



## STATEMENT OF COOPERATION

On this day, representatives of The Brazilian Society of Pediatric Neurosurgery (SBNPed) and The Indian Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery (INDSPN), hereby undersigned by their president and secretary, have gathered in a meeting held at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of INDSPN to outline the terms of scientific cooperation between both societies.

The Brazilian Society of Pediatric Neurosurgery is the official organization representing pediatric neurosurgeons and affiliated health professionals in Brazil. SBNPed aims to provide its members with educational activities of highest quality as well as promote research opportunities in the field of pediatric neurosurgery, both clinical and experimental.

The Indian Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery, the official association representing pediatric neurosurgeons in India, was founded to promote the art and science of pediatric neurosurgery, to improve the welfare of children in India, and to support the advancement of pediatric neurosurgical knowledge.

Upon agreement of all the present members, both societies have become committed to further strengthen their partnership through the following actions:

1. Sharing relevant announcements, news and events on their websites;
2. Including members from both societies on the faculty list of the Latin American and the Indian Courses of Pediatric Neurosurgery, their regular Conferences, Consensus meetings and other official events;
3. Encouraging members (pediatric neurosurgeons and associated professionals) to submit scientific articles to the societies' journals, Archives of Pediatric Neurosurgery (SBNPed), and The Journal of Pediatric Neurosciences (INDSPN), as well as including members on their Editorial Boards from both counterparts;
4. Fostering the exchange of higher training in Pediatric Neurosurgery, especially for neurosurgeons and trainees, by means of short and long-term fellowships and clinical visits;
5. Organizing webinars, videoconferences and other online meetings to increase learning opportunities in Pediatric Neurosurgery;
6. Developing protocols for clinical and experimental scientific projects to be performed by institutions affiliated to both societies as collaborative studies.

These actions shall be re-evaluated regularly to ensure that the societies' goals are being fulfilled. Therefore, it is the desire of SBNPed and INDSPN that they stay engaged

in promoting the advancement of the specialty of Pediatric Neurosurgery and continuously striving to meet the needs and demands of patients and members.

Kolkata, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.



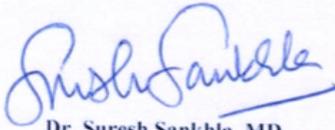
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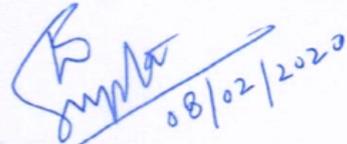
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