

RESEARCH GROUP OF NEUROPATHOLOGY

Neuropathology is the science which studies the nervous system's morbid processes. The Research Group of Neuropathology has been active since the beginnings of the World Federation of Neurology (WFN) chaired by different worldwide neurologists such as Ludo van Bogaert or Jorge Cervós-Navarro.

In the past year our group has participated actively in the International Congresses of the WFN as well as in other national meetings or in International symposia. In the last World Congress in Sydney (2005), our group organized a workshop with the aim of updating neuropathological topics such as neurodegenerative diseases, muscle or brain tumor pathology. This workshop was completed with a collaborative and integrated activity presenting cases and hot-problems in clinical Neuropathology.

In the present year, on the occasion of the international congress in Bangkok, the group will invite the international community of neurologists and neuropathologists, as well as neuroscientists, to participate actively by presenting research studies and/or relevant cases. For this reason, the scientific board of the meeting opens up the possibility of presenting them in the different topics of the meeting.

On the other hand, the group is organizing a meeting in South America with the aim of updating Spanish-speaking countries in the concepts of Clinical Neuropathology. Prof. Dr. J.V. Lafuente from Bilbao, University of Basque Country in Spain, is the coordinator of this meeting.

In Europe, Neuropathology is developing as a strong and active discipline due to the hard work of the European Confederation of Neuropathological Societies (EURO-CNS) which integrates all societies of the 25 countries of the European Community. Historically, European Congresses in Neuropathology started in Vienna (Austria) followed by Warsaw (Poland), Verona (Italy), Berlin (Germany), Paris (France), Barcelona (Spain), Helsinki (Finland) and Amsterdam (Holland).

In May 2008, the EURO-CNS organized the European Congress in Athens (Greece) with a remarkable success. The next Congress will be held in Edinburgh (United Kingdom). Other activities such as an annual course on Neuropathology or a book on the website of the Confederation are being actively planned. The *Journal of Clinical Neuropathology* is the official Journal of the EURO-CNS and is open to the entire international community of scientists working on the nervous system including neurologists, neuropathologists and neuroscientists.

In the hope of further promoting Neuropathology and improving its activities in the practice of Health Sciences, as well as in research activities aimed at achieving healthy human beings throughout the World Community, our group is offering a task force to all scientists working with these aims and goals.

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