Stroke Support
The WSO is committed to supporting and/or expanding more stroke support organizations (SSO) - Non Governmental Organizations that address the concerns of stroke survivors and their caregivers.
This can be achieved by representing their and their families’ views on improved stroke care; organizing services and support in the community using trained volunteers with links to professionals; raising awareness about stroke and the need for better resources; sharing experiences and problems resulting from stroke; providing relevant information to stroke survivors and their caregivers; supporting Government initiatives to help prevent stroke in the first place and participating in stroke research. To assist in this, a toolkit was recently produced by the WSO to assist those wishing to create a SSO at any level of their society.

MEMBERSHIP
With over 1200 individual members and 60 society members, WSO has an active membership base comprising of physicians, healthcare professionals, scientific societies and stroke support organizations.

WSO Membership Benefits
1. Active involvement in the global fight against stroke through WSO projects and campaigns
2. Subscription to the International Journal of Stroke (IJS)
3. Receipt of the WSO newsletter
4. Access to webcasts/podcasts of congress sessions
5. Access to the World Stroke Campaign material
6. Access to premium content of the World Stroke Academy (WSA) - an online educational journal with information and CME training about stroke
7. Possibility to run for Board and Officer positions
8. Listing in and access to the WSO Membership Directory
9. Right to apply for WSO travel fellowships and awards
10. Right to apply to World Stroke Congresses and to participate in the call for bids

Membership Categories and Fees
Annual Membership fee for individuals (online journal only)
$75 Regular members
$60 Member Group A*
$52 Members Group B**
$52 Allied health professionals
$52 Trainees
Printed journal, is an additional cost of $75
Discounted rates are available for individuals who are members of a WSO member society

Annual Membership fee for society
$500 Regular member
$525 Member Society Group A*
$600 Member Society Group B**
* Members group A – residents of Upper-middle class income countries (World Bank classification)
** Members group B – residents of lower-middle income countries (World Bank classification)

Do you want to join WSO in combating stroke? Please contact WSO Membership Services at membership@world-stroke.org

Partnership with member societies
WSO is looking to partner with National and Regional societies to reach individuals involved in the fight against stroke. This partnership will involve WSO working closely with the society to implement a joint membership whereby individuals can join the National or Regional society and WSO at the same time.

SUPPORT WSO
WSO has a variety of impactful exciting projects which are open for sponsorship. Support for the WSO mission by way of donation or bequest will accelerate the progress of global stroke initiatives undertaken.

Join us in the fight against stroke NOW!

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CONGRESS

The Biennial World Stroke Congress (WSC)

WSO holds a biennial meeting at locations throughout the world in conjunction with a national stroke society. WSO strives to offer participants opportunities to refine their skills and knowledge in the field of stroke, as well as providing excellent networking opportunities and strengthening scientific collaborations to improve the care of stroke victims throughout the world.

The next WSC will be held 22 – 25 October, 2014 – Istanbul, Turkey

WSO members receive a substantially reduced registration fee!

Travel grants for young physicians

WSO offers awards to Young Physicians up to 35 years of age to allow attendance to the Biennial WSC. Physicians submitting abstracts as first authors are eligible for support to attend the congress. All applicants must provide evidence of WSO membership.

Awards

WSO Awards are granted to those persons who have made an outstanding contribution to the field of stroke. The following awards are available:

• WSO Leadership in Stroke Medicine Award
• WSO President’s Award for Services to Stroke
• WSO President’s Award for Contributions to Clinical Research
• Victor and Clara Soriano Foundation Young Scientist Award
• Barbro B Johansson Award in Stroke Recovery

WSO Endorsements

Important national and regional stroke conferences worldwide can be endorsed by WSO on request.

ACTIVITIES

Collaboration with the WHO

WSO collaborates closely with the World Health Organization (WHO), which has approved WSO as the only non-governmental organization (NGO) whose mission is strictly dedicated to stroke. This represents a major advancement for the professional stroke community and for the worldwide fight against stroke. The approval facilitates ongoing projects such as stroke surveillance, the production of stroke awareness materials and the development of combined sessions and symposia with WHO at international conferences. WSO has been involved in revising the ICD-11, in the NICDNet collaboration, and in the development of a prioritized research agenda for prevention and control of major NCDs.

International Journal of Stroke

The truly global stroke journal. Editor-in-Chief: Geoffrey Donnan
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World Stroke Academy

The World Stroke Academy (WSA) is a project of the World Stroke Organization (WSO) and aims to improve stroke education on a global scale. The portal provides information about stroke for health professionals and physicians, in order to improve prevention, therapy and management of stroke. New information is constantly provided and several CME accredited user friendly modules are released each year. A separate section is also available for patients, families, carers and anyone interested in stroke, aiming to improve the general awareness of stroke.

http://world-stroke-academy.org/

World Stroke Campaign

The World Stroke Campaign seeks to unite and empower the global stroke community by providing information, education and by building effective and targeted partnerships with key organizations that have a positive impact in the fight against stroke and long-term support. World Stroke Day is commemorated annually by WSO member organizations and partners worldwide on 29 October.

The “1 in 6” campaign was launched on World Stroke Day 2010 to put the fight against stroke front and centre on the global health agenda. The “1 in 6” theme highlights the fact that in today’s world, one in six people will have a stroke in their lifetime.

The stroke solidarity string is the winning entry of WSO’s call for a universal symbol of global stroke awareness. It symbolizes the connection between all people touched by stroke, the flow of blood and the healthy function of the brain and body. Wearing the solidarity string signifies empowerment and being united with the stroke community.

Unity is strength!
http://www.worldstrokecampaign.org

Guidelines

The Guideline Subcommittee of WSO was established in 2008. The mandate of this committee is to create a framework and action plan for collaboration in the development and dissemination of stroke guidelines across the continuum of care and across organizations and jurisdictions. A Clinical Practice Guideline Development Handbook for Stroke Care was developed by committee members to assist countries who do not have guidelines to establish them following a validated systematic process. The Handbook is freely available at www.world-stroke.org. This Subcommittee is currently working on an initiative related to the links between clinical practice guidelines and measures of performance and quality of care.