

# WFNR World Federation for Neurorehabilitation

The World Federation for Neurorehabilitation (WFNR) welcomes corporate and institutional members to support their business and in turn WFNR's work and vision. We need your partnership to continue working with health professionals for the benefit of patients living with a neurological disability.

WFNR is a multidisciplinary organisation with the goal of combatting disability and increasing the chances for participation for people with neurological conditions around the world. WFNR deals with the management and fundamental mechanisms of functional recovery from conditions such as stroke, multiple sclerosis, dementia and brain and spinal cord injuries, and peripheral nerve injuries.

In 1996, neurorehabilitation was in its infancy but there were stirrings of interest around the world. Professor Mike Barnes, then one of the few Consultants in Neurological Rehabilitation, decided to host the 1st World Congress for Neurorehabilitation in Newcastle upon Tyne, UK. The response was overwhelming, and the World Federation for Neurorehabilitation was born. We are therefore very proud to be celebrating our silver jubilee this year!

WFNR is now a dynamic and growing organisation focused on its mission to advance research, education and clinical practice in neurological rehabilitation worldwide. The organisation now has over 8000 members worldwide and is the umbrella organisation of 45 National Societies. The work of WFNR is facilitated by a vast range of Special Interest Groups covering the entire range of thematic aspects of neurorehabilitation ranging from elementary topics such as rehabilitation in stroke or TBI over guideline preparation and EBM to neurophilosophy, and also includes Paediatric Neurorehabilitation and Dementia. Starting in 2020 WFNR has significantly increased the frequency of educational activities worldwide.

Our ongoing extension of activities generates the need for raising money from institutional and corporate members. Neuro-disability is increasing in our societies globally, not only in high income countries (HIC) with their ageing populations but also in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC) due to changes in communicable disease mortality and lifestyle.

Neurorehabilitation can effectively reduce disability, improve independence with activities of daily living and prevent the need for people affected to become

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institutionalised. We are working on using digital technologies to reach much more people worldwide who, at the moment, lack access to any decent neurorehabilitation knowledge and services. WFNR works closely together with other international bodies as the WHO in a joint effort in the combat against disability.

Here are just some possible ways you might benefit from your support for us:

- Direct access to over 8000 clinicians through our email service, informing them of your products and services
- Adverts in our monthly e-bulletin available exclusively to all members
- Banner adverts on the WFNR website which is viewed several hundred times each week
- Advertise on our regular webinar series which reaches up to 2000 people
- Partner with us in our biennial Franz Gerstenbrand Award which recognises and rewards a neurorehabilitation project that has benefitted patients and will give you a great deal of positive publicity
- The highlight of WFNR's calendar is the World Congress for Neurorehabilitation (WCNR). WCNR discusses the latest scientific developments in neurorehabilitation and provides a forum for knowledge exchange and collaboration.

The 14th World Congress for Neurorehabilitation will be held in Daegu, South Korea from Vienna, Austria from 14-17 October 2026. The congress programme will include workshops, symposia, plenary sessions, round tables and teaching courses. There will be ample opportunity for industrial symposia during the congress, which will attract about 2000 delegates. We look forward to working with you in planning the congress and can, for example, put on sponsored workshops and seminars with topics of your choosing. We are open to other suggestions that will benefit your company or institution.

For further information on all aspects of our work and conditions for corporate/institutional membership please visit our website, [www.wfnr.co.uk](http://www.wfnr.co.uk) or contact our Executive Director, Tracey Mole via the Head Office, [traceymole@wfnr.co.uk](mailto:traceymole@wfnr.co.uk)

The activities of WFNR are extensive and wide-ranging and we rely on the income from our World Congress and our nominal membership fees to accomplish them. We would be grateful for your help to enable us to further increase our activities to help provide the best possible outcome for people with neurological disabilities around the world. We invite you to a fruitful collaboration!

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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