#### **World Federation of Neurology Research Group on Dementia**

(WFN-RGD)

#### 2011 report.

### I) Organizational track

- To December 2011 the WFN-RGD has 280 members.
- During 2012 will take place the authorities' renewal through the vote of the Executive Committee.

## II) Scientific – academic track

- On May 2011 was held the 3<sup>rd</sup> WFN-RGD Latin American Meeting at the National Academy of Medicine in Buenos Aires with more than 400 registered attendees (neurologists, psychiatrists, geriatricians and neuropsychologists.
- The WFN-RGD is co-organizing the Symposium "Brain aging and dementia in Developing Countries" to be held in December in Nairobi, Kenia in December 5-7, 2012.
- The WFN-RGD is co-organizing the First European Cognitive Impairment Meeting in Athens October 17-20, 2013.

## III) Educational track

As part of the frame agreement signed with the Argentine National Institute for Social Services for Retired and Pensioners, a long distance course about "Cognition and Behavior: anatomical and neurochemical basis" directed to general practitioners, neurologists, psychiatrists and geriatricians was organized. More than nine hundred professionals were registered and more than six hundreds of them take and approved a multiple choice examination.

### IV) Communicational track

The WFN-RGD web page was renewed and actualized with announcements, news, meetings and congresses' agenda with the aim of improving the external presence and the internal communication of the WFN-RGD. In 2012 <a href="www.wfn-rgd.org">www.wfn-rgd.org</a> will be linked to WFN webpage.

Conexión (Connection), a printed newsletter in Spanish is distributed to 10000 neurologists, psychiatrists and geriatricians. During 2011 have been distributed two issues. Four issues are planned for 2012.

An agreement signed with "Journal of Alzheimer's Disease" allowed WFN-RGD members free access to the Journal electronic edition during one year. The renewal of the agreement is planned to be signed.

# V) Socio-sanitary and health policies track

A renewal of the frame agreement was signed with the Argentine National Institute for Social Services for Retired and Pensioners that deals with the social and health services for more than 4 million individuals older than 65 years.

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