

First Regional Teaching Course in Sub-Saharan Africa

Dakar, Senegal, June 26-28, 2008



Participants of 1st EFNS-WFN-IBRO TC, Dakar, Senegal, June 2008

Jointly organised with

WFN - World Federation of Neurology

IBRO - International Brain Research Organisation University of Dakar, Senegal

On June 26-28, 2008 the First Regional Teaching Course in Sub-Saharan Africa took place. The hard work of Prof. Amadou Gallo Diop, Chair of the WFN Africa Committee and leading neurologist at the University of Dakar together with

Prof. Jean-Michel Vallat, Chair of the EFNS Task Force „Neurology & Africa“ turned months of e-mailing into a successful Regional Teaching Course (RTC).

The RTC took place at the University of Dakar and Prof. Cheik Boye, Dean of the University, allowed free use of the premises. European and African faculty members shared their knowledge allowing students and neurologists in training to access teaching of excellence.

About 100 participants, representing 13 African nations, took part in the RTC. Most of the attendants were neurologists in training. The topics addressed, neurodegenerative disorders and neuropathies, had been requested by the African delegates, Prof. Raad Shakir, Secretary General of the WFN as well as Prof. Raj Kalaria, Chair of IBRO's Africa Committee, took part in the RTC. At the Opening ceremony

Dr. Antonio Felipe, WHO delegate for Senegal, congratulated the organisers with the work and expressed WHO's wish to be involved in future initiatives.

The course followed the EFNS guidelines for RTCs and saw two half days of teaching followed by two half days of interactive clinical case discussions. A third half day was added to this course allowing an open discussion of the students with the faculty

members.

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