Ricardo Faingold’s Experience in Maputo

Ricardo Faingold is a Brazilian pediatric radiologist based in Montreal, Canada. He has great interest in international outreach and is an active WFPI collaborator. Supported by WFPI and UCLA Global Health Project he recently traveled to Maputo to teach pediatric US. Here is a summary of his report on this experience.

Recently, I had the opportunity to go to Maputo Central Hospital and spent a week in the Department of Pediatrics, between November 27 and December 2nd 2016. This was an initiative of The WFPI in partnership with UCLA Global Health Project. During this time, I interacted with Residents, neonatologists, pediatricians, surgeons and radiologists.

A total of 9 lectures and case show sessions were held, as well as clinical, surgical, respiratory and radiology rounds. Bedside Ultrasound exams (US) were performed in the Surgical ward, pediatrics and NICU.

Three workshops of neonatal US were done at the NICU with focus on Head US. We also helped the NICU assemble their equipment and it is now fully functional.

I met amazing and hard working physicians and health care providers during this time. This was an unforgettable and humbling experience and I truly believe that radiologists should be involved in outreach and education. In my opinion, we should keep pushing the boundaries for the use of pediatric ultrasound.

I am truly grateful to the leadership of the WFPI to support this fantastic project. Thank you Drs. Soto Giordani, Boechat and Silva from the WFPI and Dr. Buck from UCLA Global Health for this opportunity.

Yours truly,
Ricardo

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WFPI at the RSNA

Sunday morning Gloria Soto and Dorothy Bulas presented WFPI accomplishments over the past year to the ACR International Outreach Committee. During this annual meeting a group of leaders including ACR, RSNA, WUFMB, SonoWorld, RAD Aid and ITW discuss each others projects and work on collaborative efforts.

Also on Sunday Gloria Soto and Brian Coley met the leaders of SonoWorld to discuss how the WFPI can add pediatric expertise and content to their existent US educational endeavor. Partnership with SonoWorld, who has a robust educational platform, will enable WFPI to improve access to educational tools for teaching how to perform high quality pediatric US studies worldwide.

Drs. Soto and Bulas were invited to a WFUMB dinner Sunday night that again provided opportunities to discuss potential outreach and educational projects with leaders in International US.

Monday morning a group of WFPI members met to review the past year achievements and future goals. Gloria Soto led the meeting which included WFPI members Rutger Nievelstein, Brian Coley, Dorothy Bulas, Kimberly Applegate, Ron Cohen, Richard Barth, Kassa Darge, Omolola Atalabi and Jim Donaldson, Chairman of the SPR Board. Dina Husseiny, a radiologist from Egypt with great interest in international work, was also present as well as Jennifer Boylan and Kim Pede. We were thrilled to have Kim Pede join us and meet WFPI members.

Monday evening brought exciting news for WFPI at the SPR Reception. Dr. Diego Jaramillo, President of the SPR announced that Ines Boechat, founder and past president of WFPI, had been awarded the Gold Medal of the SPR, and Gloria Soto, President of WFPI, has been awarded with an Honorary Membership. The Award ceremony will take place during the SPR2017 meeting to be held in Vancouver.

Tuesday morning Brian Coley presented on behalf of Ines Boechat an update of WFPI’s activities and ongoing projects to the SPR Board. Later that day Gloria Soto, Kassa Darge and Dorothy Bulas met with WFUMB leaders to formalize collaborative initiatives. WUFMB has agreed to include Pediatric US in the international courses they support. WFPI will be
looking for speakers who are willing to volunteer to go to these meetings.

On Thursday Dorothy Bulas moderated an RSNA educational workshop on International Outreach. Kristen DeStigter, president of Imaging the World and RSNA Education Leader awardee, spoke on how program directors can develop outreach international rotations and Joanna Escalon, a resident who founded the RAD AID Cornell chapter, spoke on how residents can create an outreach program.

Congratulations to all the WFPI members who helped represent WFPI at the RSNA this year. Many exciting collaborations are in the works from these connections.

Amanda Dehaye Departure

WFPI is sad to announce that Amanda Dehaye has submitted her resignation as General Director of the WFPI. This was a difficult decision for Amanda but her work at MSF has evolved and significantly increased, and now requires all her energy and time. It is a great opportunity for her professional career.

Amanda has been a tremendous value for the WFPI. Her passion, vision, hard work and strategic thinking are well known to all those that have had the chance to work with her during these years. A great collaborator, her expertise, knowledge and leadership skills have been invaluable as WFPI grew from infancy. We will all miss her and we wish her the best. Amanda has graciously agreed to continue to provide counsel as needed.

We would like to welcome Kim Pede who will step up and provide additional administrative support as WFPI reorganizes.

Outreach Grant

With the approval of the Council, WFPI's treasurer has put aside $US 3000 of internal funding for allocation to projects in early 2017. For further information about how to apply please refer to (http://www.wfpiweb.org/ABOUT:Funding.aspx)
International Day of Radiology

WFPI helped support this year’s 5th International Day of Radiology devoted to Breast Imaging. Unknown pediatric breast cases of the day were placed on Facebook as well as short PPT presentations. Special thanks to our SLARP volunteers that provided material: Carolina Goneski, Mauro Daniel Gutierrez, Maria Cecilia Vargas, Esteban Dardanelli, Silvia Moguillansky, Marcela Tombesi, Oscar Bonino, Lina Cadavid Aníbal Espinoza and Cristián Garcia, Thanks also to Regina Hooley from Yale and Kassa Darge from CHOP. Thanks to all who helped support this endeavor particularly Sanjay Prabhu and Monica Gilsanz for keeping our FB and Twitter active!

A New WFPI Program will be launched soon!

With the objective of improving global access to high quality pediatric imaging a new WFPI Scholarships Program has been launched. This program is aimed to general radiologists with special interest to pediatric imaging that have no possibility of training at their local level. Scholars will perform a 3-month training period in pediatric imaging in an academic center selected by the WFPI. The trainee will complete a structured program under the supervision of a mentor. The award consists of US$3000 to help cover transport and living expenses during the training period. The selection of candidates will take in consideration

* Special interest to pediatric imaging
* No possibility of local training
* The feasibility of incorporating and disseminating at their local level the knowledge and skills acquires during the training.

The first “pilot” program will be offered to a radiologist from Africa and the training will be performed in South Africa. The call for candidates and requirements to apply will soon be published on our website and social media.

Great News!

The SPR now allows DONATIONS to be made through their website to be specifically set aside for WFPI. This donation site is open to anyone not only to SPR members!

Please consider supporting WFPI mission this holiday season. The more funds we accrue, the more things we can do!

The most direct way is to go here: https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/shopping/shopping.aspx?site=spr&webcode=shopping&carts=0&shopsearchCat=Donation%2fFund
Or go to the SPR web site and click on the research tab. This will bring you to the SPR Campaign for Children. When you click Click Here to Give, you will be taken to the shopping store where you can directly donate to WFPI as an added bonus, you can make a donation in honor of someone special to you or in memory of someone. Donations are tax deductible in the USA.

**SPR May 2017 - Save the date**

WFPI has a half day session in the North American Society for Pediatric Radiology (SPR) meeting, to be held in beautiful Vancouver, Canada, on 20th of May 2017. Take note: this session is for those looking to learn! Because we are not looking to “showcase” outreach work, but rather bring together people with relevant experience and learn from each other. We are inviting colleagues from different organizations to hold a frank discussion on what goes right and what goes wrong, what to do and what not to do in the provision and implementation of pediatric medical imaging – digital and onsite (one panel each, plus a panel on POCUS) - in lower resource settings. And we’ll kick off this session with an overview of a mapping exercise on the world’s pediatric radiologist availability and their training.