



Feedback from WFPI Regional/Council Member Organizations on

“WFPI – What Future?”

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AfSPI (African Society of Paediatric Imaging)

Feedback delivered by Jaishree Naidoo, President, AfSPI

AfSPI commends the WFPI for their unique bylaws that address the challenges in global paediatric imaging and for the inclusion of AfSPI into the WFPI council.

Considering the significant disease burden and the large population of children living in Africa, a united front and sharing of expertise will only strengthen the drive to combat these challenges.

The WFPI is an inspirational society and has offered much support to paediatric imaging in Africa and South Africa.

Although AfSPI is a fairly "young" society and currently does not have funds, we still believe that we should reciprocate.

SASPI and AfSPI could assist by:

Continuing to pay annual membership fees and by contributing part of our profits from congresses and courses. It seems inappropriate to compete for funding in the North American and European customary sphere, so funding sources may have to be accessed from the charity domain in these regions.

We must continue with the momentum of Outreach training.

SASPI intends to raise Outreach funds by appealing to the social responsibility of large private financial corporations that have a vested interest in supporting African projects.

We support WFPI collaborations with global health organizations. Point of care ultrasound teaching in lower resource countries is vital and we want to expand our Outreach efforts and research projects to also include other West African countries.

By being more visible, we make ourselves more relevant. We need to promote WFPI, not only in radiology meetings but to include Paediatric societies as well. This may provide opportunities to access funding for educational projects and outreach efforts.

Overall, we will assist in any way we can to support the WFPI and its goals.



AOSPR

Feedback delivered by Wendy Lam, President, AOSPR

AOSPR is happy with the development and all the outputs so far. Thanks for Ines and Amanda's effort.



AOSPR - a WFPI founding member - will continue to support WFPI and be an active member. We have already communicated our wish to contribute the standard annual membership fee instead of discounted fee previously paid.

Due to our own financial situation, we may not be able to contribute much to other funding. Some thoughts:

1. For recurrent revenue:
At the moment, except for the initial starting funding, there is annual fee.
We can think about this... the best situation would be for the annual fee to cover the administrative fee, teaching materials and website... etc.
If this is not possible, we could consider increasing the amount according to the category of membership.
Anyone looking to join WFPI may have to consider their responsibilities as well.
2. For the funding of different outreach projects... this is difficult. Bolt-on or collaboration with other societies will always need considering.

With regard to outreach, AOSPR has many member countries. So far outreach programs have been mainly focused outside Asia (except IGICH-India and Cambodia under ESPR). I think we can contribute a lot more in helping to carry out outreach programs in Asia. Although we don't have much money, we do have local experts that can help.

The problem at the moment is that we don't know how to co-ordinate with WFPI. I think more collaboration and communication is needed. EG if we want to start some program, how to coordinate with WFPI? Apply through outreach committee? Or we wait for the outreach committee to decide when they want to have a program in Asia? So far I feel this has been a bit confusing.

There should be a proper and formal channel that different countries or societies can express their needs for the development of programs, and then someone can decide and choose.... (? Chairman of outreach ? council members?)

The role of WFPI should be the link and coordinator between different societies. The development of online education materials and guidelines would seem the right direction to take. It is good to share on-line resources between different societies.

ESPR

Feedback delivered by Veronica Donoghue, board member, ESPR

Following quite a detailed discussion regarding the position of ESPR and WFPI I can say that the ESPR Board have agreed to continue as an active member of WFPI for a further 2 years and will assess the situation again at this time.

We discussed at length the fact that ESPR currently has only a small number of paying members annually (approx. 200) and also individuals are still of the view that there should be some contribution to outreach projects.

It was also recognised that WFPI cannot function without stable administration.



The Board therefore decided to pay \$10,000 annually to WFPI towards its administration costs, and to put aside a further \$10,000 - \$15,000 towards a specific outreach project , likely in Europe. Rutger Jan and I with other Board members will look at project options in the near future.

SLARP

Feedback delivered by Celia Ferrari, General Secretary, SLARP



SLARP acknowledges the great work WFPI has performed during the 3 years since it's launching. Much has been achieved in terms of strengthening the organization and creating awareness of the multiple needs regarding pediatric radiology, especially in areas with very low resources. The projects so far undertaken, through a high level of commitment of the Executive Board and members of the different working committees, are meaningful and have enhanced the visibility of the WFPI.

SLARP understands that the main challenges of the WFPI are twofold: on the one hand to enhance global consciousness regarding the many needs of pediatric radiology throughout the world, and on the other creating/participating in projects to meet the goal of imaging children safely and with the best possible standards of care.

SLARP is aware of the difficulties related to getting funds for WFPI projects and recognizes the importance and generosity of the financial support provided both by the ESPR and SPR, vital at the moment to keep the WFPI moving on.

At the present time SLARP is fighting its own battles in terms of strengthening the organization and reaching a sustainable financial status to increase and improve educational projects in Latin America. SLARP partners with the Inter American College of Radiology to try to achieve these goals. At this moment SLARP cannot increase the financial support to the WFPI, however our commitment is to promote the WFPI in Latin America, increasing its visibility. SLARP is happy to include the WFPI as a "partner" in all its educational projects and in communications with Latin American radiologists.

Finally for the SLARP being part of the WFPI is important and we are available to increase our support and participation, and especially to help promote its actions and to be its "voice" in the Spanish speaking world.

SPR

Feedback on the main points of SPR's position delivered by Richard Barth, Chair, SPR board, and Brian Coley, President, SPR

We are writing in response to the WFPI leadership's request for input on SPR's view of the Federation, given the multiple challenges and uncertainties facing the Federation leadership.

This issue was discussed at some length at the SPR Strategic Planning meeting in Orlando and the general SPR Board perspective is that supporting the WFPI is the "right thing to do." The "return on Investment" to date has been remarkable. The World Federation Board, Ines Boechat as the Founding President, and Amanda Dehaye, with her unique gifts and qualifications, have generated impressive results and are preparing the ground for even more.



Regarding the WFPI's uneven financial and voluntary support: the SPR Board encourages the WFPI to carry on with current plans and activities with confidence that answers will emerge. Continue to solicit funds from the current sources and to consider new sources, but do not dedicate more of your limited resources on this pursuit. The SPR is prepared to partner with the WFPI and to some extent we believe your

substantive success will ultimately result in tangible financial support.

If the WFPI evolves over the coming years to be a primarily SPR-supported activity, the SPR leadership will continue to support the Federation as a global collaborative activity.

The SPR Board supports the WFPI and its leadership and will not interfere with its decisions and decision-making process. In this regard, if any organization wishes to support the WFPI with “strings attached”, the WFPI leadership must simply decide if the conditions are reasonable and in alignment with WFPI mission and resources. If they are not, they can be refused or returned with appreciation. The WFPI has demonstrated participation from a wide geographical area with different societies contributing in different ways. Broad representation at board level can be maintained using current or alternative pediatric societies determined by their willingness or ability to participate and the representative needs of WFPI.

We would urge the Founding President to remain in a position of authority during these early formative processes. This should not impede the healthy turnover of key officer positions among the different regional societies but rather pair regional leadership footprints with continuity of process and allow SPR to monitor its proportionately large contribution appropriately.