



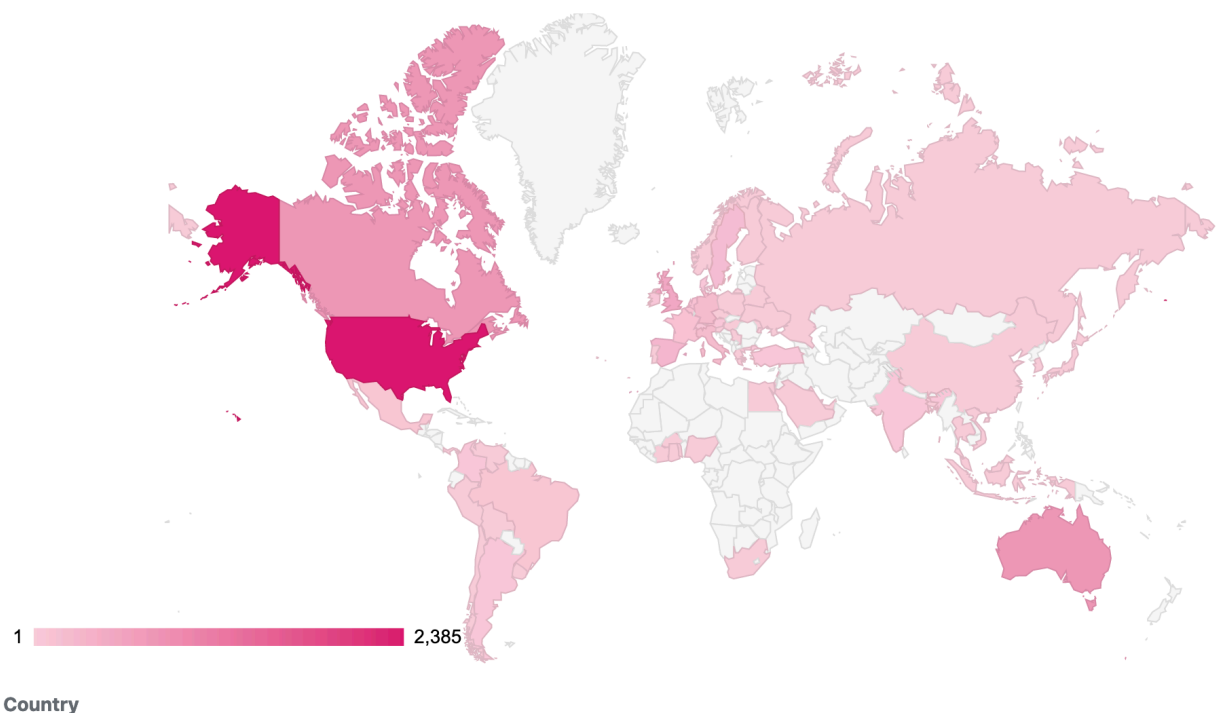
iWiMS – international Women in Multiple Sclerosis

Annual Report 2019

The International Women in Multiple Sclerosis (iWiMS) network unites clinicians and researchers committed to advancing scientific discoveries and improving care for people with MS and related disorders. Founded by women and supportive of all, iWiMS advocates for meritocracy, diversity, parity, and ingenuity in MS research and patient care.

Membership: 395 (October 2019)

Website: views by 67 countries (December 2019)



Engagement with other organizations

- ECTRIMS; MoU signed in October 2019
- LACTRIMS: MoU signed in December 2019
- NMSS: MoU drafted
- ACTRIMS: MoU currently being drafted

- ISNI: a proposal on potential partnership sent to the ISNI Executive (Amit Bar-Or, Francisco Quintana, and Leslie Probert).
- EndMS 2019, Calgary, Canada: poster presentation on iWiMS.
- MSRA, 2019, Melbourne, Australia: mini oral presentation on iWiMS

Mentorship program

- 81 mentee/mentor pairs
- 33 peer-mentorship groups

iWiMS Web-based Global Scientific conferences

- NMOSD and MOG antibody-associated disorders: inaugural meeting in December 2019
- Epidemiology: three meetings in 2019
- Clinical trial: inaugural meeting in November 2019
- Neuroimaging: inaugural meeting in August 2019
- Genetics and Genomics: inaugural meeting in May 2019
- Rehabilitation: two meetings in 2019

Publications

- Annals of Neurology 2018 (Letter to the e]Editor)
- Lancet Neurology 2019 (presentation of iWiMS)
- MSARD 2019 (Editorial)

Networking Meetings

- ECTRIMS 2018, Berlin, Germany
- ACTRIMS 2019, Dallas, USA
- Women in Neuroscience, 2019, Brazil
- AAN 2019, Philadelphia, USA
- IMSCOGS 2019, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- ECTRIMS 2019, Stockholm, Sweden
- MSRA 2019, Melbourne, Australia

Finances

- F501c3 account filed in 2019 with expected donations of ~US\$30,000/year. Agreed expenses, i.e. travel grant, educational grants, pilot grants to women from under represented countries.

Award and prize Nominations

- Two nominations for the Barancik prize, 2019. Both shortlisted.
- One nomination for the Charcot Award. Dr Lubetzki awarded.
- Once nomination for the Dystel award. Dr Cross awarded.

Office bearers-Executive committee

- Emmanuelle Waubant, Chair
- Fiona Costello
- Lauren Krupp
- Soheila Karimi
- Sandra Amor
- Anne-Katrin Probstel
- Vilija Jokubaitis
- Georgina Arrambide
- Marwa Kaisey
- Flavia Nelson
- Myla Goldman
- Fabienne Brilot

Goals for 2020

- Web-based Leadership training to start
- Partnerships with pharmaceutical companies
- Survey of editorial positions in journals in the field and publication of the data
- Continue web-based scientific presentations (all groups to have at least one meeting)
- The group on women's issue in MS is preparing a review on the topic
- Networking meetings:
 - ACTRIMS Forum February 2020-see website
 - AAN
 - CMSC
 - ACTRIMS/ECTRIMS, September 2020
- Monitor gender balance at pharmaceutical satellite symposia
- Partnerships with other organisations and Establishment of MoU