

## 2.8 EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY

TORONTO 1985

### Interim Planning Meeting Brussels 1983

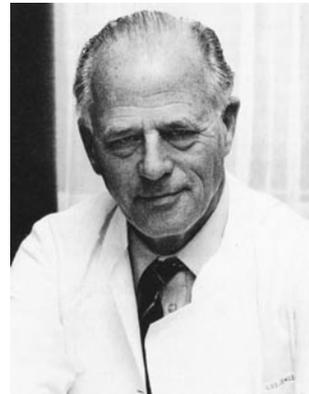
The Eighth Interim Meeting of the Executive Committee of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies was held during the Seventh European Congress of Neurosurgery in the Congress Centre of Parc des Expositions in Brussels, on 28th August 1983 at 9.00 a.m. Twenty-three officers and eighty-four delegates were present. The President, Dr. W. Luyendijk opened the meeting and expressed his indebtedness to the President of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies, Dr. J. Brihaye, for the facilities and arrangements. He commemorated eighteen colleagues who had passed away, three of whom had served as officers of the Federation: Drs. B. Broager, E. Busch and E. Zander. The members of the Executive Committee showed their respects by standing in silence.

According to the last data, the Federation consisted of five continental organizations, forty-four member societies and four affiliated societies, and the total number of neurosurgeons within the Federation was more than ten thousand at that moment. Dr. A. Hudson reported upon the progress in the organization of the Eighth International Congress in Toronto in 1985. Dr. S. Peerless informed the committee that the theme of the scientific meeting would be 'Neurosurgery – the State of the Art', and presented an overview of the programme. Dr. H. Hoffman discussed the budget of the congress and stated that the American Association of Neurological Surgeons had offered the facilities of their Chicago office and the services of their Executive Director, Mr. C. Hauber, to help run the Toronto Meeting on a non-profit basis.

Then, the future of the secretariat of the Federation was discussed in conjunction with the increasing workload of the secretary. Dr. A. Walder suggested that more professional assistance would be required in future and argued strongly in favour of creating a Central Secretarial Office. He recommended the installation of an ad hoc committee to study this subject and to report on it in Toronto which was approved.

The financial situation of the WFNS was considered to be good.

The Historian of the Federation, Dr. A.E. Walker, announced that he had finished writing the history of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies covering the period from its foundation in Brussels in 1955/1957 through the Munich



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President WFNS 1981-1985  
Honorary President



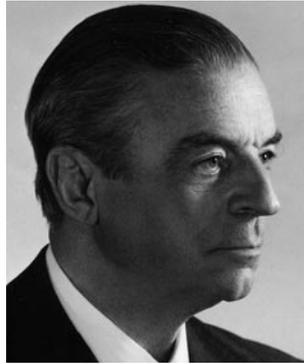
Gerard Guyot  
Recipient, Medal of Honour  
1983



Bronson S. Ray  
Recipient, Medal of Honour  
1983



Kentaro Shimizu  
Recipient, Medal of Honour  
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Antonio J. de Vasconcellos  
Marques  
Recipient, Medal of Honour  
1983



Eric Zander  
Recipient, Medal of Honour  
1983

Congress in 1981, and that the book would be available at the Toronto Congress at the price of US \$ 5-10. The total costs of publication, estimated at US \$ 10,000, appeared in the budget of the congress.

The Committee of the Medal of Honour delivered its report. This committee consisted of Drs. K-A. Bushe (President), W. Scoville and K. Sano, and the president and the secretary of the Federation ex officio. Two other members, Drs. A. de Mattos Pimenta and O. Sorour, were absent. There were eleven candidates for the Medal of Honour, to be presented in Toronto. The committee selected four of them: Drs. Z. Kunč (Czechoslovakia), L. Leksell (Sweden), J.L. Pool (USA) and M. Velasco-Suarez (Mexico). The first Medals of Honour would be presented at the end of the Opening Ceremony of the European Congress in Brussels that afternoon to Drs. B. Ray (USA), G. Guiot (France) and K. Shimizu (Japan) as decided in the Munich Meeting in 1981. The president, however, announced that due to an error, two others had not been selected at that time but had in the meantime been added to the recipients. They were Dr. E. Zander (Switzerland), who had been Treasurer of the Federation for a long time, and who had recently died, and Dr. A. de Vasconcellos Marques (Portugal), who had been President of the Committee on Neurotraumatology for such a long time.

Several proposals of the Committee on the Constitution and Bylaws were approved for amendment in Toronto; one concerned the role of the Parliamentarian. It was proposed, that 'there may be a Parliamentarian appointed by the President of the Federation. In case of procedural dispute, resolution shall be based on Robert's Rules of Order.'

Dr. B. Ramamurthi reminded the Executive Committee of his earlier invitation to hold the Ninth International Congress in New Delhi, India in 1989. Finally Dr. F. Rueda-Franco invited the Federation to hold its Tenth International Congress in Mexico in 1993.

## The Congress

The congress was held in Toronto, from 7th to 13th July 1985, under the Distinguished Patronage of Her Excellency the Right Honourable Jeanne Sauv , Governor General of Canada. All scientific meetings were held in the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre, and the committee meetings in the Sheraton Centre. The general motto of the congress was: 'Neurosurgery - the State of the Art'. Two thousand, four hundred and eighty-four people had pre-registered, including one thousand and fifty-two members, two hundred and eighty-two non-members, three hundred and twenty-six residents and young neurosurgeons and three hundred and twenty spouses and other accompanying persons. On the Saturday night the officers and delegates of the Federation were invited to a delightful Delegates' Reception in the Lieutenant Governor's Suite - Queen's Park. Two hundred people attended the reception.



Alan R. Hudson  
President of the Congress  
1985  
Honorary President

### *Opening Ceremony*

The congress was officially opened on the afternoon of Sunday, 7th July at 4.00 p.m. The Opening Ceremony took place in the Auditorium of the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre. It was a colourful and impressive event. The audience witnessed an academic procession of representatives of the government, officials of Toronto University, pioneers of Canadian neurosurgery, and the officers of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies and the International Congress entering the Auditorium, and taking their seats on the platform, all wearing their caps, hoods and gowns. In front of them the central place of honour was taken by Her Excellency the Governor General of Canada, flanked by the President of the Congress and the President of the World Federation. This was set against the background of many national flags of the participating countries.

The President of the Canadian Neurosurgical Society, Dr. S. Schatz, opened the session with words of welcome before handing over to the Vice-President of the Congress, Dr. C. Bertrand, who introduced Her Excellency the Governor General of Canada, and Distinguished Patron of the Congress. She, then, gave an impressive address and declared the Congress open. After words of greeting on behalf of the Government of the Province of Ontario, expressed by the Honourable R. Elgie, Minister of Labour, the President of the World Federation, Dr. W. Luyendijk, addressed the audience, followed by the traditional act of taking the Congress President's chain from Dr. K.-A. Bushe and passing it to Dr. A. Hudson. As decided in Brussels two years previously, the Medal of Honour of the Federation was bestowed on four colleagues at this occasion. A laudation of Dr. L. Pool was given by Dr. B. Stein, of Dr. L. Leksell by Dr. L. Granholm, and of Dr. M. Velasco-Suarez by Dr. H. Martinez Romero, after which the Medal was presented by the President of the Federation. The Medal for the late Dr. Z. Kunč was received by his successor, Dr. K. Sourek.

Closing remarks were made by the President of the Congress, Dr. A. Hudson.

This Opening Ceremony, which had been enhanced by music of the Jeunesses Musicales du Canada, was followed by a welcoming reception for congress participants and guests in the Grand Ballroom of the Convention Centre.

### *Scientific Programme*

According to the motto of the congress: 'State of the Art', the lectures and papers presented during the scientific meeting covered comprehensively the actual fields of interest in Neurological Surgery.

Two hundred and eighty-nine special presentations were held, sixty-seven by young neurosurgeons. The authors of the five best papers of forty-five submitted for the competition were honoured with the WFNS Award to Young Neurosurgeons, each award consisting of US \$ 1,500, exemption from congress fees and free accommodation. These awards were bestowed on Drs. A.Th. Brawanski (Germany), R.J. Dempsey (USA), Ab. Guha (Canada), T. Sekiya (Japan), and T. Yamasaki (Japan). The awardees presented their papers during a special session on the Wednesday, under the chairmanship of Dr. M. Brock, after which they received the prizes from the Federation President.

The Volvo Award, a sum of US \$ 1,500, was bestowed on Dr. P. Black (USA) for his study on spinal cord trauma in rats. This award, sponsored by the Swedish motor car company, was founded in the early eighties to promote research, prevention and epidemiology of accidents and injuries to the central nervous system, particular related to traffic mishap. It is an award for the best presentation of a paper on this topic during the International Congress, as judged by the Committee on Neuro-

traumatology. Dr. Black presented his paper in a special session on Neurotraumatology on Thursday, 11th July, and received the prize from Dr. R. Vigouroux, Chairman of the Committee on Neurotraumatology.

Two hundred and thirty-three general papers were presented. Forty-seven Luncheon Discussion Group meetings were held on several subjects, presided over by experts in their respective fields of Neurosurgery. From Monday through Thursday, it was possible to attend Video Tape Sessions on many different techniques in the Video Theatre. In the upper level of the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre, a total of five hundred and five posters were exhibited in all major fields of neurosurgery. In addition, there was a large commercial exhibition, presented by seventy-six companies.

### *Social Programme*

On the Monday evening the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Victor Feldbrill gave a concert in the Roy Thomson Hall. The congress participants and guests enjoyed a beautiful performance of Beethoven, Buxtehude, Weinzwieg and Tchaikovsky, with excellent solo contributions by the pianist, Louis Lortie, and the organist, Patricia Krueger. On the Tuesday evening a Central Island Summer Fest was organized with outdoor drinks, barbecue, and all kinds of entertainment. On the afternoon of Wednesday 10th July sportsmen could participate in a traditional golf tournament and in a Fun Run for joggers.

The official Banquet was held on the Thursday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Centre Hotel. It was a very cheerful occasion. According to tradition the names of the newly elected officers of the Federation were proclaimed. It was also officially announced that the Ninth International Congress of Neurological Surgery would be held in New Delhi, India. The dinner was followed by dancing to fine music of the renowned Canadian Brass.

For the spouses and other guests an extensive and very varied ladies' programme was organized throughout the week.

### **Executive Committee Meetings Toronto 1985**

The Executive Committee Meetings during the congress were held on Sunday, 7th, Tuesday, 9th and Thursday, 11th July with an attendance of one hundred, ninety, and ninety-nine officers, honorary presidents and delegates, respectively. The President, Dr. W. Luyendijk, welcomed those present and listed the names of twenty-three departed colleagues. Among them were the Honorary Presidents and former officers of the Federation, Drs. W.B. Scoville and H. Krayenbühl. Both belonged to the group of founders of the Federation in Brussels 1955-1957. The President appointed Dr. A.E. Walker as Parliamentarian and thanked him for the book on The History of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies which was officially presented.

The number of member societies and organizations was unchanged compared to the situation at the Interim Meeting in Brussels. Affiliated membership was applied for by the neurosurgical societies of Romania, Bulgaria, and Cuba. Romania was accepted. The other two applications had to be dismissed because of lack of required information. Full membership was applied for by the Association of South-East Asian Neurosurgical Societies, including the national societies of Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines and Brunei. Its representative, Dr. R. Iskarno, however, requested that the application should be placed on hold. An application

of the Brazilian Academy of Neurological Surgery could not be approved because the Academy appeared to have an overlap of twenty-nine percent of its membership with the Sociedade Brasileira de Neurocirurgia which had already been a member since 1959. This overlap was not allowed under the rules of the constitution.

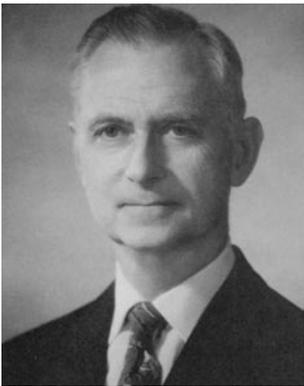
Except for the Administrative Council and the Executive Committee, the Federation numbered eight standing committees (Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Programme Committee, Liaison and Public Relations Committee, Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, Membership Committee which was the Administrative Council, Committee on Local Arrangements and Editorial Committee), two scientific committees (Committee on Neurotraumatology and Committee on Standardization of Grading Subarachnoid Haemorrhage) and ten ad hoc committees (Committee on the Medal of Honour, Committee on Neurosurgical Educa-



F. John Gillingham  
Honorary President



Henri G. Schwartz †  
Honorary President



William H. Sweet †  
Honorary President



Raymond K. Thompson †  
Honorary President

tion, Committee on Ethics and Medical-Legal Affairs, Committee on Materials and Devices, Auditing Committee, Long Range Planning Committee, Committee on Awards to Young Neurosurgeons, Secretarial Committee, Editorial Advisory Committee and w.F.N.S. Representative to the World Health Organization). The Federation had officially applied for registration in The Hague, The Netherlands (effected 1st July 1987, registration number V 411 496).

Introduced by his son, Dr. Barrett Scoville, the foundation of the William Beecher Scoville Award was announced. In remembrance of Dr. Scoville, this award was to be bestowed on neurosurgeons for technical innovations in neurosurgery, advancing new devices or operations. The prize of (at least) US \$ 10,000 would be presented at the occasion of International Congresses of Neurological Surgery, the best recipient being selected by an ad hoc committee of the Federation.

There were five applications to host the Ninth International Congress: New Delhi dating from 1980 or earlier, Bangkok from 1984, Seoul from 1984, Melbourne 1984, and Hong Kong. The qualities and possibilities of these cities were presented by Drs. M. Sambasivan, C. Suwanwela, Jin Un Song, N. Dan and H. Wen, respectively. After the first vote, Bangkok and Hong Kong dropped out; after the second one, Seoul. In the third round of voting, New Delhi acquired the most votes and was elected as the location of the next congress.

The next Interim Meeting of the Executive Committee would be held in Barcelona during the European Congress of Neurosurgery, September 1987. It was proposed and accepted that the location of future interim meetings should be selected by ballot as from the next congress meeting of the committee. It was also approved that the selection of the location of international congresses should take place six years in advance, including the nomination for congress president. Applications for a next congress should be submitted by the respective member societies to the secretary of the Federation at least eighteen months before the respective Interim Meeting.

The slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee was accepted in its entirety. The incoming President of the Federation was Dr. K. Clark. Drs. J. Gillingham, A. Hudson, W. Luyendijk, H. Schwartz, W.H. Sweet and R. Thompson were appointed Honorary Presidents.

Ultimately, the Toronto Congress yielded a financial profit to the World Federation of Can \$ 6,300.

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 HONORARY PRESIDENTS AND OFFICERS ELECTED IN TORONTO 1985

**Honorary Presidents**

J. Gillingham (UK)  
 A. Hudson (Canada)  
 W. Luyendijk (The Netherlands)  
 H.G. Schwartz (USA)  
 W.H. Sweet (USA)  
 R.K. Thompson (USA)

**Federation Officers 1985-1989**
**President:**

W.K. Clark (USA)

**1st Vice-President:**

J. Brihaye (Belgium)

**2nd Vice-Presidents:**

M. Abada (Algeria)

E. Pasztor (Hungary)

A.D. Bartal (Israel)

B. Pevehouse (USA)

H. Hinojosa (Peru)

H.L. Wen (Hong Kong)

F. Isamat (Spain)

**Secretary:**

H.A. Walder (The Netherlands)

**Assistant Secretary:**

S. Mullan (USA)

**Treasurer:**

N. de Tribolet (Switzerland)

**Assistant Treasurer:**

J.C. de Villiers (South Africa)

**Editor of Federation News:**

W.H. Mosberg (USA)

**Editor of Congress Publications:**

M. Brock (Germany)

**Historian:**

W. Luyendijk (The Netherlands)

**Congress Officers**

(all from India)

**President:**

B. Ramamurthi

**Honorary Vice-President:**

P.N. Tandon

**Secretary:**

A.K. Banerji

**Assistant Secretary:**

V.K. Kak

**Treasurer:**

S. Bhagwati

**Assistant Treasurer:**

R. Bhatia

**Chairman Programme Committee:**

M. Sambasivan

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## 2.9 NINTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY

NEW DELHI 1989

### Interim Planning Meeting Barcelona 1987

The Interim Meetings of the Administrative Council and the Executive Committee were held during the Eighth European Congress of Neurosurgery in Barcelona, 6th-11th September 1987. By courtesy of the President of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies, Dr. F. Isamat, the Administrative Council and the Executive Committee were able to meet in the headquarters hotel on 6th and 7th September, respectively. The Executive Committee Meeting was attended by eleven honorary presidents, twenty-one officers, eighty delegates of five continental organizations and forty-four member societies and five observers of affiliate member societies.

The President, Dr. K. Clark, welcomed all present and asked them to stand in memory of thirteen colleagues who had passed away since the Toronto Meeting; these included two Honorary Presidents: Drs. M. David and A. de Mattos Pimenta.

The President appointed Dr. G. Ablin to be the Parliamentarian of the meeting.

It was announced that the World Federation had been officially registered in The Hague, The Netherlands on 1st July 1987 under number V 411 496.

Dr. E. Walker devoted his swan song as Historian to a review of the past thirty years of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies with some glimpses into the future. Over a period of thirty years and after eight International Congresses, the attendance had reached a plateau of between 2,500 and 3,000. This large number, in his opinion, precluded frank discussion and one might question the goals of the congress at that time. Was it to summarize information presented at national meetings or to discuss the national neurosurgical problems of each country? An emphasis on clinical operative problems had given way to topics of more diffuse interest, such as diagnostic procedures, operative equipment, long-term results and the like. Single-author presentations had been replaced by multi-authored efforts. Single-hall sessions had been replaced by multiple, simultaneous sessions with added poster displays. There had been pressure towards multiple presentations and displays to justify the expense of attending. He wondered whether there might be a role for taping materials for subsequent reflection. Dr. Walker noted a disproportion in the number of contributions from different countries. He finally concluded that, until then, it had not been possible to fulfil all the



W. Kemp Clark  
President WFNS 1985-1989  
Honorary President

objectives of the founding fathers of the Federation. Dr. W. Luyendijk had already been appointed as Dr. Walker's successor at Toronto in 1985.

The applications for membership from the neurosurgical societies of Indonesia, Pakistan and the Brazilian Academy of Neurosurgery were found to have met the requirements of the World Federation and their admission was accepted by vote. Applications for affiliated membership from the Neurosurgical Section of the Nigerian Society of Neurological Sciences and the Academy of Filipino Neurosurgeons were likewise accepted.

Dr. Ramamurthi from India extended a special welcome to New Delhi for the Ninth International Congress in 1989. He pointed out that India was a very large country, that terrorist activity was limited and remote from New Delhi; at night it should be safer to walk the streets of New Delhi than those of New York, Dallas or Chicago. Dr. Sambasivan gave an explanation about the scientific programme. Dr. Bhagwati discussed financial matters.

Four countries were applying to host the International Congress of Neurological Surgery in 1993: Mexico, Argentina, United Kingdom and USA, their applications being introduced by Drs. Velasco Suarez, Basso, Gordon and Pevehouse, respectively. Dr. Pevehouse anticipated a profit for the Federation of US \$ 200,000, if the congress were held in his country. After the first vote, Washington dropped out; after the second, London. In the last vote Acapulco was chosen as the location of the Tenth Congress over Buenos Aires.

The Finance Committee's proposal to raise the dues for member societies to the Federation from US \$ 3 to \$ 5 per individual member failed to be approved. A second motion to raise it to \$ 4 was passed.

Drs. J. Chandy, Sr. (India), H. Handa (Japan) and K. Kristiansen (Norway) were chosen as recipients of the Medal of Honour 1989.

On the recommendation of the Long-Range Planning Committee, a motion was passed that the Federation would allow expenses of up to US \$ 12,000 per annum for the president and secretary and US \$ 4,500 per annum for the treasurer. It was also decided that the amount of US \$ 50,000 given by the Federation to the Congress should be returned within six months after the congress.

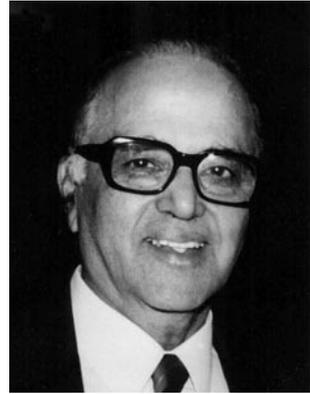
Finally, a proposal of the Long-Range Planning Committee was approved to establish a permanent secretarial office for the World Federation. The secretary of the Federation was empowered to solicit applications for the establishment of this office. Applications were open to individual member societies as well as continental organizations. The location would be selected during the meeting in New Delhi. It was still unclear which facilities were necessary for the office, what sort of person the executive secretary should be, and how this could be financed.

## The Congress

The Ninth International Congress of Neurological Surgery was held in the Taj Palace Intercontinental Hotel in New Delhi, India, 8th-13th October 1989. The number of registrants totalled well over nineteen hundred, including five hundred accompanying persons. The registration fee for active participants amounted to US \$ 450 at preregistration, for junior participants US \$ 150 and for accompanying persons US \$ 225. On 7th October, the first Administrative Council Meeting and the various WFNS committee meetings were held in the rooms of the hotel. On the Saturday night a delightful reception was offered to the officers, delegates and committee members in the Mumtaz Mahal room.

### *Opening Ceremony*

The Opening Ceremony of the congress took place in the Siri Fort Auditorium in New Delhi on the afternoon of Sunday, 8th October. The President of India and other politicians had refused to participate in the inauguration for fear of possible international repercussions. The President of the Congress, Dr. B. Ramamurthi, would write about this attitude many years later in his autobiography: 'How narrow minded and insensitive our politicians could be, still bound by the slavery mindset of the Delhi bureaucracy. I was quite upset (I will not put it down in stronger terms), but this was a blessing in disguise. We could say GTH to the government and the politicians. We did not invite any politician and the inauguration went on splendidly and on time at the Siri Fort Auditorium'. The ceremony itself was a magnificent and authentic occasion. It opened with a concert by Smt. M.S. Subbalakshmi. After speeches by the Presidents of the Federation and of the Congress, Dr. Kothari, a leading scientist, gave a short inaugural address. This was followed by pageantry,



Brigadier Ramamurthi †  
President of the  
Congress 1989  
Honorary President



Officers of the Federation and the Ninth International Congress.  
From left to right: A.K. Banerji, H.A.D. Walder, S.N. Bhagwati, W.K. Clark,  
B. Ramamurthi, D.S. Kothari, P.N. Tandon and M. Sambasivan  
(introducing the guest of honour at the Opening Ceremony)



President Kemp Clark inaugurating the Ninth International Congress by lighting the traditional Indian lamp. On the left: A.K. Banerji, Secretary of the organizing committee

the Brides of India, a spectacular show of beauty and grandeur. Drs. J. Chandy (India), K. Kristiansen (Norway) and H. Handa (Japan) were lauded by conferring on them the WFNS Medal of Honour. The laudations were delivered by Drs. B. Ramamurthi, K.-A. Bushe, and H. Kikuchi, respectively. The Opening Ceremony was followed by Swagatam, a welcome reception at the Taj Palace Hotel.

#### *Scientific Programme*

The Programme Committee received 1,366 abstracts. A decision was made to allow one presented paper per registrant and four hundred and forty-six were slated for actual presentation. The scientific sessions from Monday to Thursday consisted of thirty-two symposia in total with one hundred and seventy-six presentations dealing with a broad spectrum of neurosurgical subjects. On the Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, thirteen simultaneous luncheon seminars had been organized, again covering a wide scope of neurological surgery. Four hundred and forty-six free papers were presented on basic sciences, neuro-oncology, cerebrovascular disorders, head injury, epilepsy, functional and stereotactic neurosurgery, hydrocephalus, paediatric neurosurgery, pain, cranial and peripheral nerve surgery, neuro-endocrinology, spine, new devices, monitoring in neurosurgery, geography and neurosurgery, and infection. Three hundred and eighteen posters on the same subjects were exhibited in two sessions of two-and-a-half days. There were seven video sessions with, in total, forty-five presentations.

The Committee on Awards to Young Neurosurgeons received forty-five papers

from eighteen nations. These were graded by the Committee, and five which represented excellent investigative work were selected for awards. The awardees, Drs. Jian-hong Zhu (China), S. Hassenbusch (USA), D. Kondziolka (Canada), H. Mayer (Germany) and B. Pereira (USA) presented their commended papers on the Wednesday morning. The Volvo Award on Neurotraumatology, a sum of US \$ 1,500, was bestowed on Dr. R. Chesnut (USA), who also read his paper on the Wednesday morning. The scientific programme was concluded on the morning of Friday, 13th October with a general symposium, called Quo Vadis, on new frontiers, neuroprosthesis, implants, computers and futurology.

During the congress, a commercial exhibition was held by thirty-one companies.

### *Social Programme*

The Local Arrangements Committee had organized a variety of very delightful and colourful evening entertainment. On the Monday night, all registrants were invited to a Mela, a lively village fair with displays of local culture and local dishes, at the Military Hospital Helipad Delhi Cantonment. On the afternoon of Tuesday, 10th October, there were several excursions. Wednesday night was an evening of Indian Music and Dance again at Siri Fort Auditorium. Mr. Pandit Uma Shankar Mishra played the sitar in a very sensitive and aesthetic manner and was able to communicate an entire range of emotions to the audience. Mrs. Leela Samson, a renowned performer and teacher of classical Indian dances, performed Bharat Natyam with



At the Opening Reception, from left to right: B. Ramamurthi, K. Clark, Indian hostess, A. Walder and M. Sambasivan

perfect refinement of technique and subtlety of expression. This elegant performance was followed by cocktails and dinner at Khilonewala Farm, Challarpur. The official banquet took place on the Thursday night in the Durbar Hall of the Taj Palace Hotel, during which the newly elected officers were introduced.

There was also a comprehensive and very attractive ladies' programme.

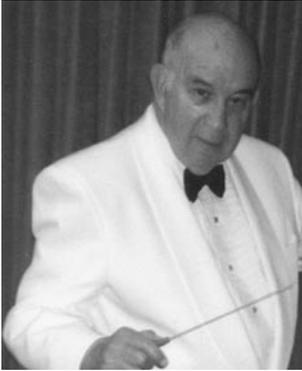
### Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee Meetings were held in the Taj Palace Hotel on the morning of Sunday, 8th October 1989 and the afternoons of Tuesday, 10th and Thursday, 12th October. The President, Dr. K. Clark, welcomed all officers, delegates and committee members. Applications for membership of the World Federation had been received from the Neurosurgical Society of the People's Republic of China, the Neurosurgical Section of the Jordanian Neuroscience Society and the Neurosurgical Society of Morocco. A motion to admit these three new members was passed without dissent.

There were three applicants for the location of the Interim Planning Meeting of the Executive Committee in 1991: Moscow, New Orleans and Seoul. After ample discussion, a vote was taken and Moscow was chosen to host the meeting during the Ninth European Congress of Neurosurgery.

The Treasurer, Dr. N. de Tribolet, reported that the funds of the Federation had grown from US \$ 111,000 in 1985 to US \$ 248,000 in 1989, the loan given to the Indian Society to support the congress in New Delhi not having been taken into account. The Finance Committee anticipated a significant profit from this congress and this ultimately amounted to sixty-five lakhs of Indian rupees (US \$ 264,000), which was considered very successful by the organizing committee. Due to the strict foreign exchange policy of the Government of India, however, this surplus could not be transferred out of India to the Treasurer of the World Federation. This news came as an unpleasant shock and was experienced as very disappointing and frustrating by the Executive Committee. Dr. Ramamurthi, the President of the congress, however, wrote in his autobiography many years later: 'This was lucky, as otherwise a major portion of the surplus would have been taken away by the World Federation which anyway spends very little in helping neurosurgery in developing countries.' The Indian colleagues established a registered WFNS India Trust with the credit balance of approximately US \$ 260,000, for the special purpose of developing neurosurgery in India and neighbouring countries by supporting workshops and seminars in India and giving financial assistance to neurosurgeons who wished to present papers at international congresses. Since its foundation, the Trust has funded a large number of seminars, symposia, workshops and conferences including the International Congress of Skull Base Surgery at Mumbai. The Trust has set up two microsurgery training laboratories at Chennai and Mumbai which have been used extensively by local and regional neurosurgeons, including colleagues from neighbouring countries. Furthermore, it has funded visits abroad for Indian neurosurgeons to train in skills not available in India, as well as to attend conferences and symposia. In 2002, financial support was given for attending conferences in India to nine neurosurgeons, for organizing seven seminars, workshops and conferences in India, for training abroad to one neurosurgeon, and for attending a conference abroad to one neurosurgeon. In 2003 the numbers for the same goals were eight, seven, four and thirteen, respectively.

The Nominating Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. S. Ishii presented the slate of officers nominated for the next four years with a very satisfactory consensus. The pro-



George Ablin †  
Honorary President



Jean Brihaye †  
Honorary President



Friedrich Loew  
Honorary President



William H. Mosberg †  
Honorary President



H. Alphons Walder  
Secretary WFNS 1977-1989  
Honorary President

posals were approved by the Executive Committee. Dr. L. Symon was the newly elected President. The following colleagues were appointed Honorary President: Drs. G. Ablin, J. Brihaye, W.K. Clark, F. Loew, W. Mosberg, B. Ramamurthi and H.A. Walder.

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws had put a considerable amount of work into making significant changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. Many of the alterations were clarifications or changes in wording to make the document more accurate and more pertinent. The most important change was related to a reorganization of the composition and functions of the Nominating Committee. Basically, the goal was to increase the number of members to ensure greater representation and hence more meaningful debate at the committee meeting. Finally, it was approved that the new committee be composed of ten members, two from each of five areas, and that the committee be allowed to select its own chairman. There should be a minimum of five votes required for the committee to take action. Furthermore, the office of Vice-President of the Congress was created, the office of Editor of the Federation News was eliminated, and the position of Parliamentarian was moved from the officers to the committee section. The Administrative Council should only take action with the approval of five affirmative votes. The financial relationships between the Executive Committee of the World Federation and the International Congress were clearly established by calling for a budget report from the Congress to the Executive Committee for its approval two-and-a-half years prior to a forthcoming congress. Two new standing committees were established, namely the Audit Committee and a Federation News Committee. The new Constitution and Bylaws were approved and were reprinted.

Dr. C.G. Drake announced that a new WFNS grading system for subarachnoid haemorrhage had been formulated by his committee and accepted by the Executive Committee in Barcelona 1987. The classification system was published in the *Journal of Neurosurgery* in 1988.

Finally, a resolution was approved stating that the World Federation had resolved that the 1990's would be the Decade of the Brain and that the World Federation understood that the United States had also so declared.

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 HONORARY PRESIDENTS AND OFFICERS ELECTED IN NEW DELHI 1989
**Honorary Presidents**

G. Ablin (USA)	W. Mosberg (USA)
J. Brihaye (Belgium)	B. Ramamurthi (India)
W.K. Clark (USA)	H.A. Walder (The Netherlands)
F. Loew (Germany)	

**Federation Officers 1989-1993****President:**

L. Symon (UK)

**1st Vice-President:**

P. Perot (USA)

**2nd Vice-Presidents:**

J. Lobo Antunes (Portugal)

R. Poblete (Chile)

L. Atkinson (Australia)

R. Ruberti (Kenya)

E. Kandel † (Russia)

K. Takakura (Japan)

R. Patterson (USA)

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S. Mullan (USA)

**Assistant Secretary:**

E.R. Laws (USA)

**Treasurer:**

N. de Tribolet (Switzerland)

**Assistant Treasurer:**

J.C. de Villiers (South Africa)

**Editor of Federation News:**

J. Pickard (UK)

**Editor of Congress Publications:**

M. Brock (Germany)

**Historian:**

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**Past President:**

W.K. Clark (USA)

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## 2.10 TENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY

ACAPULCO 1993

### Interim Planning Meeting Moscow 1991

The Interim Meetings of the Administrative Council and Executive Committee of the World Federation took place in Moscow during the Ninth European Congress of Neurosurgery on 22nd and 23rd June 1991, respectively. The President of the European Congress, Dr. A. Konovalov, had arranged excellent accommodation for the Federation meetings at the Academy of Social Sciences. The President, Dr. L. Symon, called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

It was unanimously approved that a permanent secretarial office of the Federation be established and located at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. The World Health Organization would provide free office space to the World Federation and the Federation would be responsible for the salary of a part-time (50%) executive secretary, materials and office equipment. The costs were estimated at US \$ 40,000 per annum for the first two years and approximately US \$ 6,000 for investment in equipment. It was felt that the treasury could support this concept for a period of two years. The next International Congresses would have to be structured so as to improve the financial state of the Federation and thus provide funding for the secretariat and some of the educational programmes in future. It was anticipated that the World Federation might well be in an excellent position to help the World Health Organization to develop neurosurgery in Sub-Saharan Africa and it was noted the other global efforts focussing on neurosurgery could also be coordinated. It was judged to be an excellent opportunity to centralize the archives and ongoing records of the Federation.

Four applications were received to host the International Congress 1997, namely from Paris (France), Madrid (Spain), Istanbul (Turkey) and Amsterdam (The Netherlands). The candidacy of Paris was warmly commended by Dr. Y. Keravel. Dr. T. Özgen presented the proposal for Istanbul. Dr. J.G. Martin-Rodriquez favoured the proposal for Madrid. Dr. A. van Alphen made a warm plea for Amsterdam as the congress location. Immediately after the presentations the proposal for Madrid was withdrawn by Dr. Martin-Rodriquez in favour of a future date. The first ballot was tallied with thirty-six votes for Paris, thirty-one for Amsterdam and thirteen for Istanbul. The President was about to designate Paris as the future congress loca-



Lindsay Symon  
President WFNS 1989-1993  
Honorary President

tion, but the Parliamentarian ruled that a majority would be required. Therefore, Istanbul dropped out and a second vote was taken which was forty-four for Amsterdam and thirty-seven for Paris; hence Amsterdam was chosen as the location of the 1997 International Congress. Although it was, in general, felt not to be necessary to include an amount of US \$ 100,000 in the budgets of the various location applications in order to fund the treasury of the Federation, the Amsterdam group promised to transfer a minimum amount of US \$ 100,000 to the Federation after the congress; this sum was separate from refunding the loan of US \$ 50,000 which the Federation would initially provide to support the congress.

The Medal of Honour Committee proposed the following candidates to receive medals at the meeting in Acapulco in 1993: Drs. V. Logue (UK), B. Pertuiset (France), K. Schürmann (Germany), and Th. Sundt (USA). These proposals were unanimously approved.

### Founding Meeting of the Honorary Presidents

Although the Federation had known honorary presidents from the very beginning, an official Meeting of the Honorary Presidents of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies had not been instigated until 1991. The initial Meeting of the Honorary Presidents took place in association with the Ninth European Congress of Neurosurgery and the Interim Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federation at the Academy of Social Sciences in Moscow, USSR on 23rd June 1991 as an initiative of Dr. R. Thompson. The honoured guests were Dr. and Mrs. A. Konovalov, President and host of the Ninth European Congress of Neurosurgery and Director of the N.N. Burdenko Neurosurgical Institute of the USSR, Dr. and Mrs. E. Pásztor, President of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies, Dr. G. Mjavanadze, General Secretary of the Congress and Dr. L. Symon, President of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies.

The following Honorary Presidents and wives attended: Dr. and Mrs. G. Ablin, USA; Dr. and Mrs. J. Brihaye, Belgium, Dr. and Mrs. K.-A. Bushe, Germany; Dr. and Mrs. K. Clark, USA; Dr. F. Loew, Germany; Dr. and Mrs. B. Ramamurthi, India; Mrs. K. Sano, Japan; Dr. W.B. Sweet, USA; Dr. R. Thompson, USA; Dr. and Mrs. H. Verbiest, The Netherlands; Dr. H.A. Walder, The Netherlands. They had the privilege of offering a sumptuous luncheon to their guests, the menu, selected from typical Russian dishes, consisting of dark bread, butter and Beluga caviar, breaded filet of sturgeon with fried shoestring potatoes, green fresh tossed vegetables in vinaigrette dressing, pancakes with red caviar, vanilla ice-cream with special white sauce, fruit consisting of cherries, fresh apricots and strawberries, coffee, tea and fancy cakes, wine from the provinces of the USSR and bottled water with ice, all beautifully served.

Each of the guests spoke briefly followed by short speeches by the majority of the Honorary Presidents. Several of the wives also spoke. The main thrust of the talks was the welcome opening of the boundaries of Europe after the fall of the Berlin Wall and Michail Gorbatsjov's Perestroika, so that international good fellowship could be enjoyed by all peoples and so that cultural and scientific interchanges could be fostered.

Several honorary presidents had not been able to attend because of scientific meeting commitments. Those who were ill or who had died were respectfully remembered. Before the assembled group dispersed, several amateur photographers attempted to record the occasion. All present expressed the sentiment that they

were looking forward to participating in the second Honorary Presidents' Meeting to be held in Acapulco in 1993. An assurance that space for the next meeting would be arranged had already been given by the Mexican colleagues.

The Soviet hosts were particularly proud that this founding Meeting of the Honorary Presidents of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies had taken place in the new atmosphere of openness and in their beloved Moscow. Since its instigation in Moscow, the Meeting of the Honorary Presidents has been held during all International Congresses and Interim Planning Meetings of the Executive Committee

### The WFNS Central Office

During his presidency, Dr. C.G. Drake set up the Long-Range Planning Committee with a special mandate to make the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies more meaningful to young neurosurgeons and neurosurgeons in developing countries, with a general mandate for discussing the future shape of the Federation in the years to come. During the meeting of the Executive Committee in Munich in 1981, this Committee moved a motion that there should be a central office of information for young neurosurgeons which received unanimous approval. In Toronto, four years later, the Committee recommended the establishment of permanent headquarters, preferably in The Netherlands. After soliciting applications, there appeared to be several candidate locations, including The Hague, Geneva, Brussels and Chicago. The World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva was considered to be the most suitable place for setting up an office. Dr. L. Symon, President of the World Federation at that time, discussed the possibility of having a WFNS office in WHO with Dr. N. Sartorius, the Director of the Division of Mental Health of the WHO, who finally very kindly agreed that an office and a secretary could be made available for the Federation on condition that the person concerned worked 50% for WHO and 50% for WFNS. The Federation would be responsible for its part of the salary, equipment and materials.

This proposal was finally approved by the Executive Committee in Moscow in 1991. As far as WHO was concerned, the WFNS could be considered as a non-governmental organization which had an official relationship with the WHO but which was not part of nor controlled by WHO. Initially, WHO proposed that the office be called the WHO Liaison Office but this was subsequently altered to make clear that this was a WFNS office in liaison with WHO and not a WHO office. The Treasurer of the Federation, Dr. N. de Tribolet (Switzerland), devoted much of his time guiding and facilitating the procedures for the establishment of the office in its immediate relationship with WHO and with the city of Geneva. He interviewed several candidates for the post of executive secretary of the office. Mrs. Janette Joseph, who had a lot of experience with international organizations and who was already working in WHO, was selected and employed on a part-time basis for the Federation. The office was set up and the necessary equipment was purchased. In 1992, the 'WFNS Liaison Office with WHO' started at the Division of Mental Health at the WHO Headquarters in Geneva. The records and memorabilia of the Federation, faithfully collected by the Historian, Dr. W. Luyendijk, and the former Secretary, Dr. A. Walder, were brought from Holland. Later, the archives collected and annotated by Dr. E. Walker of the United States were also deposited in Geneva. The aim was to facilitate the keeping of records and communications of the Federation, since their modest beginning. The office was officially opened on 18th July 1992,



Janette A. Joseph  
Executive Secretary WFNS

in the presence of Drs. L. Symon, W. Luyendijk, A. Walder, Ph. Perot, R. Patterson, N. de Tribolet, J. de Villiers and S. Mullan.

Thus the opening of the Central Office in liaison with the World Health Organization represented a major milestone in the development of the Federation, since then recognized as one of the major non-governmental organizations contributing to the study and advancement not only of its own specialty but of world health in general. At first, the office was run on a trial basis, and the decision to continue or not was to be taken at Acapulco, depending upon the operational experience. In Acapulco in 1993, it was stated that the Central Office was operating quite successfully and had proved very worthwhile in every way to the Federation in this first year. It had also provided an excellent relationship with the World Health Organization with respect to activities in the fields of education and aid to underdeveloped areas of the world. Therefore, a motion to continue

the Central Office indefinitely was approved by acclamation. Over the years the number of member societies of the Federation increased, the WFNS - and the Central Office - gained visibility, resulting in an increased workload for the Federation. Hence Mrs. Joseph ended up dedicating most of her time to WFNS and very little to WHO. This was tolerated under the directorship of Dr. Sartorius and also by his successor, but was eventually frowned upon and questioned under new directorships in the Department of Mental Health itself and in the WHO as a whole; they could not understand the reason for, nor the logic behind, the arrangement which had been in place for so many years.

In the year 2000, Mrs. Joseph was officially informed that she could no longer continue to work for the Federation within WHO Headquarters since she was officially a WHO employee. She, therefore, had to make the decision whether to remain with WHO or to leave to look after the affairs of the WFNS Central Office, which obviously also meant looking for other premises. Since Mrs. Joseph was happy working for the Federation and felt a sense of obligation and loyalty, she chose to remain and continue working for the World Federation. Her search for office space in Geneva itself and around the international organizations' area proved difficult as there was very little available at that time, and what there was, was very small and very expensive. Extending the search outside Geneva, she finally found a suitable place at 5 rue du Marché, Nyon, Switzerland. As Dr. M. Choux, the Secretary of the Federation at that time, was also satisfied and happy with this option, it was decided to move the Central Office to this new location.

Mrs. Joseph officially left WHO on 31st March 2001 and began working full time for WFNS on 1st April 2001. In recent years, the secretarial work of the Federation has grown and still continues to grow due to the large increase in membership, the fortunate visibility of both WFNS and the Central Office on the internet, at meetings, congresses and by word of mouth. The increasing workload made it desirable to employ a part-time assistant in the latter part of 2003, but later it was decided that a full-time assistant was absolutely necessary. To date, the Central Office is still very active and no end is in sight.

## The Congress

The Tenth International Congress of Neurological Surgery was held in Acapulco, Mexico from 17th to 22nd October, 1993. The motto was: 'A worldwide survey'. The meetings of the WFNS committees, of the Administrative Council and Executive Committee on Saturday, 16th and Sunday, 17th October were held in the headquarters hotel, Hyatt Regency. All other meetings took place in the Acapulco Convention Centre. On the Saturday night the delegates and officers of the Federation were welcomed at a very animated reception in the Numero 1 Restaurant on the twenty-third floor of the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

### *Opening Ceremony*

On Sunday, 17th October at 6 p.m. the Opening Ceremony took place at the Juan Ruiz de Alarcón Theatre of the Acapulco Convention Centre with the Xalapa Symphony Orchestra's sparkling performance of I. Stravinsky's 'The Firebird'. Dr. F. Rueda-Franco, Secretary of the congress, introduced the officials on the stage. The President of the Mexican Society of Neurological Surgery, Dr. J. Verdura, welcomed all delegates and guests, after which the President of the Tenth International Congress, Dr. M. Loyo-Varela, and the President of the Federation, Dr. L. Symon, addressed the audience. Dr. Symon conferred the Medal of Honour on the four Medallists appointed at the Interim Planning Meeting in Moscow. The laudations were delivered by Dr. Symon for Dr. V. Logue, by Dr. J. Brihaye for Dr. B. Pertuiset, by Dr. M. Samii for Dr. K. Schürmann and by Dr. E. Laws for the late Dr. Th. Sundt, who died in 1992.



Mauro Loyo-Varela  
President of the  
Congress 1993  
Honorary President



Awardees at the Opening Ceremony of the Tenth International Congress. From left to right: H. Verbiest (W.B. Scoville Award) and Mrs. Th. Sundt (on behalf of her deceased husband), K. Schürmann, B. Pertuiset and V. Logue (Medals of Honour).

The William B. Scoville Award was bestowed for the first time. It was Dr. H. Verbiest (The Netherlands) who received the award for his outstanding work on stenosis of the lumbar vertebral canal and his contributions to the surgery of the cervical spine, with the associated development of techniques using the anterior and especially the lateral approaches. Dr. Verbiest had so impressed Dr. Scoville, that when founding his award, the latter had uttered his wish that Henk Verbiest should be the first awardee, a wish fully respected by the committee under the presidency of Dr. W. Luyendijk, who also gave the laudation. Subsequently, the congress was officially inaugurated by Dr. Jesús Kumate, Secretary of Health with a very meaningful speech.

The ceremony was brought to a musical conclusion by the Xalapa Symphony Orchestra, playing Musical Number-Huapango composed by the Mexican composer, J.P. Moncayo. This Opening Ceremony was followed by a lively outdoor Welcome Party at the Plaza Mexicana with musical lustre added by The International Neurosurgeons' Jazz Band 'Skull Base All Stars'.

### *Scientific Programme*

The scientific programme started daily, from Monday to Friday, with twenty simultaneous breakfast seminars, followed by a general main lecture delivered by an invited speaker, and eight simultaneous forum type and round table sessions. From Monday to Thursday, ten 'How I do it' - video lunch seminars were held simultaneously. On Monday to Wednesday in the afternoon, free papers were presented (two hundred and forty, two hundred and forty-four and two hundred and twenty-nine, respectively). One hundred and thirty-four posters were displayed and forty-five videos shown. There were several special symposia and communications.

On the Friday morning, the recipients of the different scientific awards presented their papers. The Awards to Young Neurosurgeons were bestowed upon Drs. D. Frim (USA), R. Hurlbert (Canada), N. Kitchen (UK), P. le Roux (USA) and M. Tymianski (Canada). Dr. B. Asgeirsson (Sweden) received the Volvo Award for research and prevention and epidemiology of accidents and injuries to the central nervous system and P. Chumas (Scotland) the Paediatric Neurosurgery Award. Dr. S. Berger (Germany) was favoured with the Professor Favia Columella Award for work in the field of neurotrauma, and Dr. D. Frim (USA) with the Professor Beniamino Guidetti Award for research in oncology. Both latter awards were put forward by the Italian Neurosurgical Society to honour these colleagues.

The congress, which was preceded and followed by several satellite congresses, symposia and workshops in different places in Mexico, drew to a conclusion on the Friday afternoon with a short Closing Ceremony.

### *Social Programme*

During the congress, there was a great variety of social and leisure events. On the evening of Monday 18th October, two cultural events were presented simultaneously. The Xalapa Symphony Orchestra gave a concert in the Juan Ruiz de Alarcón Theatre. A Mexican Folkloric Ballet was performed by the internationally renowned Ballet of the University of Colima in the Nezahualcoyoti Theatre. Both performances were free to all participants, but the numbers of seats were limited.

On the Tuesday night a Mexican Fiesta was organized in the gardens of the Convention Centre. This was a colourful party with a gastronomic tasting and handcraft exhibits from different states of Mexico.

On the Wednesday, there were facilities for playing tennis and golf at the Mayan Palace Hotel, for the ladies in the morning and for the gentleman in the afternoon.



Performance of traditional dance at the Tenth International Congress in Acapulco

But most participants preferred to stay at the swimming pool because the climate was quite hot and humid during the congress.

The official banquet took place on the Thursday night at the spectacular Mayan Palace Hotel, where cocktails and an exquisite dinner were served. Thereafter, in an official ceremony, the new officers of the Federation were introduced. Addresses were delivered by the outgoing and incoming Presidents of the Federation, Drs. L. Symon and A. Basso, the President of the Tenth International Congress, Dr. M. Loyo-Varela and the President of the Eleventh International Congress in Amsterdam 1997, Dr. A. van Alphen. The Banquet closed with an effervescent Mexican show, followed by music and dance.

### Executive Committee Meetings

The President, Dr. L. Symon, opened the meeting and recognized the passing of seventeen neurosurgical colleagues including the Honorary Presidents, Drs. P. Bucy, F. Mayfield and G. Norlén. Dr. Bucy had also been a member of the founding group.

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for the next term until

1997. Additional duly executed nominations from the floor were heard for Dr. S. Ishii as Honorary President, for Dr. N. Dan as President, and for Dr. J. Brotchi and Dr. M. Sambasivan for Treasurer. After ample discussion it was decided that the two candidates for President, Dr. A. Basso and Dr. N. Dan would address the Executive Committee with their plans prior to the vote. Finally Dr. Basso was elected by ballot. The slate of officers of the Congress in Amsterdam was approved by acclamation.

There were three candidates for the location of the 1995 Interim Planning Meeting, namely: Berlin in association with the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies, Taipei in association with the Asian Australasian Neurosurgical Society, and Orlando, Florida in association with the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. Berlin was elected by majority on the first written secret ballot.

Satisfactorily completed applications for membership of the Federation were submitted by the neurosurgical societies of Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Slovenia. These societies were accepted by acclamation. It was also stated that the Liaison and Public Relations Committee would explore avenues to assist smaller societies, such as the Ukrainian and Croatian Society, to obtain affiliate status, and those societies with adequate numbers of neurosurgeons to obtain full membership of the Federation.

The educational programme of the World Federation had progressed quite successfully during the last four years. Quite a number of courses had been presented by the Education Committee of the Federation and by the Committees on Neuro-oncology, Neurotraumatology and Paediatric Neurosurgery in all parts of the world. In India, courses had been held on the subjects of acoustic tumours, skull-base surgery, percutaneous disectomy, paediatric neurosurgery and neurotraumatology. Approximately two hundred fellowships had been awarded by the WFNS India Trust, established after the New Delhi Congress, for various trainees from India to attend these courses and also courses overseas. Several neurosurgical units in Europe provided training for young neurosurgeons from areas under various kinds of stress, particularly the former Soviet Union; this was mostly financed by the unit concerned.

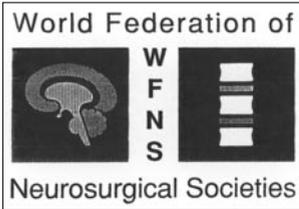
The policy of the Editor of the Federation News at that time, Dr. J. Pickard, was to prepare a newsletter every year, one after an International Congress describing the meeting and the deliberations of the various committees, and subsequently annual summaries of the activities of the Federation, including the achievements of the committees. These annual reports were to be published in neurosurgical journals.

The Ethics Committee had drafted a resolution with regard to the management of incurable disease and terminal illness. A motion to adopt this resolution, and ultimately to have it published as part of the appendix of the Bylaws was approved.

The financial profit of the Acapulco Congress amounted to approximately US \$ 160,000. Half of this sum was transferred to the Federation. The other half was kept by the Mexican Society of Neurological Surgery for educational purposes in Mexico. According to the Mexican colleagues, this procedure was based on a personal, verbal promise of the President, Dr. L. Symon.

### Logo of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies

During the Executive Committee Meeting in Toronto 1985, the President, Dr. W. Luyendijk, came up with the idea of developing a logo for the Federation, an idea



Designs for logo of the WFNS in three stages



Definitive logo of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies

which was positively received by several members. Dr. M. Brock offered the help of his professional illustrator. It was also suggested that an artistic competition be held among neurosurgeons within the Federation. A committee would be set up, consisting of the President, Secretary, Historian and Dr. Brock, the latter being asked to set to work on the above proposals. During the World Congress in New Delhi in 1989, Dr. Brock presented five designs for a logo which had been produced by neurosurgical colleagues and professional designers. These were discussed at length and suggestions were made combining ideas from the five separate logos. It was felt that the ideal logo would include a lateral view of the brain, a cross-section of the spinal cord, the world in the background, and the date the Federation was founded. It was ultimately decided that Dr. Brock would develop the concept further and bring this to the Interim Meeting in Moscow. In the meantime, Dr. R. Spetzler also developed a logo design. Both presented their ideas in Moscow in 1991. In the ensuing discussion it was suggested that the logo should include the brain and the spine, that the size of the logo and its simplicity were important, that a surgical instrument should be included and that it should state that it concerned the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies. In the end, Dr. Brock and Dr. Spetzler were asked to jointly modify their proposals in accordance with the discussion and present these at the next meeting. At the meeting in Acapulco 1993, Drs. R. Patterson and S. Mullan each presented a new proposal for a logo. In addition



Shozo Ishii  
Honorary President



John F. Mullan  
Secretary WFNS 1981-1993  
Honorary President

to his initial proposal, Dr. Spetzler produced two revisions. These were all carefully considered and circulated to the committee and then a vote was taken on two ballots in the Executive Committee. Finally, a version of Dr. Spetzler's proposal, which had been developed in conjunction with Dr. Brock, was approved.

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 HONORARY PRESIDENTS AND OFFICERS ELECTED IN ACAPULCO 1993

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M. Loyo-Varela (Mexico)	L. Symon (UK)

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