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World Federation of Neurology Association of Parkinsonism and Related Disorders[☆]

Annual Report

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

Official by-laws were adopted in December, 2009 (Miami Beach, FL) and, following our annual meeting in November, 2010 (Glasgow, Scotland) a complete Executive Board composed of a President (Erik Wolters), Treasurer (Zbigniew Wszolek), Secretary (Ryan Uitti), and two Councilors (Angelo Antonini and Jon Stoessl) are in place. There are presently 103 full members of the WFN-APRD.

Educational activities sponsored by the WFN-APRD have been overseen by an Education Committee chaired by Daniel Truong. Since the formation of the committee and the WFN-APRD Bylaws which explicitly state providing education concerning movement disorders as a primary aim of the group, successful educational meetings have taken place in Turkey, China, Ecuador, Ukraine, Indonesia, and Serbia. Additional courses are being planned for India, Brazil, Vietnam, Cuba, Ethiopia, Mongolia, and Belarus. These courses employ WFN-APRD members and local neurologists as faculty.

The WFN-APRD membership enthusiastically support our journal, *Parkinsonism & Related Disorders* and congratulate Drs. Ronald Pfeiffer and Zbigniew Wszolek (Co-Editors-In-Chief), their associate editors Drs. Rodnitzky, Bonifati, Tan and Carr, Managing Editor Susan Calne and the entire editorial board on their wonderful success and escalating impact factor. The WFN-APRD provides

this journal (free of charge) to all attendees of education courses and the 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 2009 and is posted on the WFN web-site. The final balance for 31 December, 2009 = EUR 631,350.97. 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 XVIII WFN World Congress on Parkinson's Disease and Related Disorders took place in Miami Beach, FL, 13–16 December 2009. 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*.

Plans for the XIX WFN-APRD World Congress meeting in Shanghai, China (10–14 December, 2011) are well underway and will include a large international and Chinese faculty. The scientific program will be announced and available for viewing on the official WFN-APRD web-site (www.PRDAssociation.org).

Respectfully submitted,

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Editors' Note

[☆]We are pleased to publish this first Annual Report of the World Federation of Neurology Association of Parkinsonism and Related Disorders. The Association is the parent organization of our Journal, and we are delighted to inaugurate what we anticipate will become an annual tradition that will provide useful information for our readers about the Association and also increase interest in its activities.