



Subject: PNS President's Message, November 2020

Dear PNS Member,

2020 is dominated by the COVID-19 global pandemic, which has also reflected in the PNS activities. There are however also some positive points. For our Society 2020 has been a year of growth and reflection, and the start of new activities. This summer we reported that the PNS adopted new [mission and vision statements](#) and we developed a strategic plan. The plan focuses on three core strategies centered on governance, a broad range of PNS related activities, and the future needs of patients and their caregivers (including career development).

Last month, we expanded our four Special Interest Groups (SIG) with the adoption of a new [Neuropathic Pain Consortium \(NPC\)](#). If you are interested in being a part of this new SIG, we encourage you to update your membership profile at www.PNSociety.com, such that you begin receiving NPC activities updates.

We are also pleased to report that the Board has approved a new [committee structure](#). The Communications & Website, International Outreach, Membership, and Guidelines Committees have all been reimagined and relaunched. We need your enthusiasm and help to reach our goals. Please stay abreast for ways you may get involved as a PNS Member, including a [Call for Committee Involvement](#) that will be sent in January.

Finally, we are excited to announce that our long-standing education goal has been brought to life this year with the release of a new PNS [on-demand education center on the PNS website](#). We hope to increase the number of online lectures available in the library over the next several years, by recording the educational content at all our in-person and virtual meetings and events. Please visit the education center at www.pnsociety.com. The industry sponsored PNS symposia recordings will be available in early December.

In the year ahead, we look forward to bringing the following Society initiatives and projects to completion.

- A new PNS website

- Expansion of PNS membership opportunities, also for those from low-income economies
- Creation of Post-Doc Fellowship Grant opportunities (*anticipated 2022 launch*)
- Release of the EAN/PNS CIDP and GBS Guidelines
- Unveiling of new Career Center and resources on the PNS website
- Launch of PNS Online Communities Forum
- Release of new virtual education opportunities
- Exploration of expansion of PNS Annual Meeting rotation, also to venues outside North America or Europe

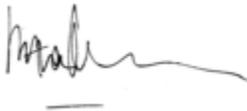
As many of you know, running an organization of this size would not be possible without the support of our industry partners. We especially thank our year-round partners, Akcea Therapeutics, Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, CSL Behring, and Grifols for their ongoing support. If you have not yet done so, please be sure to register for their [virtual symposia programs](#) this Fall.

2021 PNS Annual Meeting

We remain optimistic that we will see you in person at the [2021 PNS Annual Meeting](#) in Copenhagen, Denmark 27-30 June. That said, the Board is finalizing both hybrid and fully virtual meeting opportunities for PNS Members, should COVID-19 prevent us from meeting in-person next year. We will keep you informed on all developments related to the planning of the meeting in the months ahead. Please visit www.pnsociety.com and go to [2021 PNS Annual Meeting](#) page for more information.

We wish you all the best and thank you for your membership and ongoing support of the Peripheral Nerve Society.

Sincerely,



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