

WFNR has had a strong presence in many parts of the world, as befits its mission. Its place in South America started to expand in 2007 when it began forging alliances with local institutions who were members of the Federation. In 2008, WFNR held its 5th World Congress for Neurorehabilitation in Brasilia, Brazil, launching a close and fruitful relationship that has deepened its impact in this region. The World Congress in Brasilia had participants from 74 countries and introduced the Federation to countless new professionals. The interest was so significant that the Regional Scientific Conference Series of South America began shortly thereafter, to attend to this growing need. These symposia took place every year in different regions of Brazil - the largest and most centralized country in South America and the hub for new research and practices in the field of Neurorehabilitation.

These events were sponsored by the SARAH Network of Rehabilitation Hospitals, an institution that treats, free of charge, over 2,000,000 patients from all over Brazil every year. Attendees at these meetings, which took place in at least six Brazilian cities, came from different regions such as Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte, Salvador, Fortaleza, and São Luís.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought a need to adjust to a new reality. Instead of suspending these



**5th World Congress for NeuroRehabilitation**  
24 - 27 September 2008. Brasília, Brazil

in-person scientific meetings, they were instead transitioned to a fully remote platform. Attendance remained robust, if not stronger, as professionals sought guidance in challenging times. To mark the importance of WFNR/South America's role in this part of the world, a celebration of the 25-year anniversary of WFNR was held remotely in Brasilia, with the virtual participation of speakers and attendees from 134 countries.

**WFNR 25 YEARS ANNIVERSARY**

**International Conference on Neurosciences and Neurorehabilitation**  
Brazil - South America

October 28 - 29, 2021

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**WFNR** World Federation for Neurorehabilitation

**SARAH** The SARAH Network of Rehabilitation Hospitals



# 2022

## Regional Scientific Conference Series in South America

In 2022, in addition to the seven annual Scientific Conference Series in the aforementioned cities, the First Scientific Conference Series for Neurorehabilitation was held in the state of Amazônia, the northern region of Brazil, in the cities of Belém and Macapá. This year alone, eight Conferences were held, with over 15,000 participants total, from 17 Brazilian states. These photos from the 2022 Scientific Conference Series, all delivered as hybrid

modalities (both in-person and remote), illustrate the scope of the events.

WFNR's alliance in South America, specifically its close collaboration with the SARAH Network, illustrates the Federation's commitment to bringing its mission to diverse parts of the globe – and the positive impact that these partnerships engender.

North East Region

### XIV Scientific Conference

29 - 30 September | Fortaleza



### Neurorehabilitation Webinar

30 September | Fortaleza



### XIII Scientific Conference

Salvador | 27 - 28 October



### VIII Scientific Conference

São Luís | 23 - 25 November



Southeast Region

### X Scientific Conference

Rio de Janeiro | 8 - 9 September



### IX Scientific Conference

Belo Horizonte | 20 - 21 October



Midwest Region

### IX Scientific Conference

Brasília | 6 - 7 October



Amazon Region

### I Scientific Conference

Belém-Macapá | 17 - 18 November

