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I. Abstract Submission Deadline for the 20th ENS Meeting: 3 February 2010

3 February 2010: The deadline for **Abstract Submission** to the 20th ENS Meeting in Berlin is nearing. You certainly don't want to miss this opportunity to present your research results to a large number of colleagues from the entire spectrum of neurology. Specialist areas often have numerous links to various fields of inquiry, and an encompassing meeting such as this upcoming congress of the ENS offers the greatest opportunity to encounter colleagues with parallel interests. So act now, in order to take advantage of this unique gathering.

The Scientific Committee of the European Neurological Society's Twentieth Meeting (19-23 June 2010 in Berlin, Germany) has issued a *Call for Abstracts*. Deadline for **Abstract Submission** is **3 February 2010**. For more information concerning application procedure, such as guidelines for abstract preparation and submission, as well as the topics of presentation, please visit the website of the ENS at: (www.ensinfo.org).

II. Deadline for 'Young Neurologist in Training Offer' Is 21 January 2010 for Attendance to the Berlin Meeting

The ENS is pleased to offer once again a limited number of grants to support young neurologists to attend the 20th ENS Meeting, which is scheduled to take place in Berlin, Germany, 19-23 June 2010. This *Young Neurologist in Training Offer* includes:

- Free congress registration,
- Free admission to teaching courses,
- Free accommodation from Saturday to Wednesday,

to European neurologists in training born on or after 1 January 1975.

Applicants should provide a letter from the chairperson of their department to certify that they are in training, as well as a copy of their valid passport.

Application is only available online at (www.ensinfo.org).

Deadline for applications: **21 January 2010**. Applications without the required documents or arriving after this date will not be considered.

For further information, please contact the Administrative Secretariat of the:

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III. Travel Grant to Attend 20th ENS Meeting in Berlin

The European Neurological Society will support young scientists (born on or after 1 **January 1975**) who wish to attend the Twentieth ENS Meeting in Berlin, Germany, 19-23 June 2010, with a travel grant. Scientists with an excellent abstract accepted for presentation at the meeting will be considered for a travel grant. Deadline for submission of an application is: **3 February 2010**.

This offer is separate and independent of the application for the 'Young Neurologist in Training Offer', refer above to topic II.

Application

Interested scientists should click the appropriate checkbox during the online abstract submission process. You will be required to upload a copy of your passport as proof of eligibility. Prepare this document in one of the following formats: **MS Word document, gif, jpg or pdf file**.

If you have difficulties uploading your passport copy, please contact the Abstract Hotline on ++41 61 686 7722.

Applications without passport copy or arriving after **3 February 2010** will not be considered.

Online application only: available at: (www.ensinfo.org).

IV. 10 Scholarships Available to Neurologists from Low-Income Countries to Attend the 20th ENS Meeting in Berlin

The European Neurological Society announces that 10 scholarships are now available to neurologists from low-income countries to attend the 20th ENS Meeting, which will take place in Berlin, 19-23 June 2010. These countries are ranked according to statistics of the Worldbank, refer to www.worldbank.org. Scholarship includes free congress registration and four nights hotel accommodation. Application is by E-mail to ens@congrex.com. A photocopy of the applicants passport, and a verification from his/her hospital that the applying physician is a neurologist, must be submitted.

Deadline to apply: 31 January 2010

V. EAYNT Encourages Young Neurologists to Apply for a Poster-Walk Chair

Over the years, the European Association of Young Neurologists and Trainees (EAYNT) has become increasingly involved in the activities of the ENS. The scope of this participation, and the intentions of the Association, are sketched below in a report written by Dr. Johann Sellner and Dr. Laszlo Sztrihai of the EAYNT.

'The European Association of Young Neurologists and Trainees (www.eaynt.org) is an independent European non-profit organisation aimed at representing young colleagues' interests within major professional organisations. In addition, it promotes clinical and scientific excellence of its members. The EAYNT believes that discussion of personal scientific work at the European conference level is an important component in the education of a 21st century neurologist, and that poster presentations are ideal opportunities to meet this specification.

One major step in this direction took place in 2009. With the support of the ENS Executive Committee, nomination of EAYNT colleagues as chairs for poster walks at the ENS meeting in Milan was established. The intention of this proposal was to reward poster presenters with intense scientific discussion during the poster walks, as well as to create a platform to acknowledge their work. Moreover, the Association intends to offer scientifically active young colleagues the possibility to take responsibility within the context of an international conference. Following a call placed on our homepage, combined with a selection procedure based on scientific criteria, the EAYNT was able to nominate young colleagues from six European countries as chairs for poster walks. Based on positive feedback from the poster presenters, our chairs, and the ENS Executive Committee, the EAYNT will again have the opportunity to nominate candidates as chairs for poster walks. Hence, extensive discussion at the posters can be expected at the ENS 2010 meeting in Berlin.

Self-nominations are welcome, as well as suggestions to nominate young colleagues beyond the age of 35 by department heads. To apply, please send a one-page CV containing a list of five PubMed referenced papers as first- or co-author - along with your field of expertise - to laszlo.sztriha@kcl.ac.uk. The deadline for submission is **15 March 2010**. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Nota bene: The deadline for abstract submission to the 20th ENS Meeting in Berlin, 19-23 June 2010, is 3 February 2010; refer above to topic '**I. Abstract Submission Deadline for the 20th ENS Meeting: 3 February 2010**'. So, act now if you want your abstract to be presented as a poster or even oral at the Berlin meeting.

Johann Sellner, EAYNT (Munich, Germany) and Laszlo Sztriha, EAYNT (London, UK).'

VI. Online Registration for the Berlin Meeting Now Available

Online registration for the 20th Meeting of the European Neurological Society, which will take place on 19-23 June 2010, in Berlin, Germany, is now available.



VII. Tickets Accessible Online for Orchestra Concert in Berlin with Daniel Barenboim

During the 20th Annual Meeting of the ENS in Berlin, 19-23 June 2010, a concert by the State Orchestra of Berlin will take place on Monday evening, 21 June 2010, in the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra's concert hall, a hall distinguished by its unique architecture and acoustics. Following an introductory presentation at 7.15 p.m., the renowned conductor and soloist Daniel Barenboim will begin the concert at 8 p.m. Programme of the evening is:

Ludwig van Beethoven, Piano Concert No. 3 in C minor, opus 37;

Anton Bruckner, Symphony No. 5 in B major.

Tickets in three categories are accessible online via the ENS Administrative Secretariat by **26 January 2010**;

You certainly don't want to miss this great cultural event while attending the 20th Annual Meeting of the ENS in Berlin.

VIII. Book Low-Priced Flight to Berlin Meeting Online via an ENS Website

The ENS is making it easy to find and book a low-priced flight through its relationship with the Star Alliance network. By booking online you can obtain a very attractive ENS Congress air fare to the 20th Meeting in Berlin. A discount of up to 20% is automatically granted on Star Alliance Member airlines, i.e. Lufthansa, Austrian Airlines, Swiss International Air Lines, Spanair, TAP Air Portugal, SAS, United Airlines, when booking online. A limited number of seats at these special **all inclusive fares** (round trip travel; taxes, fees and charges; fuel surcharge; seat reservation, etc.) are available on www.congrex.ch/ens2010 (click on 'Travel to/from Berlin').

IX. ENS Executive Committee Establishes an Advisory Board

During the recent ENS Executive Committee Meeting, which took place in December 2009, in Paris, it was decided to establish an auxiliary Advisory Board. This Board will include all previous members of the Executive Committee interested in participating in its activities. The Advisory Board can be called upon to deal with various matters crucial to the Society, such as reviewing abstracts or giving advice on issues of which Board members have experience, e.g. dealing with the AAN. Moreover, candidates for president of the ENS can be nominated by this Advisory Board, in addition to candidates proposed by the Executive Committee. This Board will thus serve to maintain a close working relationship between the ENS Executive Committee and its former members.

Members of the ENS interested in obtaining more information on the Advisory Board can contact Julia Bicher of the ENS Secretariat at: (julia.bicher@congrex.com).

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X. American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting in 2010: Register Today

The American Academy of Neurology (AAN) Annual Meeting in 2010, set for 10 April through 17 April in Toronto, offers the most **cutting-edge scientific advancements** in the field, top **education programming**, unparalleled networking opportunities, and more. With more than 1,900 abstracts on 26 topics in clinical and basic science research, more than 180 continuing medical education events, six premier Plenary Sessions featuring lectures by esteemed investigators, and much more, the **AAN Annual Meeting** is one of the world's largest gatherings of neurology professionals coming together over the course of eight days.

Online registration is now open. Take advantage of early registration discounts by **registering**, **booking your flight**, and **securing your hotel room** today at (www.aan.com/am).

XI. European Neurological Review Now Available

The most recent issue of the acclaimed review journal, *European Neurological Review* – Volume 4, Issue 1 – contains a wide spectrum of articles from leading specialists, e.g.:

- 'Population-Based Studies on the Clinical Progression of Motor and Non-Motor Features in Parkinson's Disease' by Guido Alves and Jan Petter Larsen;
- 'Measurement of Optic Nerve Sheath Diameter for the Assessment of Risk of Raised Intracranial Pressure' by Thomas Geeraerts, David K Menon and Dan Benhamou;
- 'Seizure Semiology, Neurotransmitter Receptors and Cellular-Stress Responses in Pentylentetrazole Models of Epilepsy' by Hans-J Bidmon, Erwin-J Speckmann and Karl J Zilles;
- 'Caudal Zona Incerta as an Alternative Target for the Treatment of Tremor with Deep Brain Stimulation' by Puneet Plaha, Sadaquate Khan, Shazia Javed and Steven S Gill;
- Other focus areas include: Alzheimer's disease, stroke, multiple sclerosis.

<http://www.touchneurology.com/european-neurology-review-volume-4-issue-1>