

IFCN President's Message

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Dear Colleagues:

Happy New Year from ExCo to all its Societies and the Society members. We wish everyone a successful and happy new year.

The new ExCo, which started its duties in March 2014 at the Berlin Congress, had its first full meeting in Pattaya, Thailand in December. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Thai Clinical Neurophysiology Society, and included a very successful one day course in Clinical Neurophysiology. Photographs from the course are on the IFCN website (ifcn.info).

As you likely know, the next major Congress will be in Washington, DC in 2018, organized by the American Clinical Neurophysiology Society. In the meantime, there will be the Chapter meetings. The Latin American Chapter meets in Cartagena, Columbia in March 2015, followed by the European Chapter meeting in Brno, Czech Republic in September 2015. Both of these meetings should be excellent and worth attending.

We are currently in process of selecting the next Editor-in-Chief of Clinical Neurophysiology. Prof. David Burke will be completing his 8-year term at the end of 2015. We are pleased that the Journal has done well under his leadership.

You will shortly receive a notice about our Visiting Professor Program which got off to an excellent start in 2014. Prof. Renato Verdugo participated in a meeting in Guatemala, which was heavily attended, and gave lectures and workshops on EMG techniques. We were hoping to have a similar event in Egypt, but had to be cancelled due to unrest in the area. We are open for two more events in 2015. The IFCN will pay all expenses for a visiting professor to attend a local society meeting. If interested, you should apply.

The IFCN fellowship program is also going very well. IFCN fellows receive a stipend that allows training in clinical neurophysiology. Previously this program focused on fellows from developing countries to go to developed countries, but this year we will pilot a new program that will include fellows in developed countries.

ExCo is also keen to sponsor small meetings that will lead to scientific advances, and we are open for applications. If you want support for courses, this should come from your Chapter, but for scientific meetings, funding can come from central funds.

The IFCN website is a valuable source of information. We are continuously updating it. We are hoping to add links to educational materials and resources. We will do our best in this regard, and will be happy to hear if any of the societies have links or materials that we can link to from our website.

Please be in touch with us if there is any concern or question.

Best wishes.



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