



**First Regional Teaching Course I Sub-Saharan Africa
Dakar, Senegal – June 26-28, 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 in 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 to 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, requested addressed, Neurodegenerative Disorders and Neuropathies were 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 organizers 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.

The full programme of the Dakar RTC can be found at :
http://www.efns.org/files/RTC_Dakar_programme.pdf

At the end of the course 60 medical tool kits provided by EFNS and the World Neurology Foundation, containing reflex hammer, U-fork, etc.), were distributed as equitable as possible to countries which were represented in Dakar. The distribution was managed by Prof. Beugre Kouassi, Chair of the Education Commission of the Africa Committee of WFN, in the presence of Evelyn Sipido, Prof. G. Avode and Prof. M. Mansour Ndiaye, Head of the Dept of Neurology of Dakar. More on the World Neurology Foundation can be found at: <http://worldneurology.org/aboutUs.asp>

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Speech – Professor De Reuck – EFNS President



Expliciting the kits philosophy with WFN, EFNS, PAANS