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The 20th World Congress of Neurosurgery

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The 31st Annual Meeting of The Indonesian Neurosurgical Society (INS)

WE ARE COMING SOON...

November 16rd - 17th, 2027

Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center (BNDCC), Bali, Indonesia

Letter from the President

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is with great pride and gratitude that I write to you as I complete my first year as President of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies.

This has been a year of intense work, meaningful progress, and, above all, a strong sense of unity across our global neurosurgical community. I am delighted to share that our committees have been remarkably active. Through a rich program of online and in-person events, they have continued to advance education, foster collaboration, and bring neurosurgeons from every region closer together.

My sincere thanks go to every committee chair and member for their dedication and generosity. One of the most important milestones of this year has been the transition of the Federation to the Czech Republic. I am pleased to report that more than 85% of our member societies have already joined this process. This remarkable level of engagement reflects the trust and commitment that make the WFNS strong, and I warmly encourage the remaining societies to join us.

Preparations for the WFNS World Congress in Bali are well advanced. We are building a scientific and social program that will reflect the excellence and diversity of our specialty, and I look forward to welcoming you there. Our committees have been called to contribute, and I am confident that each of them will take an active part in making Bali a truly memorable congress.

Throughout the year, the WFNS has also maintained steady support for the events of our member societies. Standing alongside our societies, wherever they are, remains at the heart of our mission. None of this would be possible without you. Thank you for your energy, your ideas, and your partnership. Together, we are building a stronger, more connected, and more inclusive global neurosurgical community. I look forward to the year ahead with great optimism, and to seeing many of you in Bali.

With warm regards,

Luis A B Borba, MD, PhD, FACS, IFAANS
President, World Federation of
Neurosurgical Societies

Message from the Editors

WFNS Digital Presence

Exciting developments are underway for the WFNS digital presence. A brand-new website is in the making, featuring a modern, responsive design befitting the global stature of our Federation, with intuitive navigation, seamless cross-device compatibility, and a secure, high-performance backend to manage our institutional content.

All existing content is being reorganized and refined to align with the new design, and the transition from the current platform will take place with zero downtime.

Alongside this, I am delighted to announce that a Video Library — the brainchild of our President, Prof. Luis Borba — has been launched on the WFNS website and is now open for submissions. This is a wonderful opportunity for members to showcase their best surgical videos to the global neurosurgical community — please do not miss it. Kindly prepare your videos in the template provided, and do view the existing videos on the site to get a sense of the format and quality expected.

I am also pleased to share that our social media channels have become quite active, and I warmly encourage all members to contribute — share, engage, and send in content that highlights the work of our community. Together, let us make the WFNS digital platforms truly reflective of the excellence of world neurosurgery.

Check the schedule

P. Sarat Chandra
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Board News

Administrative Council Updates

Historic First Open AC Meeting in Prague

The WFNS Administrative Council Meeting held in Prague on 18 July 2026 marked an important first in the history of the Federation.

For the first time, the meeting was opened beyond the Administrative Council to representatives of the wider WFNS structure, including Executive Committee delegates and representatives of the continental societies.

The meeting was held in a hybrid format, with participants joining both in person and via Zoom. A total of 72 Executive Committee delegates participated, including the Presidents of all continental societies.

President Prof. Luis Borba welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of open communication and broad participation at this important stage for the Federation.

A major part of the meeting was dedicated to the ongoing legal transition of WFNS from the Netherlands to the Czech Republic. The transition process was presented in detail, including the administrative and legal steps already undertaken, the documentation required from member societies and the progress achieved up to that date.

Participants were able to follow the individual stages of the process and see how many national societies had already completed their transition documentation.
The meeting also provided delegates with an opportunity to raise questions directly and discuss legal, administrative, financial and organisational aspects of the transition with the WFNS leadership and Central Office.

Since the July meeting, the process has continued to move forward, with additional member societies completing and signing their transition documentation.

The agenda also included preparations for the WFNS World Congress 2027 in Bali, developments concerning the WFNS Journal, financial and administrative matters, and other current activities of the Federation.

The first Open AC Meeting represented an important step towards broader participation and direct exchange within WFNS and created a forum where delegates could receive information, follow the progress of key processes and address their questions directly to the Federation's leadership.

WFNS 2027 Bali

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The 20th World Congress of Neurosurgery
One World, One Neurosurgery: The Bali Renaissance
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Preparations continue for the 20th WFNS World Congress of Neurosurgery, which will take place on 16–20 November 2027 at the Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center in Indonesia.

During the Open AC Meeting, Congress President Prof. Asra Al Fauzi presented an update on the organisation of the Congress.

Work is continuing on the scientific programme, sponsorship, exhibition planning, congress operations, promotional activities and engagement with Indonesian authorities.

The Congress will bring together the international neurosurgical community for scientific exchange, education and collaboration.

Further updates will be communicated as preparations progress.

WFNS Journal Update

During the Open AC Meeting, Prof. Anil Nanda provided an update on the WFNS Journal.

Special issues are in preparation, including editions focused on African neurosurgery and endovascular neurosurgery.

The discussion also addressed the international visibility of the Journal and efforts to make publishing more accessible to young neurosurgeons and authors from low- and middle-income countries.

NEWS FROM THE WFNS CENTRAL OFFICE

Continuing the Transition Process

Following the information shared in the June newsletter, the WFNS Central Office continues to coordinate the organisational and legal steps related to the transition of the Federation's legal seat from the Netherlands to the Czech Republic.

The transition is intended to align the Federation's legal structure with the way WFNS already operates in practice.

The WFNS Central Office has been based in Prague since 2022 and provides daily administrative support to the WFNS leadership, member societies and committees. The transition does not change the mission of WFNS or its international character. The process has been ongoing since February 2026.

Communication was first addressed to Executive Committee delegates and was subsequently extended to the boards and authorised representatives of member societies.

The Central Office continues to work directly with societies to clarify questions, confirm official details and prepare the required documentation.

Transition Communication Materials Now Available

The communication materials announced in the June newsletter are now available through the dedicated WFNS Transition Information Centre on the WFNS website.

The Transition Information Centre serves as the main information hub for the process.

It brings together information from the Open AC Meeting, Frequently Asked Questions, an online form for member societies to submit or update their official details, an upload form for supporting documents, video messages and other supporting documentation.

The page is being updated as further approved information and materials become available, allowing member societies to follow the process in one place and refer to the same source of information.

Transition Information Centre

Click here

Strengthening Administrative Support

The administrative procedure for member societies remains straightforward.

Each society is asked to confirm its official name, address and authorised representatives.

Once the information has been reviewed, the Central Office prepares the required documents: termination of membership with the Dutch entity and the application for the Czech entity.

The documents are then sent to the authorised representatives for electronic signature via DocuSign.

The WFNS Central Office continues to assist societies individually with documentation, statutory representative details, electronic signatures and follow-up.

This support is intended to ensure that the process remains clear, traceable and manageable for every member society.

NEWS FROM THE WFNS CENTRAL OFFICE

WFNS Committees – Expanding Activities Across the Federation

WFNS Committees continue to play a central role in the scientific, educational and professional activities of the Federation.

Throughout 2026, the new committee structure has continued to develop, with Committee Chairs and members working on their programmes, educational initiatives, scientific projects and international collaborations.

Several new areas of activity have also been introduced to reflect emerging priorities within neurosurgery and the wider WFNS community.

These include activities related to Artificial Intelligence in Neurosurgery, the Global Neurosurgical Curriculum, Medical Students Mentorship, Humanitarian activities, Neuroplasticity, Epilepsy Surgery, Complications in Neurosurgery, Hemorrhagic and Ischemic Stroke, the History of Neurosurgery and Ethno-Racial diversity in neurosurgery.

The Committees are also contributing to WFNS educational courses, webinars, scientific meetings and collaborative projects around the world.

The Central Office continues to work closely with Committee Chairs and members to support coordination, communication and the presentation of their activities through the WFNS website and official communication channels.

Further updates on individual Committee initiatives, educational programmes and upcoming activities will be shared regularly with the WFNS community.

Appreciation to Member Societies

WFNS would like to thank its member societies for their continued engagement and cooperation.

Many societies have already completed the required transition steps, while others are currently finalising their documentation with the support of the Central Office.

The questions and feedback received from member societies continue to help WFNS provide clearer information and practical support throughout the process.

NEWS FROM THE WFNS FOUNDATION

New Training Opportunity for African Neurosurgeons in Beijing

The WFNS Foundation is pleased to announce an exciting new opportunity for **African neurosurgeons** to undertake a **fully funded four-year Neurosurgery training programme at Xuanwu Hospital in Beijing, China**, under the aegis of WFNS.

The programme is offered by **Prof. Ling Feng, Chief of the Department of Neurosurgery at Xuanwu Hospital,** and provides an opportunity for comprehensive neurosurgical training at a leading institution in China.

The programme reflects the WFNS Foundation's continued commitment to supporting neurosurgical education and training opportunities and to strengthening access to advanced specialist training.

Interested candidates are invited to contact the WFNS Foundation at foundation@wfns.org to receive further information about the programme, eligibility requirements and application process.

WFNS Educational and Scientific Events

A number of upcoming scientific and educational events offer further opportunities for training, professional exchange and international collaboration within the neurosurgical community.

13th Neurosurgical Microvascular Workshop

Pilsen, Czech Republic.
2–3 November 2026

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Chicago's Advanced Training in Skull Base Surgery

Chicago, Illinois, USA.
12–14 March 2027

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XXII CABNc Congress of the Brazilian Academy of Neurosurgery

Curitiba, Brazil
April 21–24, 2027

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International Neurosurgical Oncology Congress

Miami, Florida, USA
June 3–7, 2027

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Bali, Indonesia
16–20 November 2027

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Members are encouraged to regularly consult the WFNS Events Calendar for programme updates, educational activities and further upcoming meetings.

Closing Note

This newsletter is part of WFNS's continued effort to strengthen communication with member societies and the global neurosurgical community.

Since the previous issue, the first Open Administrative Council Meeting in the history of WFNS has taken place, bringing together Administrative Council members, Executive Committee delegates and continental society representatives in an expanded and open format.

The transition process has continued, dedicated information resources have been made available, preparations for Bali 2027 have progressed, new training opportunities are being developed through the WFNS Foundation, and WFNS Committees and scientific initiatives continue their work across the international neurosurgical community.

WFNS remains committed to advancing neurosurgery worldwide through education, scientific collaboration, professional exchange and close cooperation with its member societies.

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