European Federation of Neurological Societies
Branch Office Prague

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Czech Republic
Summary

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Participants: 112 neurologists (156 applications) from 27 countries (31 applications)
Albania – 3, Belarus – 1, Belgium – 1, Bulgaria – 4, Croatia – 4, Czech Republic – 3, Denmark – 5, Georgia – 1, Germany – 1, Hungary – 5, Italy – 8, Latvia – 4, Lithuania – 3, Moldova – 3, The Netherlands – 2, Poland – 21, Romania – 11, Russia – 10, Serbia and Montenegro 4, Slovak Republic – 4, Slovenia – 3, Sweden – 1, Turkey – 3, Ukraine – 3, United Kingdom – 2, Uzbekistan – 1
Kazakhstan - 1

did not come = 34: Armenia – 3, Austria – 1, Bulgaria – 1, Croatia – 1, France – 1, Georgia – 1, Hungary – 2, Ireland – 1, Italy – 1, Latvia – 1, Poland – 6, Romania – 4, Serbia and Montenegro – 2, Slovenia – 2, United Kingdom – 6, Uzbekistan – 1
refused = 10
in addition = +1

Lecturers: 9: Czech Republic - 1, France – 2, Germany – 3, United Kingdom – 2, USA - 1

Lectures: 3 topics
Vascular malformations, diagnostic and treatment
Ultrasonography
Neuroophthalmology
INVITED LECTURES – 2005

VASCULAR MALFORMATIONS, diagnostics and treatment
Dr. Rustam Al-Shahi, Edinburgh, UK  Epidemiology, angioarchitecture and prognosis of brain arteriovenous malformations (AVMs)
Doc. Eva Bartels, Munich, Germany  Ultrasonographic evaluation of vascular malformations
Prof. Isabelle Berry, Toulouse, France  MRI of vascular malformations: morphology and flow

ULTRASONOGRAPHY IN CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE
Dr. Gernot Schulte-Altedorneburg, Munich, Germany  Ultrasonography of carotid arteries
Dr. Ondřej Škoda, Pelhřimov, Czech R.  Ultrasonography of vertebral arteries
Dr. Mathew Tilem, Boston, USA  Asymptomatic carotid stenosis

NEUROOPHTHALMOLOGY
Prof. Detlef Kömpf, Lübeck, Germany  Supranuclear disorders of eye movement control
Prof. Gordon Plant, London, UK  Occipital lobe disease
Dr. Dan Milea, Paris, France  Optic nerve disease

SOCIAL EVENTS

Friday, May 20, 2005
19.00  Doksy
Concert - St. Bartholomew’s Church
John Christopher Pepusch  Sonata C-major
Johann Sebastian Bach  Sonata C-major
Fernando Sor  French song - variation
Carlo Domeniconi  Sonata Mexicana
Jacques Ibert  Entr´Acte
Sérgio Assad  Farewell Invitation
Máximo Diego Pujol  Suite Buenos Aires
Egberto Gismonti  Aqua and Vinho

Performed by:  Helena Mochanová – flute
              Matěj Freml – guitar
              Tomáš Honěk – guitar

Saturday, May 21, 2005
19.00  Mělník  The Castle
visit of the Mělník Castle
dinner party at the restaurant above the confluence of the Vltava and Labe rivers

Monday, May 23, 2005
14.00  Excursion to Prague
free programme - the sightseeing of Prague Castle with St.Vitus´ Cathedral, St. Nicholas´ Church, Charles Bridge, National Theatre, Old Town Hall and the Astronomical Clock
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS – 2005

ALBANIA - Gjon Preçi, Shkodra, Erjon Koka, Tirana, Entela Isaraj, Vlore
BELARUS - Henadzi Basinski, Grodno
BELGIUM - Maarten Goethals, Gent
BULGARIA - Marieta Karadžova, Sofia, Diana Atanasova, Sofia, Rosen Stefanov Kalpakchi, Sofia, Nikolay Dimitrov, Sofia
CROATIA - Vlatko Šulentić, Zagreb, Ivanka Štenc Bradvica, Osijek, Jelena Bošnjak, Zagreb, Koraljka Bacie Baronica, Zagreb
CZECH REPUBLIC - Pavla Zajičková, Pardubice, Jana Kateřina Matějková, Kladruby, Jolana Křivohlávková, Praha
DENMARK - Melinda Magyari, Glostrup, Anna Tsakiri, Glostrup, Thomas Pensho, Glostrup, Henriette Klit, Aarhus, Kristin Thygesen, Frederiksberg
GEORGIA - Alexandre Levidze, Kutaisi
GERMANY - Claudia Disqué, Dresden
HUNGARY - Edina Timea Varga, Szeged, Zsanett Fricska-Nagy, Szeged, Judit Füvesi, Szeged, Beatrix Pálmafay, Piliscsaba, László Jenei, Kistarcsa
ITALY - Anna Scalise, Udine, Paolo Solla, Cagliari, Arturo De Falco, Napoli, Lavinia Dinia, Genova, Antonio Russo, Genova, Alessandro Tessitore, Napoli, Claudia Cagnetti, Torrette, Lorenzo Coppo, Novara
LATVIA - Nina Voznarska, Riga, Anita Raita, Riga, Olga Minibajeva, Bauska, Vaira Martinova, Riga
LITHUANIA - Živilė Marija Duobaitė, Vilnius, Dalia Matačiuniene, Vilnius, Inga Slautaitė, Vilnius
MOLDOVA - Lidia Adamachi, Chisinau, Gabriela Pavlic, Chisinau, Olga Puscas, Chisinau
Poland, The NETHERLANDS - Karin Klijn, Utrecht, Ilse Coulier, Terneuzen
RUSSIA - Antonina Ignatova, 1959! Novosibirsk, Irina Gutorova, 1957! Novosibirsk, Olga Syutkina, Perm, Olga Bulatova, Novosibirsk, Anna Novitskaya, Petrozavodsk, Elena Lebedeva, Yekaterinburg, Anna Dudkova, Moscow, Saida Kadyrova, Moscow, Irma Shetova, Moscow, Irina Kichuk, Moscow
SERBIA and MONTENEGRO - Jelena Mladenovic, Belgrade, Svetlana Kostić, Belgrade, Aleksandar Jovanovic, Novi Sad, Zita Jovin, Novi Sad
SLOVAKIA - Michaela Rasochová, Bratislava, Ronnie Traubnerová, Bratislava, Marek Šykora, Bratislava, Zoltán Goldenberg, Bratislava
SLOVENIA - Jožef Magdič, Ljubljana, Sentac Froj, Ljubljana, Serdo Mofardin, Ljubljana
SWEDEN - Elisabet Zia-Marsango, Malmö
TURKEY - Hussein Dib, Istanbul, Asli Demirts Tatlıdile, Istanbul, Murat Alem, Kokaeli
UKRAINE - Leonid Maruschenko, Kyiv, Svitlana Lytvak, Kyiv, Yevgeniya Lekomtseva, Kharkov
UNITED KINGDOM - Karl Keow Giong Ng, London, Robert Martyn Bracewell, Bangor
UZBEKISTAN - Rano Madjidova, Tashkent
KAZAKHSTAN - Leila Dairbayeva, Almaty
For Hotel Bezdez in Stare Splavy the regular spring meeting of the EFNS became a great and welcome issue. It’s 6th course in May this year seems to have surpassed all positive aspects of the previous runs. The first time in the history of the EFNS Academy the number of applications (152) was higher than our capacity of 120. Considering the fact that a number of applications had to be refused the number of 18 participants who did not show up without explanation is disappointing. Nevertheless 112 attendees found a perfectly composed programme, secured by 10 internationally renowned speakers from 5 countries. The topics lectured in the morning and discussed in workshops in the afternoon were „Vascular malformations, Ultrasonography in cerebrovascular disease and Neuroophthalmology“.

The best appreciation from the participants was given to Neuroophthalmology. More than 90% of attendees evaluated in their final evaluation forms the quality of presentations as „excellent“ or „good“. Out of 31 countries of the applicants, colleagues from 27 were finally present.

We were happy to have with us Mrs. Lisa Müller, our Head Office director and Mrs. Evelyn Sipido from our Branch Office in Florence, who brought to the audience the spirit of the EFNS activities and of the European Brain Council and European neurological cooperation. The WHO has been represented by Mrs. Alena Seflová who gave a review of her organization’s projects.

The friendly atmosphere of the hotel was everywhere perceptible and the cultural programme including concert in a nearby church and a visit with dinner in a castle of Melnik were accepted by all participants with delight. In addition to the scientific value of the accumulated knowledge many participants appreciated their chance to compare the performance of neurology in their particular countries. Number of colleagues found here their first opportunity ever to use English in practical conversation or to visit a foreign country. On the other hand our participation from the West increased in this year up to 7 countries with 20 colleagues.

Surprisingly only 3% of the attendees take knowledge of the EFNS Academy from this Newsletter while almost one half take it from national neurological societies and one quarter through friends. 90% of attendees felt that the time for asking questions and participate in discussions was sufficient, that the lectures proceeded in a reasonable pace and the attendance here will help them to improve their professional performance. The most required topics for the future appeared to be: „Movement disorders“, „Stroke“, „Epilepsy“ and „Neuromuscular disorders“. This could be considered however only for 2007, the topics for 2006 being: „Neurooncology“, „Neuroinfection including prion disease“ and „Intensive care in neurology“.

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