

**WORLD FEDERATION OF NEUROLOGY
RESEARCH GROUP ON APHASIA, DEMENTIA & COGNITIVE DISORDERS
(WFN RG ADCD)**

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Educational Activities

We have continued the intensive programme of teaching courses in cognitive and behavioural neurology, initiated through the WFN grant "Cognitive Clinics Worldwide", which we obtained in 2011. The grant gave us funds to organise, jointly with the WFN RG on Motor Neuron Diseases (WFN RG MND), three teaching courses: one each in India, China and South America. Through careful and restrained use of our funds we have managed to organise seven teaching events in place of the originally planned three. The first course took place in Kolkata in January 2012 followed by a double course in Beijing and Ulan Baatar (Mongolia) in June/July 2012. In 2013 we have followed it with a teaching course in Bangalore in April (with satellite courses in Mysore and Manipal) and Cartagena (Colombia) in August. In addition, we have organised satellite symposia as part of international meetings in Havana in April and Hong Kong in December. Based on this success we intend to apply for further funding from the WFN to be able to continue offering worldwide educational activities in future.

Our next goal, apart from the continuation of the teaching programme, is to establish information websites containing information about translation and adaptation of cognitive and behavioural tests and treatments in different languages and populations. We have started to develop a website for India, other are due to follow.

Extension of our name

Since the former WFN Research Group on Dementia had ceased to exist, the important field of dementias has not been represented by a WFN research group. We have applied, therefore, at the World Congress of Neurology in Vienna in September 2013, to extend our name to the Research Group on Aphasia, Dementia and Cognitive Disorders (RG ADCD). The WFN has kindly accepted our proposal and our new name is being officially used since December 2013.

This change reflects our history as well as the present trends within the group, reflected in the topics of our biennial meetings and teaching courses. The importance of the change has been discussed in an article published in the January issue of World Neurology: <http://www.worldneurologyonline.com/article/global-interdisciplinary-integrative/>

Relationship with the WFN and other WFN Research Groups

We have been represented at World Congress of Neurology in Vienna in September 2013 in several symposia and teaching courses and have actively participated in the co-ordination meeting of the research groups. We continue to work closely together with the WFN RG on Motor Neuron Disease and are building up collaboration with the research group on neuroepidemiology. We are currently working on the programme for the next World Congress of Neurology (WCN) in Santiago de Chile in November 2015.

Biennial Meetings 2014 & 2016

At the general meeting in Hyderabad in December 2012 it was decided that the next two biennial meetings will take place in Hong Kong (2014) and at Lago di Como (2016).

The meeting in **Hong Kong** completes an important evolution of our group. After the 2010 meeting in West Asia in Istanbul and 2012 meeting in South Asia in Hyderabad, this meeting completes our opening to Asia by extending it to the eastern part of the continent. This opening is reflected in the choice of our meeting places as well as in the steady increase of membership and meeting attendance of our Asian colleagues.

In contrast, the choice of **Lago di Como** for the 2016 meeting brings us back to our roots. It will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our first, founding meeting at Villa Monastero on Lago di Como in 1966 and Stefano Cappa has kindly agreed to take over the local organisation. The exact dates will be decided nearer the time.

2014 Meeting in Hong Kong

The next meeting will take place 27-30 November 2014 in Hong Kong. The local organisation will be kindly provided by Vincent Mok from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, assisted by Brendan Weekes from the University of Hong Kong.

Following our tradition, the meeting will consist of thematic symposia, offering different perspectives of selected topics and encouraging lively debate. Two topics of special interest selected for this meeting are:

- Bilingualism, cross-linguistic and cross-cultural studies
- Clinical aspects and applications, including diagnosis and treatment

The deadline for submission of proposals for symposia is 1 MAY 2014. The decision about the acceptance will be communicated by 15 MAY 2014. The submission deadline for posters is 1 JUNE 2014 and we invite a short abstract of 150 words maximum. The decision about the acceptance will be communicated by 15 JUNE 2014. We will be able to consider breaking news posters after that date.

As in Hyderabad, there will be a poster session and a symposium organised by the Forum of Young Researchers (FYRE). Submissions for the FYRE sessions should be submitted to the FYRE president Zhenzhen: 珍珍 hello02035@163.com.

In addition, we would like to implement, as discussed in Hyderabad, a personal FYRE mentoring scheme. The idea is that young researchers can meet personally a senior scientist from a different university (and country) to discuss their scientific interests, career planning etc. At the last FYRE meeting in Hyderabad our young researchers expressed a lot of interest in the scheme, so we hope to be able to run it for the first time in Hong Kong: names of potential mentors will be matched with interested FYRE members.

We are looking forward to seeing everybody in Hong Kong

Thomas Bak, Chair, Facundo Manes, Co-Chair