

Candidate for First Vice President – World Federation of Neurology (WFN)

Elected Trustee : Co-Chair, World Brain Day

About me : I am a clinician, educator, and advocate committed to advancing brain health for all. From rural Sri Lanka to the richly diverse communities of western Melbourne (165+ languages), my career has focused on translating science into action, building capacity in underserved regions, and uniting clinicians, policymakers, and patient groups around one shared goal: better brain health for everyone.

Leadership & impact

- WFN leadership: Elected Trustee; Co-Chair of World Brain Day — campaigns have reached 1+ billion people across 120+ countries.
- Education & mentoring: Trained 450+ physician trainees; mentored 42 PhD candidates across stroke, migraine, and headache care.
- Global advocacy: Experienced connector and communicator working with ministries of health, media, and patient organisations to keep brain health high on national agendas.

Academic contributions

- Publications & citations: 300+ peer-reviewed papers; h-index 87; 145,000+ citations.
- Field leader 2025, Australia : According to Sci, among Australia's most-cited researchers in COVID-19 & brain involvement, migraine, and headache.

What I will bring as First Vice President

- Equity & reach: Support member societies to scale education, training, and services, especially in underserved regions.
- Next-generation leaders: Create clear pathways and partnerships to nurture future neurologists and clinician-scientists.
- Translation to impact: Convert global strategies into practical programs that improve care, outcomes, and workforce capability.

Council delegates: register to vote

If you are a WFN Council Delegate, please register here: [WFN AGM Online Registration](#)