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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to update you with the latest news from the ENEA, especially from the Executive Committee. This Newsletter includes:

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Looking forward seeing you soon,

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A word from the President

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to be able to write to you at this point, just under one year to the next ENEA meeting in Athens, to confirm that we now have a full program in place, with an international list of invited speakers for what promises to be the most successful meeting ever. We have left open a whole symposium to be devoted to 'Hot Topics', and will decide later in 2006 what talks to add at the cutting edge in neuroendocrine clinical and basic research. In addition, we will be choosing from amongst the submitted abstracts those areas which are developing fastest and which we believe are going to be most popular and exciting as oral communications.

Nevertheless, there are some matters, one in particular, which you the members need to consider regarding the future of the ENEA. You will know by now that there is a new European Association of Endocrinology (EAE) which has replaced the European Federation (EFES), and in Glasgow 2006 it will be having its first annual meeting. The question is, therefore, how we respond to this 'challenge', and specifically how we foresee the future of ENEA in the light of a pan-European society meeting annually.

One possibility will be to continue as we are, holding meetings every two years as a separate society, and at a time quite distinct from the ESA, such as each autumn. Others may feel that we should essentially combine with EAE, either having our meetings 'back-to-back' with EAE at the same venue, or even as an integrated ENEA symposium or series of symposia at

the same meeting. However, other alternatives have been suggested, such as a model based on the Pituitary Society. The Pituitary Society also meet biennially, in alternative years to our own meetings, and then run their meeting on at the end of ENDO at a separate (but often geographically related) venue. We might consider the same type of arrangement, possibly meeting in the same country as the main EAE meeting. Finally, it has also been suggested that we locate our meeting at a Winter resort, in the mountains, which would ensure that there were minimal clashes with other important conferences. This is a novel and interesting suggestion, and well worthy of consideration.

Whatever you think of these various ideas and possibilities, please let me know so that at the next meeting of the Executive Committee we can discuss all the options and put forward a plan to ensure the secure future of neuroendocrinology, to the maximum benefit of our patients and neuroendocrine science.

Lastly, it has been suggested that the ENEA, which welcomes membership and participation from throughout the world, beyond the strict confines of Europe, should have a fixed (1-3) members of the Executive Committee from outside Europe reflecting our growing geographic diversity. Do you think this is a good idea?

I look forward to hearing your views, and eventually welcoming you all to Athens next October.

Warmest Regards,
Ashley Grossman
President, ENEA

From the Secretariat

As you may have noticed via a number of mailings, the Secretariat has updated the ENEA membership list recently. At the General Assembly held in Sorrento, 2004, the treasurer reported that 174 paying members in 2003 represented only 53% of the members on the ENEA membership list and it was proposed to delete those who had not paid for 2 years after repeated reminders. At the General Assembly in 2004 it was decided that if the non-paying members would pay for 2004, they would be considered members as from 2004. After reminding these members for paying, only few of them paid their 2004 fee. The remaining non-paying members have been informed that that they are no longer ENEA members. As expected, this updating process resulted in a reduction in the number of official members from 327 to 203 (a reduction of 38%).

The new updated membership list can now be downloaded from our website (www.eneassoc.org). The password for members is available from the Secretariat. If you detect any error in your address, please inform the Secretary Leo Hofland (e-mail: secretary.enea@erasmusmc.nl).

From the Treasurer

The treasurer wishes to remind the members to pay their membership fees for 2005 as soon as possible. The members are asked to clearly identify the various payments by giving the name of the paying member. Often we receive bank transfer with no indications except the country and sometimes city.

Paying members of the ENEA will obtain a discount of 50€ on their registration fees for the Athens Congress ENEA 2006.

As indicated in the previous Newsletter, ENEA members can now choose to receive either the paper version of Clinical Endocrinology or the paper version of the Journal of Neuroendocrinology (Blackwell; 140€ each) or the electronic on-line version of Neuroendocrinology (Karger; 85€).

You will receive very soon the call to pay your membership fee for 2006. Please do it as soon as possible in order not to delay the sending of the journal.

ENEA Website (www.eneassoc.org)

If your contact details have changed, please download the Contact Information Update Form from the ENEA website. If any of your colleagues would like to become a new ENEA member, a Membership Application Form can be found on the website. For payment of your yearly membership fee, please download the Annual Payment/Renewal Form from the website. For any other information concerning the website, please contact Dr. Yona Greenman (E-mail: greenman@tasmc.health.gov.il).

12th Meeting of the European Neuroendocrine Association, Athens, October 21-24, 2006

On behalf of the ENEA Executive Committee and of the Program Organizing Committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to actively participate in the 12th Meeting of the European Neuroendocrine Association, which will take place in Athens on 21-24 October 2006.

The POC is actively working to put together a programme of scientific excellence which will be attractive to all professionals interested in neuroendocrinology. The structure of ENEA 2006 Athens will feature 4 plenary lectures, 8 meet-the-expert sessions, 14 clinical and basic symposia, 7 oral communication sessions and 2 poster sessions. The valuable contribution of young researchers will be highlighted with special 'hot topic' oral presentations during each symposium.

The scientific programme has been already largely defined including basic, basic to clinical and clinical sessions; the most distinguished international experts in basic and clinical neuroendocrinology have confirmed their participation and this will guarantee high level of science and lectures. Altogether, we believe that the programme will reflect the latest developments and provide a state-of-the-art overview of the whole field of neuroendocrinology.

Invitation Letter 12th Meeting of the European Neuroendocrine Association 21-24 October 2006 - Athens, Greece

Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the 12th Meeting of the European Neuroendocrine Association that is scheduled to take place in Athens, Greece, from October 21-24, 2006. As we enter 2006 we will be dedicating more efforts in order to successfully complete the task of organizing a meeting that over the recent years emerged as one of the most important events in European Endocrinology.

The scientific committee has already put forward a superb programme. In addition to the many symposia, plenary lectures, meet-the-expert sessions and presentations of original research you will also have the opportunity to participate in at least 4 satellite symposia. During the congress a trade exhibition will take place where all major companies working in the field of Neuroendocrinology will participate.

All these activities will take place in the heart of Athens. We believe that Athens, the exciting and vibrant city of the 21st century which along with the treasures of art, history and architecture represents more than 3000 years of Hellenic and Byzantine culture, a city where a world of antiquity myth and legend blends harmoniously with the modern way of life, is an

We also expect that the scientific contributions submitted for presentation will allow us to present a highly integrated programme and that we will have one of the most attractive ENEA meetings organized to date. In addition, we anticipate a full programme of Satellite Symposia dedicated to the most attractive 'hot topics' in clinical neuroendocrinology.

Needless to say that one more good reason to come is the city of Athens. Athens' rich history and culture, its unique natural beauty and mild Mediterranean climate, will welcome you and help you to enjoy the high standard scientific and social programs.

Our hope is that this international meeting will provide an occasion for informative discussions and debates, as well as informal conversations, and will lead to you developing new ideas for research and for clinical practice.

Looking forward to receiving your scientific contributions and to meeting you in Athens to make this a thoroughly successful event!

Ezio Ghigo
Chairman
Program Organizing Committee.
ENEA 2006 Athens

ideal setting for such an important event. Athens' rich history and culture, its unique natural beauty and mild climate are additional challenges for a short interruption of heavy professional duties to enjoy scientific and social programs of high standards.

A newly constructed convention centre the 'International Conference Centre, Megaron, the Athens Concert Hall' has been chosen since with its modern equipment, it will cover all the needs for a demanding scientific meeting. Also, as it is situated close to many of the city's high quality hotels and close to the historical city's centre, it provides a unique opportunity for a wonderful stay and fruitful meeting participation.

Detailed information of the topics of the preliminary scientific programme, abstract submission, secretarial and travel support and more information about the city of Athens are now available at: <http://www.enea2006.com>.

Wishing and hoping to share with you a creative ENEA 2006 Meeting in Greece, we are looking forward to welcome you in Athens,

N. Thalassinou and S. Tsagarakis
On behalf of the Local Organizing
Committee

Message from the President of the International Neuroendocrine Federation

I am delighted to announce that the programme for the *6th International Congress of Neuroendocrinology* in Pittsburgh, June 19-22 2006 is now complete*, with some 100 invited speakers in 21 Symposia and 6 Plenary Lectures. Accordingly I am pleased to invite all whose research embraces neuroendocrinology, whether basic or clinical (the Congress is ACCME compliant), to participate in this exciting major olympiad event. Registration and abstract submission are now open (via the INF website www.isneuro.org, go to 'Congress website'). Please note that the deadline for abstract submission (including for prizes), early registration and application for travel awards is February 15th 2006, so now is the time to begin writing your abstracts (which will be published in a special issue of *Frontiers in Neuroendocrinology*).

Programme overview.

The 6th ICN Programme has been planned with imagination by the international Programme Organising Committee representing all of the world's neuroendocrine societies, under the Chairmanship of Iain Clarke, and working closely with the Local Organising Committee Chaired by Tony Plant. The Programme covers the major developments in our increasingly important and exciting field since the 5th ICN in Bristol in 2002, includes presentations from the world's leading neuroendocrinology research laboratories, and from colleagues at all career stages.

More neuroendocrinology.

But this is not all! The Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology (www.sbne.org) will be holding its Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh to overlap by one day with the 6th ICN, and just after the 6th ICN the first day of the Endocrine Society meeting in Boston is devoted to the Endo Brain (www.endo-society.org).

Ensuring reduced registration.

The LOC has succeeded in their careful budgeting, and substantial fund-raising, for the 6th ICN in keeping the registration fees and accommodation costs at a modest level, including the opportunity to register

for both the 6th ICN and the SBN Meeting as a special package. Naturally, the registration fees are reduced for INF members: if you are a paid-up member of one of the INF Member Societies (ANS, BSN, JNS, PSN, SBN, SNE), or if you are a paid-up individual INF member via a regional group then you are entitled to the reduced rate. Otherwise you will have the opportunity at the time of registration to join the INF, or to renew your subscription: simple arithmetic will show you that joining the INF is a bargain against the full registration fee! If you need to check your INF individual membership status either ask your regional representative (e-mail addresses are on the INF website), or ask the INF Treasurer/Membership Secretary, Greti Aguilera (e-mail address is on the INF web-site).

Financial support.

The INF is making available Travel Awards to assist trainees in neuroendocrinology to participate in the 6th ICN (see 6th ICN website for details).

Prizes.

Trainees are invited to indicate at the time of abstract submission if they wish to be considered for the prizes for best submissions and presentations by young investigators (details are on the 6th ICN website).

Finally, I recently had the pleasure of visiting Pittsburgh to discuss with Tony Plant and his team of local organisers some of the details of the arrangements for the 6th ICN. I was very much impressed by the David L. Lawrence Convention Centre (the biggest 'green' building in the world), the accommodation for participants and the venues for the major social events, as well as the nearby informal meeting places. I am looking forward eagerly to returning in June 2006 to participate in what I am confident will be an outstandingly great International Congress of Neuroendocrinology.

I hope to meet you there.

Kind regards.

John Russell, INF President, Edinburgh.

** Apart, as you might expect, from the 'Hot Topics' session to allow inclusion of the very latest exciting research.*

Forthcoming ENEA meeting



12th Meeting of the European Neuroendocrine Association
21-24 October 2006, International Conference Center, Megaron, Athens,
Greece
<http://www.enea2006.com>

Forthcoming meetings



Hormones, nutrition and physical performance
28-31 January 2006, Turin, Italy
<http://www.hormones.it>



8th European Congress of Endocrinology
1-5 april 2006, Glasgow, UK
www.ece2006.com



6th International Congress of Neuroendocrinology
19-22 june 2006, Pittsburgh, USA
<http://www.icn2006.com>



ENDO 2006
24-27 june 2006, Boston, USA
<http://www.endo-society.org/educationevents/annual/index.cfm>



13th Meeting of the European Neuroendocrine Association
The 2008 Meeting of the European Neuroendocrine Association will be held
in Istanbul, Turkey.

We would like to thank our sponsors:

