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To all the Officers of the Administrative Council, Past Presidents, and to all Committee Chairs,

The worldwide pandemic crisis of COVID-19 continues to impact us all professionally and personally. In many places there is now a "second wave" of infection as societies tried to open up to try and return business as usual. Our mission remains the same though, and that is to raise the level of neurosurgical knowledge globally, to provide the best care to our patients all across the world.

Previously, we had decided to cancel any in person meetings through July 2020. Our hope was that the crisis would run its course and that it would be reasonable to restart our business as usual.

Unfortunately the pandemic continues and there are still many areas where the infection incidence and deaths continue to rise. For that reason the Administrative Council decided at its meeting June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 that we would suspend all WFNS sponsored and co-sponsored in person meetings through the rest of 2020.

We are fortunate that many of you have grasped the potential for "virtual meetings" and have taken them to the next level. The leadership of the WFNS would like again encourage all of you to continue to grow our catalog of "meetings" through alternative platforms for interchange and collaboration, specifically utilizing electronic means for webinars, committee meetings, publications, conferences, etc. These webinars and virtual Meetings will be displayed in our website.

We look forward to hearing of the development of new educational initiatives that will carry us beyond this crisis with new opportunities and new ways of doing things going forward.

All of us here at the WFNS wish you stay well and stay healthy and may we all be able to get together again soon.

Sincerely,

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