

Membership Information

The World Federation of Neurology Research Group on Motor Neuron Diseases was established by the World Federation of Neurology in 1998. Membership of the Research Group is open to physicians with an interest in clinical or scientific aspects of motor neuron diseases, including ALS and the Frontotemporal dementias.

The journal Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis is the official organ of this working group and publishes high quality clinical and laboratory research related to motor neuron disorders, and ALS in particular. The Editors encourage submission of original research, case reports and short reports on all aspects of ALS, frontotemporal dementia and related conditions, including basic science, genetics, new treatments, clinical trials, epidemiology, clinical neurophysiology, and other clinical and scientific aspects.

The membership fee for the WFN group includes a subscription to the journal, both in online and in print edition, and provides full access to the reconfigured WFN ALS/MND website, which will include a members-only online facility for professional dialogue. Members will also receive prior notice of WFN sponsored meetings, including a half day scientific meeting before the International Symposium on ALS/MND.

First time member?

All membership applications and payments are handled by the company Informa Healthcare, the publisher of the journal Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. **This form can be found at the journal website (<http://informahealthcare.com/als>) or at the WFN ALS website.** Note that this is a pdf with editable fields, to facilitate applications to be sent via e-mail.

Please return the application according to the address details on the form and also send an electronic copy of the form to the secretary Prof. Orla Hardiman for approval of membership - e-mail: orla@hardiman.net.

Membership Renewal

If you have been a member of the WFN ALS/MND Group, during 2009 and 2010, you should receive an automatic renewal note from Informa Healthcare with the payable amount of USD 235. Please pay this invoice to renew your membership.

If you did not get the renewal note, please contact the Informa Healthcare Customer Service Center via e-mail: healthcare.society@informa.com. Note your full name and address, and possibly a previous invoice reference number if available.

How to access the online journal

Once you become a member, you will receive a print copy of the ALS journal, which is published bimonthly. An electronic version of the Journal is also available, with early e-access to selected manuscripts through the online prepublication called "iFirst".

To avail yourself of online access you must take the following steps:

1. To activate the online access to the journal, you need to first pay your membership fee for 2010.
2. Once this has been done, you should send an e-mail to healthcare.societies@informa.com with a request to activate your online account.

3. You will receive notice of account activation within 7 days. If you have asked for a new account to be set up, you will receive the user details for login.

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E-mail Alerts

If you would like an email alert of papers published in the ALS Journal, go to the journal website to add content alerts via e-mail. This is an easy way to keep track of the latest research endorsed by the WFN ALS/MND group. This service is free for all users, members or non-members.

Once you are logged in, you can add alerts through this journal website. To add the alert to your account, click the letter icon to the upper right of the screen marked with 'Alert'. You will be prompted on the screen to add the alert to your account.

There are two types of alerts:

Issue Alert – Means that you will receive an e-mail with the entire table of contents each time an issue is published online (usually about 2-3 weeks ahead of the print edition).

iFirst Alert – Means that you will receive an e-mail each time an article have been added to the ahead of print edition material. The journal have a backlog of about 2 issues, which means that the ahead of print articles can be posted online several months before they are included in an issue. Most articles are published within a week after final approval of the page proofs.

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