



**EANS2023  
Barcelona**



THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION  
OF NEUROSURGICAL SOCIETIES

## EANS 2023 Barcelona Congress: A Resounding Success!



- 1600+ abstracts
- 348 Lectures
- 10 Plenary and 34 Parallel Sessions
- 15 Masterclasses
- 9 Joint Symposia
- 9 Industry-Sponsored Lunch Seminars, Symposia and Workshops

September brought excitement, knowledge-sharing, and networking opportunities as we enjoyed the **EANS 2023 Annual Congress** in the beautiful city of Barcelona. With an impressive attendance of more than 2,000 participants, the EANS2023 Barcelona Congress undoubtedly stood as one of the most significant gatherings of neurosurgery experts, enthusiasts, and professionals from across the globe. The congress showcased a wide array of top-notch lectures and masterclasses, raising the bar for the dissemination of neurosurgical knowledge. The feedback from our attendees has been overwhelmingly positive, reaffirming our dedication to delivering an exceptional neurosurgical congress experience.

### Numbers tell their own story!

- 2099 participants from 87 countries
- 57 Exhibitors



Among other things, the congress delegates had the opportunity to watch all scientific research award winners presenting their work. As neurosurgeons struggle with finding money for their research, the EANS has created the **Research Fund** aimed at providing 10,000 Euro seed grants for young and aspiring neurosurgeons, conducting neurosurgical projects. We were delighted to experience interesting presentations of original research, and we couldn't be prouder of our young researchers' achievements. We congratulate the winners

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and our industry partners for supporting the research funds and awards.

Overall, the congress showcased cutting-edge advancements in neurosurgery, was extremely intense and provided a comprehensive overview of various aspects of neurosurgery, fostering knowledge exchange and collaboration among attendees.



But it wasn't all just about learning and professional development. The social program offered memorable experiences, forging new connections and fostering friendships among our diverse community of neurosurgeons. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this event a resounding success, particularly to our Congress President Jesus Lafuente.



The Opening Ceremony, led by the Congress President, **Jesus Lafuente**, the EANS President, **Andreas Demetriades**, and the Master of Ceremony and EANS Past President, **Karl Schaller**, presented both historical highlights and emotional

moments. **Jaume Collboni**, the Egyptologist took the stage to narrate the tale of their monumental discovery, the tube of Djehuti. The audience was surprised by an unexpected guest from the early years of the EANS, **Stephanie Garfield-Birkbeck**, the first Executive Administrator of the EANS. She shared her own experience of how the EANS evolved over the years. From its humble beginnings with just one Training Course per year, the EANS has grown and developed significantly.

Preparations for next year's congress are well underway and we look forward to welcoming you all again in **Sofia from 13-17 October 2024!** Registration and Abstract submission will open soon, so please stay tuned!

### Celebrating Neurosurgical Excellence



At the Award Ceremony, we were proud to see those who excelled in neurosurgical science and research receiving their awards. The ceremony started with the President of EANS, Andreas Demetriades, and the Congress President, Jesus Lafuente, handing out the **EANS Inaugural Humanitarian Award** to **Prof. Knut Wester**. Prof. Wester was the one who initiated the first training program in neurosurgery in Ethiopia in 2002, a joint venture between the universities of Addis Ababa and Bergen with an astonishing result by June 2023 with 74 specialists being trained in the program.

EANS proudly awarded **Prof. Marc Sindou**, a Professor Emeritus of Neurosurgery at the University of Lyon, for his **Exceptional Service to European Neurosurgery**. This award was granted by the EANS Board to a European neurosurgeon recognising his services and paying tribute to the accomplishments and contributions of a remarkable individual in the field of neurosurgery.

The EANS Board further paid tribute to **Prof. Sebastien Froelich**, with an award that is given out every year! Prof. Froelich with **his European Lecture** titled **“New trends and future developments in Skull Base Surgery”** presented in a full auditorium this morning and was applauded for it!

Last but not least, the EANS Congress President proudly welcomed on stage Dr. Miguel Angel Arraez Sanchez to present to him the EANS 2023 Congress Award for Lifetime Achievement, a recognition that honours the efforts of an individual for the advancement of Neurosurgery.

**EANS2023 Annual General Meeting: Shaping Tomorrow Together**



This year's AGM was particularly significant as it marked the election of a new Board of Officers. With a history of continuing excellence in neurosurgical care, research, and education, the EANS reaffirms its commitment to the pursuit of knowledge and innovation through its new Board.

Each of these esteemed professionals brings a wealth of experience and a deep passion for neurosurgery, and we are excited about the new perspectives and ideas they will bring to the EANS community.

We wish **Torstein Meling**, the new EANS President and the rest of the EANS Officeholders the very best in their new endeavours! The recently elected EANS Board of Officers can be found on the website [www.eans.org](http://www.eans.org).

**Brain and Spine Journal achieves prestigious Clarivate Web of Science indexation milestone**



During the Congress, **Wilco Peul**, one of the Editor-in-Chiefs of Brain and Spine Journal, the official journal of EANS and EUROSPINE, discussed the present and prospects of the journal, offering

insights into its direction.

He was pleased to announce that the Brain and Spine Journal has reached yet another significant milestone: it has been accepted for **indexation in Clarivate Web of Science**, a renowned platform known for its comprehensive coverage of scholarly literature and citation analysis. The inclusion of the Brain and Spine Journal in Clarivate Web of Science is **a significant step towards obtaining an Impact Factor (IF)**. An Impact Factor is a widely recognised metric that measures the influence and importance of a journal in the scientific community. Achieving an IF will not only solidify our position as a leading publication but also further enhance the visibility and reach of the research published in our journal. Wilco Peul reminded everyone that **members of EANS and EUROSPINE have the unique opportunity to publish their research in the Brain and Spine Journal free of charge** and encouraged everyone to submit their papers to the Brain and Spine Journal and follow the journal's Twitter channel.

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**EANS2024  
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**We invite you to the  
EANS2024 Sofia Congress!**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We would like to welcome you all to Bulgaria for the EANS2024 Annual Congress!

This will take place on **13-17 October 2024**, at the National Palace of Culture in beautiful **Sofia**.

It will be our great honor and privilege to host you in Sofia and work together with you for another memorable EANS Congress.

The congress theme will be **“Innovation, Education, Leadership”**, reflecting the current need to thoroughly discuss the future of neurosurgery in connection with technological advances that can improve neurosurgical education, training and treatment, aiming to create the next leaders of neurosurgery in Europe and all over the globe.

The programme will include several sessions dedicated to technological advances and innovative prospects and projects, always maintaining its high quality in presenting new original neurosurgical research.

We would like to invite you to discover Sofia, a truly vibrant city with amazing history, gastronomy and culture.

See you in Sofia!

**Nikolay Gabrovsky**  
Congress President

**Torstein Meling**  
EANS President



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