Course title: WFNS Education and Training Course “Updates in Neurosurgery” in conjunction with the XXV Congreso Mexicano e international de cirurgia neurologica 2019
Course dates: July 7-8, 2019
Course venue(s): Nuevo Vallarta, Nayarit, Mexico
Course organizers: Isabelle M. Germano and Barbara Nettel
Course sponsors – none
Course content/format –

The WFNS Education and Training Committee organized a didactic and inter-active course in collaboration with Dr. José Damián Carrillo Ruíz, President of the Mexican National Meeting of Neurosurgery, and Dr. Juan Luis Gomes Amador, Scientific Program Director during the XXV Mexican National Meeting of Neurosurgery in Nuevo Vallarta, Nayarit, Mexico on July 7 & 8, 2019.

The educational activity was structured in two components. The first will take place prior to the official inauguration of the meeting, on Sunday July 7, 2019 and consisted of didactic lectures, highlighting what is new in each of the neurosurgical subspecialties, namely: trauma, cerebrovascular, brain tumors, skull base, pediatrics, spine, peripheral nerve, movement disorders, epilepsy.

The second part, on Monday July 8, 2019 consisted of interactive case presentations in each of the neurosurgical sub-specialties by young Mexican neurosurgeons for each of the above sub-specialties followed by discussion by two senior neurosurgeons, one from WFNS faculty and one Mexican.

Course presenters –

Isabelle M Germano, MD, MBA, WFNS Education and Training Committee chair, with the participation of WFNS Education Committee members Barbara Nettle (Mexico), Jean Goncalves de Oliveira (Brazil), and Moji Hodaie (Canada) organized the course. Many senior Mexican and international neurosurgeons were also part of the distinguished faculty: Prof. Franco Servadei, Ramiro López Elizalde, José Antonio Soriano, Carlos Rodríguez-Aceves. Alma G Ramirez Reyes.

Course participants –

50 in-training participants to the WFNS course, from over 15 countries in North, Central, and South America and Europe, over a total 300 participants to the meeting.

Course evaluation –

The participants sent numerous messages thanking the Faculty for their time. They particularly enjoyed the opportunity to present their own cases and to interact during the discussion.
Photo 1: WFNS faculty: Franco Servadei (Italy), Jean G. De Oliveira (Brazil), Isabelle Germano (US), Moji Hodaie (Canada), Barbara Nettel (Mexico);

Photo 2: Audience;

Photo 3: WFNS and International faculty