

NEURODIAB 2015 Annual Meeting

The 25th Annual Meeting of the Diabetic Neuropathy Study Group of the EASD

11-13 September 2015 · Elsinore · Denmark



**Commemorative Session
1991-2015
25 years of Neurodiab**

***Enduring friendship
A legacy for the future***

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Third Part



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The 25-year Neurodiab history: our ethics

Geared towards an ethical relationship

- mutual respect but independence from sponsors,
- acknowledgement of mentors,
- honouring the memory of friends we have lost,
- sharing knowledge with society,
- friendly and collaborative climate,
- ability to appreciate beautiful places, the arts and living together.

The 25-year Neurodiab history: the mentors



19th Neurodiab Meeting Orvieto 2008. The first Lifetime Achievement Awards winners: John Ward, Peter Watkins, Guido Menzinger, F. Arnold Gries



20th Neurodiab meeting Toronto 2009.
Peter J. Dyck, winner of the Lifetime Achievement Awards

Stockholm 2010
David Tomlinson

Porto 2011
Aaron Vinik

Dresden 2012
Anders A.F. Sima

Neurodiab: mentors and friends we have lost along the way

PK Thomas • UK
(28.6.1926-25.1.2008)



“A giant has moved on.”
Peter Oats

“.. there is no authoritative text on diabetic neuropathy that does not pay tribute to him for his erudition and ability to wee the wood for the trees, which has made life a whole lot easier for those who presume to follow in his footsteps.”
Aaron Vinik

“NEURODIAB will always honour his contributions for our study group.”
Solomon Tesfaye

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Göran Sundkvist • Sweden
(1944-15.9.2006)



“We lose a friend. We lose a colleague, who was actively involved in Neurodiab from the very first days.

We express our gratitude to Göran for everything he did as a friend and as a member of our group.”

*Paul Valensi and
Solomon Tesfaye*

Under David Tomlinson's suggestion, the Executive Committee named a prize lecture after Göran as an expression of a common desire to maintain and honour his memory.

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Angelika Bierhaus • Germany
(9.2.1962-15.4.2012)



She devoted her whole life to research...



“It is difficult for me to believe that we have lost two of the most talented basic scientists working in this area this year.”

Andrew J.M. Boulton

In 2012, the Neurodiab Executive Committee decided to name the Young Investigators' Award for pre-clinical science after Angelika Bierhaus.

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Irina Obrosova • Ukraine, US
(26.11.1956-4.12.2012)



".... studying diabetic neuropathy is a journey filled with challenges. Irina had the calling to follow this path. Her early death is a loss to everyone who knew her and for the present and future sufferers of diabetic neuropathy."

Teresa Jones

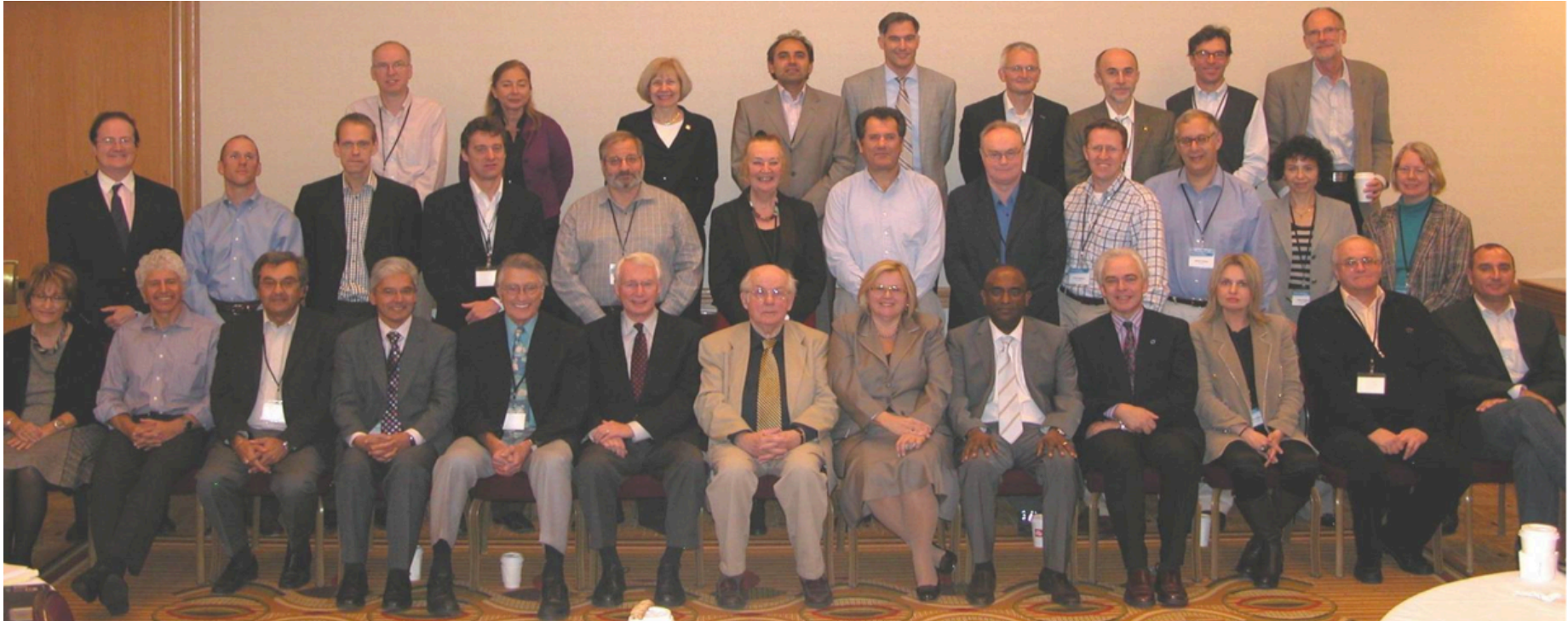
"A highly intelligent, passionate, hard working and talented scientist, Irina's unique talents will be greatly missed by her many friends in Neurodiab and other institutions. Her strength of character in the face of adversity is an example to us all and her achievements in the field of diabetes complications will continue to inspire future young scientists."

Solomon Tesfaye

"...seeing Irina aggressively arguing her views on mechanisms of nerve injury by day, then seeing her Samba dancing alongside colleagues and locals in a village pub by night!"

Bruce Perkins

Neurodiab guidelines: Toronto Consensus Panel



"... the meeting in Toronto gave a platform to address all aspects of diabetic neuropathy (diagnostic criteria, estimation of severity and treatment etc.). An international consensus panel on Diabetic Neuropathy was convened by Neurodiab and this meeting led to consensus recommendations on Diabetic Neuropathy ... This would not have been possible without Neurodiab."

Solomon Tesfaye

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