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SPR live – and kicking!!

SPR goes virtual again, this time live web-streaming its ENTIRE post-graduate course, April 27th & 28th 2015 - international access free of charge. Places fill up, don’t miss your chance. Stay posted here.

Meeting by moonlight...

WFPI’s core Council members now try to teleconference every month. Spanning a 19 hour time difference (our extremities: Los Angeles and Melbourne), it is a nocturnal exercise for some. Similarly, our wider meetings are an organizational Everest. Scattered worldwide as we are, we’re never in the same place at the same time. Undeterred, we held another “open” online /onsite (RSNA) meeting on Dec. 1st for a project-by-project study of our work. Next up: our Annual Meeting, online/onsite, June 5th, 1:30 pm local time ESPR 2015/ Graz.

Attendees on Dec. 1st, plus our on-liners – sadly out of the photo but equally important to us.

Click here for ESPR/Graz meeting details, the extensive international program on Thursday 4th and Saturday 6th and registration reductions/support options for young Europeans and physicians from lower resource countries.

One voice, a common message

Advocating for appropriate practices and resource allocation for children: one of WFPI’s primary goals. The Image Gently/WFPI partnership for child imaging safety ensured our pediatric message was heard at recent WHO radiation safety meetings in Dar es Salaam and Tokyo (see here). Our global tentacles spread! Our thanks to Drs. Ademola Adekanmi (Nigeria) and Osamu Miyazaki (Tokyo) for attending and presenting on behalf of Image Gently and WFPI.

Dr. Ademola Adekanmi at a regional workshop on medical physicists’ roles in ensuring safety in imaging, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, November 2014.

Dr. Osamu Miyazaki, presenting “Image Gently, Five steps you can take to optimize image quality and lower CT dose for pediatric patients” at the NIRS-WHO meeting, Tokyo, December 2014.

Making it happen

Recent activities at RSNA and beyond include a new partnership with RAD-AID, a possible pediatric imaging manual for WHO produced under the auspices of ISR and discussions with the ACR Foundation, RSNA’s IDoR group and WFUBM for future ultrasound collaboration. On the outreach side, partnerships continue with Imaging the World, Doctors without Borders, Collegium Telemedicus & Stanford University. RSNA’s new Regional Committee for Africa & the Middle East, led by AFSP/SPIN/WFPI’s Dr. Omolola Atalabi, kicked off in Chicago on December 2nd.

International Day of Radiology

2015 theme...pediatrics!!

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Sharing online

We aim to update our web education pages regularly with links to sites, articles, presentations, posters, e-books and other (new posts flagged on Facebook). Targeting pediatric radiologists, radiologists & trainees and other medical professionals, we are always on the lookout for new content. Contact us.

Raising awareness

NEW! An SPR-WFPI-Pfizer film, produced by Dr. Kara-Lee Pool while in Cape Town for WFPI’s US research. Theme: pushing child healthcare up the African research agenda. See here.

Outreach & training: click here

WFPI, Gangham-style

YouTube has revealed the Korean music video Gangham Style broke its counter when it surpassed two billion views. To our mind, our WFPI Facebook page is doing equally well. Bouncing ever upwards – now at 780+ “likes” - our audience is responding to an amalgam of posts including internal and member society news, snippets from radiology events, articles, cases and feeds from online media for radiology education. This is the place for breaking news and sharing anything good we see around.

It’s always interesting to see which posts work well. Twitter feeds from Dr. Michael D’Alessandro and Cincy Kids Radiology (Cincinnati Children’s Hospital USA) providing pediatric radiology education via Twitter, blogs and Instagram are particular hits. But Dr. Bernard Laya from the Philippines is STILL holding firm in pole position with his stellar lecture on Childhood TB, here.

This issue of Small World is dedicated to Professor Guy Sebag, ESPR, SFIPP and European Managing Editor of the Pediatric Radiology journal. His sudden and untimely passing has left many heavy hearts around the world.