WFPI PGIMER Observership awarded to Dr. Anitha Kini in Chandigarh, India

Earlier this spring, the World Federation of Pediatric Imaging awarded Dr. Anitha Kini the WFPI-Shiels Foundation Pediatric Radiology Observership. Dr. Kini participated in the Observership from April 1, 2019, through June 30, 2019, at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh, India, under the mentorship of Professor Kushaljit Sodhi and his colleagues.

WFPI Observership Opportunity in South America

An important part of the mission is outreach and training in lower resource environments. In fulfillment of this mission, WFPI offers a sponsored Pediatric Radiology training observership for three months (October 20 - November 1) to be held at the SAMIC Pediatric Hospital “Prof. Dr. Juan P. Garrahan” in Buenos Aires, Argentina, under the tutoring of Prof. José Lipsich.

- Financial support for the Observer is $3,000 US to cover transportation and maintenance expenses; $1,000 US for the host institution.

The objective of the program is to improve the clinical practice and teaching of pediatric radiology at all levels of health care in Latin America, through the development of experience in imaging techniques and familiarity with the appropriate protocols for the evaluation of childhood diseases in the continent. The program is designed to complement and extend basic training specialized in diagnostic radiology. The result will be detailed knowledge and extensive experience in pediatric imaging in the context of common pathology in the continent. The knowledge and skills acquired will allow a radiologist to perform an optimal pediatric imaging study in a general radiology service or in a dedicated pediatric service.

General eligibility requirements:

- Must be currently in a senior resident position in Latin America subspecializing/interested in pediatric radiology or
- Must have completed radiology training not more than 5 years prior with an interest in pediatric radiology and practice in Latin America
- Must be fluent in both written and spoken Spanish

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WFPI Thanks Teleradiology Coordinators

Outgoing Outreach Committee Chair, Dr. Cicero Silva writes: “As the WFPI teleradiology reaches a milestone with automated case allocation (described below), we would like to give special thanks to the service of Neels van der Merwe (a radiology registrar from South Africa, pictured on the right), Gregory Baker (a radiologist from South Africa, pictured in the middle), and Amanda Dehaye (member of the WFPI executive council, pictured on the top). Neels is currently the WFPI teleradiology coordinator; Greg and Amanda have served in this capacity in the past.”

Amanda Dehaye

“While at peak demand these restless coordinators have dealt with more than 10 cases a day, we have recently instituted fully automated case allocation, which allows coordinators to ride in the backseat monitoring for unresponded queries, actively dealing only with cases that have not been reported within 48 hours. This has substantially decreased the coordinator burden.”

Thank you Amanda, Greg and Neels!

Dr. Gregory Baker

Dr. Neels van der Merwe
The WFPI leadership want all to know: "Dr. Silva has done an outstanding job leading the Outreach Committee from 2014 - 2019. WFPI wishes to thank Dr. Silva for all of his dedication and hard work." During his tenure he was responsible for overseeing the teleradiology team which reviewed cases from all over the world. There were 40 cases from Maputo (Mozambique), 42 cases from Zithulele (South Africa) as a part of a partnership with SASPI and 5 cases from Lao Friends Children's Hospital (Laos.) The teleradiology cases are now on a fully automated allocation system, reducing time for final reporting. Most recent metrics (March 2019) the median answer delay was 2.9 hours (min 0.6 h, max 11.5 h). In addition, Dr. Silva supported outreach trips including Dr. Ricardo Faingold’s visit to Maputo in July 2018 (partnering with UCLA Global Health Project.) A total of 11 lectures and case show sessions, as well as clinical, surgical, PICU and radiology rounds.

Finally with the Global Initiative for Children Surge (GICS) a group was recently formed by pediatric surgeons "to address previously overlooked children's surgical issues and to bring together providers and implementation of surgical services for children with health, advocacy, and policy experts to analyze the current state of surgical care for children in low and middle income countries (LMICs)"

WFPI has assembled a team of pediatric radiologists from Brazil, India, and Mexico, who are leading the GICS Radiology Workgroup, and have developed imaging recommendations that have been included in the GICS document “Optimal Resources for Children's Surgical Care” which is in press.

**WFPI Thanks TB Moderators Dr. Andres and Dr. Uy**

Outgoing TB Committee chair, Dr. Bernard Laya writes: WFPI thanks Drs. Mariaem M. Andres and Jacqueline Austine Uy for their excellent service as moderators of the TB Hotline, the telerading platform of the WFPI TB Group. With TB Hotline, partner hospitals, particularly in low resource settings are able to submit imaging studies along with pertinent clinical data so that the WFPI team of pediatric radiologists can provide expert opinion on these selected cases.

Drs. Andres and Uy are both pediatric radiologists at St. Luke's Medical Center in the Philippines and have served as WFPI TB Hotline moderators from 2015 up to March 2019. During this time, they have also contributed online articles on Tuberculosis for the WFPI website. They will now be concentrating their efforts to serve as mentors and faculty for the WFPI-Shiels Foundation Pediatric Radiology Observership at St. Luke's Medical Center in the Philippines. We congratulate and thank Drs. Andres and Uy for their hard work, dedication in the advancement of pediatric radiology in the Philippines and in Southeast Asia.

**Federation Member Annual Meetings**

- Sociedad Latino Americana de Radiología Pediatrica (SLARP) - May 9 - 15, 2020 in Miami, Florida
  [http://slarp.net/](http://slarp.net/)
- The Society for Pediatric Radiology (SPR) - May 9 - May 15, 2020 in Miami, Florida
  [https://www.pedrad.org/events/sprmeetings](https://www.pedrad.org/events/sprmeetings)
- European Society for Pediatric Radiology (ESPR) - June 1 - 5, 2020 in Marseille, France
- Asian & Oceanic Society for Pediatric Radiology (AOSPR) - September 26 - 28, 2019 in Seoul, Korea

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**WFPI Executive Committee 2019-2020**
Good News!

The WFPI leadership announces that the William Shiels Memorial Foundation has committed to provide significant annual support to the new WFPI Observership Program.

Many of us remember Bill Shiels warmly and feel confident he would have been happy to see his name associated with this program that brings pediatric radiology education to parts of the world where it is now rare.

To learn more: See Observership/Fellowship pages on the WFPI website.

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