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Dr. Supakul Outreach in Laos and Thailand

Growing up in the small town in the North-Eastern part of Thailand in a medical professional family and witnessing first-hand the healthcare and educational discrepancies in rural areas are the main inspiration of Dr. Nucharin Supakul to be a physician and educator. After her medical school and residency training in Thailand, Dr. Supakul came to United State to pursue fellowship training at Riley Children Hospital, Indiana University School of Medicine (IUSM) in Pediatric Radiology, Neuroradiology and Pediatric Neuroradiology program for 4 years. After which she returned to Thailand and became a faculty member in Pediatric Radiology section at Ramathibodi Hospital, Mahidol University for 2 years. With her eastern and western training experiences, she also served as committee member in many National Societies including Royal College of Radiologists of Thailand (RCRT), Medical Ultrasonic Society of Thailand (MUST) and IAEA for national project in Human health and nutrition. She also initiated the collaboration with American Institute for Radiologic Pathology (AIRP), to organize the 1st full 4 weeks AIRP course in ASEAN Region and with IUSM for educational course in Pediatric and Pediatric Neuroradiology.

Currently as a faculty at Riley Hospital for Children, Dr. Supakul also serves as Director of Imaging Academic Outreach Center (iAOC), Chulahorn Royal Academy. Her goal is to develop an affordable, self-sufficient and sustainable educational center for Thailand and neighborhood countries. In conjunction with her role as Assistant editor in Chief of ASEAN journal of Radiology, an official journal of ASEAN Association of Radiology (AAR), she would like to create a small step for radiologists in ASEAN region to get exposed to the research world and be ready to take a big step in world journal.

Becoming a radiologist in an academic hospital has been her long term goal to full fill her dream as a doctor and teacher. The ability to influence the next generation of radiologists and encourage them to participate in research and education is her motivation. As the Father of Thai Medicine once said, “True success is not in learning, but its application to benefit mankind”.

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WFPI Digital Ambassador Program
The WFPI digital education team welcomed newly appointed digital ambassadors (DA's) in January 2018. The Chair of WFPI’s Digital Education team, Sanjay Prabhu, MBBS from Boston Children’s Hospital coined the term “digital ambassador” to highlight the role DA’s would be expected to play in extending the education footprint of the WFPI and increasing the relevance of the educational offerings to the member constituents based in different parts of the world. DA’s are radiologists from various member organizations selected based on their aptitude for teaching and an eagerness to harness the power of social media and online platforms for spreading pediatric radiology. The DA’s for 2018 appointed so far are:

- Mary Wyers M.D. (Lurie Children’s Hospital, Chicago, USA)
- Olubukola Omidiji M.D. (Lagos University Teaching Hospital, Lagos, Nigeria)
- Abdullahi Hamisu Dambatta M.D. (Aminu Teaching Hospital, Kano, Nigeria)
- Jennifer Nicholas M.D. (St. Louis Children’s Hospital, Missouri, USA)
- Jae-Yeon Hwang, M.D. (Pusan National University Children’s Hospital, Rep. of Korea)

SLARP and ESPR will be selecting their nominees in the near future. Follow the work of the DA’s on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

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Mark Your Calendar - ESPR 2018 in Berlin, Germany 18-22 June

For the first time the European Society of Paediatric Radiology congress will be held in Berlin. On 18–19 June, there will be the two-day 43rd postgraduate course, which is directed at both radiologists coming to the end of their specialist training as well as young paediatric radiologists at the beginning of the professional career. The ensuing three-day 54th ESPR congress, 20–22 June, will offer in addition to the scientific focus, a good mix of
keynote lectures and state-of-the-art lectures. Interactivity will be a relevant part of the meeting. Bring your mobile with you to take part in the polls!

The networking during the conference and social events are important for many future cross-border projects. One focus will be the new ESPR outreach project (TF-session on Thursday 21 June 2018) as well as the strengthening of contacts with the WPFI. The executive members of the WPFI will also be in Berlin to hold their General Assembly on Friday, June 22, parallel to the ESPR meeting. Participants from all over the world are cordially welcome and expected. Everyone is invited to become part of the big pediatric radiology family for 5 days. For more information and registration, please visit www.espr2018.org.

ESPR 2018 – Junior Grants (800 Euros/Grant)
We are glad to announce that the ESPR 2018 Junior Grants have been raised to 800 EUR each. If you are up to 35 years old, you may apply via this link. The scholarships are open to applicants from all countries. Applicants from low-wage countries are preferred, also applicants who attend for the first time at the ESPR meeting. Application deadline: End of February 2018.

Mark Your Calendar - International Congress on Imaging of Childhood Thoracic Tuberculosis and Other Pulmonary Infections Manilla Hotel, Philippines March 24, 2018
Dorothy Bulas to receive SPR Gold Medal

At the upcoming meeting of the Society for Pediatric Radiology in Nashville, Dr. Dorothy Bulas will receive the society's highest honor, the Gold Medal. SPR has many reasons to honor Dorothy as her contributions to that Society are legion.

She's been instrumental in the development of the World Federation of Pediatric Imaging as well. In fact, we like to think the WFPI may represent the best alignment of her passions: pediatric radiology and international outreach. As a co-President of the London IPR in 2011, Dorothy Bulas and her fellow co-President, Cathy Owens officially launched the World Federation of Pediatric Imaging. Dorothy then presided over the WFPI Education Committee for 4 years and continues to serve as the IDoR Leader. Dorothy is now Chair of the ACR International Outreach Committee. She has personally given over 200 abstracts and scientific presentations nationally and 42 international invited lectures and 19 visiting professorships. Some of the countries she has taught in include Haiti, Ghana, Eritrea, South Africa, Poland, Russia, Brazil, Colombia, Thailand, Japan, and China. It is notable that for many of the international lectures she has given up to 20 lectures in a single week.

Dorothy was born in New York City, the middle child of Polish immigrants. It is clear that her parents' life stories helped shape her path: during World War II, Dorothy’s grandparents were deported to Siberia from Lithuania and their family home overtaken, first by Russian troops and later by the Nazis. Dorothy’s mother survived the war and as a displaced refugee was accepted into the University of Heidelberg’s medical school. Her father, who was active in the Polish underground, was also a displaced refugee studying chemistry in Heidelberg. It was there that Dorothy’s parents met. Through the kindness of strangers, they found sponsors who helped them come to the United States. The generosity of these sponsors impacted Dorothy’s perceptions of hardship and continues to inspire her international outreach efforts. Her parents’ survival based in part on a strong education taught her the importance of knowledge and independence. The WFPI leadership congratulates the SPR for making an outstanding Gold Medal selection for 2018. To our colleague, Dorothy, we say only: “bravo!” and “well-deserved!”

(Jennifer Boylan thanks Dr. Marilyn Goske for assistance with this article.)

Global Initiative for Children's Surgery (GICS) Meeting in India

Dr. Sridhar Gibikote, pediatric radiologist from CMC Vellore, India presents “An Introduction to WFPI” at the GICS Conference on January 13, 2018. The meeting was attended by 110 delegates from 33 countries.
Dr. Sridhar Gibikote at GICS Conference

Sister Societies Annual Meetings

Society for Pediatric Radiology (SPR) - May 15 - 19, 2018 in Nashville, Tennessee
http://www.pedrad.org/Events/SPRMeetings/SPR2018

European Society for Pediatric Radiology (ESPR) - June 18 - 22, 2018 in Berlin, Germany
http://espr2018.org/

Sociedad Latino Americana de Radiologia Pediatrica (SLARP) - November 8 - 10, 2018 in Lima, Peru
http://slarp.net/

Asian & Oceanic Society for Pediatric Radiology (AOSPR) - September 14 - 16, 2018 in Chandigarh, India
http://www.aospr.com/
WFPI Fellowship (Observership) Outreach in South Africa

WFPI is offering up to a three month sponsored training to be spent at Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital Johannesburg in South Africa under Dr Jaishree Naidoo as a mentor to the tune of $3000 US to cover transport and living expenses.

The program aims to enhance the clinical practice and teaching of paediatric radiology at all levels of healthcare more broadly in Africa, by developing expertise in imaging techniques and familiarity with protocols appropriate to the continent’s burden of childhood disease. The program is designed to complement and expand basic specialist training in diagnostic radiology. The outcome will be detailed knowledge and in-depth experience of paediatric imaging in the context of Africa’s unique disease burden. The knowledge and skills acquired will empower a radiologist to conduct optimal paediatric imaging in either a general radiology service or a dedicated paediatric service.

For Eligibility Criteria and additional please refer to: http://www.wfpiweb.org/ABOUT/Funding.aspx

Deadline for submission is April 30, 2018

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someone. Donations are tax deductible in the US and are possible due to the SPR's willingness to include us in the Second Campaign for Children, now under way.

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