

Thanks to all of you ...

2019 was a great year for the Neurodegenerative Diseases Networking Group.

We accomplished much together. You recognized who we can become together and we saw a significant increase in the activity of our task forces and committees across the NDNG.

This exemplifies who we can become when we work together to create an environment that best serves our members, each other, and most importantly, the patients living with neurodegenerative conditions we are so privileged to care for.

I really appreciate each of you leaning into the work and "thank you" for your energy and expertise to our vision, which helps drive improvement of our networking group. We still have some work to do in the areas of the new MS and PRD Task Forces and ISIG status. Over the next month, we will be putting together plans to address these areas of improvement.

In the spirit of sharing, I wanted to communicate my main areas of focus for this year: We will continue to focus on activating and empowering our young members while also strengthening our internationalization, and engaging the female members of the NDNG. We will always prioritize our activity to our goal to be the premier source of education and knowledge in rehabilitation of people living with neurodegenerative disorders, which guides our mission and vision.

As you know, I am committed to making NDNG the best place for all our professionals by ensuring that our members have access to the best resources and supports they need to flourish within the field of rehabilitation research. In doing so, we will continue to reach out and connect to our NDNG membership to invite them to become involved in leadership opportunities and collaboration within the NDNG.

You will hear more from me throughout the year on these thoughts and I will continually ask for your feedback and partnership support as we move the work of the NDNG forward.

You are an amazing team, and I am proud we are in this leadership journey together through 2020. I am confident that this year will be the start of a spectacular decade for the NDNG.

Thank you for the energy and spirit you bring to the Neurodegenerative Diseases Networking Group! I look forward to having fun this year and celebrating your hard work along the way.

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