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### WCN 2005

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

In this article, I would like to supplement the year-end report, published in this issue of *World Neurology*, with further comments on the work of the Management Committee, the mission of the WFN, preparation for the forthcoming World Congress of Neurology, and regional scientific meetings in which I participated. The Management Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the Council of Delegates between the Annual General Meetings of the Council.

This committee consists of three officers: President; First Vice-President; and Secretary-Treasurer General; and three Elected and one Co-opted Trustees, all from different countries. Each Trustee is assigned to one or two specific tasks as chairs of committees. I am proud of the progress we have made during the past year as the Trustees collectively pursued the mission of WFN very well. We all spend a considerable amount of time in

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## EDITORIAL

The countdown for the November 2005 World Congress of Neurology has begun. The important dates are announced in this issue. It will be a memorable conference in the remarkable surroundings of the Olympic city of Sydney. The convention centre overlooks Darling Harbour, a most picturesque venue for a meeting amidst several other important tourist attractions. The organizers are expecting a record number of delegates. Book your flights and hotel accommodation at the earliest to avoid a last minute rush.

"The Scientific Programme Committee have prepared an innovative, stimulating and rewarding programme complemented by a greatly subsidized teaching course to be held on the weekend of 5th and 6th November 2005. Social events too will be exciting and memorable. The profits of the congress go to support the WFN and its global mission, especially educational programmes in less developed countries of the world. **The 150 bursaries offering free registration to young neurologists from such regions are part of this endeavor.** Do not miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to combine a sensational educational experience in the vibrant but safe location of Sydney in Australia." These are the words which have been echoed by WFN President Jun Kimura and by William Carroll, President of the Congress, in a communication to the Editor, *World Neurology*. Please spread

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there will be numerous parallel scientific sessions on topics such as "*Terrorism and the Neurologist*".

Each day will begin with a range of optional Breakfast Sessions then Frontiers of Neuroscience Lectures delivered by key speakers.

Harbourside Debates will be held in the afternoons on contentious topics such as "*Has Genotype Replaced Phenotype in Neurological Diagnosis?*" and "*The Hammer and Pin Neurologist is a Dinosaur in 2005*".

Tournament of the Minds will be one of the highlights of WCN 2005. Designed to both educate and amuse, teams will compete with each other in answering questions across a range of neurological topics in a challenging and

this information to your colleagues and friends.

The countdown has also begun for those countries bidding for the World Congress in 2009. The salient features of each proposed venue for this conference are depicted in the ads of the three countries. A few more countries which have sent in bids are expected to feature their attractions in the next issue of *World Neurology*. All are exciting places with outstanding infrastructures. We will know, in November this year at Sydney, which prospective country the Council of Delegates has voted for to hold the 2009 conference. The conference in Sydney this year and the one in 2009 are the major activities and responsibilities of the WFN which is growing at a steady pace; but remarkable achievements have also been made in the training of neurologists in "have-not" countries.

The Annual Reports of the officers, chairpersons of various WFN committees and the two Editors are also included in this issue. Readers will get first hand information about the outstanding contributions made by the WFN in the last year. Everyone seems to have excelled in their performance which has resulted in a further strengthening of the WFN—an organization which more and more is also coordinating its activities with WHO.

Prof. Franz Gerstenbrand from Austria organized a one-day symposium, 'Advances in Neurology' with the help of Prof. Mi Mi Cho, the WFN National

Delegate of Myanmar, at Mandalay, the second largest city in this country after Yangon. The faculty for this one-day teaching programme came from Austria, Germany, Israel, India, Myanmar & the USA. I had the privilege of participating in this symposium as a speaker at the invitation of the organizers. This vast country, with a length and breadth of 2,200 and 950 KM respectively, has a population of approx. 52 million. There are 17,446 medical doctors but only 9 neurologists for the entire population, 70% of which resides in rural areas. The teaching programme was attended by approximately 400 members of the medical fraternity and it was the first course in Neurology to take place with the blessing of the WFN President, Jun Kimura and the Chairman of the Education Committee, Ted Munsat. It is almost impossible for the nine neurologists who are based in the two major cities to look after the needs of this vast population, some of which resides in the remote jungles. The country needs more trained neurologists and there is a dire need for the WFN to come forward and adopt this country also into its education programme.



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Editor-in-Chief

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**Celebrating Neurology—An Opening Spectacular.** The Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception will be held on Sunday, 6 November. Reflecting the theme, significance and heritage of the World Congress and all

participating nations, the Opening Spectacular will feature a theatrical journey into the history of Neurology.

The Sydney Opera House Spectacular will be held on Tuesday, 8 November. Participants have an opportunity to visit the magnificent Sydney Opera House to attend an exclusive performance in the acclaimed Concert Hall.

The Congress Party will be a relaxed and informal event taking you on a fascinating and exciting exploration through many themed Australian environments.

For further information on the Congress, visit [www.wcn2005.com](http://www.wcn2005.com) or contact the Congress Secretariat by Phone: +612 9241 1478, Fax: +612 9251 3552 or email: [info@wcn2005.com](mailto:info@wcn2005.com)

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carrying out various WFN activities, which keeps us rather busy. I consider myself very fortunate to have a congenial group to work with.

We have developed various strategies to conduct missions of our organization in general and to execute global programs for clinical neurologists in particular. As stated in the annual report from me and others, our objective centers on the education of physicians in developing countries to improve patient care of neurological disorders. The Education Committee, under the direction of Ted Munsat, runs many successful projects, such as CME projects now subscribed by 30 member societies, using *Continuum* as a vehicle, which AAN generously donates for our use. Despite the hectic schedule, we enjoy the experience of working together with representatives of many member societies, who coordinate the local sessions.

The next World Congress of Neurology will take place in Sydney on November 5-11, 2005 with William Carroll and Geoffrey Donnan as President and Chairman. The Program Committee has provided participants with multiple opportunities to interact through discussion of presentations, which include breakfast sessions, frontiers of neuroscience lectures, main themes, harborside debates and evening satellites. Such interactions generate ideas for future research collab-



1st International Lebanese Meeting—Nov. 17-20, 2004 (from left to right): Said Bouhlega (Saudi Arabia), Naji Riachi (Lebanon), Asmahan Shubayli (Kuwait), Kamal Kallab (Lebanon), Jun Kimura (Japan), Riad Khalifee (Lebanon), Salim Atrouni, (Lebanon), Paul Bejjani, (Lebanon), Sami Harik (USA), Kamel Ezzeddine (Lebanon).

oration among participants, and new approaches for studying patients with the most common neurological conditions. Congress participants and their companions will enjoy extensive social programs, as well as tour opportunities which abound in a country famous for its great natural beauty.

During this interim, I visited Beirut to participate in the First International Lebanese meeting held on November 17-20, 2004. The conference was organized by the Lebanese Society of Neurology with Dr. Kamal Kallab as President, and Lebanese League Against Epilepsy with Dr. Naji Riachi as President. The meeting, attended by a number of international speakers, attracted a large group of participants locally and from

neighboring countries. The program consisted of an appropriate mixture of teaching sessions on fundamental issues of neurosciences as well as recent developments in clinical neurology. I was impressed by the quality of scientific presentation and enjoyed the social events.

I then went to Brazil to attend the 8th Jornada Paulista de Neurofisiologia Clinica organized by Drs. Giberto Mayzano and Joao Nobrega in Sao Paulo on November 25-27, 2004. I presented lectures and ran skills workshops on various techniques used in this discipline in which I specialize. These biennial teaching sessions, which I have had the pleasure of participating in regularly during the past several years, serve as a very important vehicle to keep neurologists informed of recent progress in the field of neurophysiology.

Toward the end of the year, I represented the WFN at the First International Neurology Forum held in Vietnam. This unique conference was organized by Dr. Daniel Truong, a member of the WFN Publications & Website Committee. A total of 130 participants came from Thailand, Philippines, India, Singapore, Germany, France, Israel, Hungary, Japan and United States. It was a most timely event which brought together a large international faculty of neurology to promote better patient care in this part of the world, which was hitherto remote to all of us. I wish to thank the Vietnam Society of Neurology for inviting us, and hope that it will not be too long before this organization joins the WFN as a member society.

Jun Kimura, MD  
President, WFN



8th Jornada Paulista de Neurofisiologia Clinica in Sao Paulo (from left to the right): Joao Aris Kouyoumdjian, Ylmar Correa Neto (Brazil), Joao Antonio Maciel Nobrega, Jose H. Xavier de Castro, Jun Kimura, Osvaldo J. Nascimento, Gilberto M. Manzano, Wilson Marques Junior

#### IN MEMORIAM

*World Neurology* has the sad task of reporting the passing of Dr. Donald Paty, a stalwart supporter of the WFN for many years and Secretary-General of the 1993 World Congress of Neurology, held in Vancouver.

# WORLD FEDERATION OF NEUROLOGY ANNUAL REPORTS—2004

## Report of the President

As the third of my four-year term has come to a close, I am pleased to report that we have made a steady progress on all fronts. The Trustees and committee chairs will detail their activities in their respective reports. I have also described various changes in the way we run the WFN in the quarterly President Columns of *World Neurology*. Thus, it suffices here for me to briefly summarize the major events of the year and the main thrusts of our decisions that impact the future direction of our organization.

This year's AGM was held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the European Federation of Neurological Societies (EFNS) conference, which took place in Paris on September 5-8, 2004. The Council of Delegates (COD) re-elected Julian Bogousslavsky as a Trustee for a second term of three years. He will remain as Chair of the Structure and Function Committee as well as the Fundraising Committee. Marianne de Visser, Chair of the Membership Committee, proposed Iraq, Paraguay, and Zambia as new member societies, which COD accepted unanimously. I wish to thank Marianne for a job well done, and welcome the three new member societies. I am particularly happy to have the Iraq Society of Neurology join us despite the continued political turmoil, which makes the practice of neurology difficult. I look forward to working with the new members for further development of neurological education in their respective regions. The COD, after careful discussion, also approved, in principle, the Trustees' proposal to hire a

Brussels-based Professional Management Company based on a site-visit report submitted by the Officers of WFN. We are currently in the final stage of negotiation with the firm in the hope of completing the agreement in time for the next budgetary cycle.

Throughout the year the Trustees held monthly 90-minute telephone conferences, which worked very well in sorting out day to day operations of our organization. Some issues of a complicated nature and important implications, however, deserved a face to face discussion. These included: 1) Possible change in structure and function of Secretariat now located in London, 2) Fund raising activities and relationship between WFN and World Neurology Foundation set up in the US by the immediate Past President, James Toole, and succeeded by Antonio Culebras, 3) New roles of Regional Directors as the representatives of five regional groups (Asian Oceanic, Pan American, Pan Arab, Pan African, and European) to improve their interaction with WFN, and 4) closer relationship with WHO as an important partner for our mission. Thus, the Trustees met in person during the April meeting of the American Academy of Neurology in San Francisco, and again in September shortly before the COD meeting in Paris. The Officers also went to Brussels in August to visit GIC, the professional management company recommended by Julien Bogousslavsky, Chair of the Structure and Function Committee. A special Trustees meeting then took place in December at the London headquarters to prepare for partnership negotiation as approved by the COD in Paris.

Ted Munsat and his Education Committee have organized a number of successful projects. These include CME activities, ably assisted by Monica Brough, residency training program in Honduras directed by Marco Medina, and Visiting Professorship in Zambia spearheaded by Gretchen Birbeck. All these have taken a great deal of effort and finesse on the part of all personnel in charge, including Keith Newton and Susan Bilger, the Administrator and the assistant in the London Office. I was happy to read a recent American Academy of Neurology publication, *"Neurology Today"*, which featured the WFN education programs. In response to this article, we have received a surprising number of offers from neurologists in developed countries who wish to donate their time to help others. We are happy that so many distinguished experts are willing to volunteer for our cause, which enables us to extend our Zambia experience to other needy member societies.

Another important development relates to the publication of an *"Atlas of Country Resources for Neurological Disorders"* a survey skillfully conducted by Johan Aarli and the members of the Public Relations Committee. This project, initiated by WHO, came to fruition through the work of WFN delegates representing the national neurological societies. Neurologists world-wide now have access to this atlas, which provides information on the structure, complexity and levels of neurological service in various countries. This unique global review constitutes the most comprehensive compilation of neurological care and resources in the world.

To mention other developments briefly, I am happy to report that the preparation for the Sydney congress is progressing smoothly thanks to the hard work of all concerned. William Carroll, President of the Congress, and a Trustee of WFN, also served as the liaison between the Federation and the host society in Sydney, providing a critical link between the two organizations.

Last but not least, I should mention that WFN enjoyed a healthy financial balance, which was skillfully managed by our Secretary-Treasurer General, Richard Godwin-Austen, who handles all the budgeting matters. Based on his recommendation we have carefully executed the spending for various projects while

### WFN Development Update

We are pleased to acknowledge the following supporters who have provided financial assistance to the WFN between September and January 2005.

Dr. Robert Ackerman, Dr. Sidney Bender, Dr. Henry Nino.

**Canadian Neurological Society**, in support of continuing medical education for neurologists in Hungary and Cuba.

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maintaining an adequate reserve.



*Jun Kimura, MD*  
President, WFN

## Report of the First Vice Chairman of the Public Relations and WHO Liaison Committee

This committee shall consider matters pertaining to public awareness of the World Federation of Neurology, and work toward a closer co-operation with the World Health Organization (WHO) by promoting the care of patients with nervous system disorders and formulating appropriate strategies for the prevention and control of non-communicable and communicable neurological diseases.

**Neurology Atlas.** The most time-consuming activity in 2004 has been to assist WHO in the preparation of the Atlas of country resources for neurological disorders ("Neurology Atlas"), a catalogue of the neurological resources on a global scale. The Atlas presents data from 109 countries spanning all six WHO regions and covers over 90% of the world population. The frequency of some neurological disorders, both in primary care and in specialist care has been estimated, and the number of neurological beds is compared. The Atlas also presents data for the number of neurologists, neurosur-

geons, neuropaediatricians and neurological nurses as well as therapeutic drugs available in primary care and the level of subspecialized neurological services (neuroradiology, stroke centres). It provides information on the level of neurological training, financing for neurological services, disability benefits, neurological information-gathering systems and neurological associations and nongovernmental organizations for neurology.

**A World Health Report on Neurological Disorders?** WHO is planning a World Health Report on Neurological Disorders. It will be based upon the Neurology Atlas and focus on neurology, especially in developing countries. WFN is invited to join in the preparation of this report. The aim is to raise the awareness among politicians on the relevance of neurology and to change the minds of politicians to allocate funds for the care of patients with neurological disorders.

**Representation of neurology at the WHO.** The committee feels it important to invest in the representation of neurology at the WHO. The Director-General, Mr. Jong-Wook Lee, has predicted a clearer visibility for the neurological disorders and neurosciences component in the Department of Mental Health and Substance Dependence. The annual meeting with non-governmental organizations (NGO) from neurosciences was postponed until December 2004. At that meeting, the development of WHO and its consequences were presented to representatives of the NGOs from the neurosciences. WHO has recently invited WFN to join a consortium to cover extra costs related to the 1-2 year project on a World

Health Report on Neurological Disorders (see above). This is now under discussion among the Trustees.

## Neurological Regional Associations and Regional Directors

Most regions have developed strong regional neurological associations. There is a need for a closer contact between WFN and the neurological regions. The regional directors should be responsible for liaising with the WHO regional offices in order to assist in the identification of areas where there is a need for campaigns aimed at the prevention of neurological disease and to provide information on neurological disorders in the region. It has been proposed that WFN organize regional meetings together with the local societies with part of the time directed to diseases of special neurological disorders important for that region. The regional directors will also have a central role in organising regional WFN congresses. Such congresses should take place in the intervening years between the World Congresses of Neurology at four-year intervals.



*Johan A. Aarli, MD*  
Norway

## Report of the Secretary-Treasurer General

The Finance Committee met at the Marriott Hotel, San Francisco on Wednesday 28th April during the annual conference of the American Academy of Neurology. Although I had to present my apologies, present were Drs A Portera-Sanchez (Chairman), F Boller, A Culebras, R Daroff, M Hallett and A Korczyn. Staff in attendance were Keith Newton and Susan Bilger. A perennial problem for all committees is how to conduct their business on a regular basis. Conference calls have been adopted by the Trustees, and other committees are encouraged to make use of them too, both to maintain contact and on economic grounds. However, there is no real substitute for debating issues around a table and international congresses, where committee members are registering in any case, present the ideal opportunity for meetings to be arranged. A fur-

## GLAXOSMITHKLINE JUNIOR TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS—2005

GlaxoSmithKline are again generously providing funding for a number of Junior Travelling Fellowships for young neurologists from developing countries to travel to a WFN approved meeting in 2005. Applicants should hold a post not above that of Associate Professor and should not be over the age of 42 years. Applications should include the name and dates of the proposed meeting to be attended, a CV and bibliography and a letter of recommendation from the Head of the applicant's department. The applicant should indicate if a paper or poster is to be presented at the meeting, and include a copy of the abstract and letter of acknowledgment. An estimate of expenses, to a maximum of £1,000, should be made. Applications should be sent to the WFN office by 16th May 2005. Awards will be announced in mid June.



ther small Meeting of the Finance Committee was held at the EFNS Meeting in Paris in September 2004. It is recognised that the role of the committee is advisory to the Trustees who carry the formal responsibility in law for the proper management of the finances of the organization. With that in mind, the Trustees have agreed that any items arising from their deliberations that may have significant financial implications should be sent to the Finance Committee for their consideration. Any recommendation that the committee might make would be passed back to the Trustees for their final decision.

Unlike the previous year when there were major difficulties with the auditors' producing the accounts in time, no such problems occurred this year and all are agreed that the new auditors employed by the Federation are a great improvement. They were unanimously re-appointed at the Paris Council meeting.

Our investment policy continues to be to keep £1 million in reserves, to provide a regular income. The cash position is fairly healthy, with about £250,000 in a Corporate Diamond Reserve account at our bank. The annual budget allows for a deficit of almost £100,000, but there is always a carry over of funds in our accounts from year to year and we continue to look to each four-yearly World Congress to generate sufficient surplus to absorb this annual excess. This coming year, 2005, should see the beginning of a new approach to WFN finances as we embark on a relationship with a professional management company to run our affairs. High on the list of tasks will be fund-raising and development in order to support more and more programmes and raise the Federation's profile both among neurologists and the general public.

There has been a welcome new departure during the year in the form of substantial donations made by some of our better-resourced national member societies to their less affluent colleagues. Dollar contributions have been received from both Taiwan and Canada, the latter in support of the WFN CME programmes in Cuba and Hungary. The WFN Neurology Training Programme in Honduras has benefited from the generosity of the Netherlands Society of Neurology who presented a cheque for euro 10,000 at the Council of Delegates meeting in Paris. We encourage other

societies to seriously consider following this example.

The Horowitz Memorial Fund also donated \$5,000 to Honduras, adding to a growing impact of the WFN programme on the practice of our specialty in this region of the globe. Our prime means of communication to our members, *World Neurology*, again received a grant of £30,000 from the Japan Foundation for Neuroscience and Mental Health. For these and all other donations, great and small, we record our sincere thanks.



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Secretary-Treasurer General

## Report of the Education Committee

The WFN Education Committee has had an active year enlarging and establishing new and existing programs. The CME Program continues to expand and attract new members, while the Book Program has undergone a rapid expansion both in members and donations during 2004. The Zambia project continues to mature and attract applicants to its Visiting Professor Program and the Neurology Training Program in Honduras is beginning to have a significant impact on the neurological health of the country. In addition, a pilot trial of a new Visiting Professor program was established in autumn 2004.

**WFN CME Program:** The CME Program continues to attract interest from low resource countries in need of updated information. There are now 36 member countries with Cameroon, Colombia, Iraq, Kenya, Macedonia, Yemen and Zambia having joined in 2004. The latest mailing of *Continuum* took place on 18 January of the titles "Epilepsy", "Multiple Sclerosis" and "Neurological Complications of Substance Abuse". The AAN has agreed to increase the number of *Continuum* courses provided to us from 200 to 400 copies. This took effect from the July 2004 mailing. Over 750 certificates of participation were awarded in 2004. Certificates are now additionally awarded to Education Coordinators after three years service and to Discussion

Group leaders and facilitators once a year.

In June 2004, Elsevier (Netherlands) generously offered 100 complimentary subscriptions to the *Journal of the Neurological Sciences*. Distribution of these began in September 2004 direct from Elsevier, to some of the most active members in the CME program at the time—Argentina, Cuba, Mexico, Russia, Serbia, Syria, Turkey and Uruguay. Recipients will be reviewed annually. From the feedback provided on evaluation forms, members indicate that they remain very satisfied with *the program*. At the December 2004 meeting of the Executive Committee, it was reported that Abi Sriharan, Scholar in Residence at the Peter A. Silverman Centre for International Health, Mount Sinai Hospital, Canada, is to carry out a study on the CME Program as part of her M.Sc. degree. This development was enthusiastically received by the Committee and the conclusions may well have important implications for future program directives.

**WFN Book Program:** A rapid expansion of the Book Program has occurred in 2004. There are now 31 members worldwide. Donations have been received on an individual basis from WFN members and from heads of neurological departments in the United States and Europe. These have included donations from Dr David Coulter (U.S.) to St. Petersburg; Dr Adrian Jarquin-Valdivia (U.S.) to Hungary, Peru, Slovenia and Uruguay (ongoing), Dr Jock Murray (Canada) to Cuba (ongoing); Professor Julien Bogousslavsky (Switzerland) to Honduras and Uganda; Professor Hermann Stefan (Germany) to 12 member countries. Donations have been very much appreciated by recipients and the WFN is grateful to all donors.

In addition to individual donations, there have been a large number of books received from publishers during 2004. Books have been shipped to program members from Demos Publishing Incorporated, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press and Elsevier (U.S.). Elsevier (NL) made two donations, the most recent being a very large donation of over 2,500 books. The titles include over 900 copies of various volumes of *Handbook of Clinical Neurology*. Many books were distributed at the end of November 2004, the remainder are planned for shipment early in 2005. The

WFN is very grateful for all donations from publishers which are making a significant difference to program members.

**WFN Visiting Professor Program:** Following an article in *Neurology Today* that gave details of the WFN education programs, enquiries were received from a number of neurologists wishing to volunteer for Visiting Professorships in needy countries. A pilot trial of the program was given Trustees' approval in the autumn of 2004. Twelve expressions of interest were received and 7 CV's submitted. The skills and experience of the chosen applicants will be matched to the requirements of the host countries. These have been identified as Argentina and Hungary, both very enthusiastic members of the CME program. They have submitted a timetable of the clinical/teaching activities they can offer, together with any special requirements, to the WFN. Successful applicants will be put into contact with host countries and hopefully embark on their professorship during the early months of 2005. These will be of not less than 2 weeks duration but the exact time will depend upon the commitments of the Visiting Professor and the host country's requirements.

**WFN Educational Program in Zambia:** Under the direction of Dr Gretchen Birbeck this program continues to mature and increase in popularity. Dr Friedman's appointment had been the most successful to date, and applications for the next round have been received and are being considered. Other neighbouring countries are also becoming interested in establishing similar programs, and Dr Birbeck's proposal to organize a second program in Malawi, was upheld by the Education Executive Committee.

**Training in Developing Countries:**

i. **Honduras**—Established in 1998, the neurology training program in Honduras continues to mature and is now having a significant impact on the neurological health of the Honduran population. Patient care has improved and the mortality rate especially from epilepsy has been reduced. In addition to having a positive impact on neurological health in Honduras, the program has also established a model that can be used in other developing countries where a similar program may be appropriate.

ii. **Neurology Training**

**Programs**—Applications were received for funding of training programs from Guatemala, The Netherlands and South Africa, and Uganda. After consideration by the WFN's Education Executive Committee, Uganda's application was put forward for support subject to amendments in the proposal submitted by Dr Edward Ddumba. Dr Ddumba, together with the Ministry of Health and Makerere University, hopes to consolidate the program in Uganda through a five year training for neurologists, together with popularizing and developing neurological services throughout Uganda.

**WFN Education Program Development:** The outcomes of WFN Education Program Fundraising activities in 2004 included:

- ◆ The development of marketing and informational materials for WFN education programs. These materials together with WFN staff communications helped continue to enhance the understanding of international neurological societies and individual neurologists worldwide about WFN education programs.
- ◆ The development of funding partnerships between the Canadian Neurological Association and WFN Continuing Medical Education programs in Hungary and Cuba, the Dutch Neurological Society and Honduran Neurology Training Program, and the Spanish Neurological Society and Latin American program regions. In addition, the Education Committee has pending commitments for program support from the Australian Neurological Society, Association of British Neurologists, and Icelandic Neurological Society
- ◆ Direct financial support from the Horowitz Foundation (target: Research of residents in Honduras), Dutch Neurological Society (target: Honduran Training Program), Canadian Neurological Society (target: Continuing Medical Education in Cuba and Hungary), the Australian Neurological Society (program to be determined), and individual neurologists.

WFN Education Program Development goals for 2005 include:

- ◆ support and promotion of established funding partnerships
- ◆ Development and support of new funding partnerships that serve low resource countries between the WFN and neurological societies and neurology

ogy associations, individual neurologists, and private trusts and foundations



Theodore Munsat, M.D.  
Chair, WFN Education

## Committee Report of the Chairman of the Publications and Website Committee

### Signature of the JNS Contract

A new contract with Elsevier for the *Journal of the Neurological Sciences* has been signed. It is a very good contract, providing double the amount of royalties and it will help the Journal's visibility. Elsevier has one journal that receives a lot of money from advertising; hopefully JNS can do the same. No goals for advertising or revenue were contained in the contract, though Elsevier included an addendum defining the gross revenue as inclusive of advertisements. It was therefore proposed to send them a letter, saying that WFN would like to see a 10% increase in revenue.

The Council of Delegates agreed in September that a professional management company, GIC, should be hired pending a satisfactory contractual agreement, so now negotiations will be beginning. GIC has not seen the Elsevier contract and if WFN does proceed with them, the question arises of how the two will interact. GIC will need to be informed about what is planned for the journal and the newsletter and it is thought wise that the two journals, the office and the Publications Committee should interact. Although GIC do not know anything about our publishing contracts, they claim to be able to make better deals with publishers. In this case, however, it is too late as a contract for 10 years has already been signed.

### Appointment of a Sub-Committee to select a Deputy Editor for *World Neurology*.

Following the decision made at the San Francisco meeting to appoint a Sub-Committee to select a Deputy Editor for *World Neurology*, it was proposed that the Sub-Committee membership should

be comprised of Drs P Antuono (Chair), J Masdeu and D Truong. The recommendation is that the Deputy Editor should (i) become the future Editor and (ii) increase the ties between the *Journal of the Neurological Sciences* and *World Neurology*.

It is thought *World Neurology* has the potential to make money because of its distribution to all neurologists but that, until now, this potential has not been fully exploited. First, the Committee suggests a slight increase in the number of review articles. Also, it should be possible to submit an article to JNS and then include a synopsis of it in *World Neurology*. After consultation with Dr Antuono, Dr Lisak and Dr Chopra, it has been decided that Dr Alex Tselis will be appointed to the Editorial Board of both JNS and WN; on an experimental basis, he will prepare a 1,000 word (one page) summary of JNS's main highlights for each issue of WN. Both of the association management companies that were short listed by WFN said that *World Neurology* could be self-supporting with advertisements. The Japan Foundation, as current sponsors, is in agreement that advertisements may be accepted in *World Neurology*, provided the advertising is appropriate.

#### Review of proposal for ADAD received from Lippincott

There is now a new person at Lippincott, F Hill Slowinski, with whom we are dealing. The Research Group has not been very active for a while and has stopped receiving dues. The most recent royalties were received 6 years ago, but there is a good chance of getting them again now. The journal has not been doing very well in terms of subscriptions but the WFN logo is still being used. It was thought that WFN should ask for some funds and the advice of the Committee was sought as to what would be a fair amount to request. A letter has been sent to Lippincott, saying: "We accept everything except point 2 of the agreement. We think there should be a royalty component to the arrangement to make it a professional relationship."

#### Update on Website Links

The website was discussed with GIC who would charge extra for their website service, on an hourly basis. The website will therefore be excluded from the GIC agreement for the present and WFN will stay with the current Webmaster, Bento de Sousa. EFNS is much more active on its website than WFN. A greater degree

of visibility on the website for the programmes of the Education Committee is needed, in particular the establishment of a chat room for WFN CME Programme Co-ordinators. There has been some consultation to see how this could be achieved and some changes have been made.

Websites must be up to date all the time and a Webmaster can only work with the material that people send him. It was thought that someone with creative ideas is needed to be in charge of the website and to feed material to the Webmaster who will provide the technical expertise. The way the site is put together is technically well done, but the content is important. The job of web content editor, however, is difficult and very time-consuming. EFNS hire someone to do it. It was suggested that Dr Francis Walker, who has good website knowledge, should be approached to take charge of the web, to source information and pass items to the Webmaster.

#### Update on Possibility of Direct Payments (Donations) to the WFN via the Website

It has been agreed that the WFN will open an account so that people who wish to make a donation to the WFN via the website may do so. As the WFN is a not-for-profit organisation, there should be no fees.



*Francois Boller, MD, PhD*  
Chairman, Publications & Website Committee

#### Report of the Chairman of the Research Committee

The Research Committee, chaired by Roger N. Rosenberg MD, met at the American Academy of Neurology meeting in San Francisco in April 2004. 26 Research Groups were represented including several affiliated societies. The Committee received a report from Sam Berkovic, Chair, Scientific Program Committee, World Congress of Neurology 2005, which will be held in Sydney, Australia from November 5-11, 2005. Dr. Berkovic reviewed the overall Scientific Program and the Educational

Course Program. The Main Themes, all Plenary Sessions and Named Lectures were carefully discussed as well as the overall comprehensiveness and balance of the program. The Committee enthusiastically endorsed the Scientific Program and congratulated Dr. Berkovic and the Scientific Program Committee for their successful efforts.

In our view, the WCN 2005 will be a superb clinical and scientific educational event not to be missed! The Research Advances in Neurology Website electronic syllabus emphasizing "Clinical and Basic Science Therapeutic Advances in Neurology" continues to be utilized by neurologists and other physicians worldwide as an immediate source of new information. The next two meetings of the Research Committee will be at the AAN meeting in Miami in April 2005 and in Sydney at the time of the World Congress of Neurology.



*Roger N. Rosenberg, MD*  
Chair, Research Committee WFN

#### Report of the Chairman, Structure & Function Committee

2004 has been an active year for the Structure and Function Committee, as the continuation of 2003 and within the frame of the task to advise the trustees on the issue of going with professional management for WFN. The Committee addressed the present situation at Chandos Street and reviewed other potential scenarios for the functioning of WFN secretariats, before agreeing on the conclusion that professional management would offer WFN the best opportunities for development and growth, with a particular emphasis on fundraising and membership. As a second step, the Committee evaluated several offers by professional management companies, in order to select the most interesting and favourable options for presentation to the trustees. On-site visits were also made by committee members.

Two professional management companies, both located in Brussels, were finally selected. After subsequent analyses and internal deliberations, the trustees

selected GIC, a choice which was endorsed in voting at the WFN Council of Delegates in Paris. The Structure & Function Committee will be involved in 2005 in the implementation and development of this new management of WFN.

#### Fundraising Committee

The WFN Fundraising Committee is a new committee which was based upon a proposal and concept of the trustees to develop fundraising for WFN. Indeed, WFN derives its finances from membership and profit sharing of the quadrennial World Congress of Neurology, while project-driven fundraising has been non-existent, except by the Education Committee. The Fundraising Committee includes experienced neurologists with the capacity to advise trustees and other WFN Committees on fundraising issues and projects. While not directly raising funds, the Committee is expected to interact strongly within the new management system of WFN with a professional company, starting 2005. At present, an ongoing task of the Fundraising Committee is the assessment and regulation of the relationship between the WFN and the World Neurology Foundation, a US-based foundation, whose chartered mission is to raise funds for WFN.



J. Bogousslavsky, MD  
Chairman, Structure & Function  
Committee & Chairman, Fundraising  
Committee

### Report of the Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee

#### Special Thanks

First of all, I would like to thank Prof. Jun Kimura, the President of the WFN, who, with his team, when he was chairing this committee made a great effort to produce the memorandum and articles of association of the WFN.

These articles have been the corner stone of the work of this committee under my chairmanship and will continue to be so in the coming cycle.

Charges and guidelines of the Committee: 1) To consider changes

to the Memorandum and Articles of Association or other procedural matters at the request of any officer or member of the federation 2) To report the committee's deliberations' to the Management Committee (Trustees) for their consideration and, if necessary, referral to the Council of Delegates 3) To evaluate potential procedural changes which may come from other committees, such as the Management Committee (Trustees).

Activities 1) At the joint meeting of the WFN officers and committee chairs held in Vienna on October 29, 2002, the charges and guidelines were further elaborated. The Committee reviewed the new Memorandum and Articles now governing the Federation's operations. This was found to be a broad, general document needing to be supplemented by more detailed procedures and it fell to this committee to develop these. There seemed to be two ways of proceeding: (1) distribute the Memorandum and Articles themselves to the Committee; or (2) for the Trustees to summarize on paper those things that needed to be addressed as priorities. Guidelines were clearly necessary. After that, the Committee's ideas and suggestions would be invited prior to referral again to the President and Trustees so that the recommended changes could be further discussed, approved and implemented. It was decided to send to all members of the Committee a copy of the current Memorandum and Articles of Association, charges and guideline for each committee together with the minutes of this meeting for review 2) The Committee decided that if any assistance was needed from the firm of lawyers employed by the Federation, then it should be done via the London Office, so that the Office was aware of the action and the expenses likely to be incurred. 3) The present system for the Nominating Committee of drawing up a shortlist of candidates for election to vacant officer posts was discussed and the Committee recommended to the Trustees that a system of voting should be adopted as opposed to drawing a shortlist 4) In 2002, the Committee discussed the Job description of the Regional Vice Presidents, since they do not have a formal description. The Committee decided that as a first step the following issues should be tackled by the Regional Vice Presidents: a) Contribute news from their region to

*World Neurology* and the WFN website. b) Become involved in the planning of Regional Congresses that the Trustees are introducing as a joint venture between the WFN and Regional Organizations or national societies within certain regions.

The Committee shall further study this issue to develop a formal job description for the Regional Vice Presidents. In 2003, pertaining to the issue of regional Vice-Presidents, this work was done in conjunction with Johan Aarli, First Vice President of the WFN. And according to the constitution of WFN, Regional Vice-Presidents (RVP) are not mandatory. The Articles of Association provide for the election of **"such other Vice-Presidents as the Member Societies at a meeting of the Council of Delegates"** would decide. (Articles: Officers, § 7.1). The committee upon detailed study came up with the following recommendations: a) Since the role of the RVP is not official and the current RVP's have not been active, the RVP should be changed to Regional Director. b) The definition of regions should be that accepted by the WHO. c) Since real power is in the hands of the Presidents of the Regional Neurological Associations—AAN, EFNS, PAUNS, the Pan-African, Latin American and the Asian-Oceanian—they shall be invited to serve *ex officio* as Regional Directors and be formally appointed by the Council of Delegates. This is preferable to having the region represented in the WFN by electing someone else and would avoid conflict. d) The Regional Directors shall serve as links between the central administration of the WFN and the regional neurological association they are representing. They are responsible for liaising with the WHO Regional Office. The regional directors shall be responsible for contact with the corresponding WHO office in order to: —Collaborate with the regional levels of WHO; —Assist in the identification of areas where there exists a need for campaigns aimed at the prevention of neurological disease; —Provide information on neurological disorders in the region. They are also on the *World Neurology* Editorial Board and will inform the Editor on regional news, activities and matters of interest within their region. The Regional Directors will have a central role in organising regional WFN congresses.

## Recommendations for the future

Since the current Memorandum and Articles now governing the Federation's operations were found to be broad, it is recommended that more detailed procedures are developed for some areas such as:—Guidelines for holding conferences and meetings endorsed by the WFN; —Election of trustees and the need for more transparency; —Introduction of incentives for committees to operate as a coherent group in conjunction with other committees for the overall development of the WFN.



*Ashraf Kurdi, MD*  
Chair, Constitution and Bylaws Committee

## Report of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee

Thomas Brandt, Germany (Chairman); Zdenek Ambler, Czech Republic; Arthur Asbury, USA; Leontino Battistin, Italy; Vladimir Hachinski, Canada; Obsis Madkour, Egypt; John Newsom-Davis, United Kingdom; Gustavo Pradilla, Colombia; Francisco Rubio-Donnadieu, Mexico.

On 5 September 2004 the Annual General Meeting (Council of Delegates) of the WFN took place in Paris. Julien Bogousslavsky's term of office as Elected Trustee was expiring and he was standing for re-election. The full list of candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee included Julien Bogousslavsky—Switzerland, Antonio Culebras—USA/Spain, Amos Korczyn—Israel, Ashraf Kurdi—Jordan, Marco Medina—Honduras.

After calling for nominations in March 2004 for

- President (to take office with effect from January 1st, 2006),
  - First Vice President (to take office with effect from January 1st, 2006),
  - Secretary-Treasurer General (to take office with effect from January 1st, 2007), and
  - One Elected Trustee (to take office with effect from November 7th, 2005),
- the Nominating Committee met in Paris

on 5 September 2004 (attendees: Thomas Brandt, Zdenek Ambler, John Newsom-Davis, Francisco Rubio-Donnadieu, Leontino Battistin and Keith Newton).

The following candidates were recommended:

**President:** Johan Aarli, Norway; Jagjit Chopra, India; Roger Rosenberg, USA.  
**First Vice President:** Vladimir Hachinski, Canada; Ted Munsat, USA.  
**Secretary-Treasurer General:** Richard Kay, Hong Kong, China; Ra'ad Shakir, United Kingdom.  
**Elected Trustee (one vacancy):** Marianne De Visser, Netherlands; Michael Donaghy, United Kingdom; Werner Hacke, Germany.

Two names were later added to the list of candidates with the Committee's agreement and the support of the respective national society and five or more authorized delegates:

**Secretary-Treasurer General:** Leontino Battistin, Italy; Julien Bogousslavsky, Switzerland.



*Dr. Thomas Brandt, MD*  
Chair, Nominating Committee

## Report of the Membership Committee

Three countries have found their way to the World Federation of Neurology in 2004! Paraguay, Zambia and Iraq applied for membership and the Council of Delegates at their meeting in Paris on 5 September 2004 accepted these applications. Although there are obvious advantages to the membership in particular for developing countries, which clearly benefit from the educational programmes, further expansion of the membership takes place at a slow pace. In 2003, the Membership Committee under the guidance of Professor Roberto Sica has identified at least 100 countries that have not yet joined WFN. The Committee does its utmost to extend invitations to neurologists of those non-member countries to apply for membership. Therefore, it is important that there are neurologists from various regions of the world represented in the Committee, which includes Andrew Eisen, Richard Kay, Kerry Mills,

Theodore Munsat, Amado San Luis, Yukito Shinohara, Ragnar Stien and Noshir Wadia, and Marianne de Visser (chair). We are very happy that Dr Reyna Duron from Honduras has accepted an invitation to join the Committee. We have every hope that she will be able to identify countries in the region that are in need of support by WFN. We very much appreciate that attempts are also being undertaken privately by members of our Federation to point out to neurologists of non-member countries what WFN can contribute to further the standard of neurological practice by education and facilitation of research.

With regard to the People's Republic of China, we were informed that the Asian-Oceanian Association of Neurology had received an application from them for membership. There too the problem had arisen that Taiwan and Hong Kong each had a vote and did not wish to lose that. The Membership Committee felt that the outcome of the Asian-Oceanian Association application should be awaited before getting in touch with mainland China again.

For 2005, the Membership Committee has set a target: every member of the Committee should try and invite a non-member country to apply for membership. Admittedly, an ambitious plan, but if we wish fulfil the mission statement of WFN, the number of non-member countries should be drastically reduced.



*Marianne de Visser, MD*  
Chair, Membership Committee

## Committee Report of the Editor-in-Chief, the Journal of the Neurological Sciences

Further changes were made to the editorial board in October. Welcome new board members Pavel Kalvach (Czech Republic) and Laszlo Vecsei (Hungary).

Fourteen issues, including eight double issues, featuring 267 articles, and one Cumulative Author/Subject Index were published. These included a special

section in May, 220.1-2 on "Peripheral Neuropathy" a symposium of the Society for Experimental Neuro-pathology held under the auspices of the American Neurological Association in San Francisco, California in October 2003. It was organized by Arnulf H. Koepfen. August, 223.1 was a special issue containing the papers on "Immunosuppressive Treatments in Multiple Sclerosis" from the European Charcot Foundation in Seville, Spain, 28-30 November 2002. Guest editors were O. R. Hommes and M. Friedrichs Bosmans. November 226.1-2 was another special issue on the "Proceedings of the First Congress of the International Society for Vascular Behavioral and Cognitive Disorders (VAS-COG) held in Goteborg, Sweden, 28-31 August 2003. Guest editors were Gustavo C. Roman, Anders Wallin, Ingmar Skoog, and Raj N. Kalaria.

Clinical research still dominates every issue. 11% of all submissions were basic (non-human) research. Ad hoc reviewers were acknowledged in April, 219.1-2. We continue to work on monitoring the review cycle to accelerate the process. 198 manuscripts were accepted in 2004 and 182 manuscripts were rejected. The distribution of manuscripts accepted by country parallels that of the past six years. The top four ranked countries were Japan (26%), USA (24%), Germany

(6%), and Italy (6%). These four countries alone accounted for 125 or 63% of all manuscripts accepted in 2004. Geographically, accepted manuscripts were as follows: Africa 1; Asia 28; Australia 2; Eastern Europe 3; Japan 53; Middle East 6; Scandinavia 4; South/Central America 1; USA and Canada 49; and Western Europe 51.



Robert P. Lisak, M.D.

### Report of the Editor-in-Chief, *World Neurology*

All four issues of *World Neurology* were published according to schedule and mailed to all members of the WFN—now approximately 24,640. The Editorial Board meeting was held in San Francisco on April 27 during the Annual Meeting of AAN in 2004. The layout and design of *World Neurology* in 2004 was performed by the printers of this newsletter at Chandigarh in India—a job which was previously handled by Helmut Hummelbrunner of Elsevier in Amsterdam. The Editorial Board members appreciated the layout and

approved it. Despite our best efforts through publication of request notices in four issues, the number of those who have opted for electronic receipt of *World Neurology* remains dismal. Hard copies are in demand and it is expected that this methodology of distribution will continue in the near future. A full page write up has been published on behalf of the International Stroke Society on payment of US \$2,500 for one page—revenue which goes to the WFN Bank account. Commercial ads for future publication in *World Neurology*, as approved by the Trustees, will be for US \$5,000 each page. Co-ordination between the *Journal of the Neurological Sciences* and *World Neurology* is a welcome step. Some reviews of important articles published in JNS will be published in *World Neurology* to broaden the availability of such information to all the members of WFN, especially in those countries that cannot afford to get JNS.



Jagjit S. Chopra, FRCP, PhD

## CALENDAR

### 2005

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25 - 28 June, 2005,

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Website: [www.euro-cns.org/congresseur.php](http://www.euro-cns.org/congresseur.php)

#### 6th Biennial Convention of the ASEAN Neurological Association (ASNA) and 6th Biennial Meeting of the Indonesian Neurological Association (INA)

21 - 23 July, 2005, Jakarta, Indonesia

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Website: [www.asna.perdossi.or.id](http://www.asna.perdossi.or.id)

#### 20th Biennial Meeting of the International Society for Neurochemistry and the European Society for Neurochemistry

21 - 26 August, 2005, Innsbruck, Austria

Website: [www.isn-esn2005.org/](http://www.isn-esn2005.org/)

#### 2nd World Congress on Huntington's Disease

10 - 13 September, 2005,

Manchester, UK

Website: [www.hda.org.uk/congress](http://www.hda.org.uk/congress)

#### 9th European Federation of Neurological Societies Congress

17 - 20 September, 2005, Athens,

Greece

Website: [www.2005.efns.org/efns2005/](http://www.2005.efns.org/efns2005/)

#### 130th Annual Meeting of the American Neurological Association

25 - 28 September, 2005, San Diego,

USA

Website: [www.aneuroa.org/index.html](http://www.aneuroa.org/index.html)

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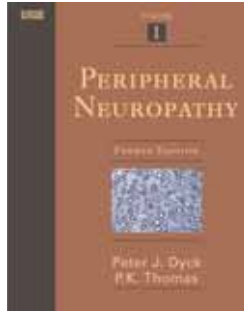
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## Announcement

### Two Scientific Awards for papers published in Journal of the Neurological Sciences

Under the auspices of the World Federation of Neurology, Elsevier has established two scientific awards for young basic neuroscientists and clinical neurologists.

#### Award

- A certificate designating the recipient of the Basic Science or Clinical Neurology Award.
- A cheque for US \$ 3,000 to be presented at the VIIIth Congress of Neurology Sydney, Australia, 5-11 November 2005.

#### Eligibility

The applicant should be:

- A young investigator (post-doctoral fellow or a person in junior academic rank for 5 years or less at the time of submission).
- Candidates who qualify and who would like to be considered should indicate so and include a separate letter of eligibility to the Editor-in-Chief at the time of submission.

#### Application procedure

- A current curriculum vitae.
- An original manuscript (basic or clinical) of a neurological study in which the applicant is the primary investigator and the first author.
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