



THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION
OF NEUROSURGICAL SOCIETIES

EANS2025 Vienna Congress – A Congress for the History Books

Vienna, with its rich medical heritage and tradition of scientific excellence, proved the perfect setting for the EANS2025 Congress. The VIECON – Vienna Congress & Convention Center welcomed a record of 2,430 participants from 90 countries, creating an atmosphere of intellectual energy and international collaboration that defines European neurosurgery at its best.

The congress highlighted the vibrancy and diversity of our community: young neurosurgeons engaged in animated discussions with seasoned mentors, industry partners demonstrating innovations that will shape the future in neurosurgery, and colleagues from across continents united by their passion for advancing our field. Our 61 industry partners didn't just offer financial support; they created invaluable opportunities for innovation and learning.



The scientific programme delivered extraordinary numbers that reflect our collective ambition: with over 2,000 abstracts submitted – a new EANS record – we presented 417 lectures, 507 oral presentations, 339 oral e-poster presentations, and 726 e-poster presentations. We featured 3 keynote speeches, 11 plenary sessions, 12 masterclasses, 74 parallel sessions, 18 pre-congress sessions, and 11 industry symposia.

The congress earned a record-breaking 37 EACCME credits.

Our three keynote speakers: David Poeppel, who presented "Language in the Brain: Exciting Opportunities at the Intersection of Neurosurgery and Neuroscience," demonstrating how neurosurgical practice can benefit from cognitive neuroscience; Ingeborg Hochmair shared insights in "The Future of Cochlear Implants and Other Implantable

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Neuroprostheses,” discussing how neuroprosthetic devices are evolving to restore not only hearing but other neural functions, opening new frontiers in brain-machine interfaces; and a true giant of neurosurgery, Dr. Robert Spetzler, who emphasised, among other things, the importance of collaboration, and reminded us that for hard-working neurosurgeons, it is crucial to dedicate time to friends, family and sports – despite the demands of a neurosurgical workload.

Watching neurosurgeons from different generations and continents celebrating together, sharing stories, and forging friendships that will last lifetimes - these are the moments that define the EANS spirit.

Building on the momentum from the previous outstanding Sofia congress, the EANS has shown that each congress can surpass the last while maintaining the warmth and collegiality that make this meeting special.



Honoring Excellence

The European Lecture Award for an exceptional and practice-changing contribution to neurosurgery was presented to Professor Jürgen Beck. In his lecture, he shared his

“Human-to-Human Approach to Research” and encouraged neurosurgeons of all ages to stay curious, stay active, and keep doing. His presentation reminded us why we chose this profession.



Prof. Johannes van Loon and Hugues Duffau were both distinguished with the EANS Award for Exceptional Service to European Neurosurgery, recognising their outstanding dedication and long-standing commitment to our community. Prof. Bernhard Meyer received the EANS Lifetime Achievement Award, which celebrates a career that has inspired generations of neurosurgeons. Prof. José Vicente Piquer Belloch received the EANS Humanitarian Award for extending neurosurgical care beyond traditional boundaries. Mrs. Saba Raza-Knight was honoured with the EANS2025 Braakman Prize.



EANS2025 General Assembly: Leading the Way in European Neurosurgery

The EANS General Assembly 2025 was a moment of reflection, renewal, and strategic direction. With the congress in full swing, this year’s GA provided a platform to report on achievements, reinforce the EANS mission, and set the stage for a new chapter of leadership.

EANS President Torstein Meling reaffirmed his philosophy of “Opening Doors and Building Bridges,” which continues to shape the EANS approach to inclusion, innovation, and collaboration across Europe and beyond.

The Assembly underscored the society’s ongoing commitment to its mission: to enhance the quality of neurosurgical patient care in Europe. It showcased meaningful progress across several key initiatives, including the establishment of new partnerships with neurosurgical societies, expanded research activity, the launch of the



EANS Mobile App, significant growth in online learning and digital education content, and increased social media and newsletter engagement, further strengthening connections within the community.

Prof. Wilco Peul, Chief Editor of Brain and Spine, proudly reported on the journal’s growth. The Impact Factor has climbed from 1.9 to 2.5, marking a rapid rise and reflecting increasing citation and readership. With a consolidated audience and targeted marketing strategies, the journal continues to foster a vibrant author community while keeping readers informed with the latest developments.

Additionally, a new EANS Professional Standards Guideline was adopted, setting clear norms for professional conduct within the neurosurgical community.



The EANS proudly welcomed the Azerbaijan Association of Neurosurgeons as a National Member Society, further expanding the reach and diversity of the organisation.

A major highlight of this year’s Assembly was the election of a new EANS Board of Officers. With a legacy of excellence behind us, the newly elected Board is ready to lead the

EANS into its next chapter - one defined by knowledge-sharing, innovation, and inclusive growth.

The FEBNS Award Ceremony 2025 - Honouring Excellence and Dedication in European Neurosurgery

For the second year in a row, the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies proudly celebrated the achievements of newly appointed Fellows of the European Board of Neurological Surgery (FEBNS). The ceremony, held during the EANS2025 Congress, once again

provided an opportunity to recognise the dedication, perseverance, and excellence of neurosurgeons who successfully completed both Part I and Part II of the FEBNS examination.

This growing tradition is a testament to the commitment of the EANS and UEMS Section of Neurosurgery to fostering high standards in neurosurgical education and practice across Europe. The FEBNS Diploma signifies not only clinical competence but also a shared commitment to the continued advancement of the specialty.



Our next Congress destination: Hamburg!



Dear Colleagues and friends,

It is our distinct pleasure and an honour to invite you to the EANS Annual Congress, which will take place from 30 September to 4 October 2026 in Hamburg. After the cancellation of the 2021 meeting due to the pandemic, the long-awaited chance to welcome all of you in Hamburg will become real in 2026. The congress will take place in the Congress Center Hamburg (CCH), which is one of the most modern conference venues in Europe.

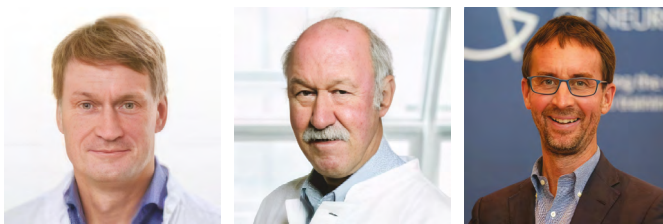
“Responsibility, endurance and resilience” is the motto of the congress. These three key elements guide our daily neurosurgical work, our teaching and our research activities. We witness tremendous technological advances in neurosurgery, such as artificial intelligence, advanced neurostimulation and brain-machine interfaces. We gain new insights from clinical and experimental neuroscience, allowing to approach personalized therapy especially, but not exclusively in neuro-oncology. Nonetheless, a constant awareness of how these advances are responsibly integrated into education and daily practice to truly benefit our patients is needed. In line with the motto of the congress, we aim to provide a comprehensive, educational and also critical update of the most recent developments in neurosurgery, framed by a large exhibition, showing the latest technologies.

We feel especially honoured, that we can welcome the Japanese Society for Neurosurgery as the first national guest society ever to join our annual EANS meeting. This is testimony to the perception, that the EANS, although

based in Europe, is a substantial part of the global neurosurgical community.

Scientific exchange is the main purpose of the EANS congress! Old friends and making new friends is also a substantial aspect of these meetings. For the social program, we have chosen stunning venues, which reflect the rich history of Hamburg as well as its atmosphere as a city designed by water.

We look forward to welcoming you all to Hamburg!



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