

WFNR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Name of Special Interest Group	Plexopathies
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Co-Chair(s) where applicable	N.A.
Number of Members	Unknown, no official members, approximately 10-15 interested WFNR members so far.
Key objectives and action plan	<p>To stimulate and communicate scientific research focused on the improvement of functional diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of persons with plexopathies of various etiologies</p> <p>To promote molecular, genetic, physiological, biomechanical, treatment (rehabilitation, surgical and pharmaceutical), compensatory aids and behavioral studies directed at elucidating and decreasing the impairments of persons with plexopathies</p> <p>The ultimate goal is to contribute to an increase in activity and participation levels of persons with plexopathies.</p>
Activities during previous 12 months	<p>We had a workshop regarding neuralgic amyotrophy and shoulder examination in plexopathies for the WCNR 2022. Unfortunately, only a few participants registered for this workshop, so we decided to cancel the workshop since the time investment of one of the speakers did not balance out to the expected workshop occupancy.</p> <p>During the last year there have been several activities related to education, scientific research and clinical treatment within Plexopathies. With a main focus on neuralgic amyotrophy which is the most frequent occurring plexopathy, but most of these concepts are also applicable to other plexopathies.</p> <p>We have established an international study group on Neuralgic amyotrophy with several centers in USA, Netherlands and Hungary and Switzerland with participation of rehabilitation, neurology, neurophysiology, neurosurgery and radiology.</p> <p>Preparations for a possible NIH grant proposal from the international study group.</p>

Proposed activities	Expand collaboration and increase network members across the globe and across the different medical professions
Publications	None from the SIG itself. Multiple papers on plexopathies and neuralgic amyotrophy from international collaborators.

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