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Dear President,
Dear colleague,

The European Academy of Neurology (EAN) is the only European Society that covers all aspects of neurology. It was born in June 2014 from the merging of the 2 mother societies, the ENS - a society of individuals - and the EFNS - a federation of national societies. The EAN structure is based on the principles of these 2 mother societies. The democratic heart of the EAN is the assembly of delegates that consists of 90 delegates, 45 representing each national society, and 45 elected by individual members.

Each member of one of the 45 national societies is - de facto - associate individual member of the EAN as long as you let us know the names of your members. They have free online access to the European Journal of Neurology, to the online learning platform eBrain and guidelines, access to the registered user area of the EAN website, and the monthly electronic letter Neuropenews. They can influence the policy of the EAN, but only via the voice of their national delegate.

Individual members have, besides the rights of associate members, the right to purchase the printed version of the European Journal of Neurology at a reduced price, reduced fees at the EAN congress, active and passive voting rights for the assembly of delegates and receive a membership certificate. They can therefore directly influence the policy of the EAN. Besides an individual benefit for the individual members, there is also a benefit for the country: all national societies are represented by 1 delegate, irrespective of the size of the country (Germany and Luxemburg have both 1 single delegate). Individual membership is a way to balance this, as "big" countries have more chances to have more delegates than "small" countries, if they have enough full members. Moreover, many neurologist may feel European and want to join the common European home of Neurology.

For these reasons, we would like to ask you, as president of your national society, to encourage your members to become individual members of the EAN.

We - or another member of the board of the EAN - are ready to provide an explanation at one of your national meetings if needed.

With best wishes

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