1. Welcome address by the President of the WFITN (G. Rodesch)

2. Approval of the minutes from the previous General Assembly in Val d’Isère 2014 (M. Söderman)
   • The Minutes were unanimously approved.

3. The President’s report (G. Rodesch)

The WFITN congresses:
   • Official contracts have now been signed between the WFITN and the respective Presidents of the 2015 WFITN congress at the Gold Coast (Winston Chong) and the 2017 congress in Budapest Istvan Szikora).
   • The President reviewed the rules described in the contracts for organizing the WFITN congress.
   • Noted was that there has to be a scientific committee that consists of the congress President assisted by local experts, the Presidents of the two previous meetings, the WFITN vice President and the external experts appointed by the WFITN ExCom (“the wise men”).
   • The WFTIN and the local organization will share the profits 50/50. There is no WFITN liability, the financial risk is taken by the local organizers (with the exception of an advance payment from the WFTIN in case it is requested by the organizing committee (not been the case recently and not the case for the two next meetings). In case of financial controversies the WFITN will arrange an external audit. The organizers of the 2015 and 2017 congresses have agreed to this arrangement.
   • Future WFITN congresses will be biannually in October-November in order to keep the periods between congresses constant.
   • Legal aspects of the WFITN

The WFTIN now has a new lawyer, stationed in Paris:
Maître Benoît Dardel
3 rue Daru
75008 Paris
   • The President has had several discussions with the lawyer and is satisfied with the services delivered. The hourly rate is 280Euro/hour, which is not considered expensive.
   • The current address of the WFITN in Hôpital Foch is not legal. Nor can the society have its address with the lawyer. The proposed solution is to move the WFITN to an “address hotel”, so
called “Domicilation services” which will provide professional management of mail, meeting rooms etc, for about about 500 Euro/Year.

• The GA agreed to the lawyer and the “Domicilation services”.

The journal INR has changed ownership. Marco Leonardi has sold Centauro to SAGE Publishing Company. Thus the previous contract proposal with Centauro is no longer valid.

Marco Leonardi explained the process:

• INR was founded 1995 together with Pierre Lasjaunias.
• ML is now 70 y.o. and has worried a lot about the company. He wants to retire.
• Contacted by SAGE publishing company, sold one week ago.
• SAGE is located in Los Angeles, New York, London, New Delhi, Singapore.
• About 600 journals/1000 employees.
• Marco will be consulting editor. There will be a contract between WFITN and SAGE.
• Marco emphasized that cultural input is important for SAGE, without input from the members of the WFITN the journal will not thrive.
• Finally we all warmly applauded Marco for all he had done for the journal and the society

Proposal from Wan-You Guo for collaboration with the Symposium Neuroradiologicum 2018 in Taipei. The GA accepted this proposal and the President will contact Prof Guo in order to start the collaboration as soon as possible.

Proposal by Prof Werner Hacke for collaboration WFITN and Hyderabad/IndiaWorld Stroke Congress 2016. The GA accepted this proposal and the President will contact Prof Hacke in order to start the collaboration as soon as possible. Winston Chong accepted to in return invite Prof Hacke to the 2015 WFITN congress. Registration, travel and three days hotel will be waived for him.

Information on the simplified membership application procedure which will not need anymore at this stage of the life of the WFITN detailed data on training, sponsorship of two tutors etc. The concept of “sleeping members” disappears. Members may lag behind with payment for one year only. After this period they are no longer members of the WFITN and will be removed from the list of members.

WFITN meetings fee will be reduced for members in good standing. Members in good standing will have free access to the journal and lectures on the website.

The President recapitulated the objectives of the ExCom as detailed in the minutes from the GA last year. What has been done regarding the points proposed at the GA 2014?

WFITN courses

• The Functional Neurovascular Anatomy course, initially together with the ESNR, is now managed only by the WFITN.
• The WFTIN is discussing a joint course with WFNS, i.e. Prof diRocco, and Prof Bertalanffy, Chairman of the Educational Committees. The venue has not been decided there are several proposals. This course could contain two different chapters, one anatomy course (the one currently run by the WFITN) and one neuroscience joint course, “super ABC course”. This has to be discussed further, with proposals about neuroscientific aspects of such a joint course going from genetics to treatments. To be proposed to the WFNS in March 2015. If the WFNS is finally not interested in such a joint aspect, the principle of such a course held exclusively under the auspices of the WFITN will be discussed.

Charter of ethics

• At the request of the President, and after acceptance of Prof Luc Picard, a specific seminar of the WFITN on Ethics was held one day before the start of the ABC WIN meeting. Professor Felix
Umansky (former President of the WFNS who was responsible for the creation of the Charter of Ethics of the WFNS) has been invited in order to share with us the principles and difficulties of the Ethics charter of the WFNS.

- Several other speakers were invited to share the notion of Ethics in INR in their respective continents or countries.
- It is hoped that the workshop will have bring to a draft which should be ready by next GA in Val d’Isère. The final charter of Ethics should be a WFITN charter hopefully endorsed by ESMINT and other related societies.

René van den Berg reported on the device committee (RvdB and Thomas Mayer):

- Survey during 2014 regarding device prices. The results have been presented at the ABC-WIN meeting 2015 and will be published in the INR.
- The quality of the devices is good.
- There were striking price differences in coils and Lipiodol.
- RvdB proposes new survey about for example FD.
- It was noted that the WFITN cannot influence the companies directly. This has to be done locally.

Darren B Orbach reported on the new WFITN website (DBO, San-Kyo Lee, Dae Chul Suh and Yuji Matsumaru):

- The website is almost ready and will be up and running mid February.
- Demo of the new website (iPAD version).
- Lectures will be available.
- Elections will be possible.
- There will be info about courses, our own and other course as well as links to other societies.
- There will be a Forum, general and private (with email to the person).
- Membership area with photo and CV and areas of interest.
- Link to the journal.
- It was emphasized that when the new website has been launched, members have to use it and report errors, improvements and ideas.

Allan Taylor reported on the revision of the constitution (on which he worked with David Leuvre):

- The proposal for new constitution will be sent as a pdf to all members a minimum of three months prior to the next meeting.
- The proposal can then be discussed at the next GA and either accepted with possible revisions or not accepted.

Alex Berenstein pointed out that the name INR may be felt exclusive for neurologists or neurosurgeons and also that on the WEB-site there should be links to other meetings as well, not exclusively INR.

4. Report by the treasurer (Serge Bracard):

Finances:

- The finances are in excellent shape.
- Currently the WFITN disposes of 252 366 Euro, on savings and bank account.
- Membership fees accounted for about 42000 Euro and profits from the 2013 meeting in Buenos Aires for another 55 000 Euro. Gross income about 97000 Euro.
- Invoices were 35000 Euro for the INR journal and 17000 Euro for secretary and website.
- 3000 Euro diverse expenses.

Members:

- 402 members in good standing, 421 members not in good standing.
- Members distribution, Europe 31%, Asia 31%, North America 18%, South America 15%, Africa.
and Australia 6%.

- Membership fee unchanged

5. Report from the INR Editor (Karel terBrugge):
   - The journal is doing well
   - The number of submitted manuscripts has risen from 133 in 2012 to 228 in 2014.
   - About 60% are published
   - The impact factor is low, only 0.7 (for example AJNR has an impact factor of 3.6)
   - Final “thank you” to all reviewers. Due to the quality of the reviewers it is likely that the impact factor will increase

6. Proposal for an WFITN international fellow grant (Michael Söderman)
   - The proposal will be circulated among the members prior to the next GA
   - Decision will be at the next GA

7. Closing remarks by the President of the WFITN (G. Rodesch)

Michael Söderman  
- Secretary General -  

Georges Rodesch  
- President –