



## PRESS RELEASE

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The Hellenic Academy of Neuroimmunology (Hellani) is happy to announce the award of four fellowships and the funding of seven research projects, in line with its statutory objective, which consists of supporting and promoting basic and clinical research and education in the field of neuroimmunology.

The researchers and research projects that have been awarded the fellowships and grants are as follows:

### **Fellowships**

*Alissafi Themis:* "Unraveling the mode of action of steroids in MS therapy: the indispensable role of myeloid-derived suppressor cells."

*Belbasis Lazaros:* "**ENAGE-MS: EN**vironment-wide Association study and **Gene**-Environment interplay for **M**ultiple Sclerosis"

*Bonetto Giulia:* "The role of microneurotrophins in oligodendrocyte survival and proliferation"

*Theotokis Paschalis:* "Migration, differentiation and myelination potency of Neural Precursor Cells (NPCs) after intrathecal transplantation in the spinal cord of Experimental Autoimmune Encephalomyelitis (EAE) mice."

### **Projects**

*Dardiotis Efthymios, Bogdanos Dimitrios, Mavropoulos Athanasios, Hadjigeorgiou Georgios, Grigoriadis Nikolaos, Deretzi Georgia, Kountouras Jannis :* "Helicobacter pylori Bregs modulation in MS"

*Dalakas Marinos, Kilidireas Konstantinos, Voumvourakis Konstantinos, Alexopoulos Harry:* "Seeking novel biomarkers for the diagnosis and etiopathology of progressive Multiple Sclerosis using skin biopsies"

*Evangelidou Maria, Karamita Maria, Probert Lesley, Fugger Lars, Sotiropoulos Damianos:* "Towards precision therapies for autoimmune disease of the CNS: Development of a fully humanized (HLA-DR2) mouse model of adaptive immune system for the study of multiple sclerosis"

*Lambrianides Anastasia, Filippidou Natalia, Pantzaris Marios, Christodoulou Christina, Pericleous Charis, Rahman Anisur:* "A study to investigate the involvement of autoantibodies against phospholipids in the pathogenesis of multiple sclerosis"

*Mouzaki Athanasia, Panagoulas Ioannis, Aggeletopoulou Ioanna:* "Characterization of transcription factors and molecular mechanisms that suppress cytokine gene expression in T helper cells and their role in the pathogenesis of multiple sclerosis"

*Tzartos Socrates, Kilidireas Konstantinos, Tzartos John:* "Antibodies to Aquaporin-1 in neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOsd). Clinical and pathological characterization of a new subtype of NMOsd"

*Zaganas Ioannis, Mastorodemos Vasilios, Vogiatzi Emmanouela, Karagogeos Domna, Savvaki Maria:* "A neuroimmunological genetic approach on the role of Contactin-2 in Multiple Sclerosis"

The grant that will be awarded, will be announced at a later date through a decision of the Hellenic Academy's of Neuroimmunology Executive Board.

The Hellenic Academy of Neuroimmunology,

Professor Papathanasopoulos Panagiotis, President of the Executive Board