In the UK, there has yet to be a generally accepted agreement on what a neurologist needs to do to be considered a subspecialist (e.g. an epileptologist). In response to increasing calls from UK neurologists and trainees for post/peri-CCT posts to be approved, the ABN now accepts applications from host sites for approval of such fellowships.

In line with new Specialist Training curricula, we have adopted the same use of Capabilities in Practice (CiPs) to describe the high-level aims of these fellowships. CiPs are based on the concept of entrustable professional activities (EPA), which use the professional judgement of appropriately trained, expert assessors as a defensible way of forming global judgements of skilled performance.

This year, we worked with the Movement Disorder SIG to provide funded fellowships for two deserving candidates. We plan another round of recruitment in 2024. In addition, for the first time this year, we are recruiting for a fully funded MS/neuroinflammation fellowship. Check the ABN website for up-to-date details regarding fellowship opportunities.

Di Liang has been appointed as the 2024 MS Clinical Fellow.

The Education Committee (EC) advises the ABN on all matters relating to undergraduate education, postgraduate training, and continuing professional development in neurology. Members of the committee represent different geographical regions of the UK and report on training and educational development to the committee at regular meetings.

The ABN also runs an annual undergraduate essay prize. Entries can be in any of three categories:
- Clinical case
- Audit / Quality Improvement
- Research

Please let your medical students know about this great opportunity to win a national prize; they can find details on the ABN website.

Undergraduate Education

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Each year one UK trainee is placed in a prestigious Australasian neurology unit for a year to further their training with a choice of posts available in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. Interested trainees can find information about the scheme on the ABN website.

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