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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Founded in 1955, the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS) aspires to promote global improvement in neurosurgical care. The mission of the WFNS is to work together with our member societies to improve worldwide neurosurgical care, training and research to benefit our patients. It has 130 member societies, consisting of 5 continental associations, 6 affiliate societies and 119 national neurosurgical societies. It represents 49'000 neurosurgeons worldwide. WFNS is closely related with the WFNS Foundation.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Improvement and development of global neurosurgical care
- Training and research of neurosurgery and related topics
- Training and support of neurosurgeons in developing countries
- Dissemination of affordable neurosurgical devices and apparatus

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

The WFNS facilitates the global network of neurological surgeons, and aids the exchange and dissemination of information in the field. It holds periodic world congresses on neurosurgical issues, conducts educational courses and provides professional training to neurosurgeons. The Federation's Foundation promotes the worldwide development of Neurosurgery, mainly concerning basic neurosurgical issues and focusing on developing countries. It is involved in training and supporting the post-graduate education of young neurosurgeons, as well as providing high-quality, low-cost instrument sets and equipment to neurosurgeons in developing countries.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The WFNS is governed by an Executive Committee (EC) consisting of two Delegates from each Member Society, and an Administrative Council composed of the Officers of the Federation, who are elected every four years. Chairman of the EC and President of the WFNS is Mr Franco Servadei. He also heads the 8-member Administrative Council. The EC meets every two years and is guided by the Administrative Council which meets at least annually. All activities of the WFNS are conducted and coordinated by the WFNS Central Office managed by the Office Manager, Mrs. Hsiao-Hui (Teresa) Chen and her staff.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

Total income in the fiscal year of 2016, including income from the foundation, was USD

426'347. WFNS is financed through membership fees, donations and the sale of publications.

PUBLICATIONS

WFNS publishes reviews on neurosurgery and related topics, which can be viewed at:
<https://www.wfns.org/menu/32/wfns-reviews-in-neurosurgery>

For news, see: <https://www.wfns.org/news>

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