DECLARATION FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT
OF WFNS YOUNG NEUROSURGEONS AWARDS WINNERS

October 08, 2023

Dear WFNS Officers and Members of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS),
Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure and immense pride that we announce the winners of the WFNS Young Neurosurgeons Awards for the year 2023. These awards are a testament to the dedication, excellence, and innovation demonstrated by young neurosurgeons from around the world. The WFNS is honored to recognize their outstanding contributions to the field of neurosurgery.

After a rigorous and thorough evaluation process, the following young neurosurgeons have been selected as the 5 winners:

Title: Posterior Superior Insula Deep Brain Stimulation For Peripheral Neuropathic Pain: Effects And Influence Of The Target
- **Author:** Pedro Henrique Martins da Cunha
- **Institution:** University of São Paulo
- **Country:** Brazil

Title: Revolutionizing Brain Tumor Diagnosis: An insight into CNN Model’s Efficacy in CNS Tumor Analysis with Squash smear cytology
- **Author:** Bhushan Diwakar Thombre
- **Institution:** NIMHANS, PDMMC
- **Country:** India

Title: Life-style, allergy and metabolic syndrome as risk factors for glioma: A large prospective cohort study
- **Author:** Gheorghiu Anamaria
- **Institution:** University Clinical Emergency Hospital Bagdasar Arseni, Bucharest, Romania
- **Country:** Romania

Title: Metagenomic Sequencing of the Skin Microbiota of the scalp predicting the risk of developing Surgical Site Infections following cranial surgery of Traumatic Brain Injury
- **Author:** LEKUYA MONKA HERVE
- **Institution:** Makerere University
- **Country:** Uganda
Title: Prediction of tumor-associated antigens using radiogenomics

- **Author:** Elizabeth Ogando-Rivas
- **Institution:** Boston University
- **Country:** United States

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to these talented individuals for their remarkable achievements and their unwavering commitment to the field of neurosurgery. Their work has not only advanced the science and practice of neurosurgery but has also made a positive impact on the lives of countless patients worldwide. We would like also to thank and congratulate all participants to the WFNS Young Neurosurgeons Awards 2023 for their respective high-level papers.

The WFNS Young Neurosurgeons Awards ceremony will take place during the WFNS WORLD CONGRESS OPENING CEREMONY in Cape town. All information is available on [www.wfns2023.com](http://www.wfns2023.com). We invite all members of the WFNS community and the broader neurosurgical community to join us in celebrating the accomplishments of these outstanding young neurosurgeons.

As the committee chairman, I would like to express my gratitude to the WFNS Young Neurosurgeons Awards Committee members for their diligent evaluation, as well as to all the nominees who have demonstrated excellence in their respective fields. Your dedication to neurosurgery inspires us all.

Once again, congratulations to the winners, and we look forward to honoring their achievements at the World Congress opening ceremony.

Sincerely,

**Fahd DERKAOUI HASSANI, MD, PhD, FACS**
Chairman-WFNS Young Neurosurgeons Award Committee
Consultant Neurosurgeon - Cheikh Zaid International University Hospital
Clinical Lecturer – Abulcasis International University of Health Sciences
Coordinator - Diploma of Stereotactic Surgery, UIASS
Rabat, Morocco / (+212) 664 309938
[www.wfns.info](http://www.wfns.info)
[www.hcz.ma](http://www.hcz.ma)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>On behalf of the WFNS Young Neurosurgeons Awards Committee (<a href="http://www.wfns.info">www.wfns.info</a>)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Abdulrahman AL-Shudifat (Jordan)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alexandra Golby (USA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Andreas Demetriades (UK)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fady Charbel (USA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fahd Derkaoui Hassani (Morocco) Committee Chair</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Javier Orozco Mera (Colombia)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jeff Ntalaja (Democratic Republic of Congo)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Khalil Al Qadasi (Yemen)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Llewellyn Padayachy (South Africa)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marcio Rassi (Brazil)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Richard Assaker (France)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sachin Chimate (India)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>