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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 to seeing you soon,

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## A word from the President

Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

I am delighted to introduce this Newsletter as the new President of the ENEA. I thank all ENEA members for this election. After having served for so many years as Treasurer of the Association, I take this election as a sign of trust. In the name of the ENEA, I thank very warmly all members of the previous Executive Committee who have now stepped down. I wish to particularly thank our previous President, Ashley Grossman and our Secretary, Leo Hofland for their excellent work which was always carried out in a very friendly collaborative atmosphere. I would like to also express all my thanks to our three main sponsors: Novartis, Pfizer and Ipsen, for their long-lasting and generous support. Over the past few years the ENEA has expanded throughout Europe and even outside Europe. In order to increase ENEA's visibility and its number of members, the new Executive Committee has decided to organise workshops in the intervening year between the biennial ENEA meetings. Annamaria Colao was therefore asked to set up a workshop on Cushing's disease which was held in December (Dec 4-6, 2009) in Naples. This workshop was a big success and it allowed us to very significantly increase the number of ENEA members. In conjunction with this event, a study on Cushing's mortality was also proposed to ENEA members. This study called "MISSION", for "Mortality in Cushing's Syndrome: a Study International Observational of ENEA", is a retrospective study focus-

ing on mortality in Cushing's syndrome. All ENEA members were invited and encouraged to participate in this study which ended on December 31st, 2009, as collection of data was closed at this date. The "MISSION" study generated huge scientific interest since several thousands of Cushing's syndrome cases from all over the world have been collected. As already noted in my letter of October 14, 2009, which was sent to all members, I would like to stress that there is no competition between the "MISSION" study, sponsored by the ENEA, and the EU-sponsored European "ERCUSYN" project ("European Registry on Cushing's Syndrome"), which is a prospective study on the long-term follow-up of patients with Cushing's syndrome. The ENEA Congress 2010 in Liege, Belgium, is the next major event of our association. Annamaria Colao chairs a Program Organising Committee which has put together a superb programme presenting the latest developments in our field, both basic and clinical. At the same time, Albert Beckers, with his Local Organising Committee, is arranging a wonderful and generous social programme which I am sure will be truly memorable. The 2010 ENEA Congress will be a great opportunity to interact with your colleagues in a friendly atmosphere. I look very much forward to seeing you all in Liege in September! Warmest regards.

Rolf Gaillard, MD  
President ENEA

## From the Secretariat

The Secretary asks members who have changed their address or e-mail address to inform the secretariat about this change (Albert.Beckers@chu.ulg.ac.be). Contact information update forms can be downloaded from the ENEA website ([www.eneassoc.org](http://www.eneassoc.org)). Please also visit the ENEA website for updated information on the forthcoming ENEA 2010 meeting in Liège, Belgium. We are happy to announce that the number of ENEA members has increased from 192 to 329 in 2009.

## From the Treasurer

The Treasurer would like to remind all ENEA members to pay their membership fee in order to be able to register for the ENEA 2010 congress in Liège at a discount price (a reduction of 100 Euro). This reduction will only apply if the membership fees for both 2009 and 2010 have been paid. In addition, members of the ENEA are entitled to an online-only subscription to Neuroendocrinology ([www.karger.com/nen](http://www.karger.com/nen)) at the special rate of 35 Euro. Neuroendocrinology publishes papers reporting original research in basic and clinical neuroendocrinology. Readers also benefit from reviews by noted experts, which highlight particularly active areas of current research, and special focus editions of topical interest. In addition, the ENEA has decided that non-ENE members that sign up for and attend the congress in Liège will enjoy a complimentary one year membership of the ENEA. This new offer applies to both non-members and non-members in training, thus representing a particularly exciting opportunity for younger neuroendocrinology researchers to join this growing organization and benefit from membership.

## Invitation Letter for the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ENEA 22-25 September 2010 - Liège, Belgium

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

From 22 to 25 September 2010, we are organizing the 14th Congress of the ENEA in Liège, Belgium. We hope to see many of you here on this occasion.

Helped by an inventive and dynamic Scientific Committee (under the chairmanship of Professor Annamaria Colao), we have endeavored to build a modern and attractive program that will allow us to both grasp the most advanced developments in neuroendocrinology, while discovering modern approaches to diseases that we encounter every day.

During the 6 plenary lectures and 42 planned conference symposia, we have chosen to link data from research and clinical applications. We wanted to get up-close to the clinician in preparing 16 meet-the-professor sessions on highly interesting current topics.

We would like to invite you to submit your research work as abstracts for the meeting. Accepted abstracts will be published.

Your abstracts will be available on the website of the Congress from the first day of the Congress ([www.enea2010.org](http://www.enea2010.org)). The best oral and best poster communications (at the basic and clinical levels) will be awarded a prize.

Beyond the scientific interest, I must emphasize to you that you take the time to visit the city of Liège. Liège is a historic town, the ancient capital of the Principality of Liège. The city has a rich cultural life, with many monuments and museums, the Philharmonic Orchestra and the Royal Opera. Liège is located on the Meuse, where the river widens and splits into several channels. Presently, there are two main channels

that embrace the island that houses the convention center. Cultural events are planned in the downtown at walking distance from the Congress Center. Liège is also a noted gastronomic hub. Besides the many restaurants, do not miss the pubs, some of which offer more than 1000 different varieties of beer. In addition, the Belgian gastronomic culture has always accommodated good wines of all origins.

Liège is located in the heart of Europe and recently the new Guillemins railway station has opened. This notable architectural work from the Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava, is ranked among the finest modern constructions in the world. We have chosen this symbol of modernity to illustrate our ENEA Congress in Liège, as this is an eminently accessible city. Liège can be reached readily by train (2 hours from Paris, 1 hour from Cologne, 1 hour from Brussels, 2 hours from Frankfurt). Liège is also close to many airports: Liège Airport is just over 10 minutes away, while Brussels airport and Charleroi (Brussels South) are an hour away. Outside of Belgium, Maastricht is only 30 minutes away and Cologne, Dusseldorf an hour, and Frankfurt 2 hours, which maximizes easy and cost-effective accessibility.

Finally, I would like to emphasize the legendary hospitality of the people of Liège and its festive spirit. For all these reasons and many others, I hope to see you at the ENEA meeting.

Looking forward to welcoming you soon

Prof. Albert Beckeres  
President of the ENEA meeting 2010

## Forthcoming ENEA meeting



14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Neuroendocrine Association  
22-25 September 2010, Palais des Congrès, Liège, Belgium  
<http://www.enea2010.org>

## Forthcoming meetings



12<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Endocrinology  
24-24 April 2010  
Prague, Czech Republic  
[www.ece2010.com](http://www.ece2010.com)



92<sup>nd</sup> Endocrine Society's 2010 Annual Meeting  
June 19-22, 2010  
San Diego, USA  
<http://www.endo-society.org/endo/>



The Parental Brain: Neurobiology, Behaviour and the Next Generation  
1st-4th September 2010  
Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.

We would like to thank our sponsors:

