



World Society for Stereotactic
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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message



Dear WSSFN Members:

I am pleased to announce that the 15th quadrennial meeting of the World Society of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery will be held in Toronto from May 24-27, 2009.

With the rapid developments in Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery, the meeting promises to be an important forum for the presentation of cutting edge research and for open and lively discussions and interactions amongst colleagues and friends. The meeting will be held at the historic Fairmont Royal York Hotel in the heart of Toronto.

This is an outstanding facility which is rustic yet exudes Canadian charm. Save the date, and I very much look forward to welcoming you to Toronto.

Yours sincerely,

Andres M. Lozano, MD, PhD, FRCSC

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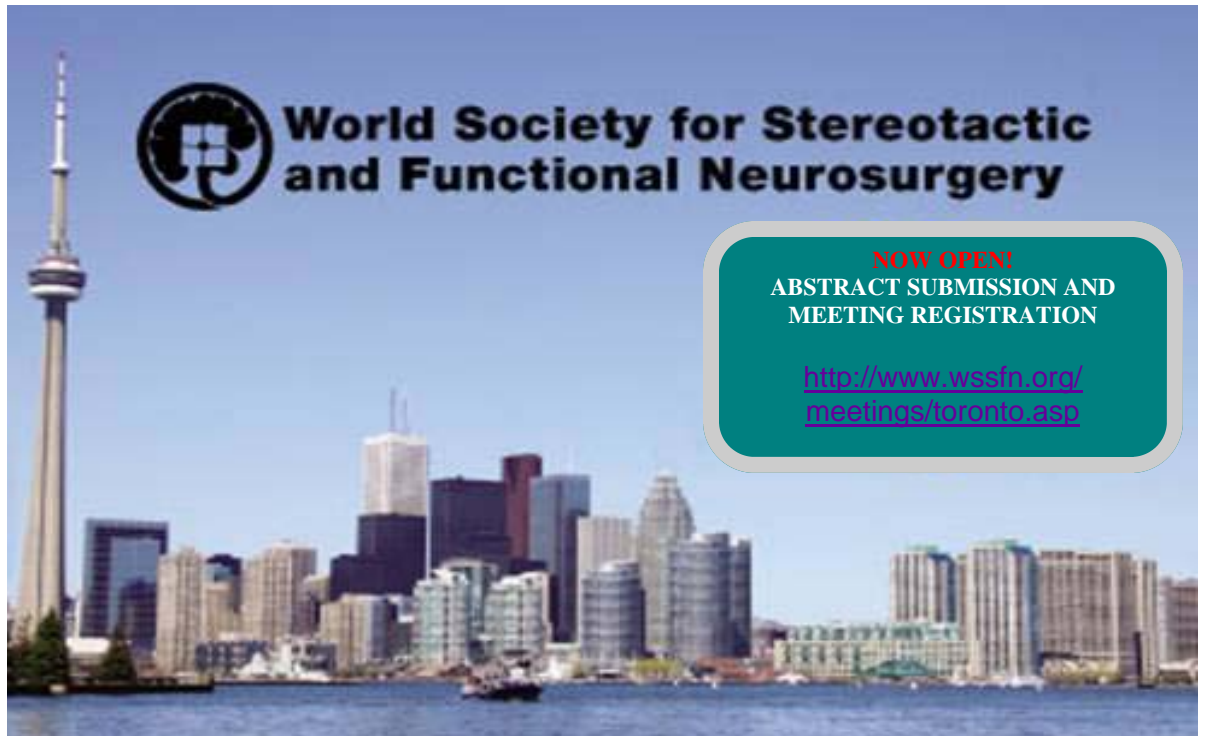
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Quadrennial WSSFN Meeting Highlights



Quadrennial WSSFN Meeting

Date: May 24-27, 2009

Place: Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Canada

Sunday, May 24

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Workshop S1: Stereotactic Approaches: Technical Advances

Session Chair: *Michael Schulder*

Moderators: *Michael Schulder / John Adler Jr.*

Workshop S2: Building a Functional Neurosurgery Program

Chair: *Marwan Hariz*

Moderators: *Marwan Hariz / Gordon Baltuch*

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Symposium S3: Microelectrode Recording and Intraoperative Electrophysiology

Chairs: *Jonathan Dostrovsky* (j.dostrovsky@utoronto.ca) / *William Hutchison* (whutch@uhnres.utoronto.ca) / *Jay Shils* (jay.shils@lahey.org)

Interested attendees are invited to submit abstracts for this symposium to the chairs directly. This program will be organized separately from the WSSFN meeting itself. Lunch will be provided, and registration will be \$100 (not included as part of the WSSFN Meeting registration).

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Microelectrode Recording

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Intraoperative Monitoring

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Opening Reception

Fairmont Hotel

Monday, May 25

7:15 AM – 8:15 AM

Breakfast Seminar I: Neuromodulation for Pain

Moderators: *Ronald Tasker / Thomas Gasser*

Breakfast Seminar II: Intraoperative Imaging

Moderators: *Walter Hall / Moshe Hadani*

Breakfast Seminar III: Global Standards for Functional NS

Moderators: *Mojgan Hodaie / Kostas Fountas*

8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Plenary Session I: Emerging Indications

Moderators: *Joachim Krauss / Philip Gildenberg*

8:30 AM – 9:10 AM

Presidential Address - *Andres Lozano*

11:50 – 12:00 Noon

Spiegel and Wycis Awards

Noon – 1:30 PM

Sit Down Lunch

History of the WSSFN - *Philip Gildenberg*

1:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Afternoon Session I: Pain

Keynote Address: Imaging and Brain Function - *Karen Davis*

Afternoon Session II: Epilepsy

Keynote Address: The Present and Future Management of Patients with Epilepsy - *George Ojemann*

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Afternoon Plenary Session I-II

Debate: MCS is an Effective Treatment for Pain

Debate Chair: *Robert Coffey*

Pro: *Yves Kervel*

Con: *Joshua Rosenow*

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Afternoon Session I-II

Debate: SRS Can Cure Epilepsy

Debate Chair: *Itzhak Fried*

Pro: *Jean Regis*

Con: *Robert Gross*

Tuesday, May 26

7:15 AM – 8:15 AM

Breakfast Seminar I: DBS of the PPN: Impact of Location

Moderators: *Jorge Guridi / Massimo Scerrati*

Breakfast Seminar II: Functional Radiosurgery

Moderators: *Chihiro Ohye / Alain deLotbiniere*

Breakfast Seminar III: Psychiatric Neurosurgery and Society: Worldwide Experience

Moderators: *Zelma Kiss / Aviva Abosch*

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8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Plenary Session II: Psychiatric Disorders

Keynote Address: The Science of Modern Psychiatric Neurosurgery-*Helen Mayberg*

1:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Afternoon Session III: Psychiatric Disorders

Keynote Address: A Psychiatric Primer for Neurosurgeons-*Peter Giacobbe*

Afternoon Session IV: Neuronavigation

Keynote Address: Stem Cells and Brain Tumors-*Peter Dirks*

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Afternoon Session III-IV

Debate: Frames are Obsolete

Debate Chair: *Joseph Neimat*

Pro: *Jaimie Henderson* Con: *Ron Alterman*

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Afternoon Session III-IV

Debate: Lesioning for Psychiatric Disorders is Obsolete

Debate Chair: *Rees Cosgrove*

Pro: *Bart Nuttin* Con: *Sam Eljamel*

6:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Gala Reception and Dinner

CN Tower

Local Meeting Chair Message



It is my pleasure to invite you to Toronto. This meeting hopes to attract a large number of attendees with a spectacular scientific program, set in one of the most multicultural centers in the world.

The conference site will be at the historic Fairmont Royal York Hotel, a majestic Toronto landmark. It is located in the heart of Toronto, near shopping areas, museums, art galleries and amazing restaurants.

On the last evening of the conference a gala dinner is being held atop the CN tower, the tallest free standing structure in North-America.

Please check the website (wssfn.org) where you will find information about the scientific program, faculty, and hotel registration with preferred rates for the meeting attendees.

The organizing committee is diligently working to make this meeting a memorable one. I invite you to come and experience Toronto! Please feel free to contact me at mojgan.hodaie@uhn.on.ca for any additional information.

Mojgan Hodaie, MD, MSc, FRCSC

Wednesday, May 27

7:15 AM – 8:15 AM

Breakfast Seminar I: DBS for Epilepsy

Moderators: *Francisco Velasco / Andrew Parrent*

Breakfast Seminar II: Surgical Treatment of NPH

Moderators: *Peter Black / Ethan Taub*

Breakfast Seminar III: Surgical Treatment of Spasticity

Moderators: *Jairo Espinosa / Ahmad Alkani*

8:30 AM – 11:40 AM

Plenary Session III: Movement Disorders

Keynote Address: Quo Vadis? - *Michael Apuzzo*

11:40 AM – 12:00 Noon

WSSFN Business Meeting

Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors

Vote on Proposed Changes in WSSFN Bylaws

Noon – 1:30 PM

Sit Down Lunch

History Talk: Personal Reflections on Functional Neurosurgery- *Marwan Hariz*

1:30– 3:00 PM

Afternoon Session IV: Movement Disorders

Keynote Address: The New and Old Motor Systems – *Peter Strick*

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Afternoon Session IV: Emerging Indications

Keynote Address: Functional Neurosurgery: A Journey from the Past to the Present - *Alim Benabid*

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Closing Ceremony

Resident Awards

Call for Abstracts

Abstracts are being solicited for oral and poster presentations. Submission deadline is January 9, 2009. All submissions must be made through the meeting website at www.wssfn.org. Awards will be given for the best papers in both poster and oral presentation categories.

Proposed Bylaws Changes



The Bylaws Committee of the WSSFN has worked to incorporate new membership categories and changes to the credentials of candidates. For direct comparison, the current bylaws can be found at www.wssfn.org/constitution/default.asp. Proposed bylaw changes are highlighted below.

—Jason Schwalb, MD

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Types

The members elected to this Society shall be divided into **five** types: (a) Active; (b) Associate; (c) Honorary; (**d) Resident/Fellow**; (e) Senior.

Active members shall be neurosurgeons who have engaged in active participation in the field of stereotactic and functional neurosurgery. Active members can vote and hold office.

Associate members may be PhDs, engineers, and others who are interested in the research and/or clinical applications of stereotactic and functional neurosurgery. Associate members can vote.

Honorary members - The officers may grant honorary membership to such qualified physicians or scientists who in their opinion merit such **recognition**. ***They shall not be required to pay dues and will not be eligible to vote or hold office. They may serve on committees, but shall not be required to attend meetings.***

Resident/Fellow Members shall be physicians or scientists in a training program who express an interest in the field of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery. They shall pay a one-time membership fee and will have the option of subscribing to the journal Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery at a reduced price. Upon completion of their training, they will no longer be eligible for Resident/fellow membership. Resident/fellow members will not be eligible to vote.

Senior Membership shall be granted to any person sixty-five years or age or older who is an Active or Associate Member in good standing, but no longer in the active practice of neurosurgery or neuroscience. Senior Members shall be exempt from payment of annual dues, but may subscribe to the journal Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery at a reduced price. Senior Members may attend Meetings of the World Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery at the member registration fee.

Section 2. The credentials of candidates

Active or Associate members of the American Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery (ASSFN) will automatically be enrolled as Active or Associate members of the WSSFN. Credentials for active, associate and **resident** membership shall be considered first by a Committee of Credentials appointed by the President. This committee shall consist of 3 members, each to serve four years. It shall report the candidates to the officers for election or rejection. The officers shall establish the annual dues for active and associate members.

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