

## Appendix VI - Education Committee Report by Prof Steven Lewis

It is my pleasure and honour to give the WFN Education Committee report. I will be relatively brief I hope. So to remind everyone what Bill already mentioned earlier. The mission of the WFN 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 based firmly on under resourced parts of the world.

I am going to briefly talk about 7 initiatives:

- WFN Accredited Training Centres.
- Department Visit Programme.
- Junior Travelling Fellowships.
- Continuum.
- Teaching Courses.
- Grants (although they are not officially under the purview of the Education Committee).
- Online educational activities.

The concept, as many of you know, of the WFN Training Centres is to leverage high quality existing neurology training centres that are already in place. To avoid brain drain and improve local training via the process of accreditation. The process is defining regional needs, inviting applications from known training sites for those training programmes in place where the WFN team has arranged a local site visit with tours and interviews with faculty and current trainees. Decisions were made, calls for trainees occurred and trainees applied. So the current training centres are in Rabat, which is French speaking, Cairo University, which is English speaking, Dakar which is French speaking, Mexico City which has several training centres, the general hospital and national institute among others, and Cape Town. Cape Town is the newest centre and that will start hopefully in November as COVID seems to be reasonably stable there and the trainee will be in place around November 1st.

The Department Visit Programme is different to the training centres. These are essentially one month observerships, and I want to thank our partners in Austria, Germany, Norway, Turkey, Canada, Italy and others, who have graciously donated financial resources and a programme. They have 1 or even 2 come from African or South American countries. These have been wonderful opportunities for 1 or 2 trainees to come to spend 4 weeks learning very high quality and high level neurology.

Junior Travelling Fellowships, as Richard mentioned, they've been on hold this year due to of course the restrictions on travel due to COVID. We look forward to restarting Junior Travelling Fellowships as soon as feasible

The AAN/WFN Continuum Programme continues and has been very successful. For those of you who don't know and as a reminder for others. Continuum is a 3 year curriculum, it repeats every 3 years with 15 core topics and it exists in both hard copy form and online. Through the Continuum Programme which has been a joint programme with the AAN and Wolters Kluwer, the publisher of Continuum, with the WFN and local societies under the careful administrative leadership of Helen Gallagher. We've had essentially over 50 societies having Continuum programmes. It has been very successful and I want to thank our partners at the AAN for graciously donating Continuum for this important educational opportunity.

Teaching Courses. There are about 49 teaching courses including workshops at the WCN and we look forward to a very active in person and potentially high-grade meeting. The joint teaching course with EAN and AFAN. The African teaching course in Ghana in September of this year is on hold, but we look forward to participating in the near future. Hopefully, in Uganda.

Grants although not officially under the auspices of the Education Committee remain very important as an educational opportunity for educational grants. This year's grants predominantly involved epidemiologic research, but nonetheless educational grants are very, very much encouraged for next year's grants opportunity.

Online education has been the silver lining of this epidemic. For those who have not looked yet, please look on the WFN website for our page on online educational resources. We expect that to continue to grow. We have for example a neuropathology course out of Japan which is free. The video conferencing on behavioural neurology. Soon we will have the Indian Course that Dr Meshram put together that is just amazing, on neuroinfection with the Specialty Group on Neuroinfectious Disease. Those will be available and free to all participants. Finally the WFN/AFAN e-Learning Day on "Stroke: a treatable and preventable disease" that I'm sure will come up in an upcoming talk later today as another e-Learning opportunity.

So future endeavours include enhancing virtual learning as has already been mentioned. We plan on having virtual check-ins with our trainees throughout the world which is now very, very available to us and we anticipate an Asian training centre in the near future when the current epidemic subsides. Thank you.