



NEWSLETTER

Fall 2004

President's Message



Greetings to all from Australia. At the most recent meeting of the WSSFN Board in Vienna we heard of the preparations for the Quadrennial meeting of the Society in Rome from Professor Mario Meglio.

**Brian Brophy, FRACS
WSSFN President**

Rome is such an exciting venue and I am confident we can expect a large attendance. Please join with us in the eternal city for this important event.

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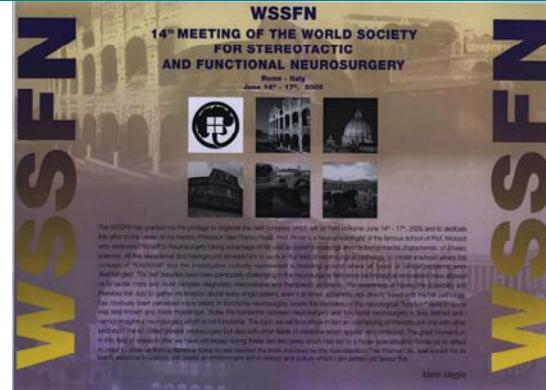
THE WSSFN AWARDS

Spiegel-Wycis Award

The Spiegel-Wycis Award is presented at each quadrennial meeting of the WSSFN to one or two senior neurosurgeons who throughout their career have contributed to the advancement of the field of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery.

WSSFN Young Investigator Award

The WSSFN young investigator award is given to a resident/fellow or a neurosurgeon with a faculty/hospital appointment who is under the age 45 for the best presentations, poster or oral, at the quadrennial WSSFN meeting. The value of the prize is USD \$500.



Quadrennial WSSFN Meeting

Date: June 14-18, 2005

Place: Roma, Italy

For information on the meeting program, registration, and abstract submission visit our website:

<http://www.wssfn.org>

Topics

- Pain
- Epilepsy
- Movement disorders
- Brain tumors
- Psychiatric disorders
- Neuronavigation, Robotics and Intraoperative Neurophysiological Monitoring
- Radiosurgery
- Gene therapy
- Stem cells
- Basic Neuroscience

Scientific program

Invited lectures, free presentations, posters, workshops, round-tables, symposia

Upcoming Meetings



7th INS Meeting of the International Neuromodulation Society

Date: June 13-14, 2005

Place: Rome, Italy

Website: www.ptsroma.it/INS-ROME2005



International Workshop On Functional Neurosurgery for Movement Disorders, Pain and Psychiatric Illness



Date: November 18-19 2004

Place: London, England

Website: [http://www.imn.ucl.ac.uk/
FNworkshop/FNworkshop.htm](http://www.imn.ucl.ac.uk/FNworkshop/FNworkshop.htm)

Quadrennial WSSFN Meeting 2005



The WSSFN has granted me the privilege to organize the next congress which will be held in Rome June, 14th-17th 2005 and to dedicate this effort to the career of my mentor, Professor Gian Franco Rossi.

The last decades have been particularly challenging in the neurosurgical field since technological innovations have allowed us to tackle more and more complex diagnostic, interpretative, and therapeutic problems. Today, the border between neurosurgery and functional neurosurgery is less defined and I cannot imagine a neurosurgery which is not functional. The topics we will face show, in fact, an overlapping of interests not only with other sectors of general neurosurgery but also with other fields of medicine which appear very unrelated.

The great momentum in this field of research has led to a hyper-specialization and forces us to reflect, to observe from a distance, to try and see beyond the limits imposed by the specialization. The Eternal City, well-known for its warm welcome to visitors, will create an environment rich in history and culture which I am certain will favour this.

-Mario Meglio

WSSFN Elections

WSSFN Board Meeting - Vienna, Austria

June 25, 2004

The nomination committee, which consists of the current and past President and Member of the Board suggested the following slate of nominees for the 2005 elections:

President - Andres Lozano, Canada

Vice-President - Joachim Krauss, Germany

Secretary-Treasurer - T. Taira, Japan

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Past President - Brian Brophy, Australia

Continental Vice-Presidents:

North America-David Roberts, USA

Central & South America-Francisco Velasco, Mexico

Europe-Giovanni Broggi, Italy

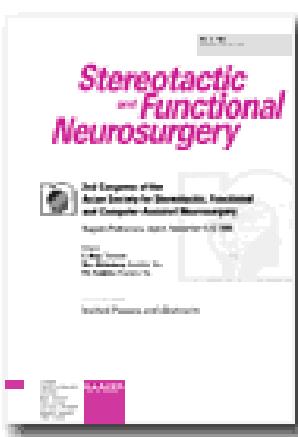
Africa-Middle East-Khalaf Al Moutaery, Saudi Arabia

Asia-Australia-Y. Katayama, Japan

Proposal for WSSFN Regional Meeting:

Our society meets every four years. In the interim years it was suggested at the last board meeting that WSSFN courses/Scientific Meetings be held. Several proposals have been put forward including one in Beirut, Lebanon and another in Shanghai, China.

Invitation for Papers



Official Journal of the

- [World Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery](#)
- [American Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery](#)

WSSFN members are encouraged to publish their research in our official journal. Original papers written in English will be considered. Manuscripts should be sent to:

Professor David W. Roberts
Section of Neurosurgery
Dartmouth Medical Center
1, Medical Center Drive
Lebanon, NH 03756–0001 (USA)

For more information and instructions see the Guidelines at www.karger.com/sfn_guidelines.

Bylaws

Proposed change to the bylaws

The proposed amendment to the WSSFN bylaws is to add the following membership category:

Resident/Fellow Members shall be neurosurgeons who are residents or fellows in training who express an interest in the field of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery. They shall pay a one-time membership fee and will have the option of subscribing to the journal Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery at a reduced price. Upon completion of their

residency/fellowship or within five years of their initial application, whichever comes first, they will no longer be eligible for Resident/Fellow Membership status. Resident/Fellow Members will not be eligible to vote or hold elected office.

The membership will vote on this amendment at the WSSFN business meeting in Rome in June 2005.

-Andres Lozano
Secretary/Treasurer WSSFN

Membership Application

World Society of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery

Name: _____ Office Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Residency Training: _____ Years: _____ Medical School: _____

AANS Member: Yes / No

CNS Member: Yes / No

Membership Fee: USD \$325

To become a member, please send your current curriculum vitae, membership fee and application form to:

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WSSFN Mission Statement

The mission of the World Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery is to foster the use of stereotactic and functional neurological methods for the treatment of diseases of the nervous system and to advance stereotactic and functional neurosurgery and related sciences to improve patient care, support basic and clinical research, to provide leadership in education, and to help provide the administrative facilities to meet these goals.

Further, the society will provide a forum for the review of the basic form and function of the nervous system and to establish minimum standards for the performance of stereotactic and functional neurosurgery.

The society strives to offer an international forum for sharing new developments in basic and clinical research in functional neurosurgery, publish the pre-eminent clinical and research journal devoted to functional neurosurgery, and create professional liaisons with other regional and subspecialty organizations for unifying the many disciplines represented in the field of functional neurosurgery.

We're on the web!!

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