



*Merwyn Bagan
(center front)
at the DPRK
(North Korea)*

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A Decade of Service and Dedication to FIENS

by Peter Nakaji, MD

One of the most distinguished people in global health, Dr. Merwyn Bagan has stepped down as Chair of FIENS after a ten-year contribution of leadership and service.

Dr. Bagan's efforts have revolutionized FIENS into an organization dedicated to making sustainable contributions, developing infrastructure in educational programs, and building lasting relationships among neurosurgeons globally. Dr. Bagan's association with FIENS and efforts in global health began almost two decades ago. He began living and volunteering in Kathmandu, Nepal in 1995 and served as visiting professor to Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital where he helped established neurosurgery and neurosurgical training in that country. He has also been instrumental in the acquisition and delivery of millions of dollars in medical equipment at FIENS sites throughout the world.



As Chair of FIENS for the past ten years, he has also been instrumental in forging strong collaborative relationships with the World Federation of Neurological Societies, American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. These efforts have included successful donations of equipment and instrumentation coordinated through the WFNS. He has also helped bring FIENS into the digital age to better facilitate web-based educational activities around the developing world.

Over the years, he has made multiple site visits to FIENS locations on every inhabited continent and developed the professional relationships which will allow FIENS and its partner organization to help advance global neurosurgical training and patients care long into the future. His expertise in supporting and facilitating international neurosurgical training efforts is unparalleled.

Dr. Bagan is a graduate of Dartmouth College with his medical degree from Boston University in 1962. He completed his neurosurgical training at John Hopkins Hospital and the National Institute of Health. He received a Master's in Public Health from Boston University in 1995. In addition to a long career of service as a practicing neurosurgeon, Dr. Bagan's contributions and leadership have been phenomenal. He served as the President of the AANS in 1992-1993 as well as the New Hampshire Medical Society, Treasurer and Vice-Chair of the Council of State Neurosurgical Societies, and Advisory Council for Neurosurgery.

Dr. Bagan's accomplishments are many and have been well recognized, receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Congress of Neurological Surgeons in 1990, the 2000 Humanitarian Award from the AANS and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Boston University in 1999.

FIENS will continue to call on Merwyn for many years to come given his longstanding expertise and commitment toward the Foundation's mission of neurosurgical training and building alliances. FIENS is deeply indebted to Merwyn, as is all of neurosurgery, for his lifelong dedication to global education. We all send him our great thanks as a leader and friend.

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