

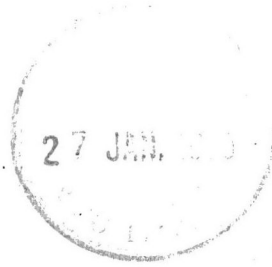
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INFORMATION ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS  
APPLYING FOR OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH WHO<sup>1</sup>

1. Name of Organization

World Federation of Neurology (WFN)  
Fédération mondiale de Neurologie (FMN)

2. Address of Headquarters

Permanent Secretariat  
59, rue Philippe Williot  
Berchem-Antwerp  
Belgium

3. Addresses of all Branch or Regional Headquarters

Secretariat for Western Hemisphere: National Institute of Neurological  
Diseases and Blindness  
Bethesda 14  
Maryland  
United States of America

4. Membership

(a) Total number of persons

Thirty-seven national societies comprising 6500 members

(b) Do these persons pay directly or are the subscriptions paid by  
affiliated organizations?

Subscriptions are paid by the National Neurological Societies at a rate  
depending upon their active membership.

(For further information, see art. III, Sect. 4, of the Constitution)<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> As provided by the applicant on 2 July 1959

<sup>2</sup> Held by the Secretariat

(c) List affiliated organizations, giving their country, and the total number of persons belonging to each

<u>Argentina</u>	Neurological Society of Argentina	36
<u>Australia</u>	Australian Association of Neurologists	30
<u>Austria</u>	Austrian Society of Neurology and Psychiatry	
<u>Belgium</u>	Belgian Society of Neurology	100
<u>Brazil</u>	Brazilian Society of Neurology, Psychiatry and Legal Medicine	
<u>Bulgaria</u>	Society of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery of Bulgaria	65
<u>Canada</u>	Canadian Neurological Society	
<u>Chile</u>	Chilean Society of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery	8
<u>Cuba</u>	Cuban Society of Neurology and Psychiatry	70
<u>Colombia</u>	Society of Psychopathology, Neurology and Legal Medicine	
<u>Czechoslovakia</u>	Czechoslovakian Society of Neurology	266
<u>Denmark</u>	Danish Society of Neurology	105
<u>Egypt</u>	The Egyptian Society of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery	30
<u>France</u>	French Society of Neurology	114
<u>Germany</u> (Federal Republic of)	German Society of Neurology	210
<u>Great Britain</u>	The Association of British Neurologists Section of Neurology of the Royal Society of Medicine	120 374
<u>Greece</u>	Greek Society of Neurology and Psychiatry	
<u>Hungary</u>	Hungarian Society of Neurology and Psychiatry	

<u>India</u>	The Neurological Society of India	
<u>Iran</u>	Neurological Society of Iran	20
<u>Italy</u>	Italian Society of Neurology	250
<u>Japan</u>	The Japanese Society of Neurology and Psychiatry	2 400
	The Japanese Neurosurgical Society	1 300
<u>Luxembourg</u>	Société Luxembourgeoise de Neurologie	
<u>New Zealand</u>	Neurological Association of New Zealand	30
<u>Norway</u>	The Norwegian Neurological Association	50
<u>Peru</u>	Society of Neuropsychiatry and Legal Medicine	70
<u>Poland</u>	Polish Society of Neurology and Neurosurgery	300
<u>Portugal</u>	Sociedade Portuguesa de Neurologia e Psiquiatria	
<u>Romania</u>	National Society of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery	130
<u>South Africa</u>	National Association of Neurologists, Psychiatrists and Neurosurgeons	70
<u>Spain</u>	Spanish Society of Neurology	
<u>Sweden</u>	The Neurological Society of Sweden	84
<u>Switzerland</u>	Swiss Society of Neuropsychiatry	115
<u>Turkey</u>	Turkish Society of Neuropsychiatry	188
<u>United States of America</u>	American Academy of Neurology	2 050
	American Neurological Association	250
<u>Uruguay</u>	Society of Neurology and Neurosurgery	61
<u>Yugoslavia</u>	Yugoslavian Society of Neuropsychiatrists	47

(d) Note various types of membership, such as associate members, with numbers and pertinent facts

Associate members are admitted to membership in the World Federation of Neurology under the same conditions as they are admitted to their own National Societies. The number of such members are included in the figures given above in most instances.

## 5. General Purposes of the Organization

These are set forth in art. I, sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the World Federation of Neurology.<sup>1</sup>

They consist essentially of:

1. The dissemination of news and scientific knowledge in clinical neurology and neurological science
2. Stimulating, encouraging and developing programmes of clinical and basic neurological research throughout the world.
3. Providing the means for a closer professional and personal association of neurologists and neurological scientists throughout the world.

The primary means of achieving these purposes shall be:

- (a) The organization of international symposia in clinical neurology and neurological sciences at propitious times and opportunities
- (b) The organization and promulgation of combined international congresses of neurological sciences when indicated and appropriate
- (c) Assisting in the organization and promulgation of the international neurological congresses held at intervals of four years
- (d) The organization of international exchange fellowships for promising clinical neurologists and neurological scientists
- (e) Establishment of a programme of travel grants-in-aid for young clinical neurologists and neurological scientists to attend international congresses and symposia
- (f) The organization and promulgation of international collaborating research projects and field investigations, especially those of an epidemiological nature (geographic neurology)
- (g) Establishing of liaison with other health bodies and assemblies for the prosecution of these projects
- (h) The establishment of registers, repositories and research centres for research and teaching materials in the neurological sciences
- (i) The establishment of permanent commissions and committees to act as consultative bodies for the more specialized neurological sciences such as comparative neuropathology, neurochemistry, geographic neurology, etc.
- (j) The establishment of an official journal of the World Federation of Neurology.

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6. What are the functions of the Organization?

See paragraph number 5 above

7. (a) Does the Organization advocate any special health measures or procedures?

The World Federation of Neurology advocates and will support any measures that will lead to the standardization of reporting of neurological diseases, of international co-operation in research and teaching of the neurological sciences and of dissemination of information of research, diagnostic or therapeutic value in the neurological sciences.

(b) Has the Organization any special reservations as to treatment or health procedures? If so, what are these?

The World Federation of Neurology has no reservations as to treatment or health procedures.

8. Can officially designated representatives speak authoritatively for the membership on matters concerned with the stated purposes of the Organization?

Officially designated representatives may speak authoritatively for the World Federation of Neurology on all matters relating to the international aspects of neurology.

9. Specific interest with reference to the work of the World Health Organization

The World Federation of Neurology has a special interest in the epidemiological, demographic, ethnic aspects of neurological diseases. It has also a great deal of interest in the pursuit of investigation as dealing with rare and exotic diseases affecting the central nervous system, especially in countries with tropical climate.

It is interested in relationship with the World Health Organization in terms of establishing close contacts with various agencies throughout the world in order to pursue its general purposes as stated above.

10. Officers

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(University of Kansas, School of Medicine,  
Kansas City, Kansas, United States of America)

At the present time only the Medical Executive Officer is a full time paid employee of the World Federation of Neurology. The WFN is in the process of asking each National Neurological Society to designate a national secretary who will act as liaison with the Permanent Secretariat in Antwerp, Belgium.

11. Structure

(a) Policy-making, such as conference, governing body, executive committee

The Governing Body of the World Federation of Neurology consists of its officers and of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is composed of a single delegate from each constituent country representing the national neurological society (or all such national societies if there are more than one).

Each delegate has one vote, regardless of the size of the national membership.

(b) Frequency of meetings, with date of the last meeting of each

The Executive Committee meets every two years, the last meeting having been held on 7 June 1959 in Rome.

(c) Voting procedures

Each delegate (or alternate) has a single vote for his country.

(d) Affiliation with other organizations, including international organizations

The WFN is affiliated with no other organization.

12. Finances

No specific budget has been established. The income of the WFN is derived from three sources:

1. Dues paid by the constituent societies.
2. Grants from the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, United States Public Health Service.
3. Membership dues in the international congresses of Neurological Sciences.

13. History

The WFN was organized and founded in Brussels in July 1957 at the occasion of the First International Congress of Neurological Sciences. (For further information, see "Newsletter")<sup>1</sup>

14. Activities

The WFN has established a Permanent Secretariat in Antwerp, Belgium.

The Federation is in process of organizing a number of international projects, specifically dealing with the epidemiological factors relating to cerebrovascular disease and perinatal mortality.

The WFN is also establishing various commissions for the purposes stated above. The Federation has sponsored an international symposium on encephalitides which was held in Antwerp, and a conference on geographic neurology which was held in Copenhagen. Other symposia and conferences of this type are being organized for the future.

15. Publications<sup>1</sup>

At the present time the World Federation of Neurology is issuing a NEWSLETTER and plans to begin publication of its official journal called WORLD NEUROLOGY, in 1960.

16. Documentation<sup>1</sup>

1. Constitution
2. Newsletter
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 22-23 July 1957
4. Pamphlet on the World Federation of Neurology
5. Financial statement dated 31 May 1959

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