14th Congress of the Asian Congress of Neurological Surgeons (ACNS)

The Congress was organized at the Hilton Grand Nile Hotel, Cairo, Egypt, from 18-20 December 2024 under the auspices of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS) and the Egyptian Medical Association (EMA), in collaboration with the Egyptian Foundation of Neurological Surgery (EFNS) and the Egyptian Society of Neurological Surgeons (ESNS).

The wonderful collaboration of Prof Nasser El-Ghandour, Congress President and WFNS Treasurer, with Prof Yoko Kato, ACNS President, and Prof Salman Sharif, WFNS Scientific Committees Coordinator, resulted in an outstanding memorable highly successful event.

This prestigious event brought together neurosurgeons, researchers, and healthcare professionals from across Asia, North and South America, Europe, and Africa to discuss the latest advancements in neurosurgery.

The Congress featured a wide range of topics, including cerebrovascular surgery, neurooncology, endoscopy, minimally invasive surgery, skull base, functional neurosurgery, pediatric, hydrocephalus, trauma, and spine. Renowned experts in the field delivered insightful lectures on cutting-edge research and clinical practices.

Special sessions were dedicated to research and innovation, neurosurgical training, nursing, women in neurosurgery, young neurosurgeons, complications, and neurosurgery in Africa and low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). More than 50 scholarships were awarded to young neurosurgeons from various countries including Congress registration and hotel accommodation.

Distinguished faculty included 227 speakers (156 international speakers, 71 Egyptian speakers), representing 49 countries covering the 5 continents. The maximum contribution was from Japan (20 speakers), followed by India (19 speakers), UK (11 speakers), USA (9 speakers), and Turkey (8 speakers). The scientific program included 36 sessions; 408 abstracts were selected out of 607 submitted through website of the Congress (acns2024.org).

In conjunction with the Congress, nine pre-congress WFNS workshops were organized: 3D Cambridge neuroanatomy, microvascular anastomosis, endoscopic skull base surgery, ventricular endoscopy, new concepts in minimally invasive spine surgery, cranio-cervical surgery, endoscopic spine surgery, functional neurosurgery, microscopic skull base surgery.

The discussions after each presentation fostered engaging dialogues among attendees. The event provided an excellent platform for networking and establishing partnerships between institutions and researchers from different countries.

In addition to the outstanding scientific program and hand-on workshops, the social program was amazing! Participants had the opportunity to experience the rich history and culture of Cairo and Egypt, enhancing the overall Congress experience. A special trip was organized by the Nile Cruise between Aswan and Luxor immediately before the Congress.

Another trip was organized immediately after the Congress, visiting Alexandria City over the Mediterranean Sea. In addition daily tours were arranged during the Congress visiting the Pyramids, Sphinx, Grand Egyptian Museum, and Cairo Citadel.

The successful organization of the 14th ACNS Congress in Cairo has further strengthened the relations and opened the channels of communications between both the Asian and African continents. It offered new possibilities of collaboration between Continental Societies and paved the way for future advancements in the field.



















