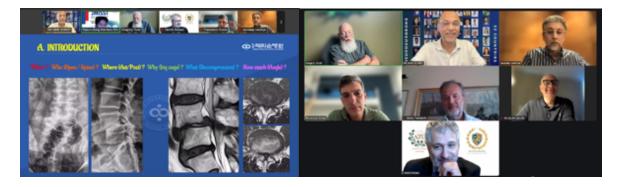
WFNS YOUNG NEUROSURGEONS NEUROTRAUMA CONFERENCE

The WFNS Young Neurosurgeons Neurotrauma Conference, held virtually on August 23 and 24, was a well-organized and highly successful academic event, the second of its kind. With 1,103 registered participants and an average of 200 attendees joining live throughout the sessions, the conference saw active and enthusiastic participation from across the globe. It featured 78 speakers representing 33 countries, reflecting the truly international nature of the program.

The event focused on a wide range of themes central to the development of young neurosurgeons. A highlight was the Masters Session titled "What's New," where senior experts shared the latest advancements in traumatic brain injury, neurovascular and epilepsy surgery, minimally invasive spine surgery, pediatric neurosurgery, spinal reconstruction with artificial vertebrae, etc. This session gave young neurosurgeons a unique opportunity to learn directly from world-renowned leaders such as Profs Michael Lawton, Roger Hartl, Karl Roessler and Tariq Khan.

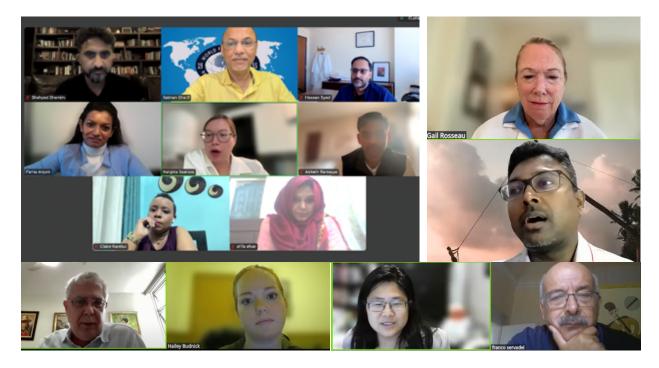


Another standout feature was the Controversies Session, held in a duel format. In this engaging and thought-provoking segment, experts debated key issues such as minimally invasive versus open surgery, the use of robotic systems in the OR, clipping versus coiling in arteriovenous malformations, surgical versus radiosurgical approaches to skull base tumors, and different lumbar fusion techniques (TLIF, UBE, OLIF). The debates encouraged critical thinking among the audience and provided multiple perspectives on current practices and evolving techniques.



Throughout the event there was an emphasis on academic development and mentorship. Sessions focused on research methodology: how to write scientific papers, conduct systematic reviews, and apply AI in research protocols. The pediatric neurotrauma session addressed important areas, e.g. immune suppression after brain injury, biomarker development, and ICP monitoring in children. The Global Neurosurgery segment explored challenges faced by neurosurgeons in resource-limited settings and strategies for improving access to care. Special interviews

with senior neurosurgeons like Profs Franco Servadei, Gail Rosseau and Artur Da Cunha provided personal insights and career guidance to younger colleagues. The event concluded with a Panel discussion by young Neurosurgeons about improving Neurosurgery Training and a lively quiz and prize distribution, adding a fun and engagement to the academic environment.



A highlight was the Oral Presentation Competition, with remarkable participation from young neurosurgeons worldwide. Dr Daniel Encarnacion (Russia) was awarded first prize, followed by Dr Sehrish Altaf (Pakistan) second prize, and Dr Azaatse Terngu (Nigeria) third prize. Their presentations showed a high level of research, innovation, and commitment to advancing the field.



Leadership played a significant role in the success of the conference. Prof Luis Borba, WFNS President-Elect, gave the opening remarks on the first day and concluded the event with thoughtful closing remarks on the second day. Prof Miroslav Vukic, WFNS Secretary, delivered the closing remarks on Day 1, appreciating the contributions of participants and speakers alike. Dr Mohammed Al Olama presented the detailed program for the upcoming WFNS 2025 Congress in Dubai, generating excitement and interest among attendees.





The event was organized under the leadership of Prof Salman Sharif, WFNS Committees Coordinator, who led the initiative with his dedicated team, together with the support of Prof Andres Rubiano, WFNS Neurotrauma Committee Chair, and Prof Tariq Khan, WFNS Global Neurosurgery Committee Chair. Their collective efforts ensured a high-quality educational event – a valuable platform for learning, collaboration, and professional growth.

The WFNS YNS Neurotrauma Conference 2025 was an enriching experience for all, uniting neurosurgeons from across the world in the spirit of academic excellence and shared knowledge.



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

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07:30 - 08:30	BREAKFAST SEMINAR: Complication in Endoscopic Surgery – Lessons Learnt		BREAKFAST SEMINAR: Video Session for Cervical Approaches	BREAKFAST SEMINAR: Guidelines and Consensus in TBI	BREAKFAST SEMINAR: Updates and New Frontiers in Peripheral Nerve Surgery-1	BREAKFAST SEMINAR: Video Session for Cerebral Vascularization	BREAKFAST SEMINAR: Research Committee	BREAKFAST SEMINAR: Masterclass in Skull Base 1					
08:30 - 10:00	KEYNOTE TALKS1 (Exhibition Hall 6)												
10:00 - 10:45				COFFEE BREAK	MTH EXHIBITORS								
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12:45 - 14:00				LUNCHEON	SYMPOSIUM								
14:00 - 15:00	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Osteoporotic Spine Fractures	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS:	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS:	SPECIALTY	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Neuro- Monitoring Techniques in Neurotrauma (TBI/SCI)	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS Surgery in eloquent brain	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Neuroanatomy Applied to Neurosurgery Skull Base and Vascular Lesions	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Fundamentals in Neurosurgery, Tips and Tricks					
15:00 - 16:00		Complications in Stereota	Stereotactic and Functional 1	BREAKAWAYS: Aneurysms	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Education and Global Neurotrauma Initiatives (TBI/ SCI)	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS Global Neurosurgery Partnerships							
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08:30 - 10:00	KEYNOTE 2 Management of gliomas: Is there a progress?	KEYNOTE 3 The role of neurosurgeon in stroke	KEYNOTE 4 Minimally invasive spine surgery	KEYNOTE 5 Neuroendoscopy Session									
10:00 - 10:45	COFFEE BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS												
10:45 - 12:45				PLENARY SESSION	2 (Exhibition Hall 6)								
12:45 - 14:00				LUNCHEON	SYMPOSIUM								
14:00 - 15:00	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Metastatic Spine Tumois Guide- lines		REAKAWAYS: BREAKAWAYS: omplications in Stereotactic and	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Neuroendosco- py, Management of Cysts and Tumors	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Minimally Inva- sive Techniques in Neurotrauma (TBI/SCI)	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Education for Young Neurosurgeons, Current and Fu- ture Strategies	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Craniovertebral junction surgery. WFNS Re- commendations	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: AVMS					
14:00 - 16:00		Complications in Spine Surgery			SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Complications in Neurotrauma Surgical Manage- ment (TBI/SCI)								
16:00 - 16:30	COFFEE BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS												
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	THURSDAY 4th DEC								
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07:30 - 08:30	BREAKFAST SEMINAR: Video Session for Skull Base Endoscopy	BREAKFAST SEMINAR: Thoracic Disc Herniation						BREAKFAST SEMINAR: Masterclass in Skull Base 3	
08:30 - 10:00	KEYNOTE 6 Vestibular Schwannomas: Treatment Options	KEYNOTE 7 The Role of Advocacy in Neurosurgery	KEYNOTE 8 Skull Base Endoscopy: In and Around the Sella	KEYNOTE 9 Degenerative Cervical Myelopathy					
10:00 - 10:45				COFFEE BREAK \	WITH EXHIBITORS				
10:45 - 12:45				PLENARY SESSION	3 (Exhibition Hall 6)			
12:45 - 14:00	LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM								
14:00 - 15:00	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Primary Spine Tumors Guidelines		SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Critical Care of Neurotrauma (TBI/SCI) SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS:	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Neuroanatomy Applied to Neurosurgery: Tumor, Epilepsy	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Military Neurosurgery	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Peripheral Nerve Surgery Integrated in	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Stereotactic and Functional 3	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS:	
14:00 - 16:00			Surgical Management of Neurotrauma (TBI/SCI)	and Posterior Fossa Lesions		Neurosurgery		Global Neurosurgery: Education and Training	
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07:30 - 08:30	BREAKFAST SEMINAR: PODCAST							BREAKFAST SEMINAR: Masterclass in Skull Base 4	
08:30 - 10:00	KEYNOTE 10 Global Neurosurgery Policy	KEYNOTE 11 Degenerative spinal deformity	KEYNOTE 12 Innovations and Working with the Industry	KEYNOTE 13 Education in Spine Surgery					
10:00 - 10:45				COFFEE BREAK	MTH EXHIBITORS				
10:45 - 12:45	PLENARY SESSION 4 (Exhibition Hall 6)								
12:45 - 14:00	LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM								
14:00 - 15:00	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: How to avoid a shunt	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Complications - Major Complications in Minor Surgeries	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: S Contemporary Issues in Crani- opharyngiomas and other Skull	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: The key to the operative planning - Patient positioning	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Research Opportunities in Global Neurosurgery	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS Brachial Plexus Injury	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Innovation and Technology in Spine Surgery	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS: Stereotactic and Functional 4	
14:00 - 16:00			Base Tumors						
16:00 - 16:30	CLOSING CEREMONY								