

EANS Research Fund 2019

Background

Diseases of the brain and spine are of major importance to patients, their families and society. There are 165 million Europeans with brain disorders, causing a global cost (direct and indirect) exceeding 800 billion euros for National Health budgets.

As the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies our focus is on neurosurgical conditions which include brain injuries, brain tumours, stroke, epilepsy, hydrocephalus and disorders of the spine. While advances have been made in the treatment of these conditions there remain many unanswered questions and major opportunities to improve treatment and outcome for patients.

Our mission is to achieve this through comprehensive research strategies including both basic science laboratory research and clinical studies including trials. Access to research funding from large grant funding bodies, for example, the European Union and national government agencies and charities is highly competitive and usually requires initial pilot research data. We are therefore creating a research fund to pump prime projects to enable the acquisition of the pilot data necessary to apply for more substantial funding. We propose to achieved this through the award of Euro 10000 seed grants for neurosurgical research projects.

Beneficiaries

We aim in particular to nurture young researchers. Our plans are to provide seed grants across the various neurosurgical specialties addressing the above conditions brain injury, vascular neurosurgery, oncology, spine surgery and functional neurosurgery. The seed grants will be available to neurosurgeons in all member countries of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies to encourage European cooperation and collaboration. Both laboratory and clinical research projects will be eligible for funding. There is a maximum of one application per applicant.

2018 round

The first EANS Research Grants have been awarded:

Brihaye EANS Research Grant: Alkinoos Athanasiou - Thessaloniki, Greece (Spine)

Integra EANS Research Grant: Md. Iftakher Hossain - Turku, Finland (TBI)

EANS Research Grant: Davide Croci - Aarau / Basel, Switzerland (Vascular)

Stryker EANS Research Grant: Jérôme Cochereau - Montpellier, France (Tumour)

The winners will present their proposal at the EANS Brussels meeting.

2019 round

We are now running another round with the following timetable

1.10.2018: open applications for grants

16.12.2018: deadline for grant applications; followed by evaluations,

1.2.2019: award of the 2019 EANS Research Fund grants

Application process

Please apply via the application form available on the EANS website.

Contact

EANS Past Secretary Professor Peter Hutchinson will be closely involved with every aspect of the EANS Research Fund.

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