

British Paediatric Neurology Association  
Annual Conference 16-18 January 2008, Leeds  
Programme

Wednesday 16 January 2008

- Noon Conference Registration and Lunch
- 13.00 – 13.05 Welcome  
*Dr John Livingston, Consultant Paediatric Neurologist, Leeds*
- 13.05 – 14.35 **Session 1: Oral Presentations**  
Chair: Professor Helen Cross, London
- 13.05 SCN1A mutation analysis aids early diagnosis of infantile onset epilepsies Dr S Zuberi
- 13.20 Inherited SCN1A mutation in siblings with Panayiotopoulos syndrome Dr J Livingston
- 13.35 Longitudinal cognitive profile in infant onset epilepsy Dr A Whitney
- 13.50 Phenotypic characterization of a large family with benign familial neonatal seizures associated with an exon duplication of the KCNQ2 gene Dr R Lunan
- 14.05 Efficacy and tolerability of the ketogenic diet in drug resistant epilepsy: a randomised controlled trial of classical and medium chain triglyceride protocols Mrs E Neal
- 14.20 Extreme drug toxicity with Clobazam due to genetic polymorphism masquerading as factitious or induced illness Dr R Hughes
- 14.30 – 15.00 **Keynote lecture: ‘Restorative technologies for children with disability: is it all hype?’**  
*Professor Bipin Bhakta, Charterhouse Professor in Rehabilitation Medicine University of Leeds*  
Chair: Dr Mike Clarke, Leeds
- 15.00 – 16.30 Poster viewing (tea & coffee will be served)
- 16.30 – 17.00 **Presentations by Guests of the BPNA**  
Chair: Dr Mike Pike, Oxford
- 16.30 Dr Anannit Visudtibhan, Associate Professor in Pediatrics and Pediatric Neurology, Ramathibodi Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand
- 16.40 Dr Tran Thi Thu Ha, Vice Director of Rehabilitation Department, National Hospital of Pediatrics, Hanoi, Vietnam
- 16.50 Dr Ramesh Kant Adhikari, Professor in Child Health and Dean, Institute of Medicine, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 17.00 – 17.10 Eulogy for Dr Robert Surtees by Professor Brian Neville
- 17.10 – 19.00 Annual General Meeting of the British Paediatric Neurology Association
- From 20.00 Dinner at Akbar’s Indian Restaurant, 15 Eastgate, Leeds

Thursday 17 January 2008

08.00 – 09.00 **Personal practice sessions:**

1. The management of non-organic disorders that present to the neurologist  
Led by Dr M Eminson & Professor D Cottrell
2. The practical management of increased muscle tone  
Led by Dr M Clarke & Dr N Basheer & Ms S Garbutt & Dr A Musson

09.00 – 10.30 **Session 2: Oral Poster Presentations**

Chair: Dr Neti Gayatri, Leeds

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| 09.00 | Measuring tympanic membrane displacement in raised intracranial pressure   | Dr M Lim        |
| 09.05 | Bannayan-Riley-Ruvalcaba syndrome: a common cause of extreme macrocephaly and neurodevelopmental delay                                   | Dr N Lynch      |
| 09.10 | Factors influencing admission to ICU in children presenting with status epilepticus (SE)   | Dr S Tirupathi  |
| 09.15 | A simple screening test for defects in creatine metabolism   | Dr S Hogg       |
| 09.20 | A contributory role for neuroinflammation in Batten disease  | Dr M Lim        |
| 09.25 | Making the diagnosis in leukoencephalopathy - key features in a cohort of children with Pelizaeus Merzbacher disease                     | Dr A Maw        |
| 09.30 | Infantile Parkinsonism- dystonia with raised CSF dopamine metabolites  | Dr J Ng         |
| 09.35 | Acute necrotising encephalopathy (ANE), associated with a missense mutation in the nuclear pore component ran binding protein 2 (RANBP2) | Dr A-M Childs   |
| 09.40 | Posterior reversible leucoencephalopathy syndrome (PRES) as a presentation of Guillain Barre syndrome (GBS) in a child                   | Dr A Desurkar   |
| 09.45 | Novel neuro-renal syndrome due to AQP4 antibody mediated disease   | Dr V Ramesh     |
| 09.50 | Dominantly inherited leucoencephalopathy with recurrent haemorrhagic stroke due to COL4A1 mutation                                       | Dr S Shah       |
| 09.55 | Diffuse hemispheric DNET: a new radiological variant associated with early onset severe epilepsy   | Dr K Sarsfield  |
| 10.00 | Primary diffuse leptomeningeal melanosis mimicking tuberculous meningitis  | Dr V Jain       |
| 10.05 | Double trouble: central core myopathy with RYR1 mutation masks 5q spinal muscular atrophy  | Dr S Chandratre |
| 10.10 | Congenital myasthenia due to COLQ gene mutation responsive to ephedrine therapy  | Dr R Pandey     |
| 10.15 | Establishing the parameters for clinical trials of antisense oligonucleotide therapy in Duchenne muscular dystrophy                      | Dr M Kinali     |

- 10.20 Long-term use of intermittent low-dosage prednisolone therapy in Duchenne muscular dystrophy, tolerance and effect on functional outcome Dr M Kinali
- 10.25 Perinatal dyskinesia as a presenting feature in Prader Willi syndrome Dr N McSweeney
- 10.30 – 11.00 **Keynote lecture: ‘Aicardi-Goutières syndrome and other genetic causes of intracranial calcification’**  
*Dr Yanick Crow, Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant in Clinical Genetics, Institute of Molecular Medicine, St James’s University Hospital, Leeds*  
 Chair: Dr Anne-Marie Childs, Leeds
- 11.00 – 11.30 Tea and coffee break
- 11.30 – 12.00 **Session 3: Oral Presentations**  
 Chair: Dr Anne-Marie Childs, Leeds
- 11.30 Health related quality of life (HRQL) and its determinants at 1, 6 and 12 months in Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) children and non-injured controls Dr B Hameed
- 11.45 Bringing back the child: development after extreme deprivation Dr L-J Brown
- 12.00 – 13.00 **Ronnie MacKeith Guest Lecture: ‘Sam and Ronnie: attention and personality’**  
*Professor George Rousseau, Co-Director, Oxford University Centre for the History of Childhood*  
 Chair: Dr Mike Pike, Oxford
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 15.00 **Session 4: Oral Presentations**  
 Chair: Debbie Murdoch-Eaton, Professor of Medical Education, Leeds
- 14.00 Innovative speech and language therapy for school age children with language impairment: findings from a randomised controlled trial Prof A O’Hare
- 14.15 Botulinum toxin type A as a treatment of pain in cerebral palsy Dr C Lundy
- 14.30 Parent and child perception of nitrous oxide use for botulinum toxin injections of upper and lower limb spasticity Dr K Pysden
- 14.45 Deep brain stimulation improves motor ability and reported quality of life in primary and secondary generalised dystonia Dr T Kerr
- 15.00 – 15.10 British Paediatric Neurology Surveillance Unit  
*Dr Finbar O’Callaghan, Chair BPSU, Consultant Paediatric Neurologist, Bristol*
- 15.00 – 17.00 Special Interest Group meetings (details in the conference handbook)
- 19.30 for 20.00 Reception, dinner and ceilidh

Friday 18 January 2007

08.00 – 09.00 **Personal practice sessions:**

1. Optimal management of CNS Tumour  
Led by Dr M Elliott, Mr P Chumas & Dr J Livingston
2. The management of newly diagnosed epilepsy  
Led by Dr C Ferrie & Dr T Martland

09.00 – 10.30 **Session 5: Oral Presentations**

Chair: Dr Philip Jardine, Bristol

- 09.00 Spectrum of brain involvement in muscular dystrophies with defective dystroglycan glycosylation Prof F Muntoni
- 09.15 Dystrophin positive revertant fibres do not increase with age in Duchenne muscular dystrophy Dr M Kinali
- 09.30 Hereditary Motor Sensory Neuropathy (HMSN) with superadded inflammatory polyneuropathy in two children Dr A Desurkar
- 09.45 Congenital myasthenic syndromes in childhood: diagnostic pitfalls and management issues Dr S Robb
- 10.00 A national prospective population-based study of children with mitochondrial disease: clinical presentation and method of diagnosis in 101 cases Dr D Krishnakumar
- 10.15 Significant variation in the prevalence and spectrum of neuromuscular disease among different ethnic groups: an observational study Dr A-M Childs

10.30 – 11.00 **Keynote lecture: 'The delivery of paediatric neurosurgery: a time for change'**

*Mr Paul Chumas, Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon, Leeds*

Chair: Dr John Livingston, Leeds

11.00 – 11.30 Tea and coffee break

11.30 – 12.00 **Ronnie MacKeith Prize Lecture:** 'IS you is, or IS you ain't (ma' Baby)? And how should we treat infantile spasms anyway?'

*Dr Andrew Lux, Consultant in Paediatric Neurology, Bristol Royal Hospital for Children*

Chair: Dr Penny Fallon, London

12.00 – 13.15 **Session 6: Oral Presentations**

Chair: Dr Nigel Basheer, Leeds

- 12.00 Improving the yield of investigations in mitochondrial disorders Dr A Parker
- 12.15 The use of aciclovir in children with possible viral encephalitis Dr R Kneen
- 12.30 Cerebrovascular dysplasia in neurofibromatosis Type 1 Dr A Cairns
- 12.45 Use of cerebral Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Transcranial Doppler (TCD) to monitor cerebral vascular and perfusion abnormalities in children with sickle cell disease: the Irish experience Dr N Lynch

- 13.00 Neurological complications associated with isolated liver transplant – a retrospective long term study Dr T El-Azzabi
- 13.15 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 15.00 **Session 7: Video session with oral presentations**  
Chair: Dr Colin Ferrie, Leeds
- 14.00 Hereditary neuralgic amyotrophy: a differential for recurrent shoulder pain and weakness Dr S Chandratre
- 14.12 Improved motor function and resumption of speech and oral feeding in a case of non-DYT1 idiopathic torsion dystonia following pallidal deep brain stimulation (DBS). Dr T Kerr
- 14.24 Movement disorders associated with complex regional pain syndrome Dr S Agrawal
- 14.36 Paroxysmal episodes, “re-build up” phenomenon and moyamoya disease Dr N Dlamini
- 14.48 Creatine synthesis disorder: atypical presentation of a treatable disorder Dr D O’Rourke
- 15.00 – 15.30 BPNA ‘Grand Round’  
An acute fatal neurological syndrome in a teenage boy is presented by Dr Basheer (Leeds General Infirmary), Dr Carlos de Sousa (Great Ormond Street Hospital, London), and Dr Phil Jardine (Frenchay Hospital, Bristol).  
A previously healthy 14-year-old male with an acute fatal brainstem syndrome characterized by rapidly progressive course is presented. An approach to investigation, treatment and differential diagnosis will be discussed in terms of clinical-radiological correlation. Audience participation is invited.
- 15.30 Tea and coffee prior to journey home