Onwards and upwards – online!

We’ve said it before, we’ll say it again! By choice and necessity, WFPI operates in a virtual world. This is how we can offer truly international access to our meetings, educational material and volunteer reporting services. So we are thrilled to see SPR pioneering a half-day of web streaming for its 2014 meeting, and extend our grateful thanks to Dr. Richard Barth, SPR President, for offering 100 places to non-North American colleagues, free of charge.

SPR is pleased to announce rapid take-up of all 100 places and is now fully focused on the organizational & technological challenges ahead (attendees: watch those time zones!! Kick off 7:50 am EST). The worldwide enthusiasm for this inaugural web streaming gives us great hope for future projects in a similar vein.

SPR is also looking to dovetail with WFPI in the development of an online video library as a joint project serving both North American and international audiences. This is another considerable investment on SPR’s part, and WFPI welcomes other member organizations to work with us on these online initiatives too, harnessing WFPI’s global reach to extend their own regional and national mandates.

Other WFPI education initiatives

Haiti

Another educational success in March 2014 with the 3rd ACR/ICC/Grace Children’s Hospital Annual Radiology Days rolled out to a capacity crowd of 100 Haitian physicians in March 2014. WFPI was part of the team, with Dr. Dorothy Bulas co-chairing the pediatric imaging program and delivering lectures and hands-on ultrasound sessions with Drs. Jennifer Nicolas and Kimberly Applegate. Running parallel to the Chicago Haiti Health Consortium/ICC Education Symposium, the synergy between the 2 courses worked well, as did the new radiographer program - more details here.

WFPI’s President, Prof. Ines Boechat, spent several days in March 2014 on behalf of UCLA’s Centre for Global Health and WFPI, teaching at the University Hospital Central de Maputo. In a country offering some 50 Pediatricians for a population of over 14 million children, this welcoming community faces some immense challenges: click here for more. We hope to link Mozambiquean pediatricians into Brazil’s thriving pediatric imaging telemedicine network, RADPED, (image left) which recently featured a lecture by Dr. Pedro Daltro, SLARP President and WFPI Council member.

WFPI member organizations: global teaching

Drs. Anne Geoffray and Edith Rivoal delivered a 2nd successful pediatric ultrasound course to 25 Rwandan general practitioners coming from all the country’s district hospitals or health centers in Rwamagana, Rwanda, on 3-6 February 2014. Run under the auspices of SFIPP (French-speaking society, WFPI member), the course aimed to provide these GPs with the pediatric US basics so as to facilitate diagnosis and timely referral. Click here for more.

WFPI has harnessed the strong ties between SFIPP radiologists and Rwandan physicians to disseminate its pediatric TB imaging tools.

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ISR and WFPI: Imaging in Tuberculosis


The contents have been provided by the world’s forefront radiology organizations with WFPI’s TB experts leading the pediatric charge. Dr. Bernard Laya’s excellent “Childhood Tuberculosis” lecture (of considerable Facebook fame - over 1000 Facebook screens reached in 1 week) is included, as are “Sav’s 7 Minute Snippets” on interpreting pediatric TB chest films and WFPI’s TB Corner.

This ISR module is a fantastic step forward in the gathering of international experts to develop TB tools. Congratulations to Dr. Eric Stern, ISR’s TB Steering Committee Chair. We are proud to be part of this effort.

WFPI outreach partnerships

Ties are being strengthened with two major not-for-profit players in imaging and healthcare in lower resource settings: Imaging the World (future partnerships in innovative ultrasound in Malawi & elsewhere) and Doctors Without Borders/MSF via its Diagnostic Imaging Network. We hope to have guests from MSF and our US research project in South Africa attending our Annual Meeting in June. Stanford University, USA, is also keen to expand its work with WFPI; developing “buddy systems” between resource-diverse facilities remains our overriding goal.

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