

Guidelines for Interactive Session (IaS)

To enhance knowledge and practice in clinical diagnosis and management, using a format which encourages the participant to actively engage, and with immediate feedback to support learning



90 min

SESSION FORMAT AND STRUCTURE

Duration: 90 minutes

Case discussions with voting via electronic devices/EAN App.

- A single chairperson takes responsibility for the session. He/she may lead the entire session or invite up to 2 additional speakers (from different countries) to contribute cases and discussion. The lead speaker is responsible for keeping to time and ensuring there are a few minutes at the end of the session for attendees to complete evaluation forms via the EAN App. If possible, junior speakers should be included. Gender balance and geographical spread should be considered.
- A maximum of 6 cases can be presented, around a unifying theme which should reflect a clinical practice issue e.g. diagnosis (paroxysmal disorders, gait disorders, eye movement disorders), investigation (e.g. imaging, neurophysiology, management of epilepsy, eye movement disorders).
- All attendees will be asked to download/ensure access to a digital (wireless) voting app with a specific code for the session (smartphone, tablet or computer).
- After each case presentation, the chairperson will ask a single best answer question, and offer up to 5 possible answers, including the correct one which will later be projected on the screen. E.g:
 - What is the most likely diagnosis?
 - What would you expect to find on MRI?
 - What would be the most useful investigation?
 - What would be the most appropriate drug in this situation?
- The speaker pauses to allow the audience to vote using the interactive system. The speaker may also invite comment/discussion from the audience before or after voting.
- At the request of the speaker, the results of the vote will be displayed on screen. The speaker/panel should then explain the rationale behind the correct answer, and if appropriate show 2-3 slides of evidence supporting this.

ATTENDEES

Unlimited number. Interactive sessions may be attended by both junior and more senior participants, they can be aimed at a specific (stated) audience, or (preferably) include elements suitable to a broad audience.

PREPARATION

In order for the technicians to prepare the voting system, Questions and answers must be sent in advance to EAN Headoffice.

TEACHING MATERIAL

Speaker(s) should send a brief summary of the session, including a reference/reading list to support further learning relevant to the cases presented which will be put online after the congress for participants. This should be sent to EAN Headoffice.

BENEFITS

Speakers will be offered free registration to the congress, a travel grant and up to two days of hotel accommodation.

PARTNER SOCIETIES

EAN has Memoranda of Understanding with several societies. Their session proposals will be developed together with the panels by the societies' representative.

For societies without representative, the proposal will be forwarded to the panel in charge for consideration.

Each partner society will be invited to label one of the accepted sessions as joint session.

Final decision on all sessions, lectures and speakers is with the Programme Committee.