



Dear Friends and Colleagues,
Welcome to the inaugural Newsletter for the NR-SIG-WFNR.

The origins of the Special Interest Group in Neuropsychological Rehabilitation (SIG) grew from a lunch time discussion between Robyn Tate, Michael Perdices and myself in a winery in the Hunter Valley, Australia in 2003. We decided to hold a satellite meeting on rehabilitation following the International Neuropsychological Society's mid-year conference to be held in Brisbane the following year (2004). This first meeting was chaired by Robyn Tate and held in Uluru (Ayers Rock) in July 2004. It was considered by all who attended as so successful that we decided to make it an annual event. From the second satellite meeting, held in Galway, Ireland in 2005, came the idea of a new international group in NeuroRehabilitation. I decided to look into ways this might be achieved and said I would feed back at the third satellite meeting to be held in Liechtenstein in 2006. After considerable debate and gentle persuasion from Michael Barnes, the then president and founder of the World Federation of NeuroRehabilitation, we decided to join forces with the WFNR.

The new SIG was formed in July 2006 and formally announced at the 2006 Liechtenstein meeting. We had, by then, decided that the fourth satellite meeting would be held in San Sebastian, Spain so the inaugural meeting of the WFNR SIG in Neuropsychological Rehabilitation was held there in 2007 after the INS in Bilbao. Although affiliated to the WFNR, we decided to continue to hold our meetings in conjunction with the INS, mostly because the WFNR World Congress Meetings were held every two years rather than annually. At this time we formalised our committee, consisting of Barbara A. Wilson (Chair), Robyn L. Tate (Secretary) and members, Jonathan Evans, Tamara Ownsworth, Michael Perdices and Jennie Ponsford. James Malec joined us later as Treasurer. The 2008 meeting was held in Iguazu Falls, Brazil after the INS in Buenos Aires, Argentina; the 2009 meeting was in Tallin, Estonia and the 2010

meeting in Krakow, Poland. We then went back to Australasia, to Rotorua in New Zealand. It was at this meeting that the very efficient Margaret Eagers took over as conference organiser and has remained so ever since. James Malec became treasurer formally at this time. In 2012 our meeting was held in Bergen, Norway followed by Maastricht in 2013 and Cyprus in 2014. The most recent member of the committee is Anna Adlam whose work is with children. Margaret became our new Executive Officer after the Cyprus meeting. We are now looking forward to our next meeting on Daydream Island, Australia in July 2015.

Barbara A. Wilson, Chairperson of SIG

THIS MONTH WE SHOWCASE THE NR-SIG-WFNR's Secretary

Professor Robyn L. Tate



Employed at Rehabilitation Studies Unit, Sydney Medical School and University of Sydney, Australia. Robyn is a clinical

psychologist and neuropsychologist with extensive clinical experience in rehabilitation after TBI. Robyn instigated and is Program Director of PscybITE. She is Founding Co-Editor of Brain Impairment the official journal of ASSBI, she is also an Executive Editor of Neuropsychological Rehabilitation. She is on the Management Committee of WFNR and is an ASSBI Fellow. Robyn has supervised the research of more than 40 students and her publications include a 10-chapter book on outcome measurement and more than 90 journal articles and book chapters.

LATE BREAKING NEWS!

We are proud to announce that Slater and Gordon Lawyers have come on board as our Corporate Partners. Slater and Gordon is a leading consumer law firm who strive to give everyday people easier access to world class legal services. They have offices throughout Australia and the UK



NR-SIG-WFNR COMMITTEE

Prof Barbara Wilson (Chairperson)
Prof James Malec (Treasurer)
Prof Robyn Tate (Secretary)
Dr Anna Adlam
Prof Jon Evans
A/Prof Tamara Ownsworth
Dr Michael Perdices
Prof Jennie Ponsford

Not a member of the NR-SIG-WFNR yet?

The NR-SIG-WFNR is **FREE** to join when you are a member of the WFNR, email your WFNR membership number to [Margaret](mailto:Margaret@nr-sig-wfnr.org) its that easy, if you are not a [WFNR](http://www.wfnr.org) member join now. NR-SIG-WFNR members will get a discount to the 2015 conference

ONLY €30

EVENTS

WFNR Certificate Course in Neurological Rehabilitation 2015
When: 6-17 April 2015
Where: Seongnam, South Korea
Contact: nipaik@snu.ac.kr

INS/ASSBI 5th Pacific Rim Conference
When: 1-4 July 2015
Where: Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, Australia
Contact: admin@assbi.com.au
www.assbi.com.au/conference_2015

12th NR-SIG-WFNR Conference
When: 7-8 July 2015
Where: Daydream Island, Australia
Contact: mers@exemail.com.au
www.mers.vpweb.com.au/NR-SIG-WFNR-Conf

1st Asia-Oceanian Congress for NeuroRehabilitation
When: 3-5 September 2015
Where: Seoul, Korea
Contact: www.aocnr2015.org

The call for abstracts is now open for the 12th NR-SIG-WFNR conference being held on Daydream Island on 6 and 7 July 2015 and closes on 1 February 2015.

Have a look at the [Summary Page](#), [Slater and Gordon Dinner](#) and [REGISTER EARLY](#)
Go to www.mers.vpweb.com.au/NR-SIG-WFNR-Conf for information on the conference