

WFPI Executive Committee Meeting, 27th November 2017 (online)

Present: Wendy Lam/WL (President), Omolola Atalabi/OA (Vice President), Jaishree Naidoo/JN, (Secretary), Ines Boechat/IB (Founding President and Co-opted Director), Cicero Silva/CS (Outreach Lead), Hansel Otero/HO (Incoming Outreach Chair), Ricardo Faingold/RF (Incoming Outreach Vice Chair), Sanjay Prabhu/SP (Digital Education Lead), Michael Gee/MG (MRI Protocol Lead), Dorothy Bulas/DB (IDoR Leader); Kimberly Applegate /KA (IG Representative), James Donaldson/JD (Representative Director), Celia Ferrari/CF (Representative Director), Jennifer Boylan/JB (Executive Director, SPR), Kim Pede /KP (Admin)

Absent: Gloria Soto/GS, (Past-President), Rutger-Jan Nievelstein /RJN (Treasurer), Cristian Garcia (Vice Secretary), Richard Barth/RB (Vice Treasurer), Eva Kis/EK (Representative Director), Gladys Mwangi/GM (Representative Director), Khaled Aboualfotouh Ahmad/ KAA (Representative Director), Bernard Laya/BL (Representative Director), Timothy Cain/TC (Representative Director), Erich Sorantin/ES (Representative Director), Rebecca Stein-Wexler/RSW (Representative Director), Alexandra Monteiro/AM (Representative Director), Ram Senasi/RS (Incoming Outreach Vice Chair) and Amanda Dehaye (Past Executive Director, Co-opted Director)

Blue comments = action

1/ Approval of October Minutes

WL: The group unanimously approved the minutes from November 2nd, with Cicero's requested changes.

2/ Progress of Digital Education

WL: Jennifer Boylan (JB) read Sanjay's letter to the group. In the letter Sanjay (SP) requested to have Representative Director's nominate one representative from their organization who is web savvy or willing to learn to be named an Education Ambassador. He would like to have those nominations in by 12/15.

Action: Kim Pede (KP) to send email to Executive Committee to approve by 12/1 so that letter can be written to the Representative Directors to have their nominees by 12/15.

3/ Progress of South African Training Grants

JN: Jaishree explained that this program would be an observership and will take place for 3 months. The application process will be shared in the December Newsletter and posted on Facebook and the WFPI website. The deadline for submissions is April 30th, 2018. The hospital administrative fees will come out of the \$3,000 total for the grant.

Action: Kim Pede (KP) to send Fellowship Outreach in Africa criteria to the ExCom for review.

4/ Progress of MRI Protocol Committee

MG: Michael Ghee (MG) reported that the purpose of the MRI Protocol Committee is to get together to share expertise on rapid protocols. He plans on meeting with the committee the week of December 4th. He already has information from China, Boston and Brain protocols. He has buy in from 3 of the major vendors. (GE/Philips/Siemens) There can be a point person designated by each of the vendors.

The plan is to create 6 rapid protocols (Abdomen, Brain, MSK, Spine, Whole Body and ?), the goal is to strip down the sequences to provide a minimum requirement. The committee would get their local experience and come back to the group with their recommendations. He would like to provide these recommendations to other sites across the globe. MG suggested that the vendors could reach out to sites and provide implementation recommendations.

Kimberly Applegate (KA) wanted to know what the committee would be doing for safety. She mentioned that the Joint Commission is asking about safety protocols. MG said that they can survey sites on MRI safety.

Jaishree Naidoo (JN) said that there is a “magic sequence” and they are vendor specific. She suggested that maybe we can reconstruct the protocol from one of the magic sequences. MG agreed that the magic sequences are vendor specific and indicated that if you only have 10 minutes you would need to know what should be done which is the goal of defining the new protocols.

Action: MG to report back to the group on progress after the first MRI protocol meeting.

5/ Result of IDoR

DB: Reported that this year’s topic of Emergency Room was much more difficult to find cases that applied. RSNA and ACR have decided to still support the day but will not necessarily support the theme. It was discussed that WFPI would still celebrate IDoR but would present cases in pediatric radiology that are in line with what we are doing internationally. James Donaldson (JD) said that we can have a presence every year and still promote IDoR on our web sites and can still forward our materials to RSNA and ACR.

Action: DB will report back on any updates.

6/ Progress of Newsletter

KP: Most of the items have been provided. Below are the assignments and updates of their status.

Newsletter topics and assignments:

- Promote WFPI Grants – JN – Form has been submitted.
- AOSPR Update/Shanghai, China- WL already provided an article with pictures

- Pictures of new Outreach Chairs with thanks to outgoing volunteers – CS reached out to the chairs and photos have been received. CS requested that IB write an article about Bernie Laya.
- Role of Radiology in Diagnosing TB – PAHO/WHO Lecture – DB already provided information.
- Letter to honor Alan Levenstein – IB – Ines wrote a lovely letter
- Check to Collegiate Telemedicus – CS already provided paragraph.
- IDOR plans – DB end of next week – SP can provide us with results.
- Pictures from RSNA- JN provided a photo from her meeting. Will check with DB as well.

Action: IB and DB to provide information to KP by December 8th.

7/ Any other updates?

JD: James Donaldson (JD) Brought up the topic of maintenance on donated equipment. There is an issue when the equipment can't be used by the disadvantaged country because there are no technical resources assigned to support the equipment. There is a need to have the vendors offer a maintenance agreement on the equipment that is donated. Otherwise the equipment often sits unused because there is no one who knows how to resolve the error message. It would help if there was an international committee for radiology communication that would know how to work with the ministries to get things resolved, that would be ideal. Wendy Lam (WL) agrees that having vendors, who are interested in outreach, provide technical support to the hospitals would be great.

JN: Jaishree Nadoo (JN) brought up that there are not enough Pediatric Radiologists available. JN is interested in Artificial Intelligence in order to share data. Having Artificial Intelligence to read TB would be great. It is available for adults but not for pediatric patients. Ricardo Feingold (RF) indicated that there are computer based ultrasound teachings that are wonderful.

Next EXCOM meeting:

Thursday, 1/4/17 9:00 – 10:00 am (CST)

[EXCOM meetings will take place on the first Thursday of every month.]