



## ***Neurologists from all over the world to meet in magical Marrakesh***

With the theme “**With Africa, for Africa**”, the **XXth World Congress of Neurology (WCN) 2011** will provide neurologists from Africa and around the globe a unique opportunity to share knowledge at the world’s largest neurology event. The congress will take place on 12-17 November 2011 in Marrakesh, Morocco.

WCN’s scientific program features world-class speakers and a diverse array of neurological topics as well as several teaching courses, with the ultimate aim of finding real solutions to improve the long-term outcomes for patients with neurological disorders.

In addition to the scientific program, WCN 2011 will feature the dynamic Tournament of the Minds competition and lively social events. Participants will also have the opportunity to take part in tours of beautiful Marrakesh and its surroundings.

“Come to Marrakesh, a cultural, artistic and gastronomical capital,” writes Dr. Vladimir Hachinski, President of the World Federation of Neurology, in his invitation to colleagues.

“The speakers at the XXth WCN have been selected not only for their expertise, but because they can convey the advances in their area to neurologists specializing in their field. The Congress provides wonderful updates in all major areas of neurology and many opportunities for interaction.”

### **Scientific Program**

The scientific program will feature an impressive line-up of international experts. The bulk of the program will be made up of main topic sessions, each with a number of lectures under a common theme. Many of the sessions and lectures will focus on the congress theme, “**With Africa, for Africa**,” and will highlight the achievements of African neurologists and the challenges they face. These include “History of Neuroscience in the Maghreb” on Monday, Nov. 14, and “Neurological Care Policy in Africa” on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Daily plenary sessions will include the following topics:

- The Mirror Neurons and the Cognitive Brain (Giacomo Rizzolatti, Italy)
- The Future of DBS in Neurology and Psychiatry (Alim L. Benabid, France)

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- Challenges in Adopting International Guidelines Into National Stroke Programs (Lu Chuanzhenn, China)
- Neuroaesthetics: Artistic Creativity and the Brain (Sémir Zeki, UK)
- Vertigo and Balance (David Zee, USA)

Also included under the plenary sessions are the Named Orations:

- Melvin D. Yahr Lecture (presented by Anthony Lang, Canada)
- the Eddie and Piloo Bharucha Lecture (Elly Katabira, Uganda)
- Soriano Lecture (Christian Elger, Germany)
- Fulton Symposium Soriano Lecture (Hidehiro Mizusawa, Japan)

### Teaching Courses

Teaching courses are another highlight of the rich scientific program. The courses will run throughout each day of the congress in parallel to the rich and varied scientific program. Participation in a course will translate into separate **CME credits**, in addition to the CME credits given for participation in regular congress sessions.

The course content will include a range of clinical and more general topics. The clinical subject matter will include epilepsy, stroke, infection, sleep, pain, child neurology, movement disorders, and dementia, among others. These sessions will feature practical demonstrations, using equipment specific to the condition or disease under discussion, as well as live demonstrations on patients. But there will also be sessions that address on broader issues, such as a session on advocacy by the American Academy of Neurology, neurological education, and how to write a scientific paper. Teaching courses will also focus on challenges facing neurologists in low-income countries, such as one titled, Dementia in the Developing World.

The World Stroke Organization will present a **free session** titled ABC Cardinal Principles of Stroke Management, and other **free courses** will deal with examining a comatose patient; tremors; diplopia; and myopathy. The International Working Group of Young Neurologists and Trainees will host a **workshop for young neurologists**.

The choice of subject matter reflects the emergence of new therapies and diagnostic technology, such as Botox, deep-brain stimulation, EEG video, interventional radiology, and neuroimaging, as well as the more refined distinctions between the subspecialties, such as sports medicine, brain injury, neurorehabilitation, and neurocritical care.



The congress secretariat will publish a full syllabus for each course ahead of the congress starting date.

### **Tournament of the Minds**

In addition to enjoying a high-quality scientific program and a magical host city, participants will be able to exercise their brains in the Tournament of the Minds.

The Tournament of the Minds is a unique opportunity to interact with colleagues, test intellectual tenacity, and demonstrate national pride, all while competing in **country teams**. As such, the aim of the Tournament of the Minds is to provide an experience that is both educational and entertaining for participants. This is the fourth time the tournament has been organized by the World Federation of Neurology at a World Neurology Congress.

WFN member societies are invited to enter a team of 4 Neurologists in the Tournament. Teams will compete with each other in a knockout competition, to answer questions on a range of Neurological topics based on clinical cases from around the world; the questions will focus on visual material, videos and stills, with a minimum of text. Tournament judges will award the winning team an attractive prize. To participate, please contact the president of the relevant local Member Society who is responsible for coordinating national teams.

**For more details about WCN 2011, please visit the congress web site:**

**[www.wcn-neurology.com](http://www.wcn-neurology.com)**