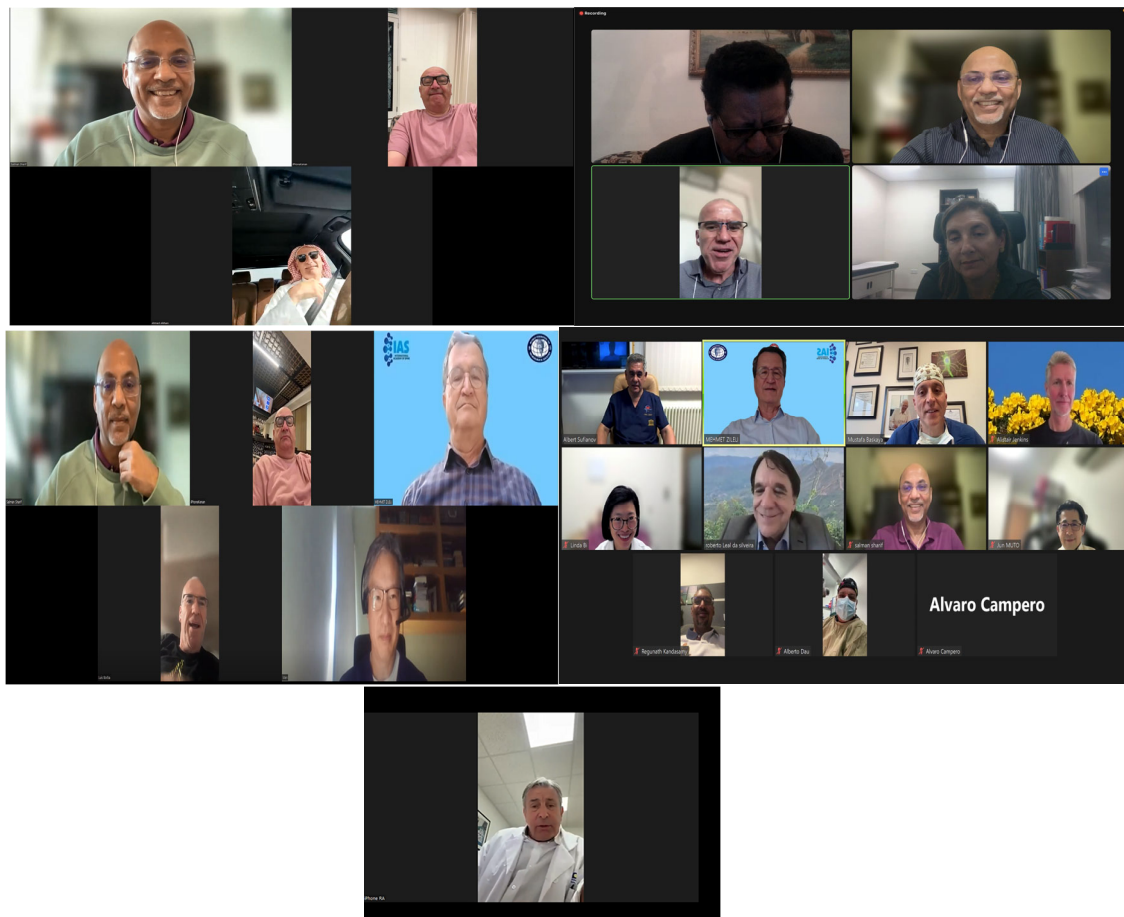


WFNS COMMITTEES WORK IN PROGRESS

The WFNS Committees have started working actively, and chairs have taken a lead role. With their direction and support, the committees are expected to work together effectively and carry out educational projects worldwide.

The Coordinator of the WFNS Committees recently held meetings with the 16 other Chairs of various committees, including Cerebrovascular, Education, Neurotraumatology, Global Neurosurgery, Neuroendoscopy, Neurosurgical Anatomy, Peripheral Nerve Surgery, Neurooncology, Skull Base Surgery, Spine and Rehabilitation, Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery, Women in Neurosurgery, Hydrocephalus and CSF Disorder, Innovation and Technology, Materials, Drugs and Devices, Research, and Young Neurosurgeons Forum Committees. The purpose of these meetings was to align efforts towards the WFNS mission and to enhance the dissemination of knowledge globally. During these sessions, the rules and responsibilities of each committee were clarified, and emphasis was placed on fostering collaboration among committees. Chairs were advised to liaise with other committees to organize courses, workshops, and webinars aimed at advancing neurosurgical care. These interactions underscored the importance of collective action in achieving our shared objectives.

The Committee Chairs were very enthusiastic and eager to work hard. They showed a lot of interest in making a difference and contributing to improving neurosurgical knowledge and service worldwide.





Dear Friends,

It is an honor for me to be the Coordinator of the WFSN Committee Activities, and I would like to welcome all the Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, and Members who have been selected for the Year 2023-25.

The World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFSN) aspires to promote global improvement in neurosurgical care.

"As leaders in neurosurgery, let's reaffirm our commitment to the WFSN mission and continue our diligent efforts to reach new milestones. Your dedication and expertise are not just valuable, but essential in achieving these goals. Together, we can make a significant impact."

SALMAN SHARIF
Coordinator of the WFSN Committee Activities



Dear Friends,

It is a great honor to be selected as Chair of the Innovation and Technology Committee for the WFSN. Neurosurgery is perhaps the field that is most synonymous with Innovation and Technology. With innovation and technology, we are able to take care of people's nervous system pathologies with increasingly minimally-invasive techniques and to provide better care than previously possible. One of the unfortunate aspects of the tremendous growth in these areas are the disparities that arise between those that have access to these innovations and technologies and those that don't. One of my key objectives during my tenure is to help 'bridge those gaps' with webinars and workshops to help ensure that ALL people have access to these amazing innovations and technologies in neurosurgery.

Muhammad Abd El Barr (USA)
CHAIR, WFSN INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE



Dear Friends,

As Chair of the Materials, Drugs and Devices Committee of the World Federation of Neurosurgeons, I would like to welcome fellow Neurosurgeons to contribute to the development of this new committee where we can share experiences and expertise. We plan to host webinars to advise our colleagues how to develop and protect medical devices. We will report back to the WFSN any new developments and disseminate information via the website.

Look forward to working with you.

Jake Timothy (UK)
CHAIR, WFSN MATERIAL, DRUGS AND DEVICES COMMITTEE



Dear Friends,

I am very grateful to WFSN President-Elect Luis Berber for trusting me to chair the Neurosurgical Anatomy Committee.

The aim of this committee is to disseminate Neuroanatomical knowledge around the world, especially among young neurosurgeons.

This is also the main objective of the International Rhinotom Society (IRS), of which I am the current president.

The IRS is made up of former fellows of Dr. Albert L. Rhoston Jr, and of neurosurgeons who appreciate Neuroanatomy from around the world.

This is a unique opportunity for WFSN and IRS to join forces to form a global task force for Microsurgical Anatomy. We will promote webinars, conferences and hands-on courses around the world to keep us all at the forefront of Neuroanatomy and Neurosurgery.

There will be challenges, but I see a bright future for our field if we work together. Let's do this!

Hung Tzu Wen (Brazil)
CHAIR, WFSN NEUROSURGICAL ANATOMY COMMITTEE



Dear Friends,

It is an immense honor to have been appointed chair of the WFSN peripheral nerve surgery committee. I would like to welcome the other distinguished members of our group and also salute the president and all the neurosurgeons in the AC and the other committees in WFSN. I trust that we all together will be able to further deploy our fascinating specialty and contribute to shape the future of neurosurgery in the third millennium.

Peripheral nerve surgery is currently a rather neglected subspecialty of neurosurgery, yet it offers a rather wide spectrum of clinical conditions with other subspecialties. It is also emerging in global neurosurgery due to the escalating rate of nerve injuries in LMIC.

A lot has already been done by the past committees, nevertheless, there is still a long way to go before we can consider that its full integration has been implemented in our professional community.

Over the next 2 years, we will work in that direction, networking with the other committees for the promotion of a deeper knowledge of peripheral nerve surgery. We especially aim to train new generations of neurosurgeons who will contribute to integrate peripheral nerve surgery in their practice.

The challenge is up and we are ready to pick it up with determination and enthusiasm!

Debora Garozzo (IAE)
CHAIR, WFSN PERIPHERAL NERVE INJURY COMMITTEE



Dear Friends,

It is an honor for me to serve as the Chairman of the WFSN Committee on Hydrocephalus and CSF Disorders.

The primary objective of our committee is to enhance global understanding of hydrocephalus and CSF disorders, with a specific emphasis on raising awareness, improving diagnostics, and advancing treatment. We aim to achieve these goals through educational seminars, local courses, conferences, and other initiatives.

The success of our endeavors will depend greatly on the active involvement of experts in the field, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all for their selfless contributions.

Uwe Kehler (Germany)
CHAIR, WFSN HYDROCEPHALUS & CSF DISORDERS COMMITTEE



Dear Friends,

As coordination-lead of the Global Neurosurgery Committee (GNC) the responsibility is to coordinate the different activities being carried out by the GNC. My plan is to reach out to all members of the GNC to accommodate and harmonize their activities regarding capacity building, improving and strengthening of the workforce, and assist in organizing surgical equipment for countries who have little or no neurosurgical activity.

With the successful Afghanistan collaboration as a model, we have started working with Sierra Leone health department and Gail Rousseau has had initial contacts with a few neurosurgeons in Sudan.

We would like to achieve much more goals in different countries soon.

Tariq Khan (Pakistan)
CHAIR, WFSN GLOBAL NEUROSURGERY COMMITTEE



Dear Friends,

"It is privilege to take over as chair of the Neuro-Oncology Committee of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies. I thank Professor Joerg-Christian Tonn for his enormous contribution as previous chair and I look forward to working with my co-chairs Iliana Chelaru and Sandeep Vaidya, as well as President El Abbadi to further the practice of neuro-oncology around the world. Neuro-Oncology is a neurosurgical specialty with great disparity between regions and nations, but also great potential for growth and development.

I am excited to work towards advancement of the specialty for all through education, academic exchange and collegiality."

Kate Drummond (Australia)
CHAIR, WFSN NEURO-ONCOLOGY COMMITTEE

