EFNS Academy for Young Neurologists
5th Course

May 14 – 17, 2004
Hotel Bezděz, Staré Splavy
Czech Republic
The EFNS Academy for Young Neurologists had this year run its 5th course and we welcome 91 participants from 24 countries. Again 21 registered applicants did not arrive – causing a regrettable loss of opportunities which could have been used by others. Partly these losses were due to bureaucratic complications regarding visa. The participation from Western countries made still something less than 10%.

The topics of Epilepsy, Muscular Disorders and Dementia were mastered by 9 lecturers to full satisfaction of the participants. The afternoon workshops were vivid and interactive due to very active inquiries by the young colleagues.

The European Union envoy Dr. Philippe Cupers, European Commission, Research Directorate – Health, made the audience acquainted with the possibilities of obtaining grants and taking part in research projects in Europe. Dr. A. Štefllová, WHO representative, presented some news on the burden of neurobehavioral diseases worldwide.

After the busy scientific programme young neurologists took part in an organ and flute concert performing a classic music in the St. Bartholomew Church in Doksy. In addition to the EFNS funding the organizers took advantage of a generous unrestricted grant of Lundbeck.

Our thanks belong again to the administrator of the St. Bartholomew's church in Doksy and the performers Helena Mochanová (flute) and Vlastimil Bičík (organ). D. Buxtehude, J.S. Bach, G.F. Händel and H. Tomasi were on programme.

The romantic surroundings of the lake and the castle atop of a big hill have made an unforgettable frame to the event – as expressed in numerous comments of the participants.

Dear Magda
Thank you for the organisation of the Academy. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet colleagues from another countries and share experience with them, and above all to have lectures by the excellent professors from Europe.
I hope to be part of this kind of organisation again.
Your country is magic, Prague is very, very beautiful.
Sincerely
Merita Marku

I write to thank you for the great hospitality you had to welcome and take care about us in Stare Splavy, in the few days we spent there. It impressed me very much. It was a (wonder)full! time from many points of view, beggining with the professional program very actual, clear and well structured, continuing to the wonderful landscapes around Bezděz Hotel and the cultural - romantic programe (the organ concert, the „floating” dinner and the trips to Bezděz Hrad and Prague). You and all your team were so devoted in all!
I hope we shall meet in the future.
Ioana Varga, Romania.

DEAR PROFESSOR PAVEL KALVACH AND MAGDA DOHNAŁOVA!
I want to thank you very much!! very much!! for the opportunity to visit this Academy for young neurologist. It was wonderful!!!!!!! It was a great event in my life, I was very happy!! I have sent the photographs by e-mail and ordinal mail.
Thank you very much!!! again for everything!!!
I look forward to hearing from you
Yours sincerely
Lekomtseva Yevgeniya
Dear Prof. Kalvach,

First of all, let me greatly thank you for the opportunity that I had attending Academy for young neurologists 5th course. I cannot find appropriate words to express my big satisfaction. The supposed became unbelievable. Maybe it is a little bit late to write this letter, but believe me, there were so many impressions from this course, that it was not so easy to construct a final retrospective view of this year’s Academy. The program was scheduled quite well to establish good scientific background and at the same time integrate young specialists coming from different countries and representing different scientific levels and cultures. So, they could share their experience with others and what is most important - with the invited lecturers. It is evident that most of the lectures were very useful. Even if some of the information that I got introduced with is impossible to realize in a country like Armenia at the moment, it was a good stimulus for the future development of our neurology and, why not, medicine at all. And the most important for me, as a young neurologist, was the “physical” contact with neurology of other countries. It is different to compare virtual communication and the one I had in Stare Splavy. Your words of gratitude were carefully delivered to Prof. Darbinyan, and he was very pleased to know about your interest in our participation in this project.

I want to thank you once again for your warmth, and if it is really possible to get involved in any EFNS activity, we are ready to collaborate. It is just a matter of a talk with Prof. Darbinyan, who is my teacher and curator in neurology. I think you will meet him in Vienna this June. In my turn, I am aimed to make a presentation for our neurological community on the EFNS Academy for Young Neurologists course, of course, with your kind permission. A session of Young Neurologist Committee of Armenian Neurological Association is awaited in the first half of June. It will help to find people, especially young specialists, who are interested in moving our neurology right way.

Sincerely,

Samson Khachatryan, MD
Secretary, Young Neurologists’ Committee, Armenian Neurological Association
Yerevan, Armenia

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Certificate 2004
SUMMARY:

Participants: 91 neurologists from 24 countries
Albania - 5, Armenia – 1, Belarus – 2, Bulgaria – 1, Croatia – 4, Czech Republic – 7, Estonia - 1, Finland – 2, Georgia – 1, Hungary - 3, Latvia – 4, Lithuania – 3, Macedonia – 2, Moldova – 5, Poland – 10, Romania – 11, Russia – 5, Serbia and Montenegro 4, Slovak Republic – 4, Spain – 4, Sweden – 2, Turkey – 3, Ukraine – 5, Uzbekistan – 2

Lecturers: 9: Austria – 1, Czech Republic - 1, Germany – 4, Greece - 1, Hungary – 1, Switzerland - 1

Lectures: 3 topics
Epilepsy
Muscular disorders
Dementia

INVITED LECTURES – 2004

EPILEPSY
Prof. Günter Krämer, Zürich: Drug treatment
Prof. Hermann Stefan, Erlangen: Epilepsy surgery
Prof. Bruno Mamoli, Vienna: Epilepsies in the elderly

MUSCULAR DISORDERS
Prof. Heinz Reichmann, Dresden: Diagnostic tools in muscle disorders; mitochondrial cytopathies
Dr. Christiane Schneider - Gold, Würzburg: Myasthenic and myotonic syndromes
Prof. Dieter Pongratz, München: Inflammatory myopathies

DEMENTIA
Prof. Imre Szirmai, Budapest: Clinical aspects of dysexecutive syndrome in basic forms of dementia
Prof. Stavros Baloyannis, Thessaloniki: Update on Alzheimer’s disease and various rare dementias
Prof. Pavel Kalvach, Prague: Vascular dementia

List of participants – 2004

ALBANIA - Genc Nurja, Skhodra, Iliriana Shehu, Tirana, Erdit Kiku, Tirana, Florian Dash, Tirana, Edlira Shemsi, Durrees
ARMENIA - Samson Khachatryan, Yerevan
BELARUS - Ala Dziatlava, Vitebsk, Volga Shirko, Vitebsk
BULGARIA – Ivan Stoyanov, Sofia
CROATIA – Davor Sporiš, Zagreb, Siniša Dunatov, Rijeka, Silvijo Vuković, Zagreb, Nataša Dujmenović, Zagreb
CZECH REPUBLIC - Aleš Kopal, Pardubice, Daniela Gregová, Praha, Karolina Mayerová, Praha, Jitka Vaňková, Praha, Jana Kateřina Matějková, Kladruby, Robert Rusina, Praha, Petr Munzar, Pardubice

ESTONIA - Mark Braschinsky, Tartu

FINLAND - Suvi Liimatainen, Tampere, Natalya Demchuk, Helsinki

GEORGIA - Irine Nikabadze, Kutaisi

HUNGARY – András Magyar, Budapest, Szilvia Gulyas, Budapest, Zsuzsanna Farkas, Budapest

LATVIA – Nina Voznarska, Riga, Zane Delina, Riga, Santa Zaloksne, Riga, Sandra Vestermane, Riga

LITHUANIA - Zivile Marija Duobaite, Vilnius, Jurgita Kuzmickiene, Vilnius, Arunas Vaitkevicius, Vilnius

MACEDONIA - Merita Ismajli-Marku, Skopje, Ana Dimova, Bitola

MOLDOVA - Carolina Serbusca, Chisinau, Elena Manole, Chisinau, Olesya Odainic, Chisinau, Svetlana Plesca, Chisinau, Marina Sangheli, Chisinau


RUSSIA - Anna Vasyatkina, Novosibirsk, Michael Kolesnikov, Nizhny Novgorod, Larisa Shchepanovich, Novosibirsk, Anna Feygina, Moscow, Larisa Michalkova, Moscow

SERBIA and MONTENEGRO - Boban Joksimovic, Belgrade, Aleksandar Ristic, Belgrade, Milija Mijajlović, Belgrade, Tatijana Kozarov, Nis

SLOVAKIA - Viera Hančinová, Bratislava, Denis Richter, Bratislava, Dáša Podhoranská, Bratislava, Eszter Horvath, Komárno

SPAIN - Natalia Pérez de la Ossa Herrero, Barcelona, Elena Urrestarazu Bolumbru, Navarra, Gemma Más Sesé, Alicante, Miguel Alonso-Alonso, Vigo

SWEDEN - Weigang Gu, Umeå, Natalia Beliakova-Mossberg, Gothenburg

TURKEY - Yahya Celik, Edirne, Kadriye Agan, Istanbul, Ipek Midi, Istanbul
UKRAINE - Leonid Marushchenko, Kyiv, Andrii Shaverskyi, Kyiv, Albina Tretyakova, Kyiv, Yevgeniya Lekomtseva, Kharkov, Irina Levchenko, Kharkov, 

UZBEKISTAN - Nargiza Akhmadjonova, Tashkent, Zulfia Mirzadjanova, Tashkent

Bezděz Castle