



Newsletter

New positions

Prof. dr. Baziël van Engelen from the UMC St. Radboud has accepted a position as research director of the ENMC since January 1st.

Prof. dr. Ivo van Schaik has been appointed as the new head of the department of Neurology at the AMC in Amsterdam since April 1st.

Dr. Jan Verschuuren is since January 1st the new ISNO chairman, and succeeding prof. dr. Pieter van Doorn, who successfully fulfilled this position for three years. ISNO would like to thank Pieter van Doorn for his great achievements during this period and congratulates all with their new position! [Read more](#)

Joint meeting Belgian-Dutch Neuromuscular study club and German Reference center for neuromuscular diseases



On April 23-24th 2010 the second joint meeting of the Belgian-Dutch neuromuscular study club and German Reference center for neuromuscular diseases of the DGNN (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Neuropathologie und Neuroanatomie) will be held in Vaals. Invited speakers are N. Goemans (Leuven), T. Hortobaghyi (London), S. Saxena (Basel), K.V. Toyka (Wurzburg), L. van den Berg (Utrecht), P. van den Bergh (Brussels).

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Expert centres and Orphan Drugs

Almost all neuromuscular diseases are rare, and so most drugs used for these conditions are "orphan drugs". Since 2001 a group (Stuurgroep Weesgeneesmiddelen (WGM)) has been appointed by the minister of health to study the problems surrounding orphan drugs and rare diseases. The committee is an independent organization and consists of ten members and one observer. The members are representatives of umbrella organizations for patients and for pharmaceutical companies, physicians and a hospital pharmacist, scientists, a representative of the Dutch medicine evaluation board and a representative of the Dutch health insurances board. [Read more](#)

New trials

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Disorder	Treatment	Centre	Start date
CIDP	Dose-finding study IVIg in CIDP	ErasmusMC	01/01/2010
GBS	Multicenter trial: 2nd IVIg treatment in GBS	ErasmusMC	01/01/2010
Duchenne	RCT: Idefenone	LUMC	01/02/2010
SMA	Genetic and clinical markers in SMA	UMCU	01/03/2010
Kennedy disease	Genetic and clinical markers in Kennedy disease	UMCU	01/03/2010
MMN	Comparison intravenous vs. subcutaneous IVIg	UMCU	01/04/2010

Agenda

April

10 American Academy of Neurology meeting

23 Meeting Belgian-Dutch neuromuscular sch Nederlandse studyclub

May

05 Meeting New Directions in Biology and disease of skeletal muscle

July

05 Peripheral Nerve Society satellite meeting

17 International Congress on Neuromuscular Diseases

October

12 World Muscle Society Congress

Deadline Prinses Beatrix Fonds research proposals

Deadline for submission of research proposals at the Prinses Beatrix Fonds is **May 3rd 2010**. For more information and the application form, [read this](#).



Deadline neuromyology fellow application

Deadline for submission of a neuromyology fellow application is **June 1st 2010**. For more information on the application, [read this](#)

