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Recife, 28 January 2010

To: All Members of the Nominating Committee of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies

Copy to: All Members of the WFNS Executive Committee; Presidents and Secretaries of All WFNS Member Societies – for information

Dear Members and Colleagues,

My first words go to congratulate all of you for your recent election to the Nominating Committee (NC) of the WFNS.

As you certainly know, the mission of your Committee is of utmost importance to our organization because according to the Bylaws, you should be responsible for the selection of the new Slate of Officers for the term 2013-2017. Your decisions will enable the WFNS to remain strong and be capable of carrying out its many missions and activities in the years to come.

May I remind you about the WFNS deadlines regarding this subject and provide you with a time-table of suggested meetings for the NC, during the next four years.

According to Article VI, Section 6 of our Bylaws, the Nominating Committee must always meet in conclave, this means a private gathering, face-to-face and in this case, with a minimum quorum of five members. Absent members do not vote and all decisions are taken by secret ballot. No member of the NC can be elected to any post of the WFNS.

I suggest and recommend that you meet in Philadelphia, during the AANS meeting (1-5 May 2010), to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee and to start the process of nomination for the President-Elect. It is important to note that Professor Helmut Bertalanffy, former Chairman of the Committee cannot be proposed as Chairman or Vice-Chairman again or for any other WFNS post, however, in Boston, he automatically became a member of the Committee for the next four year period 2009-2013.

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Your first duty is the nomination of the President-Elect of the WFNS, the election of which will take place in Porto de Galinhas, Brazil on 16 September during the XIV WFNS Interim Meeting from 13th to 17th September 2011. The President-Elect will actually take up the position of President of WFNS at the end of the WFNS Congress to be held in Seoul, Korea for the term of office 2013-2017. Please see the list of deadlines below:

- **Proposals from Members of the WFNS Executive Committee for President-Elect will be received by the Secretary of the Federation no later than 04th September 2010.**
- **The final list of proposals for President-Elect will be submitted by the Secretary of WFNS to the Nominating Committee, no later than 16th November 2010.**

May I strongly emphasize that around this time you all meet in person and may I suggest that you might meet during the CNS meeting that will take place in San Francisco, 16th – 21st October 2010. Please see the next list of deadlines below:

- **Your recommendation for President-Elect must be submitted to the Secretary of WFNS, no later than 16th January 2011.**
- **The Secretary of WFNS will submit the name of the nominee to the members of the Executive Committee (EC) no later than 16th March 2011.**

For the rest of the Slate of Officers, the procedure should be as follows.

- **The various member societies of the Federation, through their delegates to the Executive Committee, may nominate and submit to the Secretary of WFNS for consideration of the Nominating Committee, the names of the individuals they would like to have considered for one or another of the offices of the Federation no later than 08th September 2011.**

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First Vice-President

Five Second Vice-Presidents, one from each Continental Organization (AANS, AASNS, EANS, FLANC, PAANS)

Two Second Vice-Presidents “at large”

Secretary

Assistant-Secretary

Treasurer

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Historian

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Coordinator of Committee Activities

Honorary Presidents

10 members of the Nominating Committee – two representatives from each Continental Organization (one member shall be the former Chairperson of the prior Nominating Committee, who cannot be re-elected as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.)

Three members of the Audit Committee

Five members of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Thereafter, the Secretary will submit the full list of proposals for the Slate of Officers 2013-2017 to the Nominating Committee.

I would like to emphasize that the NC shall nominate only one candidate for each office and before sending the names of the appointed persons to the Secretary, the Chair of the NC must get in touch, with the nominee, in writing, in order to have his/her acceptance of the post should he/she be finally elected. Also, the Chair must attend the meetings of the Executive Committee in order to produce explanations to any questions which may be raised by the delegates.

- The NC shall submit the list of nominees to the Secretary of the Federation no later than 08th September 2012.**

Therefore, I suggest that you meet in conclave either during the 2011 WFNS Interim Meeting, Porto de Galinhas, Brazil, 14th to 17th September 2011, or during the AANS Congress which will take place in Denver, 09th to 13th April 2012.

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- **The Secretary shall submit the list of nominees to the delegates of the Executive Committee no later than 08th November 2012**

The Slate of Officers will be elected during the third and last EC meeting taking place at our XV Congress in Seoul, Korea on 12th September 2013.

I apologize for sending you this information and such small details, especially since much of it may already be known to many of you and should it be the case, I really appreciate your understanding. It is my sincere desire that, together, we perform excellent work for the ongoing achievements and progress of the WFNS. Please do not hesitate to contact me whenever you may wish and feel necessary.

Last but not least, I hope that you are all going to attend the 2011 WFNS Interim Meeting at Porto Galinhas, close to my home city and I would like you all to participate in the scientific programme. In this regard, please send 3-4 topics of your choice (lectures of 15 minutes each) in order to allow the organizing committee to chose one or two.

With my warmest personal regards,

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