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Minimally Invasive Neurological Therapy

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Dear ESMINT members, Dear Friends,

In December 2016, ESMINT created the European Board of Neurointervention (EBNI). Chaired by Olof Flodmark, EBNI includes two representatives from ESMINT, one representative from the European Stroke Organization (ESO), and one representative from the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS). It is EBNI's mission to provide guidelines for neurointerventional training, to recognise competence and skills of individual neurointerventionists, and to accredit institutions training future neurointerventionists.

In 2017, EBNI developed several documents to further this mission:

- Recommendations for acquiring competence in Acute Ischemic Stroke Intervention (AISI)
- Recommendations for acquiring competence in Endovascular Neurointervention (ENI)
- Standards of Practice in Acute Ischemic Stroke Intervention (AISI)
- Accreditation of established neurointerventionists

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These documents, which can be found on the EBNI website, provide rules and guidelines that promote high-quality practice of AISI and ENI in Europe.

Shortly, EBNI will begin the accreditation process of established neurointerventionists. In most European countries, the neurointerventional specialty is poorly defined (or simply unrecognised) and, for some of us, it can be difficult to validate our competency in neurointervention. Thus, for a limited time only, EBNI and ESMINT have decided to initiate the accreditation process for established neurointerventionists. In order to become accredited, EBNI requires that an established neurointerventionist fulfils the following criteria:

1. A minimum of five (5) years practicing endovascular neurointervention as his/her principle activity.
2. Provide reference letters from at least two internationally reputable peers in neurointervention.
3. Maintain a senior clinical or academic position in a hospital.
4. Have published a minimum of five (5) papers in peer reviewed international scientific journals in the field of Neurointervention.



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The accreditation process by EBNI will be regulated by a peer review process.

Being accredited by EBNI will help you in your daily practice, especially if you wish to move from one country to another or from one hospital to another. The accreditation process will also contribute to a high-quality practice of neurointervention in Europe.

In due time, you will receive more detailed information regarding the accreditation process. Information will also be available on www.EBNI.eu as soon as the accreditation process opens.

As ESMINT President, I would like to congratulate the EBNI chairman and members for the tremendous work they have done in 2017 and will continue to undertake in 2018.

I wish you a very Happy New Year!

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