

## 2015-2017 Report for the EANS Research Committee (RC)

1. The chairmanship of the Committee was handed over by Juan Barcia (Spain) to Radoslaw Rola (Poland) following 2015 election held during the meeting in Madrid, October 2015.
2. Ever since the RC committee has continued to physically meet twice annually. The last two meetings were in September 2016 in Athens, during last year's congress, and in April 2017, in Amsterdam, during the EANS Research Course that was held together with the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Neurosurgeons Meeting.
3. Several new members (Angelos Koliass (UK), Miikka Korja (Finland), Katrin Rabiei (Sweden) and Turker Kilic (Turkey) joined the RC replacing few former members of the Committee, allowing a healthy mix of continuing and new members.
4. Over the last 2 year we have engaged on the following issues:
  - a. 2 Research Courses took place during that period – in Cambridge as a joint meeting with British Neurosurgical Research Group in March 2016 and in Amsterdam in April 2017 that was held together with the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Neurosurgeons Meeting. Both courses were highly successful with significant increase in the numbers of participants - the 2016 EANS Research Course with over 60 participants and lecturers and the 2017 EANS Research Course with over 30 participants and lecturers. Both Courses had a great quality level and received very good feedback from the attendees and observers via Twitter. The Committee decided to join 2018 EANS Research Course once again with the Young Neurosurgeons Meeting.
  - b. The Committee evaluated 37 applications (12 laboratory and 25 clinical) for 2016 Aesculap prize and 28 (11 laboratory and 17 clinical) for 2017 Aesculap prize. The Research Committee has regularly awarded it with a prize in each category annually. Due to the burden of reviewing all the entries it was decided to review them by groups and subsequently reassess the top scoring applications in order to select the finalists in each category. On top of that RC choose to invite the short-listed candidates for the Aesculap prize in both categories to present their research during the Research Course,
  - c. The Committee supported EANS/SBNS Clinical Trials Registry, dedicated to clinical trials in neurosurgery. Accordingly, Research Committee Chair represented Committee on Royal College of Surgeons International Surgical Trials event in June 2016.
  - d. RC members were working closely with EANS Board members, in particular with EANS Secretary Professor Peter Hutchinson in order to help to develop and support the idea of EANS Research Fund that was ratified by the EANS Board in December 2016 and launched in 2017. Currently Research Found has opened the first call for applications for grants.
5. Research Committee members continuously work to increase the awareness among neurosurgeons to apply for European research grants, but we realized the initiative is very individual for each researcher. We also continue to lobby through the European Brain Council to increase the number of topics related to neurosurgery in the European calls.

Yours sincerely,

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