



WORLD FEDERATION
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The **World Federation of Neurology (WFN)** currently has **126 member societies** across six regions worldwide. As a global organisation, the WFN is dedicated to **education, advocacy, and collaboration**, working alongside key stakeholders and a network of cooperating societies, such as the **Global Neurology Alliance (GNA)**.

To learn more about our current activities, please visit our website and explore:

1. [Essentials](#)
2. [Introduction Video](#)

The Advantages of Being a WFN Member

As a UK-registered charity, the WFN operates **within its mission to promote and foster neurology worldwide**. Our purpose is altruistic, focusing on advancing **neurological care and brain health** globally. While there are no direct financial benefits, WFN membership offers numerous professional advantages, including:

- Fostering Quality Neurology and Brain Health Worldwide
- Promotion of Neurology

The WFN actively promotes neurology, particularly in **low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)**, ensuring representation at the highest political levels, including the **World Health Organization (WHO)** and the **United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**. The WFN holds **Non-State Actor (NSA) status with the WHO** and **special consultative status with UN ECOSOC**, enabling participation in meetings, statements, and interventions. Learn more here: [WFN & WHO Activities](#).

Education

The WFN provides a range of **global educational initiatives**, including:

- **Five Training Centres (TCs)** offering **three- to four-year** neurology training programs. **Four centres are in Africa, and one is in Mexico City**. The WFN funds most of the training, with additional support from partner organisations; for example, the **Association of British Neurologists (ABN)** supports the Cairo TC, and the **ICNMD** supports Neuromuscular Training in Rabat.
- **Department Visit Program**: Neurologists from **low-income countries** can visit and gain experience in **leading neurology departments in Europe, Canada, and India**, thanks to the generosity of host institutions.
- **Additional Educational Activities**, including **Learning Days and an e-learning hub**, provide further opportunities for professional development.

The WCN – World Congress of Neurology

The WFN organises a **biennial World Congress of Neurology (WCN)**, serving as a **global meeting place for neurologists**. The next **WCN will take place in Cape Town, South Africa, in 2027**, and from then onwards, the WFN will transition to an **annual congress format**. Member societies and regional representatives are actively involved in planning, with special provisions for **LMIC participation**, including **bursaries**.

This year the WFN Digital Neurology Update (WNU) will take place on 28-29 October 2026. **We encourage members to apply and participate!**

WFN Publications & Communications

WFN members have access to multiple **communication channels** to share knowledge and stay informed:

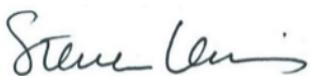
- **JNS (Journal of the Neurological Sciences)**
- **eNS (eNeurologicalSci)**
- **World Neurology**, reaching **30,000 readers per issue**
- **Website and Social Media Updates**, where we regularly share the latest neurology news and developments.
 - **Facebook** 13K like | 15K Followers
 - **LinkedIn** >5K members
 - **X** >8.6K Followers
 - **Instagram** >1.5K Followers
 - **YouTube** 1.18K subscribers

We encourage WFN members to submit **reports and news** from their societies, which we are happy to feature on our platforms.

We Are Here for You

The **WFN, based in London**, is always available to support our members. We welcome the opportunity to **connect with you**, whether through direct communication or a **scheduled virtual meeting** where your society can present its work, and we can share our ongoing projects in more detail.

We look forward to collaborating with you!



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