



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



**1<sup>st</sup> Announcement**

## WFNS MISSION STATEMENT

The World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies aspires to promote global improvement in neurosurgical care.

The mission of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS) is to work together with our member societies to improve worldwide neurosurgical care, training and research to benefit our patients.

## ABOUT THE WFNS

Founded in 1955, the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS) is a professional, scientific, non-governmental organization comprising 5 Continental Associations, 114 National Neurosurgical Societies and 5 Affiliate Societies, representing some 30,000 neurosurgeons worldwide.

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;
- D. addressing issues of neurosurgical demography; and
- E. promoting, implementing and improving minimum and higher standards of neurosurgical care and training worldwide.

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.

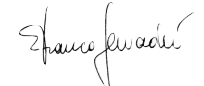
Strengthening friendship among neurosurgeons in the age of globalization and, as stated in the World Congress of Seoul, "building bridges for one neurosurgery in this world" will drive our work in the organization of Rome 2015.

We look forward to seeing you in Rome

**Francesco Tomasello**  
President of the Congress

**Roberto Delfini**  
Local Committee President

**Franco Servadei**  
Chair Scientific Committee



## 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

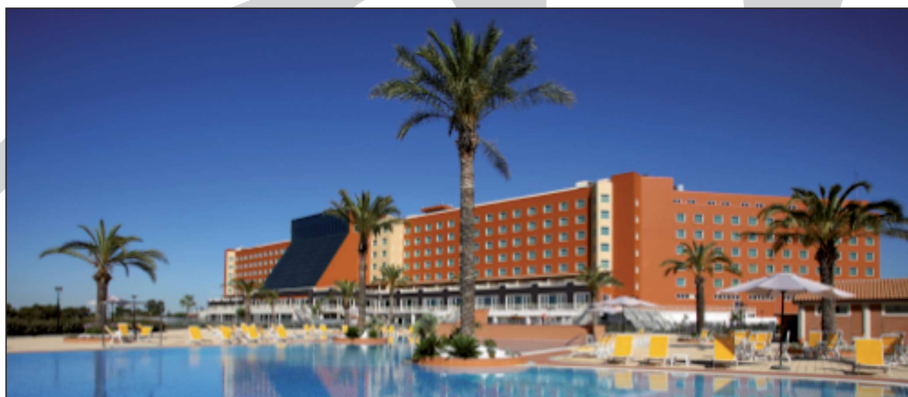
Oral and poster presentation

Non neurosurgeon invited guest lecturers

## TOPICS:

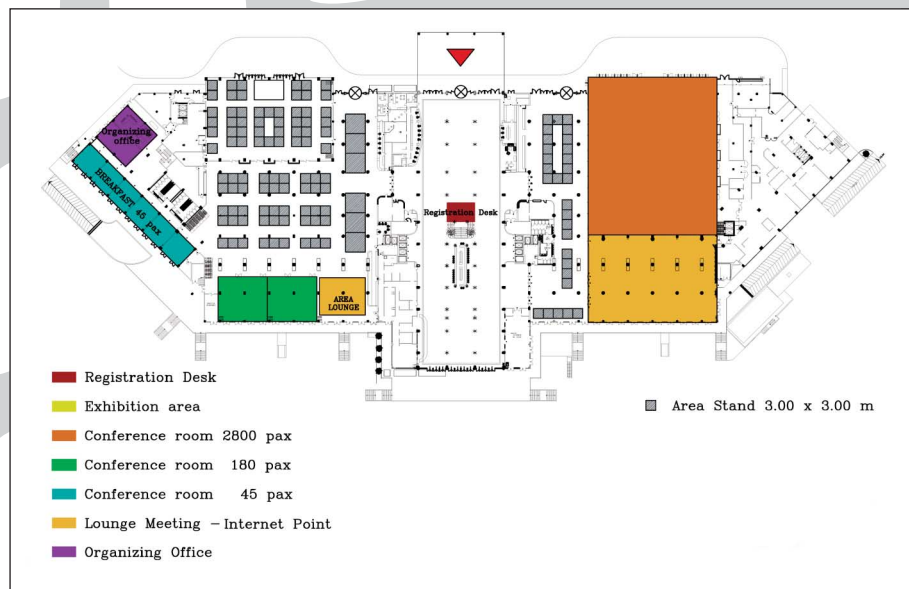
1. Brain tumours - general
2. Gliomas - innovative strategies
3. Midline intracranial tumours
4. Neuroimaging
5. Neuronavigation
6. Meningiomas
7. Metastatic tumours
8. Pituitary and parasellar lesions
9. Skull base and CP angle tumours
10. Pediatric neuro-oncology
11. Pediatric spine
12. Neuroendoscopy
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. Neuromodulation and DBS
27. Surgery for chronic pain
28. Surgery for spasticity
29. Infections
30. Neurosurgical training and education
31. Ethics

## CONGRESS VENUE



### Rome Marriott Park Hotel

Via Colonnello Tommaso Masala, 54  
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## WFNS OFFICERS

### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL & 2ND VICE PRESIDENTS 2013-2017

Tu	Yong-Kwang	President
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## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Francesco Tomasello	Congress President
Roberto Delfini	President of the Local Organizing Committee
Franco Servadei	Chair Scientific Committee
Paolo Cappabianca	Co-chair Scientific Committee
Vincenzo Esposito	Co-chair Scientific Committee
Michelangelo Gangemi	Secretary
Giancarlo Guizzardi	Treasurer

## Organizing Secretariat



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## Location and climate

### PERIOD

#### September

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

### September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	30				

### CLIMATE

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

