

ICNMD Annual Report 2017

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As President of the Research Group on Neuromuscular Diseases (RGNMD) of the World Federation of Neurology (WFN), I wish to update you concerning issues of relevance to our group. As I am sure you are aware, the 14th International Congress on Neuromuscular Diseases (ICNMD), which was held 5-9 July 2016 in Toronto, Canada was a resounding success. The success of this meeting was in large part due to the planning and participation by members of this group and the leadership of Professor Vera Bril, who served as the President of the 14th ICNMD. I wish to convey my sincerest appreciation to all of you for helping make our research group and our 14th ICNMD a great success. At our meeting in Toronto we were also able to reinvigorate the RGNMD and add new members. We also selected the venue and President for the 15th ICNMD 2018 Congress.

I am delighted to confirm that the 15th ICNMD 2018 meeting will be held 6-10 July 2018 at the Hilton Hotel Stadtpark in Vienna, Austria. The Congress will be held under the auspices of the WFN-RGNMD. The President of the ICNMD 2018 Congress will be Professor Wolfgang Grisold of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Experimental and Clinical Traumatology, Vienna. The Co-Chairs will be Professor Fritz Zimprich and Professor Wolfgang Loscher, both of the Medical University of Vienna. Professor Grisold and his organizing committees are already making detailed plans for this meeting. Building upon the success of the 14th ICNMD, the scientific program for the 15th ICNMD aims to utilize neuromuscular experts from around the world to cover the most important topics in neuromuscular diseases. The Congress will also feature pre-Congress teaching courses, plenary sessions, workshops, interactive poster sessions, case discussions, symposia and hands-on training sessions. A virtual conference on neuromuscular diseases from around the world will complete the program. I believe that the presentation of these many important and timely topics will be of interest to many international delegates. Additionally, holding the Congress in the historical and beautiful city of Vienna should strengthen our ability to attract a large number of professionals from around the world.

I am confident that all of you share my enthusiasm about the 15th ICNMD 2018 meeting in Vienna. I encourage you to mobilize this excitement into action. All of us can do several things to ensure the success of this meeting. Specifically, please consider engaging in one of the following:

- helping with program development
- speaking in sessions, workshops or teaching courses
- publicizing the meeting to colleagues
- securing financial sponsors

If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Prof. Wolfgang Grisold, Prof. Fritz Zimprich, Prof. Wolfgang Loscher or me.

Thank you very much for your interest and help with the ICNMD. I will update you with further developments later in the year.

Sincerely yours,

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