

World Federation of Paediatric Imaging –  
Monday, April 16, 2012 - 7:00 am  
San Francisco, California

**Attending:**

M. Ines, Boechat, President	Pedro A. Daltro (SLARP)	Rutger Nievelstein (ESPR)
Savvas Andronikou (Africa)	Mutsumisa Fujioka (AOSPR)	Catherine Owens (ESPR)
Omolola M Atalabi (Africa)	Gloria Soto Giordani (SLARP)	Manohar Shroff
Dorothy I. Bulas (SPR)	Celia Ferrari (SLARP)	George A. Taylor (SPR)
Timothy M Cain (AOSPR)	Neil D. Johnson (SPR)	Jennifer Boylan, Staff
Winnie C.W. Chu (AOSPR)	In-One Kim (AOSPR)	Amanda Dehaye, Staff
Ronald A Cohen (SPR)	Wendy W Lam (AOSPR)	

Dr. Boechat opened the meeting by reporting that the group had much to celebrate. She thanked the members for assembling, the ESPR for generously offering to support \$1800 to launch the WFPI website as a sub site of the SPR website and thanked Amanda Dehaye (attending via Skype) for help in preparing for the meeting and the necessary background work.

Dr. Boechat also announced that the grant proposal submitted to the SPR Research and Education Foundation was funded. The result is that the WFPI has \$50,000 for its first year of operations. As committee become more active it is important that requests for Amanda's support be submitted to Dr. Boechat so the leadership is aware of the demands on her time. I

1. **Bylaws and Organization** – Dr. Boechat asked the group to comment on the draft bylaws circulated in advance. There followed a discussion of each Society's process for approving the bylaws. Most agreed that the final "wordsmithing" would occur by email with a goal of having a more final draft prepared for review at the ESPR meeting in May and final approval, with nomination of officers for the different positions, by the SLARP meeting in Buenos Aires, September 2012.
  - i. Both ESPR and AOSPR need to obtain their respective Board's approval. SLARP could approve
  - b. **Incorporation** – The group agreed formal incorporation is a priority to be addressed sometime in the future (RF); for now the WFPI will stay under the SPR auspices. In view of this changed approach, attendees asked for a simplified version of the bylaws, without the legal terminology used in the current one. The bylaws committee agreed to prepare such a document for review before the ESPR meeting in Athens, feedback by the four societies by mid June.
  - c. There was a discussion on geographic membership. The goal in the revised version will be to have a flexible, inclusive approach for participation, avoid political minefields, remembering our goals as a guideline.
    - i. Dr. Tim Caine, from AOSPR, has agreed to join the Bylaws Committee.
2. **Outreach** –
  - a. Dr. Andronikou's proposal to the board to collaborate with Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) was approved; he will develop "cells" and forward the list to the WFPI Secretariat. The following comments were made:
    - i. G. Taylor:
      1. Need to train for Pediatric Ultrasound.

2. Each cell should have broad expertise including knowledge of HIV, TB and other respiratory conditions
  3. Multi-lingual
  4. Focus should be to read X-rays for kids, worry about the IT later.
  5. Develop a registry of readers using MSF as model
- ii. Monica Otalabi: The need is for hands-on support and protocols.
  - iii. Ron Cohen suggests focus on Zambia and Zimbabwe.
  - iv. Savvas Andronikou suggests a crash course and using SurveyMonkey.
  - v. Since there was concern about the legal issues applying to offering medical advice remotely, Jennifer Boylan offered to circulate SPR's disclaimer language used for its list servs. (Language can be read at this link: <http://pedrad.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=203>)
- b. Dr. Fujioka presented his excellent proposal for cloud-based tele-radiology. The assembled members were favorable and suggested that this be reconsidered in the WFPI's second year.
  - c. Website will be an important component of the WFPI outreach effort.

### 3. Education –

- a. Dr. Bulas led the discussion on WFPI education, asking for lists of possible items to go on the website. Audience had many suggestions: Share materials from societies list, make a list of resources available on the website, bolt on already existing initiatives by other societies, etc.
  - b. Rutger Nievelstein offered to organize a WFPI activity at the 2014 ESPR Meeting in the Netherlands, further discussions during the ESPR meeting in Athens.
  - c. Website will be an important component of the WFPI Education effort.
  - d. Manohar Shroff recommended the development of a 6 week online module using material from Cleveland clinics - see which ones are suitable for an international audience (for e.g. those that involve mostly plain x-rays and ultrasound); and if any one has a simplistic model, that may also help.
  - e. Neil Johnson asked all to remember that the IT supports and enhances the human activity.
4. **Other issues:** There followed a discussion of the relative merits of different forms of organization. Dr. Gloria Soto suggested exploring forming as a sub-group of a larger International organization might offer other benefits. Dr. Boechat pledged to explore that possibility with Nickolas C. Gourtsoyiannis of the ISR.