Dear colleagues,

The International Conference on Recent Advances in Neurotraumatology ICRAN 2018, will be held in Bogotá, on December 8 to 11 of 2018.

This academic meeting is an official international event of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS) together with the Colombian Association of Neurosurgery (ACON) and allows a comprehensive assessment of the most important issues in the world of neurotrauma neurosurgery, including aspects of emergency care, neurological and neuro-critical care, including emerging trends in neuro-rehabilitation. We will discuss topics related to systemic injuries, blunt and penetrating injuries of the head, blunt and penetrating injuries of the spine, vascular injuries, new trends in neurosurgery, hemorrhage control and neuroprotection, organization of integral care for neurotrauma, policy development for centers of excellence in emergency neurosurgery and advances in neuro-rehabilitation.

In addition, into this event, it will be held an International Symposium of the Global Initiative for Emergency and Essential Surgical Care (GIEESC). This initiative is part of a new trend in Global Surgery, including Neurosurgery, promoted by the World Health Organization in order to provide better surgical care for populations in low and middle-income countries.

This event has been endorsed by academic international stakeholders in this topic and will be a great opportunity to improve the quality of care for patients with neurotrauma and neurosurgical emergencies in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

Several pre-conference activities will take place, including:

- Course of integrated Management of Neurotrauma (AOI Foundation - Switzerland, Neurotrauma and Critical Care Sections, Colombian Association of Neurosurgery - ACON, Latin American Federation of Neurosurgical Societies - FLANC, and American Association of Neurological Surgeons / Congress of Neurological Surgeons - ANNS / CNES).
- Course on Research Methodology for Clinical Studies in Neurosurgery, General Surgery, Critical and Emergency Care (Barnes Institute - Phoenix Children's Hospital / Office of Global Health, Department of Surgery - University of Pittsburgh - USA, MEDTECHR Foundation, Colombian Chapter - Global Initiative for Emergency and Essential Surgical Care - World Health Organization).
- Course of Implementation of Head Injury Management Guidelines for Nurses and Hospital Providers (Colombian Ministry of Health - Colombian Association of Trauma, Colombian Association of Neurosurgery).
- Course on Quality Improvement for Integral Care of Trauma Patients (Pan-American Trauma Society / Pan American Health Organization).

We encourage national, regional and international community to engage and integrate to this important event where cutting-edge ideas will be exchanged to improve the outcome of patients with neurological emergencies, including specific initiatives associated with neuro-earma events.

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