

## Appendix II - First Vice President's Report by Prof. Ryuji Kaji

First of all I would like to thank you all for the successful meeting in Dubai last year. There was an unprecedented number of countries represented. Financially speaking it was also a success. So I thank you all for making this successful meeting.

As the Chair of the Congress Committee, I would like to report on the preparations for WCN 2021 which will be held in Rome. The venue for 2023 was decided as Montreal, Canada. For 2025 there will be discussions later on for possible candidates. I would like to put the WFN Service Medal as one of the topics to be explained later.

The World Congress of Neurology (WCN) is the most exciting event in WFN and WCN 2021 will be held in the very modern Rome Convention Centre. This is just one year ahead and so there is some little possibility that still COVID-19 is a major problem. Thanks to Italian delegates and our convention team, this happens to be a very good place with ample room if we convert this meeting into a hybrid type combined with web participation of all the countries. Please do not worry about COVID-19 and just make sure that you participate in this meeting. The title of this meeting is "inspired by the past to build the future of neurology," which was made by Italian delegates. There will be some decided parts of scientific sessions chaired by Prof Chris Kennard and Italian delegates who are the Scientific Committee members. And the number of sessions is as usual. Plenary lectures 2 times each day, main topics 29 sessions and topics 25 topics versus 39 sessions, regional sessions as usual and free communications to selected speakers sessions into main theme and topic sessions and Italian Society of Neurology (SIN) and WFN free communication because this is going to be a combined domestic and WFN meeting so there is going to be 8 sessions on each. And there will be Teaching Courses which will be most exciting for young participants. There is going to be many sessions, 49 sessions, so like Botulinum Toxin in which I participate myself and we would like to meet the needs of many young neurologists now. Main topics as usual Dementia and WFN/WSO joint session on stroke. Epilepsy, headache and pain, movement disorders and so on and so on. Scientific part of the programme is almost fixed and the letters of invitation are now being sent to the actual speakers, but there is still discussion on the Teaching Courses. The Teaching Courses are now being contemplated as just concerning the yes or no of the invitees of the Scientific Programme. The topic is suggested to be very up-to-date and there is going to like neuro-covid-19. Regional sessions are held as usual. Free communications, we'll have both the poster speaker sessions for this and there is going to be domestic SIN communication and WFN free communication so 8 sessions. This event is very important financially for the WFN because quite a large fraction of our income is coming from this meeting and so your participation is crucial. My

conclusion at this stage is save the date Oct 3-7 Rome, Italy. In the worst scenario this could become into the hybrid session so to speak, but anyway I would like to ask you all to join this meeting.

For WCN 2023 there has been voting for a possible venue in North or South America and the Canadian Neurological Society won. The congress goes to Montreal.

This is the last. We discussed something about medals given at the time of WCN and there has been a medal given for the service of WFN executives and related persons and also there has been a medal for scientific or clinical achievement, educational achievement and so we would like to separate the meaning of the medal and so many other societies do have a kind of celebration for the service for the society so as such the WFN has decided to create a WFN Medal or Meritorious Service Medal so to speak and this will be available to any member of a member society or executive persons who has given exemplary service to the WFN. And you can just nominate just freely to the Trustees and with a statement of 300 words and 2 medals will be awarded at each congress and nominations will be called for these awards by the London office and the current president will with the aid of sub-committee Trustees determine who wins these. Medals will be presented at the WCN. So this was suggested by the Trustees and this is the outline of the WFN Service Medal.

I would like you all to participate in WCN next year in Rome. Thank you.