

NSUKI newsletter

August 2012



2012 Joint Annual Scientific Meeting
Neuromodulation Society of UK & Ireland
with
The German Society of Neuromodulation (DGNM)
Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th November 2012
Berlin

NSUKI ASM 23-24 Nov 2012

Book your study leave now for the Joint ASM with DGNM at the Westin Grand Hotel in Berlin.

The NSUKI ASM will be held with the German Neuromodulation Society. The provisional programme is in place covering a wide range of topics with interest for all. Please alert your colleagues and trainees to the meeting. Also note the discounted registration fees and free attendance for Professions Allied to Medicine and students. Bring your team with you.

Travel Bursaries

NSUKI will provide bursaries to assist trainees with travel and accommodation expenses. Bursaries up to the value of £500 will be awarded to the three best free papers or posters submitted by a trainee from UK & Ireland. Closing date for submission of abstracts is Monday 3rd September.

Flights and Hotels

There are several direct flights to Berlin including budget airlines Easyjet, Ryanair and Air Berlin. DGNM have secured a range of hotels in Berlin. The meeting will be held at the Westin Grand Hotel in the city centre near to the Brandenburg Gate.

Meeting Details

Details of the Joint Meeting is on the NSUKI pages of the INS website and on the DGNM website:

www.neuromodulation.com

<http://nsuki.memberclicks.net/meetings-seminars>

<http://www.dgnm-online.de/>

www.dgnm-online.de/news/Registration%20form.pdf



NSUKI Activities 2012

Funding secured for
National Neuromodulation
Registry

Registered Stakeholder for
NICE Guidelines

Joint Meeting with Polish
Neuromodulation Society

RASCAL study on
Refractory Angina

ASM in Berlin

Neuromodulation Registry

Simon Thomson (INS President) has managed to secure start-up funding from industry for the National Neuromodulation Registry. The prototype has been successfully trialed at three UK sites.

The Registry will be owned and managed by NSUKI who will engage NICOR (The National Institute of Cardiac Outcomes & Research) to run the web-based database. The Royal College of Anaesthetists, Faculty of Pain Medicine has agreed to provide clinical governance supervision.

The success of the system will depend on all implanters using it. The benefit will be one of the largest longitudinal observational study resources in the world with immediate access to all the data for implanted patients.

Simon Thompson and the NSUKI Board are working to implement the system which will be a great development in our practice.

Joint Meeting with Polish Neuromodulation Society

A very successful meeting was held in Sopot with the Polish Neuromodulation Society and Interventional Pain Medicine Society in May. Lectures from NSUKI members were well received within the wide ranging programme. Neuromodulation is taking off in Poland with great enthusiasm and application.

The second day of the meeting included a cadaver course with excellent facilities provided in the university hospital mortuary rather than the anatomy laboratory. We look forward to further collaboration between the two Societies.

NICE Guidelines

NSUKI Board has provided Stakeholder advice on NICE Guidelines on Peripheral Arterial Disease. NSUKI also advised the scoping meeting for the Guideline Development Group on Pharmacological Management of Neuropathic Pain. Other guidelines on the management of headaches and on the management of incontinence were also reviewed without comment.

Next NSUKI Meetings

The 2013 NSUKI ASM will be held in Oxford in September 2013.

The 2014 ASM is planned as a joint meeting with the Irish Faculty of Pain Medicine in Dublin.

Ciaran Wazir has been engaged as NSUKI ASM conference organizer.

New Board members

Francis Luscombe completed his term as immediate past President last year. Sam Eldabe was elected as President Elect. Roger Strachan completed his term as Neurosurgical representative and moved to take on the post of Treasurer from Nick Padfield who had completed his term. Roisin MacSullivan completed her term as representative for Irish Affairs and passed on the reins to Josh Keavney. Stana Bojanic was appointed to the post of Neurosurgical representative.

Outgoing Board members were thanked for their tireless efforts to continue the work of the society.

INS World Congress

Programme details on INS website neuromodulation.com

The INS World Congress held in London in May 2011 was a great success. The four day meeting was very well attended. The programme was wide ranging with themes running through each day demonstrating the diversity and multiple applications of neuromodulation.

Abstracts and many audio recordings of the World Congress presentations are available in the Members-Only Section of the INS website.

You can retrieve your login details on the INS Login page and then change your Login and Password in "Edit my profile" to a more memorable combination. This gives you access to the Members Only page which has many other useful resources on it including new patient information leaflets.

The NSUKI AGM was held during the INS Congress. The trial version of the National Neuromodulation Registry was demonstrated by Simon Thomson during the meeting. The prototype system has been trialed at three centres.

NSUKI ran three successful satellite workshops at the beginning and end of the INS Congress on Deep Brain Stimulation and Spinal Cord stimulation.

Membership

Non NSUKI members attending the INS Congress benefitted from a year's membership of INS as part of their registration. You are encouraged to maintain your membership of INS by joining NSUKI.

Membership and Subscription forms can be downloaded here:
<http://nsuki.memberclicks.net/chapter-membership>

Membership Benefits:

Includes membership of The International Neuromodulation Society

Full Membership fee includes a contribution of \$125 to INS which provides:

- subscription to bi-monthly journal Neuromodulation (now fully indexed on Medline)
- website access to INS members page and discussion forums
- discounted registration fees to INS meetings



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