

FNDS NEWS

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Committees

Thank you to all the members who showed an interest in joining one or more of our new committees. Chairs are:

Education:

Alan Carson

Patient Liaison:

Tim Nicholson &
Mark Edwards

Fundraising:

Alberto Espay

Website / Social Media:

Kathrin Lafaver

Membership &

Professional Liaison:

Curt LaFrance Jr & Tereza
Serranová

Diagnosis &

Classification

(including scales):

Jon Stone & Jeff Staab

Neuroimaging:

Selma Aybek &
David Perez

*We will hear more from
them in the coming
months!*

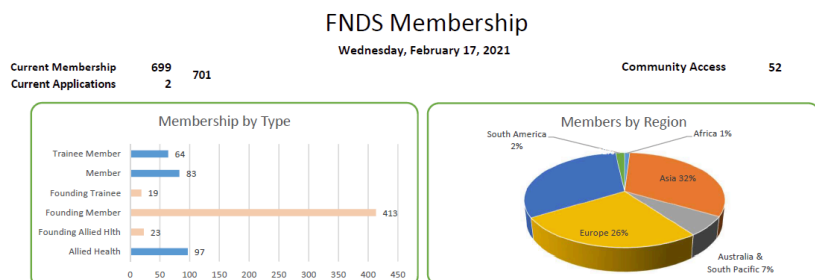


2022 Conference

We are making plans to hold the *4th International Conference on Functional Neurological Disorders* in Boston, MA. Hold the tentative dates of June 19-21, 2022 in your diary. We will confirm the dates as soon as the contract is delivered.

Membership

FNDS membership continues to grow and we are delighted to include members, trainees, and community access members from across the world.





FNDS Webinars

The FNDS webinars continue to run a strong weekly program that began in May 2020.

We built a library of over 30 webinars covering many aspects of FND. These, along with the audio from the talks at the FND 2017 conference, are available online. Look on "Member Resources" of the website.

Forthcoming Webinars

February 25

Findings from a National FND Database

Michele Tinazzi, MD, PhD

March 4

Laboratory Assisted Diagnosis of FND

Petra Schwingenschuh, MD
Karlo Lizarraga, MD, M.Sc.

March 11

Inflammation and Mental Health – The Novel Frontier
Carmine Pariante, FRCPsych

Contact [Alan Carson](#) with topic / speaker ideas or to participate

Elections of the Board

Thank you to everyone who took part in the recent vote to elect the Inaugural board for FNDS.

The officers until the June 2022 Conference are...

President

Mark Hallett, MD, Dr Med (hon)

President-elect

Alan J. Carson, MB ChB, MPhil, MD, FRCPsych, FRCP

Secretary

Jon Stone, MBChB, FRCP, PhD

Treasurer

Marina AJ De Koning-Tijssen, MD, PhD

We thank the Transitional Board members who are largely the same as the Inaugural board. Dr. Anthony Lang is stepping down from the Board; we are grateful for his service and also for his leadership of the Nomination Committee.

FND and Covid-19 Vaccination

After several videos of patients with movement disorders after the covid-19 vaccine were shared widely on social media, we posted the following statement on our website:

[COVID19 Press Release](#)



FNDS Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed our inaugural newsletter! Look for a new one each quarter.

Contact [Jon Stone](#) with suggestions of FND specific content. *We are currently not highlighting specific research papers.*



Graphic novel for functional/dissociative seizures

A new graphic novel about having FND related seizures has been launched.

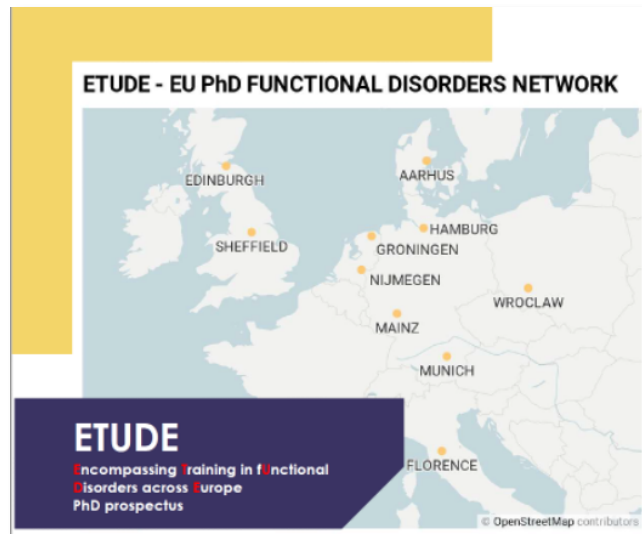
Called 'Not There' it was created by Gavin Inglis and Fin Cramb with a foreword by Jon Stone.

It is free to download at <https://www.ginkgoprojects.co.uk/beyond-walls-fnd>

News from our Members

You may be interested in a PhD scheme funded by the European Union across 7 European countries. Two of them are specifically related to FND. Applicants are welcome from anywhere in the world. *Closing date is February 28th.*

[Read detailed descriptions of each PhD with contact details](#)



New Dutch Website for patients with Functional Movement Disorder



Prof. Marina de Koning-Tijssen team including Dr. Jeannette Gelauff, Judith Rosmalen, and Tjerk Lagrand launched a new website to help patients with functional movement disorders.

The site is <https://www.functionelebewegingsstoornissen.nl/>