

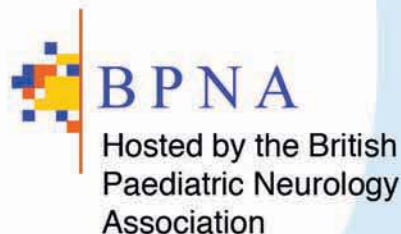


# **8th European Paediatric Neurology Society Congress**

**Harrogate International Centre  
United Kingdom**

**30th September -  
3rd October 2009**

**First Announcement  
and Call for Abstracts**



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# Letter of Invitation

Dear Friends and Colleagues

On behalf of the EPNS we invite you to submit your research for the 8th European Paediatric Neurology meeting which will be hosted this year by the British Paediatric Neurology Association on 30th September – 3rd October 2009.

The programme promises to be varied and educational. We are keen to give as much space as possible to the presentation of work chosen from submitted abstracts and also to include time in the programme for proper discussion. We hope you will find it an exciting platform to use for presentation of your work.

Harrogate is located at the heart of the county of Yorkshire, in the north of England. It is full of old English character but also boasts a world class conference centre. The European Paediatric Neurology Society meeting combines a programme of high scientific standard with an informal atmosphere conducive to constructive debate. It attracts those with a clinical or scientific interest in the field from Europe and around the world. We look forward to seeing you there.

You may submit your abstract via the website [www.bpna.org.uk/epns2009](http://www.bpna.org.uk/epns2009)



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Chair EPNS 2009 Organising Committee  
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**Brian Neville**  
Chair EPNS 2009 Scientific Committee

# Harrogate

Harrogate is an elegant spa town in the county of Yorkshire, in the north of England. The town is located next to the Yorkshire Dales, an area of outstanding natural beauty, and close to the historic and beautiful city of York. The venue for the EPNS 2009 congress is in the heart of the town at the Harrogate International Centre.

The Harrogate International Centre is a purpose built conference centre with an air conditioned auditorium with raked seating to ensure that you have a perfect view of the platform. Parallel sessions will be held in the Royal Hall, a fully refurbished Edwardian theatre, that is within the International Centre.

## General Information

The official language for the congress will be English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

The currency used in England is British Pounds Sterling (£).

If required, a letter of invitation to attend the congress can be provided on request.

## For more information

Harrogate Tourist Information -  
[www.aboutbritain.com/towns/harrogate.asp](http://www.aboutbritain.com/towns/harrogate.asp)

Harrogate International Centre –  
[www.harrogateinternationalcentre.co.uk](http://www.harrogateinternationalcentre.co.uk)



The Royal Baths



Betty's Tearoom



Valley Gardens



James Street

# Scientific Programme

## Monday 28th September 2009 and Tuesday 29th September 2009

### Ketogenic Diet Meeting

This multi-professional ketogenic diet meeting is being held immediately before the congress. Further details available at [www.bpna.org.uk/epns2009](http://www.bpna.org.uk/epns2009).

## Tuesday 29th September 2009

### Rare Disorders Symposium

You may wish to attend this satellite symposium arranged by Professor Brian Neville. Please see [www.bpna.org.uk/epns2009](http://www.bpna.org.uk/epns2009) for full details.

## Wednesday 30th September 2009

We invite you to attend one of the following workshops before the congress. There is no additional cost to attend, however you will need to register beforehand.

9.30am – 12.30pm	Treatment of muscular dystrophy (Chaired by Professor F Muntoni, UK)  Replacement therapy for neurometabolic disease (Chaired by Professor L de Meirleir, Belgium)
Noon – 2.00pm	Registration and Lunch
2.00pm – 2.15pm	Opening
2.15pm – 4.00pm	Movement Disorders
4.00pm – 4.30pm	Tea & coffee break
4.30pm – 6.00pm	Free papers

## Thursday 1st October 2009

7.15am – 8.15am	<b>Personal practice sessions</b> <b>Choose one from:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigation of autism spectrum disorders</li> <li>Investigation of hypotonic motor delay</li> <li>Management of benign intracranial hypertension</li> </ul>
8.30am – 10.00am	Neuro-oncology
10.00 – 10.30am	Tea & coffee break
10.30am – noon	Neurology of acute paediatric illness
Noon – 2.00pm	Lunch with poster viewing
2.00pm – 4.00pm	'The Robert Surtees Symposium': Neurometabolic disease
4.00pm – 4.30pm	Tea & coffee break
4.30pm – 6.00pm	Free papers

## Friday 2nd October 2009

7.15am – 8.15am	<b>Personal practice sessions</b> <b>Choose one from:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diagnosis and management of abnormal head shape</li> <li>Acute adolescent psychosis; investigation and management</li> <li>Neuro-rehabilitation</li> </ul>
8.30am – 10.00am	Neurology in countries with limited resources
10.00 – 10.30am	Tea & coffee break
10.30am – noon	Epileptic encephalopathies and secondary brain damage
Noon – 1.30pm	Lunch with poster viewing
1.30pm – 3.00pm	Neuropsychiatry
3.00pm – 3.30pm	Tea & coffee break
3.30pm - 4.45pm	Free papers
4.45pm – 6.00pm	EPNS General Assembly (open to EPNS members only)

### Saturday 3rd October 2009

8.30am – 10.15am	Cerebrovascular disease
10.15am – 10.45am	Tea & coffee break
10.45am – 11.30am	Debate: "When is it appropriate to resuscitate very preterm babies?"
11.30am – 1.00pm	Neuromuscular disease
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Lunch with poster viewing
2.00pm – 2.50pm	Highlights of child neurology over the past two years
2.50pm – 3.00pm	Official close

Please see the conference website for full details of the programme.

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## Call for Abstracts

You are invited to submit your abstract for consideration to the Independent Scientific Committee, Chaired by Professor Brian Neville (UK).

The deadline for receipt of abstracts is 30 April 2009. Abstracts may be submitted via the congress website.

Please see [www.bpna.org.uk/epns2009](http://www.bpna.org.uk/epns2009) for further information and instructions. You will receive an email confirmation that your abstract has been received for consideration.

We will advise you by 30 June 2009 if your abstract has or has not been selected for presentation.

## Registration

Registration is required for all congress participants. Please register online at [www.bpna.org.uk/epns2009](http://www.bpna.org.uk/epns2009).

Registration fees include; all congress sessions on 30 September – 3 October 2009; refreshments and lunch each day; 'Evening Welcome Reception' on 30 September 2009.

EPNS Members*	GBP (£)
Early bookings (before 1st April 2009)	350.00
Standard bookings (After 1st April 2009)	400.00

Non-members	GBP (£)
Early bookings (before 1st April 2009)	430.00
Standard bookings (After 1st April 2009)	480.00

Trainees/ Nurses/ Research Fellows
GBP (£) 300.00

Attendees from Emerging Europe**
GBP (£) 250.00

Gala dinner tickets	GBP (£)
Delegates	45.00
Non-delegates	60.00

\*EPNS reduced rate registration fees apply only if your membership subscription payments are up to date at the time of registering for the congress.

\*\*Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Macedonia, Latvia, Lithuania, FYR Moldova, Tajikistan, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.

# Social Programme

Harrogate has a rich spa heritage, historic charm and is set amongst the most beautiful surroundings. It is an elegant, picturesque and quintessentially English town, which is justifiably proud of its beautiful gardens – Harrogate was the ‘Europe in Bloom’ winner 2004.

Harrogate has many restaurants, tea rooms and bars for delegates to enjoy a wide range of cuisine and the social side of the congress. And those who enjoy perusing boutiques, antique shops and art galleries will be delighted by the variety they can visit in the town.



## Welcome Reception

All delegates and partners are invited to the Welcome Reception on Wednesday 30 September and also to the Gala Dinner on Friday 2 October.

One ticket to the Welcome Reception, to be held at the Majestic Hotel, Harrogate, is included in the congress registration fee. Tickets to the Gala Dinner may be booked through the congress website.



A full social programme is planned for partners who wish to accompany delegates, with day trips to places of interest including:

- Fountains Abbey (World Heritage Site)
- Saltaire (World Heritage Site)
- City of York
- Harewood House; historic stately home
- Harlow Carr Royal Horticultural Society garden
- Haworth, including a visit to the home of the Bronte family (authors of classic English novels)
- City of Leeds

Please see the congress website for full details of these trips and others. You may book tickets for day excursions through the congress website. Please note that there are a limited number of places available on each of these day trips.

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## Accommodation and Travel

### Accommodation

Harrogate has plenty of accommodation available within the town, with something to suit everyone. There is a variety of places to stay from 4 star hotels to homely guesthouses.

Please book through Harrogate Accommodation Service, which has agreed special rates for EPNS delegates.

A range of accommodation is available;

4 star hotels from £105 (bed and breakfast) per night.

3 star hotels from £70 (bed and breakfast) per night.

Smaller hotels and guest houses from £30 - £70 per night.

To book your accommodation please follow the link from the conference website to Harrogate Accommodation Service:

[www.harrogateaccommodationservice.co.uk](http://www.harrogateaccommodationservice.co.uk)

Click on the 'Book Online' link and enter the following login details:

Login: EPNS

Password: 2009

You may also book online or by fax or telephone. Please telephone +44 (0)1423 537304 for assistance with accommodation.

### How to get to Harrogate

The closest airport is Leeds Bradford International Airport, to which the following airlines fly;

Aer Arann  
Air Southwest  
BMI  
Eastern Airways  
Flybe  
Jet2.com  
KLM  
Manx2  
PIA  
Ryanair

Bus2Jet provides a direct bus service between Leeds Bradford International Airport and Harrogate, which runs every 90 minutes.

Alternatively, you can fly to Manchester International airport. The train journey from Manchester airport to Harrogate will take approximately 2.5 hours.

The Port of Hull is approximately one hour's drive from Harrogate, with direct ferry links to Belgium, Holland and mainland Europe.

Delegates from within the UK can travel easily by train to Harrogate via Leeds or York.

Please see the congress website for links to websites that will be helpful in planning your travel to Harrogate.

**[www.bpna.org.uk/epns2009](http://www.bpna.org.uk/epns2009)**

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