15th INTERIM MEETING
OF THE WORLD FEDERATION
OF NEUROSURGICAL SOCIETIES
SEPTEMBER 8-12, 2015 ROME

1st Announcement
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is our great pleasure to announce the 15th Interim Meeting of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS), which will take place in Rome on September 8-12, 2015.

It is a privilege for the Italian Society of Neurosurgery (SINch) to host this important event after the success of the previous Meetings of Porto de Galinhas, Brazil in 2011 and Nagoya, Japan in 2007 and it is a great honor for us to serve the WFNS, the World professional and scientific Organization which aspires to promote global improvement in neurosurgical care.

The European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS) is also delighted that Europe was chosen for the next WFNS Interim Meeting in Rome in 2015 and for the World Congress in Istanbul in 2017.

The Meeting will focus on the major breakthroughs and advances in Neurosurgery, from clinical practice to research, technology and innovation for a top-level scientific program, including many opportunities for young neurosurgeons through hands-on and educational courses.

Rome is listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site and is one of the greatest open-air museums, recalling about 3000 years of the history of Civilization.

For this reason the Meeting theme is “From ancient Rome to modern world Neurosurgery”.

We will do our best to make this Interim Meeting an unforgettable one and hope that you will enjoy the exciting scientific and social events that we have already begun to plan.

Strengthening friendship among neurosurgeons in the age of globalization and, as stated in the World Congress of Seoul, “building bridges for one neurosurgery in this world” will drive our work in the organization of Rome 2015.

We look forward to seeing you in Rome

Francesco Tomasello  
President of the Congress

Roberto Delfini  
Local Committee President

Franco Servadei  
Chair Scientific Committee

WFNS MISSION STATEMENT
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The purpose of the Federation is the advancement of neurological surgery in all of its aspects by:
A. facilitating the personal association of neurological surgeons throughout the world;
B. aiding in the exchange and dissemination of knowledge and ideas in the field of neurological surgery;
C. encouraging research in neurological surgery and in allied sciences;
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E. promoting, implementing and improving minimum and higher standards of neurosurgical care and training worldwide.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Courses:
- “Hands-on”
- Innovation, simulation and virtual reality
Invited guest lecturers
Meet the Experts
Pros and cons
Complication avoidance and treatment
Live-case discussion (live Twitter streaming)

Video sessions
Learn from errors
Oral and poster presentation
Non neurosurgeon invited guest lecturers

TOPICS:

1. Brain tumours - general
2. Gliomas - innovative strategies
3. Midline intracranial tumours
4. Neuroimaging
5. Neuronavigation
6. Meningiomas
7. Metastatic tumours
8. Pituitary and parasellar lesions
9. Skull base and CP angle tumours
10. Pediatric neuro-oncology
11. Pediatric spine
12. Neuroendoscopy
13. Hydrocephalus and CSF dynamics
14. Chiari malformations
15. Cerebrovascular
16. AVM/AV fistulas
17. Cerebral aneurysms
18. Radiosurgery
19. Head injury/critical care
20. Spinal trauma
21. Spinal degenerative diseases
22. Spinal neuro-oncology
23. Spine: percutaneous & endoscopic techniques
24. Peripheral nerve surgery
25. Epilepsy surgery
26. Neurromodulation and DBS
27. Surgery for chronic pain
28. Surgery for spasticity
29. Infections
30. Neurosurgical training and education
31. Ethics
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CONGRESS VENUE

Rome Mariott Park Hotel
Via Colonnello Tommaso Masala, 54
00148 Rome
Location and climate

PERIOD

September
6-8 Pre Congress Courses
8 Registration and Opening Ceremony
9-12 15th Interim Meeting of WFNS

CLIMATE

• Average temperature of 18 – 25 Celsius degrees
• Low chances of rain