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A BACKGROUND OF THE YEMENI NEUROSCIENCE SOCIETY

In 2009, the Yemeni Neuroscience Society (YNS) (figure) was established and headed by Dr. Rashad Abdulghani and Dr. Hesham Awn. It was founded according to the applicable laws of the republic of Yemen. The YNS savors independent legal and financial capacity. The head office of the society is located in the capital secretariat of Sana'a. The YNS aims to achieve the following goals:

1. Finding a scientific framework for any physician interested in neurologic disorders.
2. Improving the professional performance and educational level of doctors working in the field of neurology through training courses, forums, and scientific meetings and a constant medical training program accredited by an official party locally or internationally.
3. Spreading health awareness in the community about neurologic disorders by using different vehicles, including newspapers, radio, TV, circulars, and booklets. These publicity efforts are carried out with the goal of preventing and reducing neurologic health-related, social, and economic effects.
4. Expanding and enhancing health and social care for concerned patients by introducing all possible services and aids available at medical institutions operating in the country.
5. Encouraging scientific research by providing financial support.
6. Establishing collaborative relations through joining international and local institutions and promoting expertise exchange.

In 2010, the first planned and coordinated events were launched under the umbrella of YNS. These activities were mainly workshops and awareness campaigns. Workshops focusing on movement disorders, epilepsy, and stroke took place in the governorate of Sana'a. A workshop on neuroinfection was held in Aden and another on multiple sclerosis was held in Taiz.

On October 29, 2010—World Stroke Day—the YNS held an awareness campaign in Alsabeen park,

Figure The Yemeni Neuroscience Society

Sana'a, where a variety of activities were set up with the goal of spreading awareness among people concerning stroke and its dangers. During the day, fliers, posters, and caps were distributed; moreover, the event was covered by the media through television and newspaper and was a great success for YNS.

In the future, we hope to achieve many goals. We would like to maximize the number of workshops in order to increase the amount of learning or continuing medical education. Along these same lines, we can expand the outreach of our workshops to a larger number of beneficiaries around the country and increase the number of workshops dedicated to the areas of epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, stroke, and headache. In encouraging and establishing widespread learning, we hope

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to pioneer research development strategies for the most common neurologic diseases in Yemen.

Even though the YNS was just recently initiated, we are able to show advances. However, we still need support in different areas. Donors who can provide the needed sponsorship in order to elevate the quality of the services and activities provided by YNS are necessary for future improve-

ments. We would also like to provide further training for educators in the field of neurology which will ultimately encourage more Yemeni doctors to specialize in neurology.

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