

FYRE

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The Forum of Young Researchers (FYRE) is a group of young, enthusiastic clinical scientists within the WFN-RGACD who are interested in the study of patients with disorders of cognitive and language functions.

After FYRE was formed at the Biennial WFN-RGACD Meeting in Edinburgh (2008), its members hosted the first poster competition for early career researchers during the meeting in Istanbul (Turkey), on 15-18 May 2010. After the Istanbul meeting, the main aims had been: 1) fostering the connection between members; 2) sharing scientific interests and starting scientific collaborations; 3) starting to mentioning the existence of FYRE in papers published by the FYRE members, to allow the wider scientific community to familiarize with the existence of FYRE.

During the last year, time and energies had been devoted enthusiastically to the preparation and realization of the FYRE contribution to the Biennial Meeting of the WFN-RGACD (Hyderabad, 9-12 December 2012), with the aim to encourage FYRE investigators to make their high-quality and academically distinctive work known to the WFN-RGACD Research Community. More precisely, 1) a mini-symposium entirely organized by FYRE members and 2) a poster competition for early career researchers had been scheduled. In addition, in Hyderabad FYRE members also had their official Second Meeting, strongly supported by the WFN-RGACD Chairs Drs. Thomas H. Bak and Facundo Manes. The most important decisions taken were: 1) to create in the next future a panel of Senior WFN-RGACD members acting as tutors of FYRE members, to allow all of the interested FYRE members to get the support and the supervision of experienced scientists in the field; 2) to elect the new FYRE Chair. Dr. Zhenzhen Zeng (from the Department of Neurology, West China Hospital of Sichuan University, Chengdu, Sichuan, China) was officially elected as the new FYRE Chair for the years 2012-2014, and Dr. Anna Jones (from the University of Edinburgh, UK) had been elected as a supportive member for the new FYRE Chair.

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