

## EFNS Regional Meeting Meeting of the EFNS Council of Delegates

The EFNS held a very successful regional meeting in Poznan, Poland, 24–26 November 1994. Prof. M. Wender was in charge of the local organisation.

The meeting was well attended, especially by neurologists from East European countries. The main topics were Multiple Sclerosis Now and Recent Advances in Pharmacotherapy of Neurological Disorders. Special symposia were dedicated to Stroke, Headache, Mitochondrial Encephalopathies, Neurorehabilitation of Motor Disturbances, Dementia and Aging, Neuromuscular Diseases and Neuroimmunology. Twelve tutorials were also offered. Scientist Panels of the EFNS organised special sessions on Traumatic Apallid Syndrome and on Late Onset Neurometabolic Genetic Disorders.

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Minutes of the EFNS Council of Delegates Meeting, 24 November 1994, Poznan, Poland, Hotel Poznan, Club Room II.

COUNTRY	DELEGATE
Albania	Prof. Dr. F. Gerstenbrand, proxy for Prof. Petrela
Austria	Prof. Dr. E. Deisenhammer, proxy for Prof. Jellinger
Belgium	—
Bulgaria	—
Croatia	Prof. Dr. V. Demarin, proxy for Prof. Bozicevic
Czech Republic	Prof. Dr. J. Tichy
Denmark	Prof. Dr. P. Soelberg Sorensen
Estonia	Prof. Dr. A. Tikk, proxy for Prof. Mägi
Finland	Prof. Dr. Laihinen, proxy for Prof. Rinne
France	Prof. Dr. G. Serratrice
Germany	—
Great Britain	Dr. R. Godwin-Austen
Greece	Prof. Dr. P. Davaki
Hungary	Prof. Dr. E. Csanda, proxy for Prof. Czopf
Iceland	—
Ireland	—
Italy	Prof. Dr. A. Federico, proxy for Prof. Fieschi
Luxembourg	—
Moldova	Prof. Dr. D. German
Netherlands	—
Norway	Prof. Dr. J. Aarli
Poland	Prof. Dr. T. M. Domzal
Portugal	—
Romania	—
Russia	Prof. Dr. M. Piradov, proxy for Prof. Vereshchagin
Slovakia	Prof. Dr. L. Lisy
Slovenia	—
Spain	Prof. Dr. E. Tolosa
Sweden	Prof. Dr. B. B. Johansson
Switzerland	—
Turkey	Prof. Dr. R. Karabudak

1. *Welcome.* Prof. Gerstenbrand, EFNS President, opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates. He introduced the representatives of the Belorussian and Ukrainian neurological societies, who want to apply for EFNS membership.

2. *Roll call, proxies and apologies for absence.* Prof. Deisenhammer, EFNS Secretary General, read the roll call.

3. *Revised constitution for the EFNS.* A revised version of the constitution and by-laws, drafted by the Management Committee, had been circulated to all national societies. Modifications proposed by the Finnish and Russian societies were incorporated. The Council of Delegates unanimously accepted the revisions, and a copy of the new constitution will be sent to the national societies.

4. *Election of officers.* In accordance with the revised constitution, the Secretary General presented the proposal of the Management Committee for the election of officers for the term of office beginning September 1995 (Marseille Congress). The following were unanimously elected: President, J. Olesen; Past President, F. Gerstenbrand; Vice Presidents, E. Csanda, G. Serratrice, E. Tolosa; Secretary General, E. Deisenhammer; Treasurer, W. Hacke.

5. *Applications for membership.* The Latvian Neurologists Association was unanimously accepted as a member of the EFNS.

The neurological societies of Belorussia and Ukraine were provisionally accepted.

They are asked to send an official application together with their constitution and membership list to the EFNS Head Office in Vienna, with a copy to Prof. Serratrice, Chairman of the Bye-Laws and Membership Committee.

The neurological societies of Armenia and Georgia also intend to apply for membership. Further action will be taken after receipt of official applications.

In a letter dated 25 October 1994 the Romanian Society of Clinical Neurophysiology expressed its wish to become an Associated Society of the EFNS. During discussion it was pointed out that the status of Associated Society of the EFNS should not be granted to *national* societies in sub-fields of neurology (such national societies are able to become members of the European associations of their specialities). A vote confirmed this opinion.

6. *EFNS Congress 1995, Marseille.* Prof. Serratrice as local organiser of the congress presented the preliminary programme, to be distributed by the end of the year (1994). The deadline for submission of abstracts is 1 April 1995.

Prof. Demarin noted that Croatia was not mentioned as an EFNS member on the Marseille congress poster. This is to be corrected, and the poster will be changed.

Upon an enquiry by Prof. Johansson, Prof. Serratrice confirmed that scholarships for young neurologists in training will be available at the Marseille congress.

Prof. German proposed inclusion in the congress programme of the topic Vascular Pathology of the Spinal Cord. He was

asked to submit a paper on this topic for oral presentation.

It was noted that in the future there will be more consultation with national societies and EFNS Scientist Panels for suggestions of topics for EFNS congresses.

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