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## Update BNS chapter news 2015-2016

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During regular Board teleconferences and physical attendance (Montreal, 8.6.15; Den Bosch, 30.10.15; Brussels 17.6.16) the BNS board has taken the following initiatives:

As of June 2016 the board of the BNS has welcomed Dr. Mark Plazier, neurosurgeon, as member of the board. Dr. Wim Duyvendak has resigned as treasurer of the BNS and Dr. Harold Nijhuis has accepted to replace Dr. Duyvendak.

The BNS board gratefully acknowledges receiving a restricted grant from the "Corust" foundation, established in 1989, to organize the first International Congress on Epidural Spinal Cord Stimulation (ICESS) in Groningen, June 1989. The donation provided by CORUST is directed to support and encourage scientific research, within the BNS. Of note, the INS was a direct consequence of the activities of the board of CORUST, since the CORUST board took the initiative to found the INS in Paris, in 1991.

With respect to the CORUST scholarship, criteria to receive financial support from the BNS were developed by the BNS board and will be published at the INS website. In 2015 Dr AWG Buijink was the first to receive a contribution of €1,000 to reward his thesis "Tracing tremor: Neural correlates of essential tremor and its treatment". Dr Buijink shall present the outcomes of his thesis at a BNS scientific meeting.

Furthermore, the [mission statement of the BNS](#) was published at the [INS website](#).

Also, the BNS board has decided to hand over membership fee to a professional organization (i.e. the Groningen Congress Bureau [GCB]) August 1, 2015. Since the GCB took over the management of membership, the number of members has grown to 86 paying members, all receiving the journal *Neurostimulation*. Subsequently, the BNS board gratefully recognized Mrs. Evy Bamps efforts, since Mrs. Els Jans (GCB) took over her position, regarding membership.

Finally, the BNS board has organized a 'meet and greet' consultation with chief representatives of the neurostimulation device industry, in conjunction with a successful symposium on peripheral nerve stimulation (PNS) and dorsal root stimulation (DRS), in Brussels, June 2016. During this meeting the BNS board agreed to check with both, the boards of the European chapters and the INS board, whether a European Neurostimulation Symposium could be organized in 2018.

The main reason is that the European chapters, giving the rather small number of members, are confronted with organizational, financial and logistic difficulties to organize their own chapter meetings, biannually.

All minutes of the BNS meetings are available for the INS. Please, contact the secretary Mr Maarten Moens for further information.

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