

President WFNS Franco Servadei Activities: Administrative Council 2019-2021

In this period we had 11 Administrave Council Meetings, 3 in person (2 in Beijng and one in Mumbai) and 9 on the web via zoom .

Important decisions:

BAY LAWS CHANGES: We have continued the changes we have done to the structure of the WFNS. In my previous term we have reduced the WFNS Officiers' term to two years (with the possibility of re-election, not for President and Vice President). We have also changed the structure of the WFNS Foundation in order to be similar to the new rules for the Federation. In summary:

Amendments (5) that passed on Sep 11/12, 2021 (virtual elections):

- 1. cA1: Simple language adjustments in the Constitution
- 2. bA2: Simple language adjustments in the Bylaws
- 3. bB1: Transitional Provisions (COVID-related)
- 4. bB2: Procedure to vote for President-Elect
- 5. bB3: Procedure to vote for bidding Congress Venue

Amendments (20) to be voted on in March 2022 at Bogota Congress:

- 1. C1/B7: Honorary Presidents voting rights
- 2. C2/B9: Nomination of 2nd VP
- 3. B4: Listing of new member societies
- 4. B5: Nomination of candidates for Officer
- 5. B6: Selection of new Honorary Presidents
- 6. B8: Outdated language
- 7. B10: Accounting for "Abstain" votes in AC
- 8. B11: Outdated language
- 9. B12: Requirement of presence of candidate for Officer
- 10. B13: Outdated language
- 11. B14: WFNS Foundation rules (revised and updated)
- 12. B15: Medal of Honor vs Honorary President distinction
- 13. B16: Outdated language
- 14. B17: Establishing a new award, the Recognition of Service
- 15. B18: New Section in Bylaws for new WFNS Foundation rules
- 16. B19: Education and Training Committee: Revision of leadership structure
- 17. B20: Outdated language
- 18. B21: Rule for WFNS sponsorship

EDUCATION: We have faced the unexpected most important medical crisis of the last century. We were the first World Society to stop on March 5, 2020 any in person Meetings. Therefore, we were one of the few Societies to avoid any COVID contamination for on site Meetings. On May 30 we organized a Meeting with all the chair of the ad hoc Committees to discuss the possibility of web-based education and seminars. With the help of all Committees more than 400 webinars were organized all over the World by the WFNS. One of the few positive effect of the pandemia was the possibility for young neurosurgeon from LMICs who will never have the chance to travel to courses, meetings etc to listen for free to lectures from our masters and to discuss with them. We now had the possibility to return to on site Meeting at the World Congress in Colombia.

POST PONE OF BOGOTA' MEETING AND ELECTRONIC ELECTIONS: On March 27 after a large consultation among the Neurosurgical continental and National Societies the AC decided to move the World Congress from August 2021 to March 2022. This proposal was also shared by the Colombian organizing Committee. meantime in June 2021 it was decided to organize electronic voting sessions concerning some bay laws changes, officers' elections, election of some committees. The election on 11 and 12 September were the first ever done virtually in the WFNS and were a big success with more than 90% of the delegates having access to the voting process. Since no candidates reached the quoru, there was a second even more successful run for the President elect position.

THE ISSUE OF GLOBAL NEUROSURGERY: The best definition that we have found about Global Neurosurgery is: "The clinical and public health practice of neurosurgery with the primary purpose of ensuring timely, safe, and affordable neurosurgical care to all who need it." In the last years the WFNS led a process of increasing awareness about the need of more equal distribution of resources. In 2019 I have also appointed and ad hoc Committee about Global Neurosurgery led by prof. Kee Park and El Quahabi. More than 30 papers about Global Neurosurgery written by WFNS Officers including the President were accepted for publications in peer reviewed Journals in the last 3 years and one entire WFNS Symposium was organized on this topic. We need to move head and integrate into clinical projects, guidelines, Consensus Conference Neurosurgeons from Countries with limited facilities and from HIC Countries

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