

## **Summary of activities in 2015 of the Environmental Neurology ARG**

The ENARG (formerly the Neurotoxicology RG) is trying to bring to the neurological community knowledge on environmental risk factors (included Neurotoxicology), the importance of which is well accepted in all health and medical issues. The concept of environmental risk factors is multidisciplinary and involves many sub-specialities, for example: Neuroepidemiology, Neurotoxicology, Neurotoxinology, Nutrition, Tropical Neurology, Occupational disorders. Our ARG does not fit comfortably in any of the existing panels of the WFN (or clinical institutions) dedicated to a disease approach nor with the interest of pharmaceutical companies. Although environmental factors are widely recognized in the etiology of many neurological disorders, the former Neurotoxicology RG attracted little interest probably because it was too highly specialized. With a renewed team, we are trying to revive this ARG but with a much broader scope. We will seek permission to issue a call for interest in a dedicated WFN communication.

### **Activity**

The 2015 activity comprised three sessions during world congresses.

P.Spencer and J.Reis organized two Symposia (on behalf of the ENARG and the CNE) in collaboration with M. Sainio (ICOH, International Committees on Occupational Health) in Seoul, Korea (June 2015) related to “Solvents and Chronic Solvent Encephalopathy” and, “Multiple Chemical Sensitivity”.

At the 2015 WCN Congress in Santiago de Chile, L. Calderón-Garcidueñas and J.Reis chaired a session on Environmental Neurology. The titles of the talks were:

- Air pollution and the neurological impact (L. Calderón-Garcidueñas)
- Nodding Syndrome (P.Spencer)
- Multiple Sclerosis (J.Reis).

J.Reis was twice invited by the Turkish Neurological Society (TNS) to lecture in Antalya (Turkey) in December 2015 during the 51st national TNS congress. The topics were: The Neurological Consequences of Global Warming and the Bacterial Hypothesis of MS.

### **Year of Office**

G. Roman is member since 2008, J.Reis since 2008 and served as co-chair.

### **Proposed chairs and officers for the next two years**

J.Reis Chair  
P.Spencer Co-Chair  
S. Öztürk Secretary General  
G.Roman treasurer

### **Disclosure**

Dr. Reis is consultant for RV Development and SEFIR SAS