



**WORLD FEDERATION OF  
NEUROSURGICAL SOCIETIES**

# Secretary Report

Sept. 2021-Nov. 2023

Akio Morita, MD, PhD  
Secretary, WFNS

# AC & EC meetings since Sept. 2021

## AC meetings:

- Oct. 1, 2021 : Lawyer fee issue
- Nov. 7, 2021: Bogota meeting, Cape Town Meeting, WFNS Foundation members, Ad Hoc Committee
- Dec. 5, 2021: Bogota meeting, Foundation, Journal
- Jan. 30, 2022: Bogota meeting type
- Feb. 12, 2022: Bogota Hybrid or not, EC
- May 21, 2022: Office issue
- June 4, 2022: Office issue
- June 12, 2022: Office issue
- Oct. 9, 2022: New management organization preparation, Foundation management
- Nov. 26, 2022: Finance, Legal issue with former employee, WFNS 2023, bid for 2027
- April 4, 2023 : WFNS 2023, Email Letters issue
- one hand over meeting with Guarant company (New Office Management company Sept. 11, 2022
- Meeting with Houthoff (Doutch law firm) re: legal aspects of re-election on Aug. 18, 2022.
- June 3, 2023: Voting, WFNS 2023,
- Sept. 9, 2023 (F to F): WFNS 2023, Voting, Legal issue, Journals
- Nov. 17, 2023: Voting and EC meeting, Awards

## EC meetings:

- Extraordinary EC on June 25, 2022
- Electronic poll to obtain opinion of EC members re-election in Sept. 2021 on Aug. 19-21, 2022 and the 2nd Round poll on Sept. 14, 2022.
- Extraordinary EC on Jan. 14, 2023.

- Due to pandemic, we held AC meetings and EC meeting through zoom in majority of the case.
- Theme for the meeting were 1) finance, 2) central office issues, 3) Congress Bogota WFNS 2022, hybrid or face to face meeting, 4) Congress Cape Town, 5) Validity of election in Sept. 2021. and legal consideration for it.

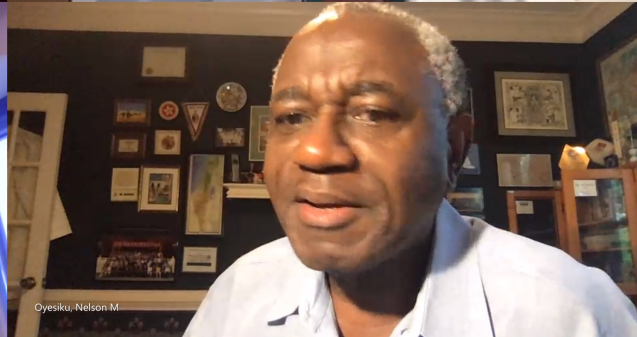
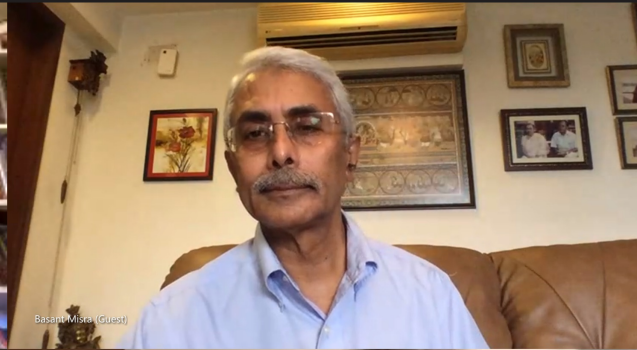
# Issues in WFNS

- Finance (Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer)
- Moving central office from Nyon to Prague (Assistant Secretary)
- Web-site shut down, contract expired (Pub & Web com chair)
- President election at WFNS 2021 (Committees)
- Awards (Medal of Honor) (Secretary)
- Apostilling Constitutions and Bylaws (C&B chair)
- Officer registration at Netherland (President & Secretary)
- WFNS 2023 (Congress president)
- Nomination officers for the term 2023-25 (Nominating committee)
- Call for bidding WFNS 2027 (Secretary)
- Journal editor (C&B committee, President)

- There are many issues aroused in the last 2 years
- With the pertinent officers' efforts, majority of the issues are managed appropriately

# Web documentation process (Sept.4,2020)

- Power of Attorney was granted to Houthoff Corp. to amend Constitution and manage related issues (web) by all AC members.
- Minutes of EC meeting at Beijing 2019 was authorized (web) by President, Secretary(MM) at that time, C&B chairman and current secretary
- New Officer registration (web)



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現在この会議に参加中 (9)

- AM Akio Morita (ゲスト)
- BM Basant Misra (Guest)
- MM Marcos Masini (Convidado)
- MV Miroslav Vukic (Guest)
- JM Morcos, Jacques J., M.D.**
- NA najia el abbadi (Invité)
- NO Oyesiku, Nelson M
- SN ssm neurochirurgia
- AV Voeten, Anouk  
開催者

- Officers for WFNS(ACs) and Amended Bylaws and Constitutions need to be apostilled at the Netherland
- Amendments of Constitutions and officer registrations are being done by our lawyer in Netherland and C&B chairman



From: Nakaji, Peter via LOOKUS Consulting <[lookus@lookus.net](mailto:lookus@lookus.net)>

Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 11:40 PM

Web site shut down and retrieval <[sdelen@lookus.net](mailto:sdelen@lookus.net)>; 'Eva Rážová AH' <[razovae@associationhouse.cz](mailto:razovae@associationhouse.cz)>;  
[lookus@lookus.net](mailto:lookus@lookus.net)

Subject: Re: WFNS.org

I am pleased to report that we won the auction for [www.wfns.org](http://www.wfns.org). Once I get the confirmation and instructions on how to migrate the site again to the old URL, we can restore it.

At that point we should still have the redirect from [www.wfns.info](http://www.wfns.info). I would like to get all of it working perfectly before we let the membership know.

Thank you all for your help during this complicated process.

Best,

**\$3050**

Peter Nakaji, MD

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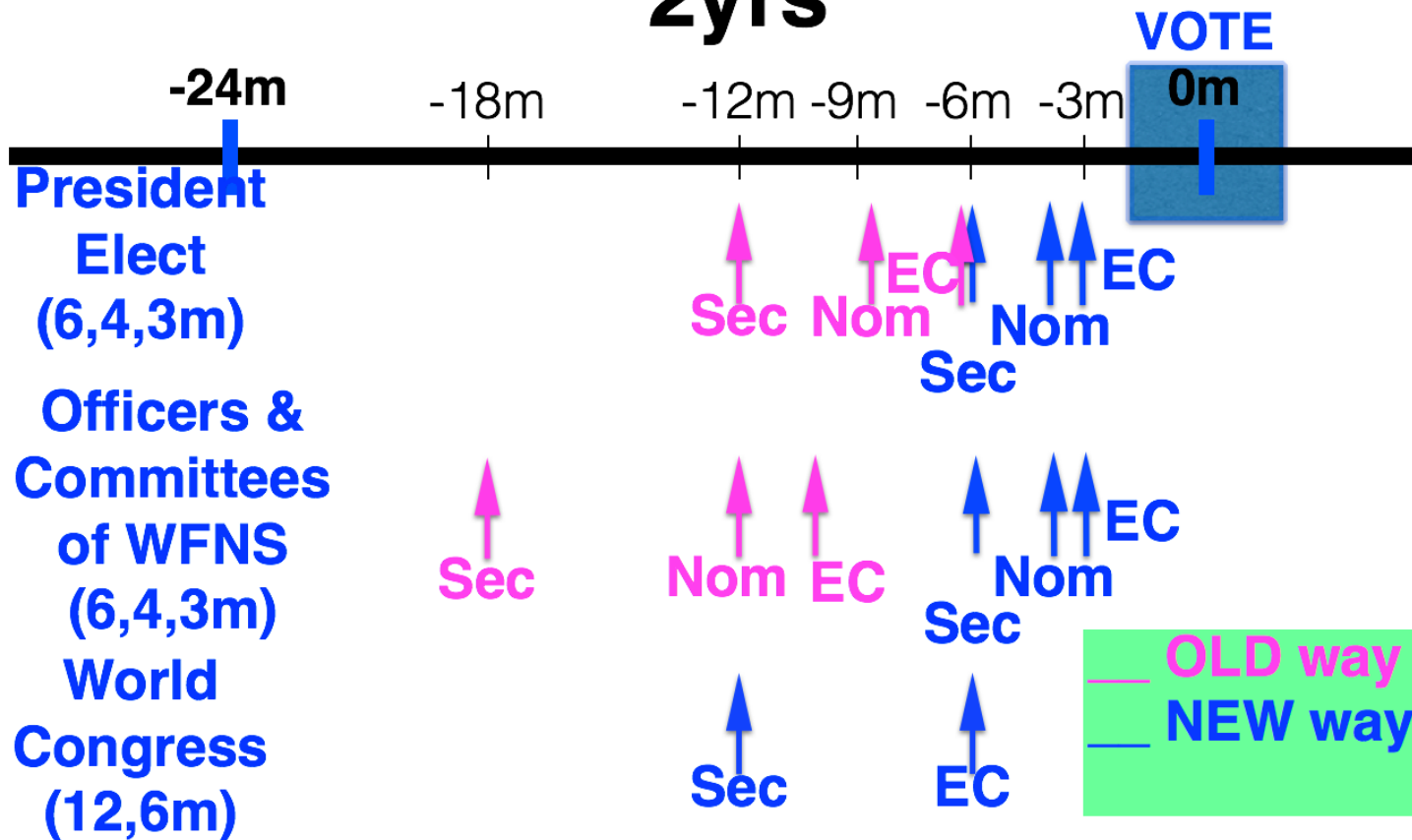
Phone: (602) 521-3300

- Due to the lack of access to the Nyon office documents, we lost the website right
- By the efforts of Pub & Web com. Chair, the right was retrieved

# DEADLINES FOR NOMINATIONS

Sec= Secretary / Nom=Nominating Cmte / EC= Exec Comm

## 2yrs



- Deadline for nominations of officers including president elect is 6month prior to the congress
- Due date for bidding for congress venue is set 12month before the congress
- E-blast mail was sent out to member societies well advanced with the information of the necessary documents to be submitted with the nominations and biddings.

# Call for nomination of officers of WFNS term 2023-25:

- On Feb. 14, 2023, call for nomination of officers of WFNS was sent to all member societies and delegates. Officers for nomination include President Elect 2023-2025 (will serve as President 2025-2027), First Vice-President (not eligible for re-election), Secretary, Assistant-Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Second Vice-Presidents (5 continents, not eligible for re-election) , Historian, Honorary President and Standing committee members (Nominating committee, Audit Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Publication and Web committee)

<https://wfns.org/news/317/nomination-wfns-slate-of-officers-2023-2025>

**From:** WFNS <[info@wfns-secretariat.org](mailto:info@wfns-secretariat.org)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 3:58 PM

**To:** [info@turknorosirurji.org.tr](mailto:info@turknorosirurji.org.tr)

**Subject:** **Nomination**-WFNS Slate of officers 2023-2025

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**Announcement:** **Nomination**-WFNS Slate of officers 2023-2025

To: All WFNS Member Societies  
All WFNS officers

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**Announcement: Nomination-WFNS Slate of officers 2023-2025**

To: All WFNS Member Societies

All WFNS officers

Dear Colleague,

Please be reminded that 4th June 2023 is the deadline for sending in proposals (WFNS slate of officers 2023-2025) to the Secretary of WFNS, Dr. Akio Morita: [amor-ky@umin.ac.jp](mailto:amor-ky@umin.ac.jp) with a copy to the Central

Office, Eva Razova [info@wfns-secretariat.org](mailto:info@wfns-secretariat.org)

The positions are following:

**Officers:**

- **President Elect 2023-2025** (will serve as President 2025-2027)
- **First Vice-President** (not eligible for re-election)
- **Secretary**
- **Assistant-Secretary**
- **Treasurer**

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**- Second Vice-Presidents (5):** (not eligible for re-election)

- AANS
- AASNS
- EANS
- FLANC
- CAANS

**- Historian**

**- Honorary Presidents**

**Standing Committee members needing election:**

- **Nominating Committee members** (10 members - one of which will be the outgoing Chair who will remain as a member of the Committee)
- **Constitution and Bylaws** (5 members)
- **Audit** (3 members)
- **Publications and Web Committee** (2 members)

Every candidate being considered for the position of Officer of WFNS

**(President Elect, 1st Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant-Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant-Treasurer, 2nd Vice Presidents)**, except for Honorary Presidents and Historian, shall fulfill, additionally, the following conditions in order to be **vett**ed by the Nominating Committee:

- Provide letters of support from at least 5 member societies from 2 continents.

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and national standing.

- Provide letters of support from the Head of the Neurosurgical Department where the candidate has an appointment and/or the Chief of the Hospital where the candidate practices, confirming that the candidate is currently clinically active in the practice of Neurosurgery.
- Provide a complete Curriculum Vitae.
- Provide a self-declaration document indicating that he/she has not been convicted of any serious illegal activities or engaged in unethical behavior.

With respect to candidates for:

**Nominating committee, C&B, Audit, publication and Web**

All that is needed is **1 nomination** from the candidate's Society (as long as it is a WFNS Member Society in good standing) or from a WFNS officer. This is based on Bylaws Article VI, Section 6B.

**Please note: The nominations should come from the President/Secretary of WFNS member societies. The nominations from individual neurosurgeons not representing their societies will not be considered. WFNS Officers may also submit the nominations.**

Sincerely yours,

Akio Morita

Secretary, WFNS (2021-2023)

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Miroslav Vukic

Assistant Secretary, WFNS (2021-2023)

## Call for bidding World Congress 2027:

- Call for the bidding for the venue to hold the World Congress 2027, have been sent out to all member societies on Oct. 11, 2022. Due date supposed to be 1 year before the congress (Dec. 4, 2022) but was extended to the end of March, 2023 by AC meeting.



## Call for bidding of WFNS 2027 Congress Venue

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### Call for bidding of WFNS 2027 Congress Venue

Dear Colleagues,

Please allow us to draw your attention to the deadline for sending in your bidding proposals for the WFNS World Congress 2027 before **6th December 2022 (23:59 GMT)**.

[Procedure for bidding to host the WFNS Congress 2027 \(pdf\)](#)

[Requirements for bidding the WFNS Congress 2027 \(pdf\)](#)

Don't miss this chance to showcase your country and host neurosurgeons from around the world.

Sincerely yours,  
Akio Morita  
Secretary, WFNS  
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Miroslav Vukic

# WFNS 2027 Congress bidding: 3 cities

- Prague, Czech
- Mumbai, India
- Bali, Indonesia

City	Country	Date	Proposed meeting President	Society
Prague	Czech Republic	Sept. 8-11, 2027	Prof. Martin Sameš	Czech Neurosurgical Society
Mumbai	India	Oct. 18-22, 2027	Prof. Basant K Misra	Neurosurgical Society of India
Bali	Indonesia	Aug 5-8, 2027	Prof. Asra Al Fauzi(Bidding com. Chair)	Indonesian Neurosurgical Society

Shall we post all bidding docs to the website?



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**PRAGUE**



WFNS Congress  
of Neurosurgery 2027



**NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA  
BID DOCUMENT**



**Indonesian Neurosurgical Society (INS)**  
*Proposal to host*  
**2027 World Congress of WFNS**  
*Bali, Indonesia*



- Membership application due is 6month prior to the congress EC meeting

# Membership Applications

- Afghan Society of Neurosurgery is trying to apply full membership (currently Affiliate)



**Hamzah, Radzi** <Radzi\_Hamzah@hms.harvard.edu>

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To 自分, teresachen@wfns.org, centraloffice@wfns.org, Mohammad, dr\_pirzad@yahoo.co.uk ▼

My name is Radzi Hamzah. I am a research fellow under the Harvard Program Global Surgery and Social Change and a secretariat member of the Global Neurosurgery Committee under WFNS. I am writing today on behalf of the **Afghanistan** Neurosurgical Society to enquire regarding a complete membership application. They are currently an honorary member of the society and hoping to apply to be a full-fledged member of the WFNS.

Kindly let me know if there are any forms to be filled or any payment to be made for them to be a full-fledged member. Thank you for your kind consideration and help.

Warm regards,  
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While tried to communicate to obtain documents, no reply.



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Dear Dr. Morita.

RE: APPLICATION FOR WFNS MEMBERSHIP BY FRANCOPHONE WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES

The following countries are applying for membership of World Federation of Neurological Surgery (WFNS).

Please accord them all the necessary support to achieve the membership, they are bona fide members of Continental Association of African Neurosurgical Societies(CAANS)

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|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. COTE D IVOIRE | 27 NEUROSURGEONS  |
| 2. SENEGAL       | 26 NEUROSURGEONS. |
| 3. MALI          | 23 NEUROSURGEONS  |
| 4. BENNIN        | 19 NEUROSURGEONS  |
| 5. BURKINA-FASO  | 16 NEUROSURGEONS  |
| 6. GUINEE-CONAKR | 11 NEUROSURGEONS. |

Please accept my best wishes.





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02-06-2023

Dear Dr. Morita.

RE: APPLICATION FOR WFNS MEMBERSHIP BY NIGER ASSOCIATION OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

The following country is applying for membership of World Federation of Neurological Surgery (WFNS).

**NIGER ASSOCIATION OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS**

Please accord them the necessary support to achieve the membership, they are bona fide members of Continental Association of African Neurosurgical Societies(CAANS).

They will forward the necessary documentation to you soon as possible.

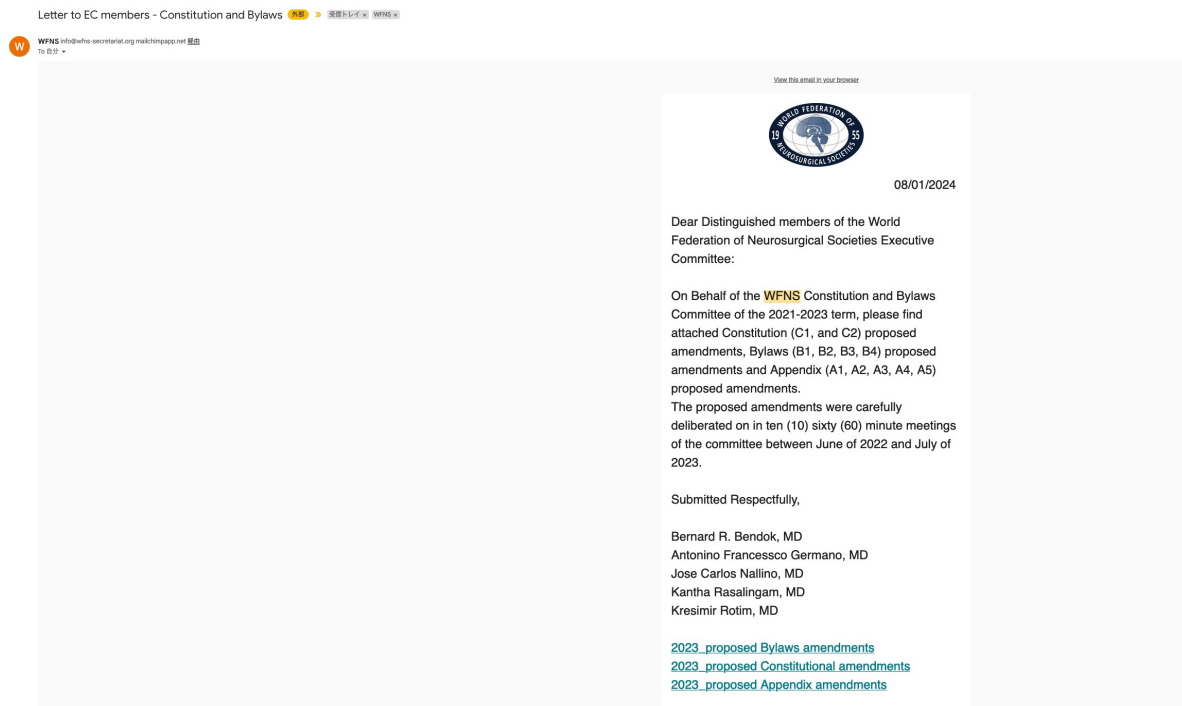
## 6 national societies form CAANS applying

- Benin(19): affiliate member
- Congo(26): Full member
- Ivory Coast(27) : Full member
- Niger(30) : Full member
- Togo(9):affiliate member
- Zimbabwe(33) : Full member

( ) number of members

# C & B amendments

- Constitution, Bylaws and Appendix of Bylaws amendments have been proposed from C& B committee and sent to EC 4months prior to the EC meeting.



# WFNS Awards

Following awards are proposed from WFNS at the Congress

- Medal of Honor awards
  - Scoville Award
  - Madjid Samii Award
  - The Atos Alves de Sousa Award
  - Recognition of Service Award
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- With appropriate process awards at the WFNS 2023 were determined

# WFNS awards

Medal recipient at the Bogota Congress except for Lee, did not Received the Medal. (Later medals alone were sent)

- Medal of Honor awards:
  - Up to 4, related with WFNS activity or not, Past president and 5 HP,
  - Payment of coach air fair, lodging, free registraion including social events,
  - Medal & Written Laudation
  - Recipients are not eligible for HP



There will be only 3 left after the Cape Town Congress, so need to Look for creator.

Dear Akio,

My father (Theo) is the maker of the medal. He died in January last year and we are trying to fix all loose ends. I asked my mother and she does not know anything about a 'shield'.

We do have small boxes to put the medals in. Attached a photo of the box. We will include these boxes.

Please confirm you order 10 pieces. Be sure to order enough because this will be the last time you can order these medals since my father is not with us anymore.

Thanks in advance,

Matthijs van de Vathorst



# WFNS awards

- **Scoville Award:**
  - Each second Vice-President of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies may nominate up to eight candidates for the Scoville Award
  - The officers of the WFNS will be notified of the recipient. The recipient will be invited to the Congress and receive a Steuben glass bowl, suitably inscribed, together with a monetary award of US\$ 5,000. The award will be presented during the Opening Ceremony of the Congress.

# WFNS awards

- **Madjid Samii Award:**

- The WFNS in collaboration with Aesculap has established the MADJID SAMII MEDAL OF HONOR
- to recognize a distinguished internationally renowned neurosurgeon of exceptional technical talent for a lifetime of achievement. The awardee should be recognized as a “master surgeon” defined as a surgeon, practitioner, healer and teacher of the highest level of neurosurgical skill, empathy and surgical record.
- Nominations for the award should be submitted by each Second Vice-President of the WFNS on behalf of their continental organizations who may offer up to eight (8) names each. Nominations should consist of a written narrative (max- 2,000 words) justifying the nomination and a one (1) page
- Nominations may also be tendered by the Administrative Council.
- Honorary Presidents are not entitled to be awarded the Medal of Honor.
- The selection of the awardee will be determined a simple majority in a confidential ballot of the AC within three (3) months of receipt of the nominations. The committee will notify the officers of the WFNS of their selection.
- The awardee will be invited to the Congress of the WFNS to receive the award which will be presented on the first day of the Congress.

- The awardee will receive:

1) A specially created memento.

2) Travel allowance in the amount of up to \$5,000.00 toward the purchase of a RT coach air fare from his country to the city of the WFNS Congress.

3) Complimentary registration, standard room lodging (for the duration of the Congress) at the HQ hotel and invitations to the social events.

4) A written laudation in the program book of Congress and read by the President.

The awardee will deliver a lecture (up to 30 mins in duration) at the plenary session of the Congress on a topic of his /her choosing. A luncheon following the lecture for a limited number of guests at the discretion of the President of the WFNS.



# WFNS awards

- The Atos Alves de Sousa Award
  - Notice of the awards will be advertised in the official journal(s) of the Federation, the Federation's WEB and shall contain specific instructions so as to preserve the identity of the candidates known by the Committee. The awards (checks and certificates) shall be presented at the Opening Ceremony of the World Congress.
  - The World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies shall bestow five awards to Young Neurosurgeons for the best papers submitted for presentation at the World Congress of Neurological Surgery.
  - The papers will be judged by an Ad Hoc Committee nominated by the President of the Federation at the beginning of his/her term of Office.
  - Young Neurosurgeons should submit 8 (eight) copies of the manuscript (not more than 10 double spaced typewritten pages exclusive of figures and tables) six months ahead of the Congress date, addressed to the Secretary of the WFNS.
  - Notice of the awards will be advertised in the official journal(s) of the Federation, the Federation's WEB and shall contain specific instructions so as to preserve the identity of the candidates known by the Committee.
  - The awards (checks and certificates) shall be presented at the Opening Ceremony of the World Congress.

# WFNS awards

- Recognition of Service Award

- Candidates for the award must be able to provide documentation of official service to the Federation over a consecutive uninterrupted period of at least twenty (20) years. This documentation must include a chronological listing of service, with dates and positions held. “Official service” refers to a role as WFNS delegate,
- Candidates must be proposed by their continental society to the corresponding Second Vice President. Each Second Vice President will verify the eligibility of their respective candidates and submit to the Secretary of the Federation up to three (3) names, no later than twelve (12) months prior to the start of the next World Congress.
- The Administrative Council will vote within six (6) months of receiving the nominations to select up to one name for each of the 5 continental submissions.
- The awardees will be informed no later than five (5) months prior to the Congress. The Award will be a plaque or certificate and will be presented to the awardees during the Congress. Awardee registration, travel and lodging expenses will not be covered by the Federation.

- EC meeting schedule during WFNS 2023 were set as follows

# EC meeting & e-voting schedule PLAN

- 1st EC: Dec. 4(Mon) 8:00-16:00 Break for voting(12:00-13:00 noon break):

Report of officers of AC, WFNS foundation and others committee chairs. **All reports will be posted to the WFNS website before the meeting.** Other issues discussion

Report of application of societies, Amendments of Constitution & Bylaws(if any), Presentation of candidates(for the AC officer position with more than 2 candidates) and congress venue for WFNS 2027.

- 1st e-Voting: Dec. 4(Mon) 6pm(Cape Town)=4pm(GMT), 24hours, till Dec. 5 6pm(Cape Town), 4pm(GMT),

1) Membership application

2) Amendments of Constitution & Bylaws

3) Officer Election

4) Congress Venue Election

(After finished, e-voting management team evaluate, voting result and ask for 2nd voting, send code again and add approved new societies) 4hours intervene

- 2nd round e-voting if any, Dec. 5(Tues) 10pm(Cape Town)=8pm(GMT), till Dec. 6 10pm(Cape Town)=8pm(GMT),

(Congress, if no city >1/2 of votes)

After the voting ends, 1st EC meeting will be adjourned.

- 2nd EC meeting on Dec 7(Thurs) Morning 8am~9am

- 3rd EC meeting on Dec 7(Thurs) Morning 9:30-10:30am; Other issue

Introduction of new AC members and cabinets.