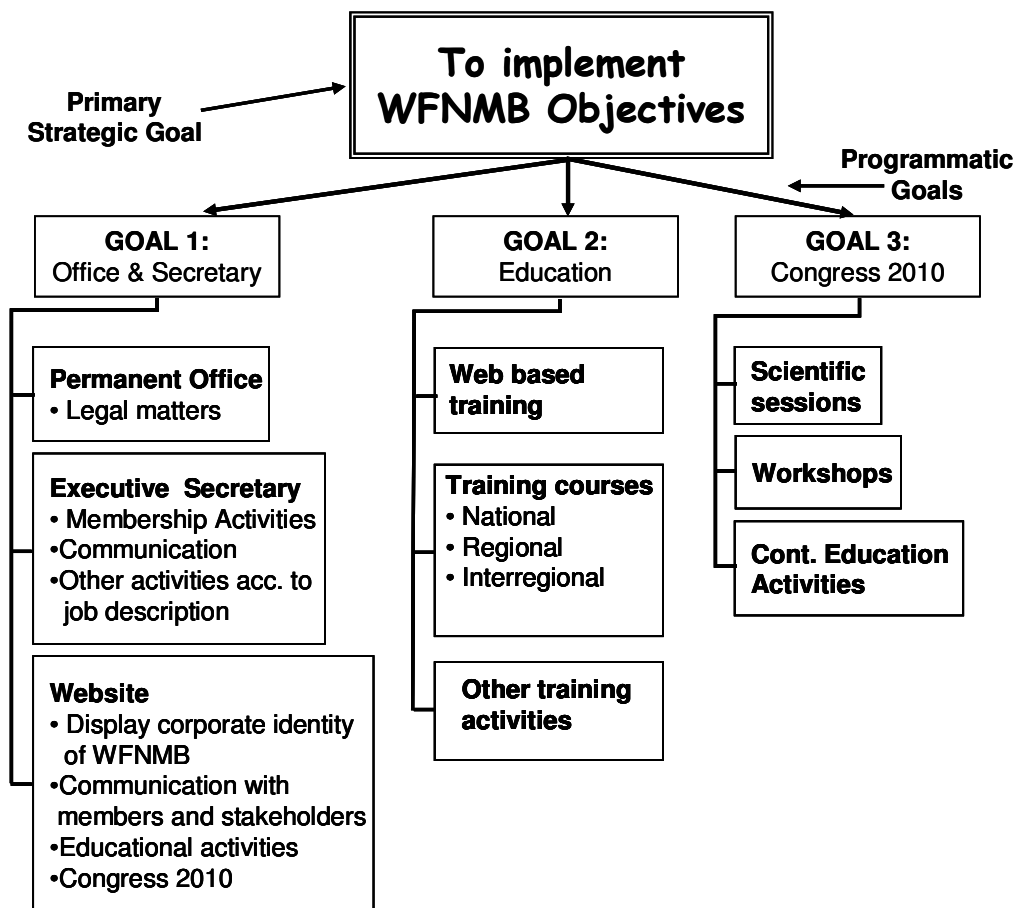


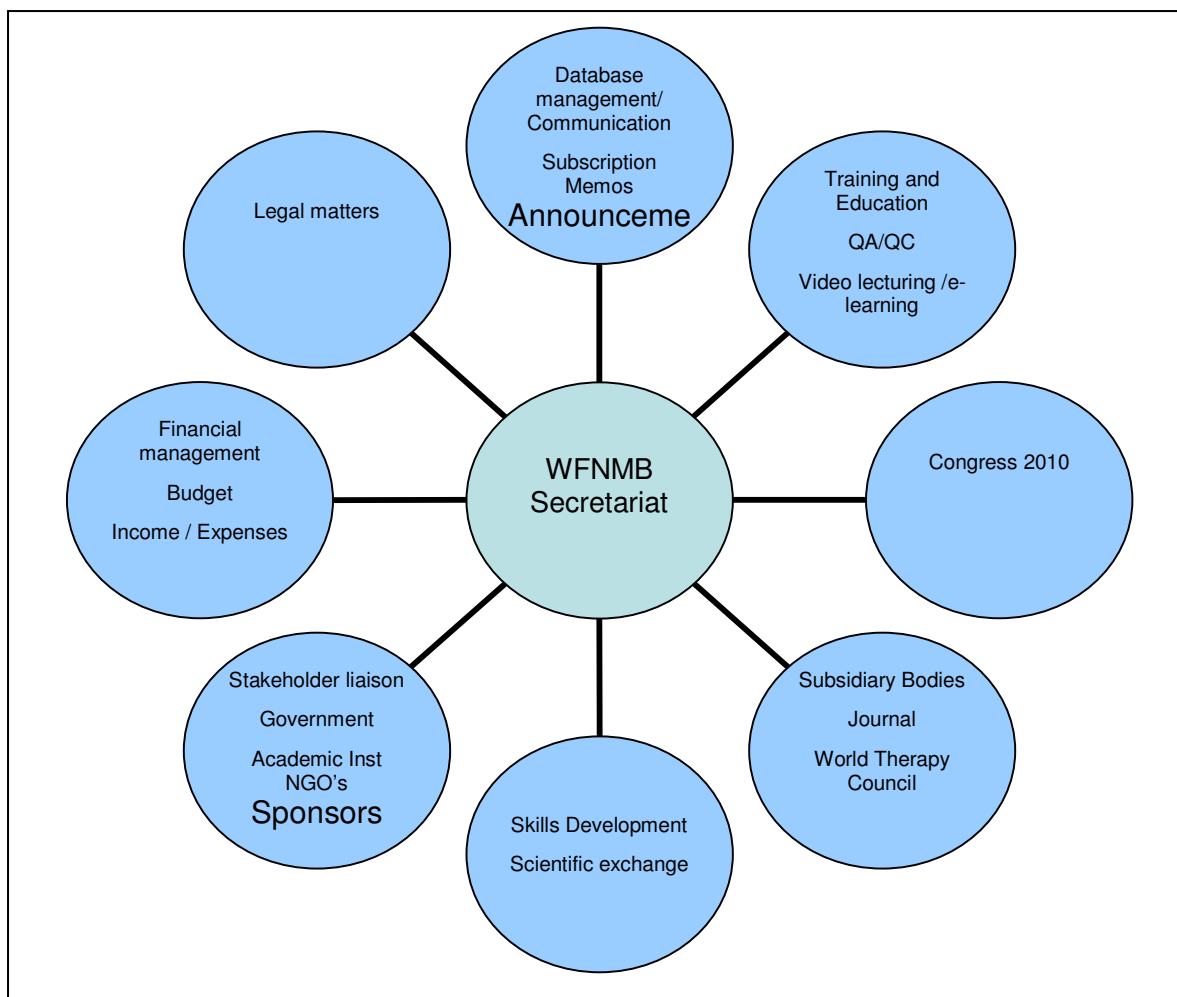
## INTERMEDIATE ASSEMBLY 2008 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Under the presidency of Prof MC Lee, the WFNMB was taken on a road of achieving more than just a congress at the end of a 4 year term of office. The current executive wants to honour Prof Lee and his team for their commitment towards this goal. Following their example, we critically looked at the objectives of the WFNMB, as set out in its charter.

From those we identified 3 key areas or goals that needed specific attention. These you can see in this slide.



At the last delegates assembly in Seoul in October 2006 the members instructed the executive to establish an office for the WFNMB. We started the process by officially registering the WFNMB as a company. The secretary-general will give more information about the process in his report. I just want to report that the WFNMB is now an official section 21 company registered in South Africa. We have since also established an office and appointed a secretary. The activities identified as potentially being managed by the office, are outlined in the diagram below:



The two subsidiary bodies of the WFNMB do us proud. The World Journal of NM has already published seven volumes. The latest contains the proceedings of the International Symposium on Radionuclide Therapy from 27-30 October 2008. This symposium was organised by the World Radiopharmaceutical and Therapy Council (WRPTC), the second subsidiary body of the WFNMB. It was suggested that the organisation changes to an association, with individual membership. A constitution is currently being drafted. It is envisaged that the World Association of Radiopharmaceutical and Molecular Therapy (WARMTH) will be officially inaugurated at the next meeting in Cartagena, Bolivia, in 2009. Except for a name change, there will be no other changes to the WFNMB charter. If WARMTH is officially formed, the charter changes will be tabled at the 2010 Delegates' Assembly in Cape Town.

With the potential changes in the organisation of the World Radiopharmaceutical and Therapy Council, the council of the WRPTC decided to re-elect Prof Padhy as president for the interim period. Our sincerest appreciation to Prof Padhy for all his efforts to ensure the success of the activities of the WRPTC. His report will be tabled separately.

It is clear that the WFNMB has a specific role to play in the developing world. Over the past 2 years we have been involved in a number of training activities, mostly supporting the attendance of delegates from developing countries to attend existing meetings. We have supported the attendance of several delegates from developing countries.

The WFNMB has been approached to endorse a graduate diploma in Radiopharmaceutical sciences offered through the University of Western Australia.

We have identified quality assurance (QA) as one of our focus areas. The WFNMB has organised a continuing education session at the 2008 SNM meeting, specifically focusing on QA of gamma cameras. Dr Anna Celler from British Columbia, a medical physicist actively involved in QA of equipment for a number of hospitals in that region, organised the academic content of the session, which was well attended with active participation by the attendees.

There will also be significant attention to QA, ranging from basic to advanced, at the 2010 meeting with the theme of the congress "Benchmarking Quality".

The website of the WFNMB has been redesigned and consists of two sections, namely a general section covering all the WFNMB administrative and other activities, and a congress section. Please visit the website ([www.wfnmb.org](http://www.wfnmb.org)) and send us your feedback. I specifically want to draw your attention to the training section, where a number of expert lectures and guidelines are available. As the WFNMB is your information about links to training material which you feel may be useful for our colleagues.

The previous executive proposed the establishment of a post of executive director for the WFNMB. The current executive is of the opinion that the current financial status of the WFNMB does not allow such a position. We therefore propose the establishment of an executive secretary post. Members are requested to consider this proposal, and give feedback to the executive on this. Such a charter change will then be tabled for the next delegates' assembly, which will be held in Cape Town in September 2010.

The WFNMB can only succeed if our members take ownership of the Association. One of our biggest problems is to keep contact with the members. Member countries are requested to consider appointing a specific WFNMB representative, who may not necessarily be one of the office bearers of the society or organisation, but who have an active interest in the WFNMB. This will make communication with the individual member countries more consistent and will ensure that the members of your societies get the information from the WFNMB regularly.

One aspect that seriously hampers the activities of the WFNMB, is the financial constraints. The members of the IA are requested to advise the executive on innovative ways to support and expand the activities of the WFNMB.

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