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Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

between

The International Federation of Neuroendoscopy (IFNE)

and

The British NeuroEndoscopic Society (BNES)

Preamble

The International Federation of Neuroendoscopy (IFNE) and the British NeuroEndoscopic Society (BNES) (hereinafter referred to as "both organizations") share the common goal of advancing the field of neuroendoscopy and related minimally invasive neurosurgical techniques for the benefit of patients worldwide.

Both organizations acknowledge that:

- They have similar, if not identical, objectives as expressed in their respective mission statements.
- There is a significant overlap of membership between the two organizations.
- They have a long-standing history of friendship and collaboration.

In recognition of these shared goals and relationships, both organizations hereby agree to formalize their collaboration through this **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**, and to pursue the following activities:

Article 1: Educational Cooperation

Both organizations shall collaborate in educational activities that bear the names of both societies, with mutual acknowledgment and support.

Article 2: Sharing of Educational Materials

Where feasible, both organizations shall share educational materials and provide cross-links between their educational resources or websites.

Article 3: Faculty Participation and Logo Use

For joint educational events, the use of both organizations' logos shall be permitted **provided that at least one member of each organization's Executive Board** participates in the faculty (or under any other mutually agreed condition).

Article 4: Web-Based and Informational Collaboration

Both organizations shall cooperate in the dissemination of information through web-based platforms and other media, to promote visibility and outreach in neuroendoscopy education.

Article 5: Collaborative Research

Each organization shall support and, where possible, participate in multicenter or multinational studies organized by either party.



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Article 6: Scheduling Coordination

Both organizations shall make reasonable efforts to avoid scheduling conflicts among their respective congresses, meetings, and courses.

Article 7: Membership Promotion

Both organizations shall cooperate in global membership promotion and outreach activities whenever appropriate.

Article 8: Continuing Discussion

Both organizations shall maintain an open dialogue to explore and develop additional forms of cooperation in the future.

Article 9: Administrative Provisions

1. This MOU does not create any financial obligations for either party.
2. Both organizations retain full operational flexibility and independence in all activities.
3. This MOU shall remain in effect for **four (4) years** from the date of signature and may be revised **six (6) months prior to its expiration**.
4. Either party may terminate this MOU with a **written notice at least three (3) months in advance**, signed by a duly authorized representative.

Signatures

For the **International Federation of Neuroendoscopy (IFNE)**:

Name: Kenichi Nishiyama

Title: President

Date: Homburg, September 6th, 2026

For the **British NeuroEndoscopic Society (BNES)**:

Name: Bassel Zebian

Title: Past President on behalf of Hani Marcus (President)

Date: Homburg, September 6th, 2026

Joachim Oertel

IFNE Secretary

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