**WFNR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2021**

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| Name of Special Interest Group | Telerehabilitation |
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| Number of Members | n.a. |
| Key objectives and action plan | To realize a worldwide network of people involved in Telerehabilitation  To stimulate the researches on Telerehabilitation  To improve the translation from research studies to clinical services on Telerhabilitation |
| Activities during previous 12 months | Accomplished activities:  -During the 2021 AOCNR, we organized a session on Telerehabilitation, focused on: "Telerehabilitation: considerations on motor teletherapy”. Many speakers from various regions of the world presented a contribute: HyangHee Kim (South Korea), Nirmal Surya (India), Yu Lin Wang (Taiwan), Irene Battel (Italy), Intan Sabrina Mohamad (Malaysia), Carl Froilan Leochico (Philippines), Paolo Tonin (Italy).  -In the same AOCNR Congress, the SIG on Telerehabilitation participated to a session organized by the SIG on Community Based Neurorehabilitation, with a presentation on: “Community based neurorehabilitation: the limited role of Telerehabilitation” (Paolo Tonin)  -Participation to the: 3° European R2S2. Robotic Rehabilitation Summer School, with a presentation on “Growth of telerehabilitation: success and risks” (Paolo Tonin)  -Continuation of the working groups on the "Guidelines for teleneurorehabilitation". Currently the data collection is focused on: motor teleneurorehabilitation and cognitive teleneurorehabilitation. (coordinators Rocco Salvo Calabrò and Carl Froilan Leochico) |
| Proposed activities | Active participation in WCNR 2022 Vienna, with the proposals of two symposia in addition to the SIG meeting:  a) Joint proposal of Telerehabilitation, Dysphagia and Communication SIGs. Title: Management of aphasia, dysphagia and dysarthria from a distance  b) Joint proposal of Telerehabilitation and Developing World SIGs Title: Barriers for Telerehabilitation in developing regions  c) SIG on Telerehabilitation meeting Topics: election of the new chair and the other members of the governance structure; reorganization of the SIG, included a revision of the list of members. |
| Publications | -Publication of the book: Tele-Neurorehabilitation.  EDITED: Paolo Tonin, Annie Jane Hill, Nam-Jong Paik and Swathi Kiran  PUBLISHED IN: Frontiers in Neurology. December 2021 |

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