epilepsy Center Marburg, Germany, chaired by Professor Felix Rosenow.



Andrei Ivashynka from Belarus was selected for his project: *The role of alcohol use in patients with a first epileptic seizure: A long-term follow-up study of two large cohorts*, which he will carry out at the Department of Neurology and Rehabilitation at the University of Piemonte in Novara, Italy, chaired by Professor Francesco Monaco.



Ricardo Taipa from Portugal was selected for his project: *Clinical and pathological training in neurodegenerative dementia*, which he will carry out at the School of Translational Medicine at the University of Manchester, Hope Hospital, Manchester, UK, chaired by Professor David Mann.



Nune S. Yeghiazaryan from Armenia was selected for her project: *DNA copy number variations in idiopathic epilepsy*, which she will carry out at the G. Gaslini Institute in Genova, Italy, chaired by Professor Carlo Minetti.



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SLOVENIA

David Vodusek, University Medical Centre, Ljubljana

Janez Zidar, University Medical Centre, Ljubljana

SPAIN

Carlos Molina, Vall d'Hebron Hospital, Barcelona

SWEDEN

Najah Khalifa and Roland Flink, Uppsala University Hospital, Uppsala

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logy, London**Simon Shorvon**, National Hospital for Neuro-
logy and Neurosurgery, London

FIRST EFAS/EAYNT TEACHING COURSE ON AUTONOMIC NERVOUS SYSTEM DISORDERS – ORGANISED IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE EFNS

Brasov, Romania – 30–31 January 2009

Autonomic nervous system (ANS) disorders are common and their diagnosis and treatment form an emerging sub-speciality of neurology. Detailed knowledge on this important topic is rather sparse among young doctors. Based on the pressing demand for improving education in ANS disorders the European Federation of Autonomic Societies (EFAS) decided to organise a joint Teaching Course (TC) together with the European Association of Young Neurologists and Trainees, in close collaboration with the European Federation of Neurological Societies (EFNS). The TC was approved by the EACCME.



The TC was held at the Aula of the University of Transylvania, Brasov, Romania and attended by 552 participants from all over Europe.

Dean Professor M. Radoi (Brasov, Romania) gave a warm opening address.

Max Hilz (Erlangen, Germany) opened the TC giving a comprehensive lecture on the pathophysiology of ANS, followed by an excellent overview on history taking, diagnosis and differential diagnosis in transient loss of consciousness (TLOC) by Heinz Lahrman (Vienna, Austria) and Roland D. Thijs (Heemstede, Netherlands). The important subject of ANS dysfunction in MSA and Parkinson's disease was outlined by Cristian Falup-Pecurariu. David B. Vodusek (Ljubljana, Slovenia) held a coherent talk on the complex issue of urogenital and sexual dysfunction. After the lunch break Pietro Cortelli (Bologna, Italy) bravely conquered postprandial lethargy with a lecture on sleep disorders and ANS. Max Hilz followed with secondary autonomic failure in GBS and diabetes, raising the attention

with many practically relevant facts on both disorders. The audience had the honour to listen to M. Radoi's lecture on cardiac syncope, followed by Rodica Balasa's (Targu-Mures, Romania) on ANS dysfunctions in MS, and EAYNT president Johann Sellner's (Munich, Germany) on ANS complications in HIV. Moreover, Pietro Cortelli gave an overview on the link between headache and the ANS. Roland D. Thijs closed that day's programme with international recommendations on management and therapy of OH and TLOC.

Saturday morning was dedicated to autonomic testing and case presentations. Heinz Lahrman and Walter Struhal (Linz, Austria) explained theoretical and technical basics of cardiovascular and sudomotor testing and possible pitfalls. Participants, partly awarded with travel grants sponsored by the EAYNT, were then involved by presenting their posters and case studies. Some cases were complicated enough to also give the ANS experts a hard time.

This event caused enthusiasm among the Romanian neurologists to such an extent that it mounted in the foundation of the Romanian Multidisciplinary Group on Autonomic Disorders.

Special thanks go to EFAS, especially to Max Hilz, for his maximum possible guidance; to Heinz Lahrman for his organisational support; to EFAS president Pietro Cortelli for his continuous aid; to EFNS president Jacques De Reuck and EFNS treasurer David B. Vodusek for co-sponsoring and supporting the event; and last but not least to the tremendous work of EAYNT officer and local organiser Cristian Falup-Pecurariu and his team for organising an impressive and technically perfectly working site and offering great hospitality. For the EAYNT, an organisation aimed at representing young neurologists and lobbying for their interests at the European level, this successful first Teaching Course is an important impetus for further activities in this direction.

Walter Struhal and Johann Sellner for the
EAYNT

20TH MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Berlin, Germany

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October 13–16, 2010

Gothenburg, Sweden

YOUNG NEUROLOGISTS' ACTIVITIES AT THE 13TH EFNS CONGRESS IN FLORENCE

In close cooperation with the EFNS, the European Association of Young Neurologists and Trainees (EAYNT) is planning to present a series of activities focusing on interests of young neurologists during the 13th EFNS congress in Florence.

EAYNT Club Lounge

Encouraged by its successful introduction last year, an "EAYNT Club Lounge" will continue to be provided during the whole course of the congress. This will be an ideal platform for young neurologists to meet colleagues, exchange experience and discuss matters of education and career development. In addition, senior members of the EFNS will attend the lounge and provide an update on future EFNS activities concerning young neurologists. One of the highlights will be the visit of EFNS President-elect Prof. Richard Hughes on September 14th, 12.45–13.45 h. The list of further guests and meeting times will be announced on the EAYNT webpage (www.eaynt.org).

Young neurologists in EFNS Scientist Panels

Following the kind invitation by the EFNS, our organization has been offered the unique opportunity to nominate young neurologist representatives to the Scientist Panels of the EFNS. These panels hold an annual meeting at the EFNS conferences and contribute to the scientific programme of future congresses, establish task

forces for guideline development, and are also involved in the organization of workshops and teaching courses. The list of current representatives is retrievable on the EAYNT website, where open positions will also be announced. The nomination is for 2 years, and may be extended for a further term.

EAYNT Special Session

Sunday, 13 September 2009, 17:30-18:40

For details, please visit the congress website www.efns.org/efns2009.

EAYNT Business Meeting

The EAYNT Business Meeting will take place on Monday, 14 September 2009 from 14:00 – 15:00h at the EAYNT Club Lounge and will include the report from the outgoing as well as prospects of the incoming office, and the annual elections (Office 2010-2011).

Participation requires EAYNT membership – application for membership is free via www.eaynt.org

The EAYNT Office members would like to express their gratitude to the EFNS Management Committee headed by President Prof. Jacques de Reuck and the EFNS Head Office in Vienna for their continuous support of young neurologists interests and activities.

Laszlo Sztriha and Johann Sellner for the EAYNT

2ND EUROPEAN BRAIN POLICY FORUM FEBRUARY 2009

The second European Brain Policy Forum, organised by the EBC in Brussels, 25–26 February, took depression as its theme. It was ably chaired by former TV journalist Martyn Lewis and well-attended by patients, industry spokespeople, basic scientists and clinicians, though policy makers were under-represented.

In an opening lecture Hans-Ulrich Wittchen from Germany presented some startling statistics. 9% of the EU population aged between 18 and 65 suffers from depression, with a female:male ratio of 2:1. Women who marry and have children double their risk of depression, unless they return to work; while for employers, who along with social services bear the majority of the burden of the disease, every Euro invested in the support of depressed employees brings a six fold return in terms of regained productivity.

One important theme to emerge from the forum was that the indirect costs of depression - mainly due to absenteeism - far outweigh the direct costs - mainly healthcare costs -, yet when considering the cost-effectiveness of therapies,

regulatory authorities tend to focus only on the latter. Another was that treatment efforts have largely been focused on alleviating the disease in the acute phase, whereas they would be more usefully targeted to preventing recurrence. A third was that more research is needed on depression in children, adolescents and the elderly.

Developmental neurobiologist Alain Prochiantz from France presented the case for the relevance of basic science to patients; Dutch psychiatrist Herman van Praag argued that depression was a disease of both the soul and the brain, and Mary Baker, EBC Vice-President and President of the European Federation of Neurological Associations, made a plea to clinicians and basic scientists to enter into dialogue with patients and the media.

At a dinner for delegates held at the former Solvay laboratories in Brussels, Philippe Busquin, MEP, has accepted honorary membership to the EBC from President Julien Mendlewicz, in recognition of his tireless support of the organisation and its goals.

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The following articles are available free of charge on

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February 2009: Intravenous thrombolysis in stroke patients with hyperdense middle cerebral artery sign, Dimitrios G. et al.

March 2009: Spinal cord sarcoidosis: Report of seven cases, Sève P., et al.

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