



Newsletter

First ISNO newsletter



We are happy to introduce the first ISNO newsletter to you. As you probably know ISNO is a Dutch initiative which aims to stimulate and facilitate research and to improve treatment of neuromuscular disorders. It forms a platform bringing together Dutch neuromuscular specialists and researchers in a network of excellence. With this newsletter we want to inform

you about the latest news, important dates and new/just started trials. We hope you enjoy the newsletter and if you have any suggestions for items or want to announce new trials, you can mail these to isno@isno.nl

In memoriam: Dr. George Karpati 1934-2009



Karpati was recognized internationally as one of the leading experts on the diagnosis and treatment of neuromuscular disorders. He worked as a professor in neurology at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. He made seminal contributions in the area of muscular dystrophy like the localisation of the dystrophin protein, the first research on gene therapy with

myoblast transfer and important work on myositis. With his death, we lose a great scientist who dedicated his life to finding a therapy for Duchenne muscular dystrophy. *Text: Prof. dr. M. de Visser*

ISNO takes part in working group on neuromuscular disorders of Dutch Society of Neurology

Recent consultations with the board of the Dutch Society of Neurology (NVN), the Belgian-Dutch Neuromuscular Study club (BNNNS) and ISNO led to the establishment of a working group on neuromuscular disorders as part of the NVN. This new working group will be a platform for researchers and clinicians interested in neuromuscular disorders. It is expected that this collaboration will highlight neuromuscular disorders as an important, attractive and moving field within neurology, and to give new opportunities for many – and especially also young – researchers and clinicians to join this area. [Read more](#)

Agenda

September

- 09 World Muscle Society Congress
- 30 European Paediatric Neurology meeting

October

- 07 Meeting of the Belgian-Dutch neuromuscular studyclub
- 11 American Neurological Association meeting

November

- 17 Treat-NMD / NIH workshop

January

- 08 ISNO Symposium Neuromuscular Disorders

Deadline Prinses Beatrix Fonds Year award 2009

Deadline for submission of a paper for the Prinses Beatrix Fonds Year award is October 15th 2009. For more information on submission of a paper: [Read more](#).



Jan. 8th 2010: ISNO Symposium Neuromuscular Disorders

On Friday January 8th 2010, the yearly ISNO neuromuscular disorders meeting will take place. This time, the meeting will be on a new location in Amsterdam. For more info, check the [ISNO website](#). For program information and registration, check the website of [Boerhaave](#).

New trials

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Disorder	Treatment	Centre	Start date
FSHD	Cycle training vs. cognitive behaviourtherapy	UMCN	01/01/2009
Myasthenia Gravis	Thymectomy via minimal invasive robotic surgery	MUMC	01/01/2009
DMD	RCT: exercise training vs. ctrl	UMCN	01/03/2009
DMD	Functional training with arm support in DMD	UMCN	01/03/2009