



## April 2015 Newsletter

### **NEWS FLASH: Our new section on Sacral Nerve Stimulation is live!**

Our new SNS section provides a comprehensive list of 702 papers that report primary data and a list of data categories specific to this stimulation target. We would be delighted to have feedback on this section!

### **WIKISTIM abstract accepted for INS in June**

The INS has accepted our WIKISTIM abstract for 12th International Congress of the INS the International Neuromodulation Society's 12th International Congress, "Neuromodulation: Medicine Evolving Through Technology," which will take place June 8-11, 2015 (with pre-conference workshops on the 6th and 7th) in Montreal, Canada. Courtesy of the INS, WIKISTIM will have a tabletop exhibit.

### **March spring cleaning translates to quality improvements**

We worked with Google to improve the functionality of our custom search engine, which is now operating to our satisfaction.

For SCS papers published in *Neuromodulation*, we added links to the publisher's site where full-text articles can be obtained. We plan to add these links to our other sections.

In the SCS section, as we were adding links to *Neuromodulation's* publisher, we discovered that the dash is a powerful keystroke: who would have guessed that "123—126" would behave differently than "123-126"? We had encountered entries that mysteriously displayed only the first part of the range of page numbers. Once we figured out that the dash was causing this problem, we identified and corrected all of the hundreds of affected entries in the SCS section. (This is when just the right amount of OCD comes in handy!)

### **April 1st numbers**

- 1729 SCS (12 new this month) and 20 DRG
- 1258 DBS (this includes 99 OCD, with 2 new this month and 1159 studies of Parkinson's disease—7 added this month—that include some motor cortex stimulation literature waiting for its own section)
- 702 SNS entries (all new this month)
- 208 people receive this newsletter
- 166 registered subscribers (10 new this month)

### **Spreading the word in March**

We attended a session on neuromodulation at AAPM and then a meeting of the Neuromodulation Appropriateness Consensus Committee (NACC), which has already published four articles and is planning several more. Thanks to the NACC chair, Dr. Tim Deer, who asked us to give a presentation on WIKISTIM to this important group.

### **Funding and plans for April**

In March, we consulted with several potential sponsors as we continue to establish the appropriate funding paradigm for WIKISTIM. We have sufficient funds to continue our work uninterrupted through June.

We will devote much of the month of April to adding our section on PNFS, exploring the possibility of offering CME credits (see below), and increasing our "marketing" efforts to spread the word about WIKISTIM. We also plan to continue making global improvements to the appearance and functionality of WIKISTIM.

### **CME credit possibility**

WIKISTIM offers an educational opportunity that we would like to recognize by awarding CME credits to WIKISTIM registrants who hyper-abstract data from scientific publications into our data fields. This would follow the example of the growing number of journals that offer credits to peer reviewers. The tasks are comparable in many ways, typically involving one to three hours of effort per publication, and we envision offering corresponding CME credits, depending upon the complexity of the task (e.g., one credit for a simple case study; three for large studies with multiple outcomes, etc.). We believe CME's would be an incentive to WIKISTIM datasheet completion, enriching our database and thus increasing the value of WIKISTIM for all of our users, who as a result will be able to analyze and cite our literature more effectively in their own works. We also believe that digesting a scientific paper with the level of attention required to fill in our fields is a helpful educational exercise. Our CME options range from contracting directly with ACCME to subcontracting with an academic institution or society, and we continue to explore these possibilities.

### **How you can help**

- Please consider supporting WIKISTIM with a tax-deductible donation to The Neuromodulation Foundation, Inc.
- Spread the word about WIKISTIM (all past newsletters and FAQs with detailed information about WIKISTIM are available on the home page before registration is required)
- Submit extracted data from published reports of your choice or use our datasheets as a guide when you write your paper and submit the datasheet to us upon journal acceptance.
- Notify us about any reports we might have missed for SCS, DRG, and DBS/OCD or reports you would like to see added for DBS/PD.
- Suggest website improvements (and thanks to those who have done this—we have incorporated your suggestions).
- Suggest potential donors.
- We have just opened nominations for the positions of Vagus Nerve Stimulation and Gastric Electrical Stimulation Section Editors.

### **Financial support (listed alphabetically by first name)**

Support to date for 2015:

- B. Todd Sitzman, MD, MPH
- Greatbatch
- Medtronic
- The NANS Foundation (3-year grant commitment started Dec 2014)

We are grateful for the ongoing support of these nonprofits:

- The International Neuromodulation Society (publicity and INS conference registration)
- The Neuromodulation Foundation (parent non-profit, overhead and development)
- The North American Neuromodulation Society (publicity and NANS conference registration)

Support during 2014:

- Boston Scientific
- Greatbatch (travel grant to Mechanisms conference)
- Medtronic
- Neurovations/Napa Pain Institute (Mechanisms conference registration and conference booth for publicity)
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