

Business Meeting
Special Interest Group
Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (SBH)
World Federation of Neurorehabilitation (WFNR)
WCNR 2012
Melbourne – Australia
17/5/12

Participants:

Caroline Hodge

Caroline West

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David L. Nash

Mario Patricolo

Maximillian Cervellione

Morino Tolelo

Sabahat A. Wasti

Sharon Bird

Vipul Upadhyay

Volker Homberg

1. Greetings from Dr Patricolo
2. Introduction of the attending delegates
3. Feedback of the 16/5/12 workshop
 - a. Dr West stated that to have focused on the bladder was interesting in her opinion as usually this is an “overlooked” area of the SBH management.
 - b. Dr Patricolo informed that the slides from all presentation will be published on the WFNR website after conversion to a copyright compatible format.
4. Dr Patricolo reported regarding the previous meeting of the SIG, since the formation of it until before the Australia Conference.
5. Dr Wasti: considering the constitution of WFNR, he would suggest to change the name of the panel to Special Interest Group – Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, (approved).
6. Dr Wasti stated that in the opinion of the WFNR Board, the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Panel is one of the most active SIG within the WFNR, so potentially it could become a “Stand-alone WFNR Section. Dr Patricolo asked to Dr Wasti to formally write to the WFNR

board to request this change to the SIG-SBH profile from SIG to Section. We remain awaiting for his action/feedback.

7. Dr Patricolo invites all SIG Members to continue recruiting new members for the panel
8. Dr Vipul invites Dr. West to become Honorary Member of the SIG – SBH and part of the Oceania Team that he leads.
9. Dr West accepted the invitation and asked Dr Vipul to attend the SB Meeting in Australia (October 2012)
10. Dr Vipul said that it will be difficult for him to attend the meeting
11. Dr Wasti, Dr Patricolo discussed about the role of Associate Member and it was decided that there will be Members, Honorary Members, Executive Team Members (Board of SIG) and Expert Consultants.
12. Dr Cervellione invited Dr Patricolo to clarify on the website the roles of Honorary, Associate and Ordinary Members, etc. and Dr. Patricolo has listed it in his future SIG agenda.
13. Dr. West requests the possibility of considering “Affiliate Membership.”
14. The SIG - Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus agreed that the Board would not change until the 2014 Congress in Istanbul.
15. Dr Volker informed the SIG – SBHP attendees that funds to support future scientific events of the SIG are potentially available
16. Dr Patricolo suggested that at the 2014 WCNR the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus SIG would organise a Symposium.
17. Dr Wasti suggested that the local organisers should collect some funds for WFNR, when organising events in their area.
18. Dr Volker explained to the attendees regional structure of WFNR
19. Dr Patricolo announced the 2nd Abu Dhabi Continence Week (2nd ABC Week) in the Emirates, for April 2013
20. Dr. Homberg stated that WFNR will support the 2nd ABC Week.
21. Dr Homberg announced that WFNR is considering improved ways of web communication
22. Dr Patricolo informed all that the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus SIG has a Facebook page
23. The delegates discussed about clinical guidelines and agreed to use the current guidelines published by ICCS, ESPU, AAP and other organisations, after review and collegial approval, maintaining the historical ones published by WFNR on the SIG page, (SBHPGA Guidelines) on the website.
24. Dr Volker suggested that WFNR Board could formally approve the chosen guidelines.
25. Dr Patricolo asked if next SIG Business Meeting should be during the BAPU/ICCS/ERC Congress in London in October 2012, but it seems more realistic that a Business Meeting will take place in Abu Dhabi in November 2012 or in April 2013.
26. Dr Cervellione invites to give a more multidisciplinary profile to the SIG Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Board, inviting different sub-specialities to executive roles.
27. Dr Patricolo closed the meeting.