



WFNS Peripheral Nerve Surgery Committee
Report on activities (October 2019-January 2021)

The Peripheral Nerve Committee is primarily devoted to increase the number of neurosurgeons that perform this exciting subspecialty, since the relative number of Neurosurgical Departments around the globe that have enough experience to train young neurosurgeons in Peripheral Nerve surgery is limited.

Information about Committee Chairman, Continental Vice-Chairpersons and Members are available at <https://wfns.org/committees>

Bearing in mind the current global situation, below is the list of activities (including online activities) undertaken from the WFNS 2019 Congress in Beijing:

- Prof. Rasulic and Prof. Ferraresi were speakers and moderators of the PNS session at the 45th Congress of the Romanian Society of Neurosurgery, in conjunction with the 24th Francophone Neurosurgery Course, Sibiu, Romania, October 16-19, 2019
- Prof. Rasulic attended the CNS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, from 19-23.10.2019. 2019 and took an active part within the PNS Session
- Chair and Committee members attended the 24th Sunderland Society Meeting in Jerusalem, Israel, from November 3-7, 2019
- Prof. Heinen was a member of the Scientific Committee, Chairman, and speaker within the Peripheral Nerve/Spine session at the Educational days of German Society Neurosurgery DGNC
- Chair and numerous Committee members took participation in the 3rd German South American Meeting for peripheral Nerve Surgery (GERSAM) in Berlin from November 15-16th, 2019
- Committee Chair presented the topic Top ten reasons why Neurosurgeon should do a surgery of the peripheral nerves at the WANS meeting in Mumbai from December 3rd-4th, 2019
- Prof. Debora Garozzo organized the Pre-meeting course Peripheral nerve surgery integrated in neurosurgical practice within the 7th Emirates International Neurosurgical Conference, Dubai, UAE from December 10-11, 2019. Prof. Rasulic and Prof. Rochkind were invited speakers.
- Committee Chairman attended the American Society for Peripheral Nerve (ASPN) Annual Meeting 2020, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA, from January 10-12, 2020.



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- Prof. Heinen was a President of the Meeting at the Annual meeting interdisciplinary study group „NervClub“ and the Interdisciplinary meeting on Brachial plexus, Oldenburg, Germany, that were held from February 6-7/7-8, 2020.
- Chairman (and Congress president) and numerous members have been active in developing the scientific program and Peripheral Nerve Pre-congress Course of the EANS 2020 Congress in Belgrade and they were appointed to support peripheral nerve sessions actively as speakers and chairs. After the cancellation of the Congress in Belgrade, Chairman participated in creation of the scientific program for the eEANS2020. Some of the members were speakers within the plenary and joint sessions.
- On June 5th, 2020 Chairman was an invited speaker at the webinar organized instead of the 9th edition of International Neurosurgery Update (INU) in Mumbai.
- Prof. Christian Heinen organized the session Peripheral nerve surgery within the 71. Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Neurochirurgie, 8. Joint Meeting mit der Japanischen Gesellschaft für Neurochirurgie, held from June 21st-24th, 2020. Prof. Rasulic was an invited speaker. During the same meeting, Prof. Heinen received the approval for keeping independent section Peripheral Nerves, within the Society.
- On behalf of the DGNC, Prof. Heinen participated in the implementation of an interdisciplinary curriculum for peripheral nerve surgery along with German Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons DGPRÄC/ German Society of Hand Surgery DGH/ German Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology DGOU/ German Society of General and Visceral Surgery DGAV
- Committee Chairman provided the lecture Peripheral Nerve Surgery: Think Global Act Local - Privilege of service within the symposium Global Neurosurgery: Ask not for whom the bell tolls, September 10-12, 2020, that was held online
- Committee Chairman provided the lecture Pearls of Peripheral Nerve Injury Management within the Virtual Appreciation Webinar and Trauma symposium organized by Pakistan Society of Neurosurgeons on September 23rd, 2020
- In all centers from which are the members of the Committee, international fellowship programs for 2019, with duration from 2 weeks to 6 months, have been provided for 1 up to 6 residents from all over the world. Numerous visits were scheduled for 2020, but the pandemic delayed all scheduled activities.
- During the period of September 2019 - October 2020, Vice-Chairperson, Prof. Shimon Rochkind and his team summarized the preclinical study on the innovative Anti-gliotic Guiding Regenerative Gel (AGRG) for peripheral nerve regeneration.



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- Numerous papers were published or pending to be published in the future period.
- "Diagnostic Assessment and Treatment of Peripheral Nerve Tumors", the book of 30 chapters edited by chairman and vice-chairmen of the Committee was finished in 2020 and it will be published by Springer in 2021. The chapter contributors are numerous members of the Committee.
- Prof. Rasulic and Prof. Socolovsky were appointed as members of the Staff Operative Group of the Scientific Committee for the PNS field and they created the Scientific program for the WFNS 2021 Congress in Bogota.
- In 2021 WFNS PNS Committee members will set up a series of webinars that will cover major topics in the peripheral nerve field.

We would like to draw your attention to the following academic and educational events aimed at enhancing the quality of peripheral nerve surgery in the twenty-first century, that will be held as live/online/hybrid events depending on the global situation: Peripheral Nerve Surgery Sessions at EANS Congress in Hamburg in 2021, 5th WFNS Theoretical & Practical International Course in Peripheral Nerve & Brachial Plexus Surgery in Brazil, 2nd World Congress of Brachial Plexus and Peripheral Nerve Surgery in Mexico, PNS Sessions within the XXVII WFNS Congress in Bogota, Copenhagen Peripheral Nerve Surgery Course 2021, Nerve Repair and Peripheral Nerve Surgery Course - León - Spain 2021, and many more which will be timely announced and distributed to the neurosurgical community.



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