

World Federation of Neurology Association of Parkinsonism and Related Disorders

Annual Report - 2011

The World Federation of Neurology Association of Parkinsonism and Related Disorders (WFN-APRD) is a non-profit (ANBI) organization composed of members who share a vision to advance science, care, and education related to parkinsonism and related disorders on an international scope. This report reflects the annual review of activities.

Educational activities sponsored by the WFN-APRD were overseen by an Education Committee chaired by Daniel Truong. The WFN-APRD Bylaws explicitly state providing education concerning movement disorders as a primary aim of the group. To this end, in 2011, successful educational meetings/planning activities sponsored took place in Calcutta(India), Warsaw (Poland) and Shanghai (China). Educational courses employ WFN-APRD members and local neurologists as faculty (without honorarium), and are aimed to deliver improvements in understanding and care of patients with movement disorders throughout the world.

The WFN-APRD membership enthusiastically support our journal, Parkinsonism & Related Disorders and congratulate Drs. Ronald Pfeiffer and Zbigniew Wszolek (Co-Editors-In-Chief) and the entire editorial board on their wonderful success and escalating impact factor. The WFN-APRD provides this journal (free of charge) to all its members, attending the last WFN-APRD International Congress. The journal is also available at a reduced cost for other members of the WFN-APRD via our website: www.PRDAssociation.org.

The annual financial report for the WFN-APRD was finalized for 2011 and is posted on the WFN web-site. The final balance for 31 December, 2011 = EUR 1,042,799.29. In conjunction with the establishment of the WFN-APRD Foundation, which allows disbursement and receipt of funds associated with World Congress meetings in a fully transparent manner, the Foundation has a four-person board comprised of the WFN-APRD President, WFN-APRD Treasurer, Chair of the current/last World Congress, and Chair of the upcoming World Congress.

The XIX WFN World Congress on Parkinson's Disease and Related Disorders took place in Shanghai, China, 10-14 December 2011. The Congress was a success from scientific and educational perspectives, with a large international attendance. Proceedings of the Congress were published in Parkinsonism & Related Disorders and available to the Congress participants at the time of the Congress.

Our annual administrative meeting took place in Shanghai, China on 12 December at the World Congress. At this meeting Erik Wolters was re-elected as President and Angelo Antonini and Zbigniew Wszolek were elected as Treasurer and Councilor. These individuals, along with Jon Stoessl and Ryan Uitti, comprise the Executive Board. Additionally, 14 new full members were elected to the WFN-APRD. Members are in

support of fostering mutually constructive relationships with colleagues in the Movement Disorder Society and endorsed cooperative discussions to this end.

Plans for the XX WFN-APRD World Congress meeting in Geneva, Switzerland (8-11 December, 2013) are underway and will include a large international faculty. The organizing and scientific program planning committees are formulated; the program will be announced and available for viewing on the official WFN-APRD web-site (www.PRDAssociation.org).

Respectfully submitted,

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