

Curriculum Vitae: Pr Alexis ARZIMANOGLOU

Place of Birth	Athens, Greece
Nationality	Greek and French
Education	American Athens College, Greece 1974
Languages	English, French, Greek, Spanish



Official registration references

- French National Board of Physician (CNOM) Registration number: **69/21582**
RPPS number: 10003978110
- **Col·legi de Metges de Barcelona**; N° Col·legiat: 56184; Especialitat en NEUROLOGIA

Degrees and Diplomas

- MD, "Aristotle University of Salonica, Greece" 1981
- Board Certified in Neurology 1989
- Certified "University Hospital Practitioner" in Child Neurology & Appointed Head of the Epilepsy Program University Hospital Robert Debré 1999
- Professor of Child Neurology Medical College of Paris, France 2007
- Visiting Professor of Child Neurology, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain 2016

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

- ♦ *Ambassador for Epilepsy – International League Against Epilepsy*
- ♦ *Aicardi Award for Excellence in Paediatric Neurology – European Paediatric Neurology Society*
- ♦ *Honorary Member of the Chilean and the Mexican Paediatric Neurology Societies and the Academia Iberoamericana de Neurología Pediátrica (AINP)*

PRESENT APPOINTMENTS

- Director of the Dpt. of Paediatric Clinical Epileptology, Sleep Disorders & Functional Neurology *University Hospitals of Lyon – FRANCE* 2008 - ...
- LYON NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER (CRNL);
- Scientific Coordinator and Medical Advisor, Unidad de Epilepsia, Sueño y Neurofisiología, *Hospital San Juan de Dios, Barcelona, SPAIN* 2014 - ...

Missions and/or Membership in SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

- Coordinator of the European Reference Network Rare and Complex Epilepsies **ERN EpiCARE**
- Co-coordinator of International Consortium of Research and Care for the ATP1A3 diseases and Alternating Hemiplegia of Childhood (**IAHCRC**)
- Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of the **ILAE** Educational Journal *Epileptic Disorders*
- Associate Editor-in-Chief *European Journal of Paediatric Neurology*
- Active member of the **ILAE Education Council**
- Active member of the **ILAE Publications and Communication Council**
- Member Scientific Committee of the **International Symposium Paediatric Movement Disorders**
- Past Co-chair of the **European Academy of Neurology-Child Neurology Panel**
- Past President of the **French Chapter** of International League against Epilepsy
- **Elected member of the ILAE Commission on European Affairs** (2009 – 2013)
- Past Chair of the Scientific Committee of the **European Paediatric Neurology Society** (2006-2009)
- Past- President of the (French speaking) **Société Européenne de Neurologie Pédiatrique** (2006-08)
- Past member of the **ILAE Paediatrics Commission**
- Past member of the **ILAE Classification of Epilepsies and Epileptic Seizures Commission**

Member of:

American Epilepsy Society (AES); European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS); European Neurological Society (ENS); French Society of Clinical Neurophysiology; International Child Neurology Association (I.C.N.A.); French Child Neurology Society; French League Against Epilepsy (LFCE); Greek Neurological Society; French Neurological Society.

- Honorary member **Chilean** Society of Paediatric Neurology
- Honorary member **Mexican** Society of Paediatric Neurology
- Honorary member of the **Academia Iberoamericana de Neurología Pediátrica (AINP)**

Biography Note

Born in Athens, Greece, I studied medicine in Thessaloniki and later moved to London and Paris, where I trained in Child Neurology. This rather complex journey authorizes me to claim, and be proud of, a profoundly European personality.

Meeting *Jean Aicardi* determined the rest of my medical career. He was my teacher, he initiated me to paediatric clinical epileptology, he is “responsible” for my attachment to France and its public health system. I will always honor him as my mentor and remember him as a very close friend. *Emilio Fernandez-Alvarez* and *Jaume Campistol* also largely contributed to my resolutely clinical approach of medical practice. *Fred Andermann* was the one who arouse my curiosity for early epilepsy surgery, during a research fellowship at the Montreal Neurological Institute.

Since 2008, after more than 25 years in Paris (Necker-Enfants Malades, Salpêtrière and Robert Debré University hospitals), I moved to Lyon where I contributed, together with a team of excellence, to the creation of a rather unique in France hospital department, combining clinical epilepsy care and functional neurology. I am honored, since 2014, to also contribute, as Research Coordinator, to the creation of an equivalent paediatric epilepsy unit at the Barcelona Children’s hospital in Spain.

During all these years I also strongly committed myself to missions related to the activities of scientific societies and patient associations – in France, in the EU and internationally - in the fields of Child Neurology and clinical epileptology. My main non-medical activities are most frequently oriented towards educational projects, but not only. Probably my most significant contribution was to closely accompany the creation of an epilepsy journal dedicated to clinical semiology, today the educational journal of the ILAE *Epileptic Disorders*. I combined this activity with the organization of several workshops and training courses for young clinicians from across the world, workshops that often led to the publication of books.

My clinical and research activities mainly concern the pharmacological and surgical management and genetics of childhood epilepsies also focusing on issues related to cognitive function and dysfunction. I am involved in several European collaborative studies on rare neurological disorders, published more than 160 articles in peer-reviewed journals, co-authored the latest edition of "*Aicardi's Epilepsy in children*" and co-edited several books in the field, including the 4th edition of the "*Aicardi's Diseases of the Nervous System in Childhood*" (McKeith Press) and the first book on *Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery* (John Libbey editions).

My most recent passion, result of my recent role in the EU Reference Network for Rare and Complex Epilepsies ERN EpiCARE: *contribute to the development of public health services across the EU accessible to all*. Health services working in close collaboration at the service of the patients, independently of their origins.