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FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION IN NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBER FROM CAMEROON

Madison, Wisconsin - The Foundation for International Education in Neurological Surgery (FIENS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Ignacious Esene to its Board of Directors.

Dr. Esene is a highly respected neurosurgeon from Cameroon. He graduated from the University of Yaoundé in Cameroon and has completed extensive training and surgical fellowships in Europe and North America, including the prestigious FIENS Bassett Fellowship. Dr. Esene has also been actively involved in teaching and mentoring neurosurgery residents in Cameroon and has been instrumental in developing neurosurgical programs in several African countries.

"The young neurosurgeons and past FIENS fellows are the future of neurosurgery. FIENS' responsibilities extend into the postgraduate period for these people, who will also make up the future of the Foundation for International Education in Neurosurgery. It is a joy to have the passion, energy, and purpose that Dr. Esene brings to this role as a part of FIENS." said Dr. Robert Demsey, Chairman of FIENS.

As a Board Member of FIENS, Dr. Esene will play a key role in shaping the organization's strategic direction and advancing its mission to provide education and training in neurological surgery to aspiring students in underserved areas of the world. He will work closely with other board members to identify new opportunities for education and training, develop partnerships with other organizations, and raise awareness of the importance of neurosurgical care in improving global health outcomes.

He will also lead a new committee designated to support young neurosurgeons and FIENS Bassett and FIENS Clack fellow alumni. The committee is born from the organization's desire to build deep, long-term connections with its alumni fellows and young neurosurgeons worldwide. These connections will support new and practicing surgeons as they build neurosurgical infrastructure in their home countries.

"I am honored to join the Board of Directors of FIENS," said Dr. Esene. "I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance our mission and to help improve access to quality neurosurgical care for patients in underserved areas of the world."

About the Foundation for International Education in Neurological Surgery (FIENS)

The Foundation for International Education in Neurological Surgery (FIENS) is a nonprofit organization providing education and training to aspiring neurosurgeons in underserved areas of

the world. Since its founding in 1975, FIENS has trained thousands of neurosurgeons, nurses, and other healthcare providers and has helped to establish neurosurgical programs in over thirty dozen countries. For more information, visit www.fiens.org.

The Foundation for International Education in Neurological Surgery (FIENS) was established in 1969 to promote neurosurgical education and patient care in low-middle-income countries (LMICs). The FIENS mission is to address the severe gap in neurosurgical capacity in LMICs and improve the care of individuals with neurological disease. FIENS supports education in neurosurgery, mainly via partnerships between established and emerging neurosurgical programs. Since 2016, FIENS has provided training and volunteer support to 28 countries through its boot camps and global surgical volunteer program and has partnered with 32 neurosurgeons in over 20 developing countries to complete their neurosurgical training or participate in an international training fellowship.

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