

# **WORLD FEDERATION OF NEUROLOGY**

## **Research Group on the History of the Neurosciences**

### **Annual Report 2010**

#### **Research Group Activities 2010**

The Research Group on the History of the Neurosciences is organizing a symposium at the 2011 World Congress of Neurology in Marrakech on the topic of **History of Neuroscience in the Maghreb**. It will be published in the Research Group's journal, the *Journal of the History of the Neurosciences* (Stanley Finger, Peter J. Koehler and Malcolm MacMillan, editors). The Marrakech Symposium is likely to be an authoritative source on neurosciences in Northern Africa, a center of learning at a time when scholarship was otherwise suppressed. Contributors will present original research on selected topics dealing with the neurosciences in the ancient lands. The Symposium includes the following chapters:

- C Hicham. The Marrakech Symposium on Neurosciences in the Maghreb. An Introduction.
- F Afifi. The Golden History of Arab and Islamic Neurology.
- EA Faris. Neurosciences in Al-Andalus.
- GK York. Neurology in Maimonides.
- H Chafiq. The Maghrebian Maristans and the Treatment of Neuropsychiatric Diseases.

#### **Future activities**

The Research Group is planning two other symposia. The first, to take place at a future World Congress of Neurology, will address the subject Evolution in Neurology. This program will take up the influence of evolutionary theory and practice on basic and clinical neurology, and vice versa. Potential topics include Darwin and the brain, the neurological theories of Lamarck, release signs and Hughlings Jackson's evolutionary neurophysiology. Following its long-standing tradition, the Research Group expects to publish this symposium.

The Research Group is also planning a symposium in London on October 10-11, 2011 to mark the centennial of the death of John Hughlings Jackson. This Hughlings Jackson Centennial Symposium will call together the small but enthusiastic cadre of Jackson scholars to celebrate the centennial with presentation of original research on Neurology in mid-Victorian London. The symposium should also attract attention of others in the metropolis. The Research Group expects to publish this symposium also.

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