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### 1. Management Committee Meeting of the International Danube Neurology Association  
   (26th August, 2008, Madrid, Spain)

The forthcoming Curatorium Management Meeting of our Association was held on 26th August, 2008, in Madrid, Spain, during the 12th EFNS Congress. Below you find the protocol of the Meeting:

1) Introduction (Prof. Gerstenbrand)

2) Report of the present activities of the International Danube Symposium (Prof. Vécsei):
   - Danube Neurology Newsletter (No 16) (July, 2008) posted by e-mail (members of International Danube Neurology Association, participants at former Danube Symposia and at the Danube Clinical Neurology Training Courses)
   - Web-site of the DS, with all Danube Neurology Newsletters, other important information, e.g.: future meetings, symposia, etc (http://www.szote.u-szeged.hu/neur/danube)

   - The 41st Danube Neurology Symposium in Linz, organized by Professor G. Ransmayr (2009, Austria)
   - Danube Teaching Course (Kazimiercz Dolny, 2009, Poland) (Professors Z. Stelmasiak and L. Vécsei)
   - The 42nd Danube Neurology Symposium; organized by Professors Demarin and Relja (2010, Croatia)
   - EFNS Congress, Budapest, September 2011 (2011: European Year of the Brain, EBC) (Professor Vécsei)

4) Future Meetings, Teaching and Training Courses, Exchange Programmes under the auspices of the International Danube Neurology Association: (Danube Neurology Symposiums: 2011: Professor Heinz Reichmann (Dresden), 2012: Professor László Vécsei (Szeged), 2013: Professor Evzen Ruzicka (Práha), 2014: Professor V. Kostic (Belgrade), 2015: Professor H.-P. Hartung (Dusseldorf)

5) European Board of Neurology Examination (Professor L. Vécsei)

6) Common scientific activities in the field of multiple sclerosis and Parkinson’s disease (Professor Vécsei)

7) Harmonisation of Ph.D. Programmes in Europe (Professor L. Vécsei)

8) Neurehabilitation Program in the Danube Countries (Professors Binder and Gerstenbrand)

9) Finances of the Danube Neurology Symposia, Training and Teaching Courses: 70:30 between the local organizers and the permanent International Danube Neurology Association Secretariat or to transfer the amount of min. EUR 2,500 to the Secretariat

10) Discussion of the collaboration with EFNS, WFN, EPDA, EBC and other neurological organizations (Prof Gerstenbrand)

11) Varia

12) Closing remarks (Prof. Gerstenbrand)

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### 2. Collaboration for Brain Research and the Patient (Budapest, 8th October, 2008)

On 8th October 2008, the symposium “Collaboration for Brain Research and the Patient” was held in Budapest, Hungary. Below you find the invitation by Professor László Vécsei and the programme of the symposium.

“The European Brain Council (EBC) was founded by the European Federation of Neurological Societies, the Society of Neurosurgery, Psychiatry and Theoretical Neuroscience, with the participation of patient organisations and major pharmaceutical producers.

One of the most important tasks of the EBC is to make progress towards the solution of the contradiction between the crucial social and economic effects and consequences of nervous system diseases and disorders and the inadequate financial situation of brain research and the patients’ health provision.

Since 35% of all diseases can be related to the nervous system, the present financial aspect is very modest. The main task of the symposium to be held in 2008, **Collaboration for Brain Research and the Patient**, is to make progress towards the goal specified above. It is hoped that similar symposia will be held in the future, under the organisation of different neuroscience societies.

In the framework of this symposium, we will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the death of Academician Dezső Miskolczy (1894-1978). The humanism of Professor Miskolczy and his scientific work should serve as an example for the generations which...
This year, the Dezső Miskolczy Memorial Lecture will be held by Professor Amos D. Korczyn, an internationally honoured and outstanding neurologist. I would like to thank the lecturers for having accepted our invitation, and all participants for honouring our conference with their presence.

László Vécsei
President of the Hungarian Society of Neurologists and Psychiatrists

PROGRAMME OF THE SYMPOSIUM COLLABORATION FOR BRAIN RESEARCH AND THE PATIENT


Time: 8. October 2008, from 14.00-18.20
Venue: The lecture hall of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Roosevelt Square 9, Budapest, HUNGARY

Presidents:
Szilveszter E. Vizi, Academician, former President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
László Romics, Academician, President of the Section of Medical Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Erik Bogsch, Chief Executive of Gedeon Richter Ltd.
János Harmatta, President of the Hungarian Society of Psychiatrists
Miklós Antal, President of the Hungarian Society of Neuroscientists
Tamás Dóczy, Academician, President of the Hungarian Society of Neurosurgery
László Vécsei, Academician, President of the Hungarian Society of Neurologists and Psychiatrists
András Fazekas, Head Physician, Delta Hungarian Parkinson Association

14.00-14.30 Welcome
I. Pain, tremor and epilepsy therapy: from the molecule to the patient’s bed
Chair: László Vécsei, Academician, President of the Hungarian Society of Neurologists and Psychiatrists

Amos D. Korczyn (Tel Aviv, Israel): Where is the pain in the brain?
15.10-15.35 Miklós Palkovits (Budapest): Nerve paths of pain
15.35-16.00 Miklós Antal (Debrecen): The spinal cord as the site of processing of the pain in the central nervous system
16.00-16.25 János Szolcsányi (Pécs): Modern ways treating of pain-assuaging
16.25-16.50 Tamás Dóczy (Pécs): The treatment of pain and tremor at the Clinical Neurosurgery Center of Pécs
16.50-17.15 Lóránt Erőss (Budapest): Epilepsy surgery and treatment of spasticity
17.15-17.35 Coffee-break

II. Clinical therapy of disorders of the central nervous system: pharmaceutical industry and patients’ organisations
Chair: János Tajti, General Secretary of the Hungarian Society of Neurologists and Psychiatrists
17.35-18.00 Erik Bogsch (Richter Ltd.): RICHTER in the service of innovation
18.00-18.20 András Fazekas (Budapest): Patient power – the importance of patients’ organisations (Delta Hungarian Parkinson Association)

18.20 Closing remarks

3. Collaboration with the Chinese Society of Neurology

We are glad to announce that the International Danube Neurology Association plans to collaborate with the Chinese Society of Neurology. The immediate past-president, Professor Lu Chuanzhen, and the President, Professor Cui Liying have been invited into the Associate Board of the International Danube Neurology Association. Below you find a short introduction, written by the two colleagues:

“The Chinese Society of Neurology is one of the 84 specialty societies of the Chinese Medical Association. It is managed by its Council which consists of 70 members representing all different regions in China. Of the 70 Council Members, 21 are executive members who see into the day-to-day work of the Society. Major leaders of the Society are:

- Immediate Past President: Prof. Lu Chuanzhen; President: Prof. Cui Liying; President-elect: Prof. Jia Jianping.

Under the Society, there are 14 sub-specialty groups, and they are:

Apart from an annual congress organized by the Chinese Society of Neurology, the Society and its sub-specialty groups organize a great number of conferences and seminars each year covering all fields of neurology. The Society also meets each year to come up with National Treatment Guidelines and to provide expert advice for related decision making in China. The official journal of the Society is Chinese Journal of Neurology.

Below you find the Curriculum vitae of the Immediate Past President Prof. Lu Chuanzhen and the President Prof. Cui Liying.

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9/1955-8/1960 – Shanghai First Medical College
1/1986-12/1986 – Fellow for Neuroimmunology in Huddinge Hospital, Karolinska Institute, Sweden, Supported by WHO
2/1990-10/1990 – Guesting Professor in Department of Neurology, Huddinge Hospital, Karolinska Institute, Sweden

EXPERIENCES & EMPLOYMENT:
1960-8/1978 – Neurologist, Hua Shan Hospital, Shanghai First Medical College
5/1986-4/1989 – Associate Prof. of Neurology, Hua Shan Hospital, Shanghai Medical University
6/1989 – Prof. of Neurology, Shanghai Medical University
1991 – Director of Neuroimmunological Research Laboratory Institute of Neurology, Shanghai Medical University
10/1989 – Deputy Director of Department of Neurology, Hua Shan Hospital
4/1991 – Deputy Chairman of Institute of Neurology, Shanghai Medical University
4/1995 – Vice Director of State Key Laboratory of Medical Neurobiology
10/1995 – Chairman of Department of Neurology, Shanghai Medical University
5/1996 – Chairman and Director of Institute of Neurology, Shanghai Medical University, and Director of WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Neurosciences

ACADEMIC CAREER:
2006 – now President, Asia-Pacific Conference against Stroke
2004 – now Chief editor of Chinese Journal of Neurology
9/1999 – International Membership of New York Academy Sciences
Member of Chinese Physiological Association
Chief Editor of Chinese J. Clinical Neurosciences
Chief Editor of Chinese J of Neurology
Vice editor of Clinical Neurology
Board Member of Chinese Neuroimmunol. and Neurological Disorders

Professor Lu Chuan-Zhen has more than 76 papers and publications.

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09/1986-07/1991 - Ph.D., Neurophysiology, Peking Union Medical College Hospital Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, Beijing
10/1992-10/1993 – Visiting professor in Department of Neurology, School of Medicine at The University of North Carolina and in Electromyography Laboratory at Duke University Medical Center
11/1993-10/1995 – Visiting assistant researcher and clinical neurophysiological fellow in Department of Neurology, University of California, Irvine, U.S.A.

ACADEMIC CAREER:
08/1981-08/1982 – Intern in Peking Union Medical College Hospital
12/1982-12/1986 – Resident and chief resident in Department of Neurology, Peking Union Medical College Hospital
09/1986-07/1991 - Ph.D., Neurophysiology, Peking Union Medical College Hospital Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, Beijing
08/1991-10/1992 – Assistant professor in Department of Neurology, Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Chinese Academy of Med. Sciences
10/1992-10/1993 – Visiting professor in Department of Neurology, School of Medicine at The University of North Carolina and in Electromyography Laboratory at Duke University Medical Center
11/1993-10/1995 – Visiting assistant researcher and clinical neurophysiological fellow in Department of Neurology, University of California, Irvine, U.S.A.
10/1995-03/1996 Assistant professor in Department of Neurology, Peking Union Medical College Hospital
03/1996 – 9/1999 Associate professor of neurology, Peking Union Medical College Hospital
09/1999 – present Professor of neurology, Peking Union Medical College Hospital

Professor Cui Liying has more than 130 publications.
4. Useful websites for neurologists (by Dr. László Sztriha, Secretary-elect, YNT)

Textbook
Goetz: Textbook of Clinical Neurology on MD Consult  www.mdconsult.com

Journals
The Lancet  http://www.thelancet.com/products/cws_home/31066
The Lancet Neurology  www.thelancet.com/products/cws_home/622235
Journal of the Neurological Sciences  www.elsevier.com/wps/product/cws_home/506078
Neurology  www.neurology.org
Current Opinion in Neurology  www.co-neurology.com
Archives of Neurology  http://archneur.ama-assn.org/
Brain  http://brain.oxfordjournals.org/
Annals of Neurology  http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/home/76507645
Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Psychiatry  http://jnnp.bmj.com/
Practical Neurology  http://pn.bmj.com/current.dtl
Stroke  www.strokeaha.org
Movement Disorders  http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/home/76507419
Muscle and Nerve  http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/home/32891
Epilepsia  http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/117957420/home
Seizure  http://www.elsevier.com/wps/product/cws_home/623071
Cephalalgia  www.blackwellpublishing.com/journals/cha/
Pain  http://www.elsevier.com/wps/product/cws_home/506083

Guidelines, recommendations, clinical evidence
American Heart Association stroke guidelines  http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3004586
European Stroke Organisation  http://www.eusi-stroke.com
International Headache Society  http://www.i-h-s.org/
Cochrane Library  http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cochrane/cochrane_clsysrev_crglist_fs.html
National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence  http://guidance.nice.org.uk/
Clinical Evidence  http://www.clinicalevidence.com/cweweb/index.jsp

Educational materials
World Federation of Neurology Seminars in Clinical Neurology  http://www.wfnneurology.org/wfnseminars.htm
Emedicine  www.emedicine.com
Internet Handbook of Neurology  http://www.neuropat.dote.hu/
Internet Stroke Center  http://www.strokecenter.org/
Neuromuscular Home Page  http://neuromuscular.wustl.edu/

Societies, organizations
American Academy of Neurology  www.aan.com
American Neurological Association  www.anerva.org
Cochrane Neurological Network  www.cochrane.neuronet.org
European Association of Young Neurologists and Trainees (YNT)  www.eaynt.org
EBC - European Brain Council  www.europeanbraincouncil.org
EFNS - European Federation of Neurological Societies  www.efns.org
ENS - European Neurological Society  www.ensinfo.org
European Board of Neurology  www.uems-neuroboard.org
The Movement Disorder Society  www.movementdisorders.org
NINDS - National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke  www.ninds.nih.gov

5. Future Conferences, Meetings, Courses and Symposia of the International Danube Neurology Association

5.1 The 41st International Danube Neurology Symposium:

Time: 15-17 October, 2009
Venue: Linz, Austria (The city of Linz will be the cultural capital of Europe with numerous cultural events.)
Palais Kaufmännischer Verein Linz, Bismarckstraße 1, A-4020 Linz
The motto of the Symposium is: What we can learn from our neighbours.
Local Organizer: Professor Gerhard Ransmayr, Department of Neurology and Psychiatry, General Hospital of the City of Linz, Krankenhausstr. 9, A-4020 Linz (Austria)
Information: Tel.: +43-732-7806-6811  FAX: +43-732-7806-6819  E-Mail: neurologie@akh.linz.at
Website: www.danube2009.at

From October 15-17, 2009, the 41st Danube Symposium for Neurological Sciences and Continuing Education will take place in Linz, Austria. The symposium will be held under the auspices of the Austrian Neurological Society (ÖGN). It will start on Thursday, October 15 at 9.00 a.m., and end on Saturday, October 17, in the early afternoon.

The main topics are:
1. Multiple Sclerosis (Convenor Prof. Thomas Berger, Innsbruck)
2. Aging in Neurological Diseases:
   - Parkinson’s disease and related disorders (Convenor W. Poewe, Innsbruck),
   - Epilepsy (Convenor C. Baumgartner, Vienna),
   - Dementias (Convenor R. Schmidt, Graz),
   - Free Topics.
The Danube Symposium aims at an exchange of scientific knowledge between scientists from Central and Eastern European Countries and an intensification of international contacts and cooperations. Moreover, the congress provides high quality continuing education and seminars. Satellite seminars sponsored by pharmaceutical companies will provide information about new drugs and developments. International and Austrian speakers will contribute to the program. A poster session for free registration is planned. The program will be complimentary to other annual congresses and symposia of national Austrian neurological societies. The host of the 42nd Danube Symposium for Neurological Sciences and Continuing Education, the Division of Neurology and Psychiatry of the General Hospital of the City of Linz, Head Prof. Dr. Gerhard Ransmayr, addresses the invitation to this congress also to young doctors and scientists who may also be interested in meeting international colleagues and to establish national or international cooperations. The organizers will try their best to provide inexpensive accommodation. In 2009, Linz will be the cultural capital of Europe (www.linz.at). We hope that participants will take the opportunity to visit sights and expositions of this important cultural project.

Planned/preliminary program of Multiple Sclerosis
9.00 Multiple sclerosis pathophysiology: state of the art – Hans Lassmann, Dept. of Neuroimmunology, Brain Research Center, Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
9.30 – 12.30 Biological markers in multiple sclerosis
9.30 – 10.00 T-cells & T-cell responses as biomarkers – Roland Martin, Institute for Neuroimmunology and Clinical Multiple Sclerosis Research, Center for Molecular Neurobiology, University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany
10.00 – 10.30 B-cells & antibodies as diagnostic & prognostic biomarkers – Thomas Berger, Neuroimmunological and Multiple Sclerosis Clinic & Research Unit, Clinical Dept. of Neurology, Innsbruck Medical University, Innsbruck, Austria
10.30 – 11.00 Biological markers of neurodegeneration – Laszlo Vecsei, Dept. of Neurology, Albert Szent-Györgyi Clinical Center, University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary
11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break
11.30 – 12.00 Prediction of treatment responses: genomics and polymorphisms – Jelena Drulovic, Institute of Neurology, Belgrade School of Medicine, Belgrade
12.00 – 12.30 Prediction of treatment responses: cytokines and other molecules - Sasa Sega, Dept. of Neurology, University Clinical Centre Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia
12.30 – 13.00 Prediction of treatment responses: antiardug antibodies – Florian Deisenhammer, Neuroimmunological and Multiple Sclerosis Clinic & Research Unit, Clinical Dept. of Neurology, Innsbruck Medical University, Innsbruck, Austria
13.00 – 14.30 Lunch, Satellite Symposium
14.30 – 16.00 Emerging treatments in multiple sclerosis
14.30 – 15.00 Targets and treatments by monoclonal antibodies – Krisztof Selmaj, Dept. of Neurology, Medical University of Lodz, Lodz, Poland
15.00 – 15.30 Oral treatments – Maria Storch, Dept. of Neurology, Medical University of Graz, Graz, Austria
15.30 – 16.00 Experiences with stem cell transplantation – Eva Havdrova, Dept. of Neurology, Charles University, First Faculty of Medicine, Prague, Czech Republic
16.00-16.30 Coffee Break
16.30 – 18.00 Satellite Symposium

Planned/preliminary program of Parkinson’s disease and related disorders
Convenor W. Poewe, Innsbruck, Time: Friday, Oct 16, 2009, 8.30 – 10.45
W. Poewe (Innsbruck): Natural History of Parkinson’s disease
G. Ransmayr (Linz): PD dementia-epidemiology, clinical profile and treatment
V. Kostic (Belgrade): Impact of cerebrovascular comorbidity on PD
E. Melamet (Poland): PD- freezing and falls in the elderly
I. Rektorova (Brno): Pragmatic treatment decisions in the elderly PD patient

Planned/preliminary program of Epilepsy
Convenor C. Baumgartner, Wien, Potential speakers by 10.12.2008:
B. Mamoli (Vienna); E. Trinka (Innsbruck); P. Gallmetzer (Vienna); M. Feichtinger (Graz); J. Janszky (Pécs); I. Rector (Brno); P. Marusic (Prague); H. Kubova (Prague); H. Hecimovic (Zagreb); P. Halasz (Budapest); G. Krämer (B. Steinhoff)

5.2 The 42nd International Danube Neurology Symposium:
Time: October 2010 Organized by: Professor Vida Demarin & Professor Maja Relja
E-mail: vida.demarin@zg.t-com.hr & mrelja@mamef.mef.hr
Main Topics:
- Cerebrovascular Disorders (Organiser: Professor Vida Demarin)
- Movement Disorders (Organiser: Professor Maja Relja)
Teaching Courses:
- Ultrasound in Neurology
- Dystonia: Diagnosis and Treatment

5.3 The 43rd International Danube Neurology Symposium
Time: 2011 Organized by: Professor Heinz Reichmann (Dresden, Germany) E-mail: Heinz-Reichmann@mailbox.tu-dresden.de
5.4 The 44th International Danube Neurology Symposium
Time: 2012  Organized by: Professor László Vécsei (Szeged, Hungary)  E-mail: vecsei@nepsy.szote.u-szeged.hu

5.5 The 45th International Danube Neurology Symposium
Time: 2013  Organized by: Professor Evzen Ruzicka (Praha, Czech Republic)  E-mail: eruzi@lf1.cuni.cz

5.6 The 46th International Danube Neurology Symposium
Time: 2014  Organized by: Professor V. Kostic (Belgrade, Serbia)  E-mail: vkostic@mail.neurologija.bg.ac.yu or vkostic@sbb.co.yu

5.7 The 47th International Danube Neurology Symposium
Time: 2015  Organized by: Professor H.-P. Hartung (Düsseldorf, Germany)  E-mail: hans-peter.hartung@uni-duesseldorf.de

For the Organization of the 48th International Danube Neurology Symposium (2016) applicants are welcome.

5.8. Progress in Multiple Sclerosis, Epilepsy and Headache Vertigo and Neurosonology Teaching Course of the International Danube Association for Neurological Sciences and Continuing Education (Kazimierz Dolny, Poland, 6th-8th May, 2009)

Already being a tradition, the Danube Neurology Teaching Course will be held between 6th-8th May, 2009, in Kazimierz Dolny, Poland. Below you find the invitation of the Organizer, Professor Zbigniew Stelmasiak. “The Progress in Multiple Sclerosis, Epilepsy and Headache Teaching Course will be again organised in Kazimierz Dolny under the auspices of the International Danube Association for Neurological Sciences and Continuing Education, in collaboration with Lublin Branch of Polish Neurological Society, Department of Neurology Medical University of Lublin. The Chair of the Organizing Committee is Professor Zbigniew Stelmasiak.

The scientific programme will focus on the newest aspects of multiple sclerosis, epilepsy and headache vertigo and neurosonology. The highest educative and scientific level of the conference will be guaranteed by the attendance of internationally recognised experts from the country and abroad: prof. F. Gerstenbrand (Austria), prof L. Vécsei (Hungary), prof. G. Bauer (Austria), prof. A. Korczyn (Izrael), prof. E. Wirkowska (USA), prof. H.P. Hartung (Germany) Prof. D. Russel (Norway) and others.

We would like to express our cordial invitation addressed to the whole Danubean neurological community to attend this meeting!”

6. Future Congresses, Meetings, Symposia

The 6th World Congress for Neurorehabilitation (Vienna, Austria, 21-25 March, 2010)
Information: www.wcnr2010.org

The 15th Congress of the European Federation of Neurological Societies (Budapest, Hungary, 2011)
Chairman of Local Organizing Committee: L. Vécsei
Time: 2011  Venue: Budapest, Hungary
Information: Kenes International; Tel.: +41 22 908 0488; Fax: +41 22 732 2850; www.kenes.com

7. Present and Future Activities of the International Danube Neurology Association

- The Danube Neurology Association fosters and coordinates fellowship programs for young neurologists from Danube Countries
- Coordination of future Danube Neurology Symposia
- The Danube Neurology Newsletter is available free of charge (also downloadable) on Internet in electronic version
- Information about future events (Calendar of events)
- We also consider as our task to help with the activity of the EFNS in the Danube-countries.

8. Finances of the International Danube Neurology Association

According to previous decision of the Danube Neurology Curatorium Meeting, the financial sources of the International Danube Neurology Association from all kinds of symposia, conferences, meetings, teaching/training or other kinds of courses under the roof and auspices of our organization, are as follows:

According to a final report of the meetings, symposia, etc. to be handed in electronically to the Head Office in Szeged, Hungary, the financial surplus of all meetings should be divided 70:30 between the Local Organizers and the permanent International Danube Neurology Symposium Head Office in Szeged, Hungary. Or the amount of min. EUR 2,500 is to be transferred – together with the financial report – to the Head Office according to our invoice.

9. Web-site of the International Danube Neurology Association

The home-page of the International Danube Neurology Association consists of:

- The contents of all Newsletter (Nr.1-17)
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