

Dear Neurologist,

I am writing to you because I understand that you may undertake neurophysiological procedures as part of your practice, but do so in a country where there is no clinical neurophysiology society that can support you and your work in this area.

There are many countries without a national society of clinical neurophysiology. Many reasons can exist; the most common is because there are not enough medical doctors performing neurophysiologic tests for diagnostic purposes. Indeed, a minimum of ten members is required for a national society to be recognized as member of the International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology (IFCN). Nonetheless, we believe that all neurophysiologists should receive support from the IFCN, even those working in small and less well developed countries.

The ICNS (International Clinical Neurophysiology Society) has been formed to integrate those neurophysiologists from countries without national societies of Neurophysiology. ICNS is member of the IFCN and as its own statutes (www.ifcn.info).

The purpose of the Society is to:

- promote personal contact between investigators and clinical neurophysiology and closely related fields, between the society and other similar societies through the world through the IFCN, thus facilitating exchange of scientific and professional information and opinions;
- further the greater understanding and knowledge of clinical neurophysiology and disorders for which it is applied;
- arrange for the exchange of journals or other written materials in these fields;
- assist in the formation of committees for evaluation of standards, techniques, procedures, education, training or qualification of physicians or technologists; and
- promote high standards in the practice of clinical neurophysiology.

Membership to the ICNS is on an individual basis. Please note that if the country in which you reside and practice clinical neurophysiology has a society, you should first attempt to apply for membership with the society prior to applying for membership with the ICNS.

Membership is based on a four year commitment and is USD \$16.00 (i.e. USD \$4.00 per annum) and when joining your membership will begin from

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the point at which your fees have been paid in full and not from the point the application has been received. Once you have paid your membership fee of USD \$16.00, your membership will commence.

Membership benefits include:

- The ability of the members from non-affiliated countries to participate fully in the international activities in the field of clinical neurophysiology
- Ability to apply for **IFCN Fellowships** for young investigators where applicable to specific to IFCN related regional and worldwide events where applicable
- Discounted rates when subscribing to the IFCN journal, **Clinical Neurophysiology**
- Discounted rates when registering for IFCN related events where IFCN membership rates are offered
- The ICNS and its delegates will be kept informed about international developments, and are consulted on IFCN activities and policies including its regional and worldwide congresses. This includes development of policies regarding journal, website, handbook, guidelines and standards, training qualifications, equipment standards and so forth.

To apply for membership, please complete the **membership form** (www.ifcn.info) and return it to the ICNS President Professor Mamede de Carvalho, **mamedemg@mail.telepac.pt**. Once your application has been approved, you will be requested to make payment of the membership fees. Once received, your membership will be activated.

Please, if you are doing neurophysiology and your country does not have a national society of neurophysiology, consider ICNS as a way to international involvement in clinical neurophysiology.

Your truly,

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