**WFNR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ANNUAL REPORT**

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| Name of Special Interest Group | Neuropsychological Rehabilitation |
| Chair  Email | Robyn Tate  [robyn.tate@sydney.edu.au](mailto:robyn.tate@sydney.edu.au)  Barbara Wilson, founding Chair of the NR-SIG in 2006, stood down as Chair at the NR-SIG 2021 AGM |
| Co-Chair(s) where applicable | NR-SIG Committee: Secretary: Michael Perdices, Treasurer: Caroline van Heugten, Committee members: Anna Adlam, Satu Baylan, Jonathan Evans, Jennie Ponsford, Tamara Ownsworth  New committee members appointed at the 2021 AGM: Paul Gertler, Kate Gould  Conference organiser and honorary administrator: Margaret Eagers |
| Number of Members | 165 members from 30 countries; an 11.5% increase from 2020 (n=148) |
| Key objectives and action plan | The NR-SIG is for clinicians and researchers in a multitude of disciplines interested in the rehabilitation of people across the lifespan with cognitive, emotional, psychosocial and behavioural deficits caused by acquired brain injury or neurological disease (both progressive and nonprogressive).  The main objectives of the NR-SIG are as follows:   1. To encourage and support multidisciplinary clinical practice and research into the rehabilitation of people with cognitive, emotional, psychosocial and behavioural deficits caused by brain injury or neurological conditions (both progressive and nonprogressive) across the lifespan 2. To improve the care of survivors of brain injury and their families through the translation of clinically relevant research 3. To support the future of neuropsychological rehabilitation throughout the world and to provide a forum of communication for those with an interest in the area.   We work on these objectives via our annual 2-day conference, the training of students and the provision of continuing education activities to clinicians and researchers with lectures, webinars and workshops, including participating in the WFNR Flying Faculty programme.  In addition, funds generated from NR-SIG activities are channelled into a travel bursary system for attendance at the annual 2-day conference: One bursary is dedicated to clinicians or researchers who are permanent residents from low, lower-middle and upper-middle income countries (as defined by the World Bank); two bursaries are dedicated to Masters or PhD students or Early Career clinicians or researchers in other countries. |
| Activities during previous 12 months | The main event during 2021 was the 18th annual 2-day conference, held as a hybrid meeting in Lorne on 5-6 July 2021, Australia. Co-chairs were Jennie Ponsford and Tamara Ownsworth. There were 174 delegates (34 live; 140 online), with a rich programme of 91 presentations, which included 39 platform presentations, 14 datablitz presentations, and 39 electronic poster presentations.  The NR-SIG also responded to requests via the WFNR:  (a) The NR-SIG Chair was appointed Chair of the WFNR SIG Committee  (b) The NR-SIG submitted 8 proposals for consideration at the WCNR2022 in Vienna  (c) The NR-SIG chair presented two invited lectures at online meetings (Asia Oceania Congress of Neurorehabilitation in India in August 2001; European Congress of Neurorehabilitation in Germany in December 2021)  (d) The NR-SIG chair, as Chair of SIG Committee, was invited to be a member of the scientific programme committee for the WCNR2022  (e) The NR-SIG chair was invited to join the peer-review group of the WHO Rehabilitation Program initiative: Package of Interventions for Rehabilitation for Traumatic Brain Injury |
| Proposed activities | (a) The main event for 2022 will be the 19th annual 2-day conference, to be held in Maastricht, The Netherlands on 13-14 October, 2022. Chair is Caroline van Heugten. Due to the continuing pandemic it will probably be held as a hybrid meeting.  (b) In 2022 we will be reviving the NR-SIG Newsletter  (c) The NR-SIG has submitted proposals for consideration at the WCNR2022 in Vienna and hope to have a strong presence at the December 2022 meeting |
| Publications | As usual, many members of the NR-SIG published a large number of articles during 2021, but no specific publications related to WFNR/NR-SIG activities. |

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