



The Intensive Connection

Minutes of the NIC meeting, 4th December 2020, h 14.00-15.00

Prof Geert Meyfroidt, Chair of the NIC
Dr Chiara Robba, Deputy Chair of the NIC

GM welcomes the participants and present the agenda for the meeting.

Lives 2020

This year the conference will be held virtually, in part with an online schedule, and in part with videos on demand.

Although the program has significantly changed with the online version, the slots and presentations of the NIC section have been maintained, with a good representation, specific NIC sections, joined sections with other groups, expert meeting, and case base fundamental courses. The section will be represented by 22 speakers, of whom 9 females and 13 males

Webinars

GM and CR present the webinar conducted so far and especially over the last year, and propose different topics for 2022 including “The use of pupillometry”, “Brain Ultrasonography”, the “ICU management of Stroke”.

Education

The section- thanks to Dr Della Torre and Dr Lopez Soto- is working on a number of NeuroACE courses- a new e-learning tool for preparation of EDIC. Over the last year the ACE course on TBI and Neuromonitoring have been concluded. One on brain ultrasonology is ongoing (under senior review), and several others need to be updated or started. There is need for senior and junior volunteers for the development of the educational modules. Please contact the Deputy Chair if you are interested.

Research

GM and CR present the research projects progression over the last months, including surveys (Ventilo-survey published on Crit Care, Strike survey on revisions on JNA, etc...) and consensus papers-consensus on mechanical ventilation in brain injured patients, already published on ICM, and one on fever which is about to start. GM proposes a new consensus on neuro-specific indications for sedation in brain-injured patients, which will be presented over the next few weeks to the executive committee for endorsement.



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Regarding the multicenter studies ongoing in the section, ENIO, synapse and EUREKA have been concluded, TRAIN, SANDMAN are still ongoing and VENTIBRAIN is about to start.

Other studies planned and proposed to the section are the (NCS-initiated) Curing Coma Campaign; a retrospective study on SAH and DCI management; and a data collection on the ICU management of Stroke patients.