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Dear members of the Belgian Society of Neurosurgery,

Dear friends and colleagues,

The board of the Society wishes you a healthy and happy New Year, plenty of personal and professional successes!

Please find below the newest information on recent and future activities of our Society.

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ANNUAL MEETING

VENUE

The annual scientific meeting of the BSN will be held in Ghent on Saturday, the 10th of March 2012. Venue is again the **Muziekcentrum De Bijloke, Bijlokekaai 7 in 9000 Ghent**. Entrance is also possible through the **Bijlokesite, Godshuizenlaan 2** or through the **Jozef Kluyskensstraat 2**. The technical exhibition will be at the Publieksfoyer, while the oral presentations and the General Assembly will take place at "het Craeckhuys", a former infirmary (16th-century). The Muziekcentrum De Bijloke can easily be reached either by car or by train. From the Sint-Pieters railway station it is a 15 minutes short walk \approx 1km. Caution: parking places are not available at the venue itself, but have to be searched for in the streets around, such as the Godshuizenlaan, Bijlokehof, Jozef Kluyskensstraat, and Henleykaai.

Map:

<http://maps.google.be/maps?hl=nl&ie=UTF8&q=bijloke+gent&fb=1&gl=de&hq=bijloke&hnear=Ghent,+K%C3%B6nigreich+Belgien&view=map&cid=599301282170997976&ll=51.039343,3.723249&spn=0.011226,0.043774&z=15>

Admission to the annual scientific meeting, including the technical exhibition, coffee breaks and lunch, is free of charge for members (who have paid their membership fees) and for residents in training. Non-members will be charged with 50 € at the check-in desk. Members who are behind with their membership fee payment are invited to regularize their status at the check-in desk.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are to be submitted online via our website <http://www.BSN.be> | Events | 2012-03-10 Annual Scientific Meeting of the BSN | Online abstract submission. The submission module will remain active from the 20th of December 2011 to the 10th of February 2012 no later than 12.00 AM.

Instructions to authors for the abstracts can also be found on our website.

The abstract should be written in correct English

- the abstract must be structured in 4 sections: Introduction, Material and Methods, Results, and Conclusion
- the **abstract must not contain more than 250 words**, with the exception of title and authors

Since all accepted abstracts will be published, abstracts that do not respect these recommendations will be rejected.

The abstracts will be selected anonymously on the basis of their scientific content.

As usual, a **Poster Prize of 1.000 €** will be awarded to the author(s) of the poster that is most appreciated in content and lay out by our jury.

New is an additional **Spine Award of 1.000 €** that will be granted by the BNSS to either a resident in training or a certified neurosurgeon for the best oral or poster presentation on a spine-related topic.

Please forward this information also to your colleagues in training who are not yet members and who do not receive this newsletter.

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BAYER AWARD

The last three years the Bayer Award carried 10.000 € ! Most probably (but not yet entirely for certain) the Bayer Company will this year again support a young neurosurgeon (maximum 35 years of age) for a research project that is partly carried out in a foreign center. Candidates are kindly requested to send their application, a curriculum vitae, a description of the project in maximum 10 pages, and a description of their projected stay in a foreign center to our secretary, Beno t PIROTTE, before the 10th of February 2012.

The winning project has to be presented again at the scientific meeting after two years.

ELECTIONS

The board of our stereotactic and functional section BSSFN, the **Belgian Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery**, will soon finish its tenure of office. Hence, elections, according to the regulations of the BSSFN will be organised at the General Assembly on the 10th of March 2012. Candidates are kindly requested to submit their applications to Prof. Dirk VAN ROOST, president, or to Dr. Bruno KASCHTEN, secretary of the BSSFN before the 1st of March 2012.

MEMBERSHIP

Applications for membership should be addressed to our secretary, Beno t PIROTTE. The secretary will present the applications to the General Assembly of titular members. The various types of membership are described on our website <http://www.BSN.be> | About | Bylaws | Title II | Art. 6-10. Colleagues who are not or not yet certified as a neurosurgeon can become **associated members**. They will have to present, either in paper or in digital format: 1) a curriculum vitae, 2) a copy of their diploma of medical doctor (or another university diploma), 3) an application letter including a statement on regular payment of the membership fee, and 4) a portrait photograph in digital jpg-format not larger than 500kB. Candidates for new membership who are certified neurosurgeons can at first become **corresponding members** and, later on, titular (= full) members. They will have to present, either in paper or in digital format: 1) a curriculum vitae, 2) a copy of the diploma of medical doctor, 3) a copy of the certificate of neurosurgeon, 4) a copy of the right to practice neurosurgery in Belgium, 5) a letter of recommendation by three full members of the Society, 6) an application letter including a statement on regular payment of the membership fee, and 7) a portrait photograph in digital jpg-format not larger than 500kB. Corresponding members may apply for **full membership** after two presentations at the BSN annual scientific meetings.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

Our treasurer, Didier MARTIN, will soon send out the invitations to pay the membership fees for 2012.

Membership fees are maintained at the previous levels (200 Euros for titular and corresponding members, 160 Euros for associated members). These fees cover the subscription package to *World Neurosurgery* and the contributions to the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS) and to the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS).

Members who did not pay one or more previous fees will be requested to regularize their situations prior to or, at the latest, at the annual meeting.

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Please pay attention, with regard to the fees, at not mixing up the BSN with the Beroepsvereniging voor Neurochirurgie / Groupement Professionel de Neurochirurgie. Be aware that these are two different organisations. Being a member of both implies paying dues to both.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE BSN

Since the beginning of 2010, all BSN members (with the exception of a few retired colleagues) should receive **World Neurosurgery**, the scientific journal that is edited by Michael L.J. Apuzzo and monthly published by Elsevier, New York. *World Neurosurgery* is the official journal of our society, which means that both editor and publisher agreed to provide the publication of our annual meeting abstracts. The abstracts of our 2011 meeting are scheduled to appear in the January 2012 issue. Our Society's collective subscription comprises both the paper copies and the electronic versions of the journal.

However, in 2011 there have been **serious problems with the delivery** of World Neurosurgery to the BSN members. Many members have not received any copy since the February 2011 issue. Some members have received a package of the missing copies in the autumn of 2011. The board of the BSN is very well aware of these problems and has therefore complained about the irregularities both through e-mails to the publisher and through personal conversations with Michael Apuzzo at various occasions. Publisher and editor-in-chief appeared very endeavoring to resolve the problems. Our secretary has recently launched a survey about this matter, which we kindly ask you to reply to.

The copies will generally be shipped to your professional address, unless you notify our secretary of your preference to receive them at your private address. We strongly encourage our members to submit manuscripts to *World Neurosurgery*.

OUR WEBSITE

Our website <http://www.BSN.be>, right at the welcome page ("Events"), keeps you informed about international and national congresses and symposia, including the interuniversity seminars.

VARIA

It is important to notify the secretary of the Society of every **address change**, either professional, private or electronic (e-mail). Relevant address changes will be transmitted to the publisher of *World Neurosurgery* to warrant the shipment of your journal copies.

Retired BSN members who do not want to receive *World Neurosurgery* anymore, can apply for a reduced yearly member fee (50 €).

On Friday, the 30th of March 2012, the Belgian Neurosurgical Spine Society (BNSS), section of the BSN, organizes a first cadaver workshop for residents, the topic of which will be the "Non-Minimally Invasive Anterior and Posterior Instrumentation of the Lumbar Spine". The aim is to contribute to the education in spine surgery by enabling residents to practice several techniques on cadavers. The workshop is open to all Belgian residents in neurosurgery and will be free of charge for residents. The program will consist of short theoretical presentations followed by hands-on training (final program to be announced later). The workshop is organized in collaboration with the industry and will take place at the University of Li ge. This opportunity to learn and practice under the supervision of experienced staff is highly recommended. Residents are requested to register by email

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to bart.depreitere@uzleuven.be or to his secretary, isabelle.vanhoof@uzleuven.be . Registration will be open up to the 29th of February 2012. However, the sooner the organizer gets an idea of the number of participants, the easier will be the organization.

As you will have noticed, 2012 promises to be an exciting year. As president and secretary, we want to seize the opportunity to express our gratitude to all other board members as well as to our secretaries, Ilse NOTERMAN (UZ Gent), Nathalie VAN BLERK (CHIREC, Bruxelles), and Isabelle NOIRET (CHU Li ge).

Best regards, vriendelijke groeten, salutations amicales,

Dirk VAN ROOST
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and all other board members

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