

Zpráva ze setkání EAN vědeckého panelu ON PAIN, které se konalo 1.7.2018

Minutes of the meeting

Present :

Martin Rakusa (Slovenia), Desstlava Bogdanova (Bulgaria), Josef Bednarik (Czech Republic), Josep Valls Sole (chair panel neurophysiology, Spain), Andrea Truini (Italy)
Victoria Cursaru, patients representative PAE, EFNA (Romania)
Nadine ATTAL (France) and Giorgio Cruccu (Italy) (co-chairs)

Excused :

Stefan Leis (Austria), Janis Logina, Rigmor Jensen (head panel headache)

1 Links with other EAN Panels

The panel « pain » has many connections with the scientific EAN panels « clinical neurophysiology » (Pr Josep Valls Sole), « headache » (Pr Rigmor Jensen), neuropathies » (Pr Peter Van Den Bergh) and « palliative care » (Pr Marianne Vissers). It has been decided that the number of joined proposals with these other panels increase for next EAN Congresses.

2/ European Pain Forum (G. Cruccu)

The European Pain Forum is a new organization which aims to « encompass the views, goals, and vision of all relevant healthcare professional and patients' organisations with a significant interest in alleviating pain ».

Its key objectives are the following :

- Align on a common understanding of pain
- Involve all relevant healthcare professionals' organisations with a significant interest in alleviating pain
- Involve patients' organisations focused on pain
- Participate in existing initiatives and create new projects that can advance the Forum mission
- Provide a forum for discussion, cross-promotion and cooperation on respective member projects and events on a voluntary basis

The Forum aims to ensure interaction and, where possible, partnerships with existing initiatives in its areas of interest (education, research and advocacy). Possible activities include jointly participate in research consortia, create working groups to produce guidelines and standards on pain, produce position papers on advocacy, education or research issues related to pain, advisory activities, submission of advocacy, research and education activities to the Forum for advice, feedback, or endorsement.

The Scientific panel Pain has decided officially to endorse this novel organisation and to work with this forum in the future.

3/ EAN/EFIC/NeuPSIG guidelines on assessment/diagnosis of neuropathic pain (chaired by A Truini)

The rationale for these new guidelines relies on the recent advances in this field (the last EFNS and IASP guidelines date 2010/2011). Group meetings and discussions have took place during the last Neupsig Meeting in London (may 2019) and a last discussion is expected to take place during the next EFIC meeting in Valencia (sept 2019)

Techniques and authors the following :

Skin biopsy (Claudia Sommer)

Neurophysiology (Giorgio Cruccu)

Genetic testing (Dave Bennett and Blair Smith)

QST (Nanna Finnerup and Ralf Baron)

Neuroimaging (Luis Garcia Larrea and Karen Davis)

Questionnaires (Didier Bouhassira and Andrew Rice)

Peripheral procedures (Nadine Attal and Simon Haroutanian)

4/ Update on topic proposals for the next EAN Congress in PARIS (2020)

A total of 3 proposals are being prepared by the panel for the next EAN congress in Paris (may 2019) (deadline 30 july 2019), but new proposals may be added. These proposals include thus far:

- one focused workshop on trigeminal neuralgia (joined proposal with the headache panel , Pr Rigmor Jensen)
- one symposium on pain in polyneuropathies (should perhaps be a joined proposal with the panel « neuropathies »)
- one controversy session (cannabis in neuropathic pain, role of neurophysiology to diagnose NP) involving the panel neurophysiology for the first part of the controversy

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