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### WSO Membership

#### WSO individual members enjoy the following benefits:

- Free subscription to **International Journal of Stroke (IJS)**
- On-line access to IJS
- Reduced registration fees to the World Stroke Congresses (biennial).
- **NEW!** Free access to webcasted/podcasted **sessions of the latest WSO Congress**
- Inclusion in and access to the online WSO Membership Directory
- **Continuous** updates on international stroke activities
- Connections to **key leaders** and researchers in the field of stroke/neurology
- Possibility to apply for **WSO travel fellowships** and **awards** associated with major scientific meetings of the WSO
- Right to host World Stroke Congresses and to participate in the call for bids
- Right to vote for, be nominated or elected to the Board of Directors and a say in the running of the Society
- Membership Certificate (upon request)

#### WSO member Societies enjoy the following benefits\*:

- One free subscription to **International Journal of Stroke (IJS)**
- **NEW!** One free access to webcasted/podcasted **sessions of the latest WSO Congress**
- Possibility to apply for reduced Membership fees to WSO for their individual members \*\*
- WSO may endorse worthy international or national stroke-related meetings of member societies \*\*
- Continuous updates on international stroke activities
- Connections to **key leaders** and researchers in the field of stroke/neurology
- Inclusion in and access to the online WSO Membership Directory

\* Benefits are for the society (not for its individual members)

\*\* For this benefit, **WSO member societies** need to send an application to WSO Administrative office

### Donations

Support for the WSO Mission by way of donation or bequest will accelerate the progress of global stroke initiatives undertaken by the WSO. Registered Tax exemption is available both in Switzerland and USA.

For further information contact WSO Administrative Office.



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Organization**

*The voice for Stroke*



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WORLD STROKE ORGANIZATION

### The Problem

**Stroke is**

- a leading cause of death and disability worldwide. As the population ages, the burden of the disease on society will increase substantially.
- preventable, but preventive efforts are still far from optimal and need to be increased.
- treatable. For those who suffer a stroke evidence-based, therapies are available, but they are far from being fully used in any region. Low resource areas of the world face particularly challenging problems. Stroke is a major public health issue requiring international collaboration and activities.

### History

The WSO is the result of a merger between the International Stroke Society (ISS) and the World Stroke Federation (WSF). The ISS was established in 1989 and was initially formed mainly by individual members. The WSF was formed in June 2004 by professional and stroke support societies. However, both boards agreed that there was a need to have stroke represented by a single voice with a broad-based representation from professional individuals as well as professional and stroke support organizations.

Therefore, on the 29th of October 2006, at the World Stroke Congress in Cape Town, the ISS and the WSF decided to merge to form the World Stroke Organization (WSO). The merging process was completed in 2008.

### WSO Mission

The mission of the World Stroke Organization (WSO) is to provide access to stroke care and to promote research and teaching in this area that will improve the care of stroke victims throughout the world by:

1. Promoting prevention and care of persons with stroke and vascular dementia
2. Fostering the best standards of practice
3. Educating, in collaboration with other international, public, and private organizations
4. Facilitating clinical research

The WSO will work to increase visibility and credibility of its activities among stroke clinicians, researchers, other health professionals, international professional and stroke support organizations, and the general public. This will be accomplished through publications, surveys, campaigns, a website and cooperation with other medical and stroke support organizations.

### WSO Activities

#### WSO and WHO

The World Health Organization (WHO) has approved WSO as one of their non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in official relations. This represents a major advancement for the stroke professional community and for the support of the worldwide fight against stroke. WSO is the only NGO at WHO with a mission strictly devoted to stroke.

The inclusion of WSO among the dramatically shortened number of professional NGOs at WHO is particularly helpful in stabilizing and facilitating ongoing projects, which include among others the Global Stroke Initiative (see below), the production of stroke awareness material for the public, the development of combined sessions and symposia at international conferences, and involvement in WHO campaigns to prevent non-communicable diseases.

- Launch and develop the **Global Stroke Initiative**, in association with WHO and WFN (World Federation of Neurology).
  - Objectives: (1) stroke surveillance, (2) community education on stroke risk factors and their control, (3) health care education for current stroke management strategies and preventative measures.
  - Initiated in 5 countries: India (Mumbai), Iran, Mozambique, Nigeria, Russia (Moscow).
- Publication of **educational material** with WHO, including patient guidelines for stroke-risk reduction and inter-country comparison of risk factors.

### JOURNAL

**International Journal of Stroke**  
The truly global stroke journal.

**Editor-in-Chief:** Geoffrey Donnan  
**Associate Editors:** Andrei Alexandrov, Peter Rothwell, Conrad Estol, Lawrence Wong



**Frequency:** 6 issues per year (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov)  
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### GUIDELINES

The Guidelines Subcommittee of the WSO has initiated a major initiative to **collect information** on all current stroke guidelines from different regions, **verify the processes** for their development and for the assessment of their impact, and to make them **available through the society**. The WSO also aims to develop facilities to coordinate and harmonize some common steps in guideline preparations.

### CONGRESSES

- Organization of **World Stroke Congresses**.  
Next Congress: October 13-16, 2010 – Seoul, Korea  
**Membership provides a reduced registration fee!**  
Congress sites during the past 15 years were Japan (1989), USA (1992), Germany (1996), Australia (2000), Canada (2004), South Africa (2006) and Austria (2008).  
World Stroke Congresses are now held every 2 years.
- Organization of the **2nd Helsingborg Consensus Conference “European Stroke Strategies”** (March 2006). It was a collaborative effort of the ISS (now incorporated into WSO), WHO-Europe, the International Society of Internal Medicine (ISIM) and the European Stroke Council (ESC).
- **Important national and regional stroke conferences** worldwide are endorsed by WSO.

### GRANTS FOR YOUNG PHYSICIANS

Every 2 years WSO provides a limited number of scholarships to the authors of accepted abstracts to encourage and enable young investigators up to 35 years of age to attend World Stroke Congresses. Applicants must provide evidence of WSO membership.

### AWARDS

**WSO Leadership in Stroke Medicine Award**  
**WSO President’s Award for Services to Stroke**  
**WSO President’s Award for Contributions to Clinical Research**  
WSO Awards are granted to outstanding persons in the field, on the occasion of the biennial World Stroke Congresses.

### EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- **ABC of Stroke: Cardinal Principles of stroke management**  
The program on ABC of Stroke, started in Cape Town during the Joint World Stroke Congress in 2006, conducted in China in 2007-2008 and in Vietnam in 2008 is the largest professional stroke campaign ever held. The training program will **be continued**. Lectures in English as well as in Chinese are available on WSO website.
- **Other programs will be developed in the future.**

### WORLD STROKE DAY

The date for the **World Stroke Day** is fixed to **October 29**, chosen because this was the date when the WSO was officially formed in 2006.  
The themes for the World Stroke Day were:  
**“Stroke is a treatable and preventable catastrophe”** (2007)  
**“Little strokes, big trouble”** (2008)  
National and regional stroke societies are encouraged to celebrate World Stroke Day with endorsement from the WSO.



## Membership Application Form

Please complete the form in BOLD or TYPE print and send it by fax/mail to the WSO Administrative Office or online at: [www.world-stroke.org/wso\\_members.asp](http://www.world-stroke.org/wso_members.asp)

**I wish to apply for:**

- Individual membership (1)
- Society membership (2)

**(1) Annual Membership fee for individuals:**

- US\$ 150 Regular member
- US\$ 120 Member Group A
- US\$ 25 \* Member Group B Trainee, Paramedical or Nursing
- US\$ 25 \* Regular Trainee/Paramedical/Nursing Member
- US\$ 15 \* Trainee/Paramedical/Nursing Member Group A
- US\$ 5 \* Trainee/Paramedical/Nursing Member Group B

**(2) Annual Membership fee for societies:**

- US\$ 500 Regular Society member
- US\$ 250 Member Society Group A
- US\$ 100 Member Society Group B

**Members Group A** - residents of Upper- middle class income countries as listed by the World Bank.

For more information: <http://www.world-stroke.org/groupa.htm>

**Members Group B** - residents of Lower-middle income countries as listed by the World Bank

For more information: <http://www.world-stroke.org/groupb.htm>

\* This price includes **only on-line access** to the International Journal of Stroke

**Surname /Family name:** .....

**First name and middle initial(s):** .....

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**City & Code:** .....

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