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*Fostering quality neurology
and brain health worldwide*

WFN MISSION

World Federation of Neurology

The World Federation of Neurology (WFN) was formed in Brussels in 1957, as an association of neurological societies worldwide.

Today WFN represents 123 professional neurological societies in all regions of the world.

The mission of the WFN, as a registered charity*, is to foster quality neurology and brain health worldwide, a goal we seek to achieve by promoting global neurological education and training, with the emphasis placed firmly on under-resourced parts of the world.

The office of the WFN is in London and its staff manages the organisational and strategic tasks.

Organisation

WFN Officers

The Officers of the Federation include the President, first Vice President, Secretary-General and the Treasurer.

Officers are elected every 4 years during the Council of Delegates meeting. The meeting is attended by a quorum comprising one authorised delegate from each WFN Member Society.

WFN Trustees

The WFN as a registered charity is managed by its trustees:

- ◇ President
- ◇ Secretary-General
- ◇ 3 elected Trustees (3-year terms)
- ◇ First Vice President
- ◇ Treasurer
- ◇ Up to 2 co-opted trustees



* Charity registered in England and Wales, No. 1068673

Committees of the WFN

The WFN committees are dedicated to assisting the WFN with specific tasks such as education, research groups, membership, publications, finance, and congress organisation.

These committees are created from members from all parts of the world and they provide crucial help to the WFN in order to serve its needs and activities.

Education Committee

Subcommittees

Core Curriculum	Continuum	e-Communications	e-Learning	Grants
Standards & Evaluations	Training Centres	Young Neurologists		

WCN Congress Committee

WFN Permanent Congress Committee + Subcommittees

Scientific Program	Teaching Course	Tournament	Local Organising	Local Finance
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Constitution & Byelaws	Finance	Nominating	Regional Liaison	International Liaison
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Membership	Publications	Public Awareness & Advocacy	Specialty Groups
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Subcommittees

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Subcommittees

Patient Communication and Platform

Global Networks

Regional Associations

The WFN encourages the empowerment of local and regional activities through cooperation with its six affiliated regional neurological associations:

- African Academy of Neurology (AFAN)
- American Academy of Neurology (AAN)
- Asian Oceanian Association of Neurology (AOAN)
- European Academy of Neurology (EAN)
- Pan American Federation of Neurological Societies (PAFNS)
- Pan Arab Union of Neurological Societies (PAUNS)

Specialty Groups

Specialty Groups (formerly Applied Research Groups) serve to promote their subspecialty - for example motor neuron disease, neuromuscular diseases, neurosonology.

In addition to their scientific work the Specialty Groups are invited to engage on the structure and content of WFN teaching courses at each World Congress of Neurology.

The WFN Specialty Groups include:

- Aphasia, Dementia and Cognitive Disorders
- Autonomic Disorders
- Coma and Disorders of Consciousness
- Environmental Neurology
- History of the Neurosciences
- Migrant Neurology
- Motor Neuron Diseases
- Neuroepidemiology
- Neuroethics
- Neuroimaging
- Neuromuscular Disorders
- Neuro-oncology
- Neurosonology
- Palliative Care
- Rare Neurological Diseases
- Tropical and Geographical Neurology

Global Neurology Alliance

On 30 March 2011, the World Brain Alliance was formed in Geneva as an alliance of peak international organisations dedicated to promoting brain and mental health and reducing the global burden of brain and mental health disorders.

The World Brain Alliance was founded on three premises:

- ◇ The brain is key to health and wellness
- ◇ Brain health and health begin with the mother and child, and their education
- ◇ Our brains are our future

In Nov 2018 The World Brain Alliance was combined with the Global Neurology Network to form the Global Neurology Alliance which today includes:

- **Regional Associations**
- **Specialty Groups**
- **Global Disease Topic Organisations**
 - Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI)
 - Functional Neurological Disorder Society (FNDS)
 - International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology (IFCN)
 - International Headache Society (IHS)
 - International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE)
 - International Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Society (MDS)
 - Multiple sclerosis International Federation (MSIF)
 - Peripheral Nerve Society (PNS)
 - World Sleep Society
 - World Stroke Organisation (WSO)
- **Related World Organisations**
 - International Brain Research Organisation (IBRO)
 - International Child Neurology Association (ICNA)
 - World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS)
 - World Federation of Neurorehabilitation (WFNR)
 - World Psychiatric Association (WPA)

WFN and WHO

WFN has a long history of engagement with the World Health Organisation (WHO) with renewed official relations status as a global non-state actor until 2026. Brain health is promoted by the WHO and WFN and is a permanent pillar of WFN activity.



Neurology has achieved important steps forward through our joint work that includes the Neurology Atlas, ICD-11, initiatives for equality of access to care, confronting neurological non-communicable diseases, and promoting the global action plan for epilepsy and other neurological disorders.

The WFN has contributed to the Intersectoral Global Action on Epilepsy and other Neurological disorders (IGAP) through

years of work and consultations with members of the Global Neurological Alliance, the WHO Secretariat, and the Member States. IGAP was adopted by the 75th World Health Assembly in May 2022 in Geneva. It is a unique opportunity for neurology to be implemented in many countries of the world and WFN will work towards these goal by following the tools provided WHO.

WFN and ECOSOC

In 2022 the WFN received special consultative status with the United Nations' Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

The UN ECOSOC Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by all UN Member States in 2015 sets out ambitious goals that are in line with the development of IGAP specifically in addressing the global challenges to health and well-being.



Prof. Alla Guekht and Wolfgang Grisold attend the ECOSOC Meeting on January 2023 at the United Nations Headquarters, New York

WFN Education

The Education portfolio currently includes opportunities for pre-graduate and medical students, neurology residents and young neurologists, and for CME and Continuing Professional Development (CPD). Its aims are to:

- Work with individuals, institutions and professional organisations
- Provide the World Congress of Neurology (WCN) including educational programmes and teaching courses
- WFN Training Centres
- Neurological Department Visits
- Educational grants
- Junior Travelling Fellowships
- AAN-WFN Continuum Programme
- Congress Bursaries
- Educational Days
- Research and Teaching Group participation.

The WFN continues to set its sights on promoting and supporting education initiatives such as the expansion of the WFN Training Centres, development of education on digital and online platforms, and the development of a global curriculum for training of neurology, aiming for suggestions with regard to the teaching and training methods, taking into consideration differences in local needs and resources.

Most important is the vision to increase efforts on public education and involvement of patients and patient groups. Awareness, prevention, understanding, and care for patients with neurological diseases need to be one of our major tasks.

WFN Education Committee

The WFN Education Committee attempts to meet many of these diverse needs. Its strength is a function of the breadth of ideas defining our infrastructure, and the coalitions formed, to facilitate development and spreading of our activities.

WFN Training Centres and Neurology Department Visits Programme

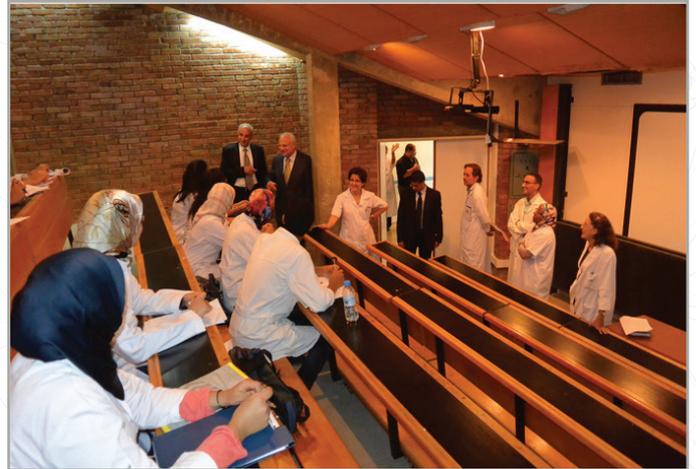
WFN Training Centres and Department Visits Programme has been developed to increase access to training opportunities to individuals from regions with currently limited opportunities.

An important aspect of neurologic education is the need not only to train individuals but to empower regions. We established training institutions in Africa for Africans, in the Americas for Central and South Americans, and in the near future in Asian countries for Asian trainees in need.

WFN Training Centres

The first WFN training centre was introduced in Rabat, Morocco, in 2013. Today, training centres have been successfully established in Cairo, Cape Town, Dakar, Rabat, and Mexico City, offering both “full training” and fellowship opportunities, which include electrophysiology, epileptology, and stroke.

The training centres are neurology departments with inpatient and outpatient programmes, and affiliated with a local university, and devoted to the public medical sector. They must have a strong interdisciplinary spirit, as well in the teaching commitment, be closely allied with neighbouring fields such as internal medicine and have close relationships with neurosurgery, neuroradiology, neuropathology, and neurorehabilitation medicine.



WFN delegation and local faculty and leadership visit a lecture hall in Mohamed V. Souissi University, Rabat.

Approved Training Centres in

- Rabat (Morocco)
- Cairo (Egypt)
- Cape Town (South Africa)
- Dakar (Senegal) and
- Mexico City (Mexico)

The aims of the training centres are to train neurologists locally to high educational and professional standards, and also acknowledge the quality of the training centre.

Training centres enhance and empower regional teaching and academic neurology, thereby increasing local competence and growth.

The first successful 4-year trainee: Dr Ndayisenga Arlène, a Burundian resident in Rwanda, received a 4-year WFN scholarship in 2017 to attend the WFN Training Center at Cheikh Anta Diop University, Senegal



WFN Department Visits Programme

The WFN Department Visits Programme gives the opportunity to young neurologists from Africa, Asia, Central and South America to visit the neurological departments of other institutions outside of their home country for 4 to 6 weeks.

During department visits, young neurologists study the procedures, techniques, and observe the neurologic work at a major neurological centre, and introduces new insights into other medical and social systems. The trainees not only learn, adapt, and absorb the healthcare system, the hospital, the university structure, and neurological knowledge, but have practical

exposure to patients, thereby gaining practical experiences and skill acquisition. The care for patients with neurological diseases include inpatient and outpatient care.

The department visits are made possible through co-operation between the WFN member societies, and help to cultivate young neurologists' experience of national neurological systems in an international environment.

Originally started in 2012 for African countries, with department visits in Turkey, organised with the Turkish Neurological Society (TNS),



Dr Daniel Ekhaeyouno Ezuduemoih (centre), a senior neurology registrar at Lagos University Teaching Hospital in Nigeria, with Marco Medina (left), WFN co-opted trustee, and Wolfgang Grisold (right), WFN President, in Vienna, following his Austrian Neurology Department Visit in Salzburg.



Dr Heena Narotam Jeena (centre), a neurology registrar at Tygerberg Hospital/University of Stellenbosch in Cape Town, South Africa, on a Department visit to Innsbruck Hospital, Austria.

the programme has expanded to Austria, Germany, Italy, and Norway. In 2017, a department program was introduced in North America, through the Canadian Neurological Society, dedicated to countries in South America and Africa.

In 2023, the Indian Academy of Neurology (IAN) will offer a department visit programme for Asia.

Education Days for Africa

WFN together with African Academy of Neurology (AFAN) offer online education days for students, nurses, GPs, neurologists and residents in neurology in Africa.

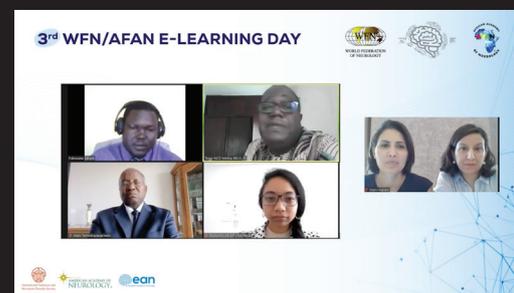
Education in Headache to Healthcare Providers in Africa (EHHPA) is a free, virtual educational program that provides world-class headache and migraine training to providers all over the continent.

The programme is developed together with The International Headache Society (IHS) and IHS Global Patient Advocacy Coalition (IHS-GPAC).

WFN-AFAN e-learning days covers themes such as Stroke, Epilepsy, Movement Disorders and Neuropathies, and are supported by members of the Global Neurology Alliance including the American Academy of Neurology (AAN), European Academy of Neurology (EAN), International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE), International Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Society (MDS), Peripheral Nerve Society (PNS), and World Stroke Organisation (WSO).

Education Days for Asia

From 2023, an education day will be held jointly with the Asian and Oceanian Association of Neurology (AOAN).



World Congress of Neurology (WCN)

The WFN holds biennial world congresses, which rotate throughout the regions (Africa/Pan-Arab, Americas, Asia, Europe) of the world. The congress consists of selected plenaries and named lectures, scientific sessions, debates, young neurologists sessions, teaching courses, presentations and poster sessions, as well as structural and business meetings. A patient day will break the latest developments of neurology to the local public.

The WCN is a live and hybrid event and is accredited by the EACCME (European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education), AMA (American Medical Association) and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, being evaluated to the highest international standards.

In 2021, with Covid 19 restrictions disrupting travel and gatherings, the XXV WCN in Rome was the first entirely virtual congress for WFN. In spite of this, the meeting was a great success with many attendees applauding the quality and accessibility of online speaker sessions. The global prevalence and demand for virtual and in-person meetings means that future hybrid congresses are here to stay.

The next XXVI World Congress is being held in Montreal, Canada [15-19 October 2023] and we are excited to welcome delegates from all over the world to join this prestigious event in the neurology calendar. WFN offers congress bursaries and travel grants aimed at young neurologists.

XXVII WCN 2027 will return to Asia in Seoul, South Korea.

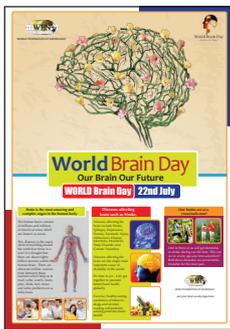


World Brain Day

A major initiative from the WFN is World Brain Day (WBD) which had its origins at the WCN 2013 in Vienna. The day commemorates the founding day of the WFN on July 22 1957.

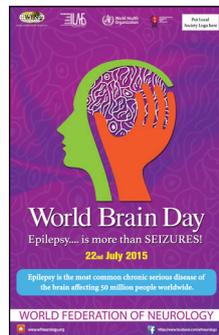
Members are encouraged to celebrate WBD by downloading the WBD Toolkit containing promotional materials, suggestions for press mailings and social media posts, and to use this momentum for the local promotion of neurology.

World Brain Day Themes



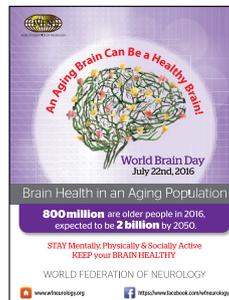
2014

Our Brain, Our Future



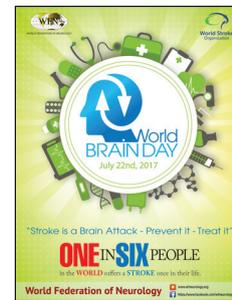
2015

Epilepsy



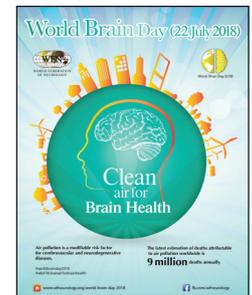
2016

Brain Health and the Ageing Population



2017

Stroke is a brain attack – prevent it and treat it



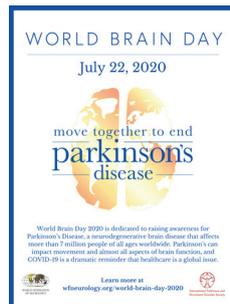
2018

Clean Air for Brain Health



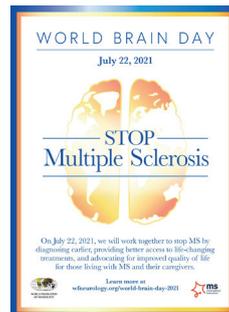
2019

Migraine



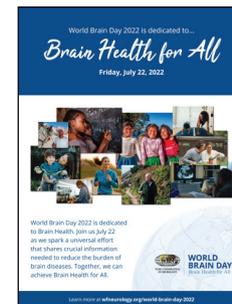
2020

Move Together to End Parkinson's



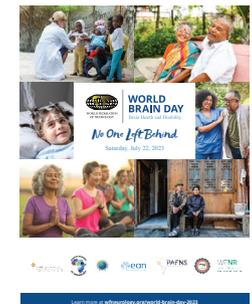
2021

Stop Multiple Sclerosis



2022

Brain Health for All



2023

Brain Health and Disability

Publications

The WFN produces enduring materials—printed, written material or media available as educational audio or video—which are journal-published Congress abstracts, the Journal of Neurological Sciences (JNS), eNeurologicalSci (eNS), and World Neurology.

Journal of the Neurological Sciences (JNS)

The Journal of the Neurological Sciences (JNS) is the official journal of the World Federation of Neurology.

Two editor-selected CME articles appear on the website each month and can be downloaded free. The JNS is a continued success and is edited by Prof. John England.

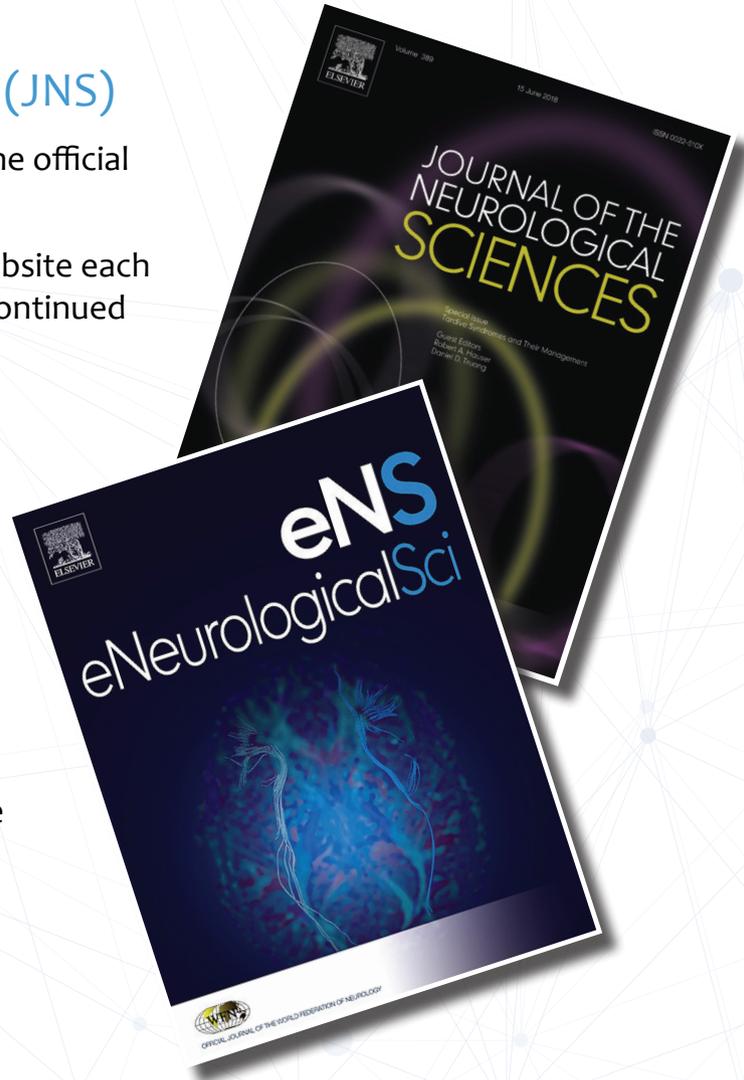
The impact factor is 4.553 [Mar 2023]

eNeurologicalSci (eNS)

Launched in 2015, eNeurologicalSci is the WFN Open Access scientific journal.

Also available through PubMed, the journal also serves as a platform for articles and cases, and has published several local features, working alongside the JNS.

The journal is edited by Prof. Walter Struhal.



World Neurology features news of the WFN world-wide, and is published 5 times a year. World Neurology is free to download and is edited by Prof. Steven Lewis and Prof. Walter Struhal.

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Major Activities of the WFN

The WFN has a long and distinguished history of promoting neurology and the welfare of neurologists worldwide. In the past few years, the organization has been particularly active in a number of areas, including the organization of international congresses, the publication of the journal *World Neurology*, and the provision of educational and research grants. The WFN also works to improve the status of neurology in developing countries and to promote the interests of neurologists in all parts of the world.

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Monkeypox and Neurology



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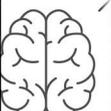
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The Journey of a Stroke Patient in Cairo: A Story of Success



Stroke is a leading cause of disability and death worldwide. In this article, we tell the story of a stroke patient in Cairo, Egypt, who has made a remarkable recovery. The patient, a 65-year-old man, suffered a stroke that left him with significant motor and sensory deficits. He was treated at a specialized stroke center in Cairo, where he received comprehensive medical and rehabilitation care. Through a combination of medical treatment and intensive rehabilitation, the patient has made significant progress in his recovery and is now able to perform many of the activities of daily living.

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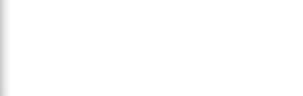
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An Important Year for Neurology



The year 2022 has been an important year for neurology. It has been a year of significant progress in the understanding and treatment of neurological disorders. We have seen the development of new treatments for a number of conditions, including Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and multiple sclerosis. We have also seen the implementation of new diagnostic techniques that have improved our ability to identify and diagnose neurological disorders. The year 2022 has also been a year of significant progress in the promotion of neurology and the welfare of neurologists worldwide. The WFN has organized a number of international congresses and has provided a number of educational and research grants. We have also worked to improve the status of neurology in developing countries and to promote the interests of neurologists in all parts of the world.

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Late AAN President Sacco Strengthened International Relationships



Dr. Steven Sacco, the 10th president of the American Academy of Neurology (AAN), has passed away. Dr. Sacco was a distinguished neurologist and a leader in the field of neurology. He served as president of the AAN from 2017 to 2021. During his tenure, he worked to strengthen the AAN's relationships with other international organizations and to promote the interests of neurologists worldwide. He was a dedicated and compassionate leader who made a significant contribution to the field of neurology.

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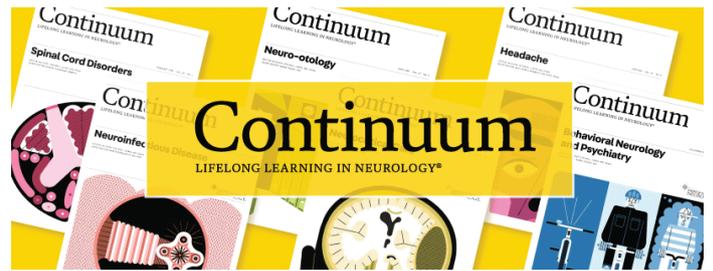
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