

Message from the PANS President

Dear Colleagues,

Twelve years have passed since the PANS was born in Riyadh 1996 and a lot of our goals have been achieved in the interim. In this time the PANS has been devoted to support, help and coordinate the activities of different Arab Neurosurgical Societies, Arab Neurosurgeons and participating in International Neurosurgical Activities, where the PANS would promote the real development of Neurosurgical Activities as the one of the main objectives of PANS.

During these years several joint meetings, training courses and symposia were conducted in association with several International Organizations such as the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies and the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies, and other societies.

As a major achievement the Pan Arab Journal of Neurosurgery, which is today is one of the major regional journals with an outstanding international standard, became as a reference for a lot of neurosurgeons to read and review a good variety of quality papers.

As everyone knows the last decade of the 2nd millennium was the decade of the brain which demonstrated the scientific advances in Biomedical Research promising several potential cures for many neurologic diseases within the coming decade. There was also great development in the Neuroscience and Neurosurgical services and activities around the Arab world where these days most Neurological, as well as Neurosurgical cases, are completely treated and handled locally in different Neurosurgical Centers around the Arab world.

A continuing ambitious agenda is hoped for the next two years and we wish to establish the second phase of the PANS plan which is to improve the opportunities for young neurosurgeons, as in the years to come and with the complexity and sub-specialization of neurosurgery progressing much more rapidly than the so constrained available time for training of young neurosurgeons, we have to understand and find a efficient solution to the problem of quickly transferring new clinical neuroscience knowledge into educational forms.

Such an agenda includes the expansion of the PANS organization to adapt more neurosurgical expertise from all over the Arab countries by creating Sub-Specialty Committees. I would like to invite those with specific sub-specialty knowledge and skills, who would happily serve in these Committees in an endeavour to share their expertise to send their CV to us.

I wish all our colleagues a very fruitful career with my best regards.

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