



WFPI Executive Committee meeting, 7th May 2015 (online)

Present: Ines Boechat/IB (President, chair), Dorothy Bulas/DB (Vice Secretary), Gloria Soto/GS (Treasurer), Rutger-Jan Nievelstein/RJN (Vice Treasurer), Tim Cain/TC (Acting Treasurer, Membership Secretary), Jaishree Naidoo/JN (President AfSPI, ex officio ExCom member), Amanda Dehaye/AD (General Manager)

Absent: Wendy Lam (Secretary)

Red comments = agreed

Blue comments = action

1/ Follow up, questions raised at last EXCOM mtg "How does outreach work become affiliated with WFPI?"

Feedback on email responses, decisions, next steps

Click here for email question and email responses

http://www.wfpiweb.org/Portals/7/Workrooms/FINAL_EXCOM_answers_outreach_questions_7May2015.pdf

Agreed:

ExCom members

1. **Agree with the conclusions listed for advocacy through to research as cited in the ExCom minutes of 2nd April 2015.**
2. **Regarding N°7, "information", considers that processing non-affiliated outreach project information (according recognition) is relevant to WFPI's strategic priorities, albeit seen by some as valuable but lower priority.**
3. **Recognize that the nuts and bolts of the web journalism entailed in processing this information will outstrip WFPI's current resources so solutions must be found at member organization individual level (pass URLs or pdf write ups, ready to post, to WFPI. Space for them will be created and promoted on the website)**
4. **Feel comfortable with the label "medical non-profit organization" for public use?**
5. **Agree with the outreach affiliation guidelines posted here <http://www.wfpiweb.org/OUTREACH/Projectapproval.aspx>**
6. **Agree with the review and validation process set out in the guidelines**
7. **Agree that the process suggested should apply to ALL projects from here on out - including tele-reading sites and projects initiated by WFPI's funding organizations, etc.**
8. **Agree that some funding be put aside, annual financials permitting?**
9. **Consider that it should not be used exclusively for outreach work – can also cover education or other initiatives**

Differences:

10. 3 societies agreed that funding allocation should be allocated as a priority to WFPI-affiliated projects. AfSPI: funding should be awarded exclusively to WFPI-affiliated projects. ESRP: open to all projects, should be assessed on their merit

Discussion on point 10:

Eastern Europe

VD: ESRP funding for WFPI admin costs: \$US10k, another \$US 10-15k put aside for a project in Eastern Europe. Michael Riccabona and Erich Sorantin know the region well but not available right away to discuss the project. Do think it will be complicated eg in Romania as individual facilities have a constant eye on raising revenue as opposed to nurturing pediatric imaging. Better to work through national societies and set up regional courses & teaching over a couple of years. May not work, so then look elsewhere.

GS: refer to RSNA visiting professor scheme, needs national society backup, mutual obligations, very successful. Visiting profs participate in national society meetings (*SEE HYPERLINK ABOVE for more details*). Copy the model?

VD: Eastern Europe won't apply to RSNA to host visiting professors.

DB: ESPR (or an individual) would apply for funding for teaching work in the area.

Costa Rica

DB: a group of SPR board members looking to operate in Costa Rica, have "applied" to WFPI for funding. What can they be told?

VD: ESPR feels strongly Eastern Europe is the priority. Huge needs in Romania. Needs continuous support, travel quite cheap from Europe.

Questions

1/ JN: isn't it up to national and regional societies to apply if there is a deadline? And ESPR is supporting only Eastern European – does this mean each society only supports its own continent?

AD:

Re Eastern Europe: Could we state ESPR funding is "earmarked"? I.e. kept apart from other funds held on WFPI's account and used exclusively by ESPR to get an Eastern Europe project going.

Keeping these funds apart as "ear marked" will ensure that ESPR has the time to get its project going while WFPI keeps going. Given ExCom's support for a project in this area, ESPR will hopefully look for WFPI affiliation.

Meanwhile WFPI can look at the non-earmarked funds on its account and decide if a sum can be extracted for project funding.

Re Costa Rica: 4 out of 5 societies voted in favor of WFPI affiliated projects getting priority funding. So if the Costa Rica project aligns to our affiliation guidelines, its funding chances will increase. These guidelines and other information on WFPI's resources and sources of support were sent to the Costa Rica team some months ago, along with an explanation that WFPI is not a donor (valid at the time).

IB: re-stressed the needs for these criteria to be applied in any allocation decisions – they reflect experience and good practice.

2/ JN: Can projects funded in the past apply again?

TC: They could, on the basis that if we've started something, it should be done well [finished properly].

AD: demonstrates why ExCom's decisions will be a bit random as opposed to merit-based. EG a teaching trip to Malawi was been funded once – optimize the investment by funding again. OR Malawi was funded in the past so now it's another area's turn. Both choices are valid. ExCom will just decide which one fits best at the moment the decision is made....

Action

- ⇒ Draft treasurer's report (under preparation for Annual Meeting/June) to be sent to GS, RJN and TC, who will discuss if and how much can put aside for allocation in 2015-2016
- ⇒ Put forward their recommendation for a vote in Graz.
- ⇒ Then this Treasury group will set up the final cross-regional sub-committee who will design and manage the application and allocation process and advise ExCom on decisions.

2/ Council turnover

IB: 1 out of 2 Representative Directors reaches the end of his/her term, can renew for one term or invite turnover.

GS: GS Vice-President, so Treasurer replacement needed. RepDirs: several people interested. Ceila Ferrari (SLARP President) stays, Alexandra Monteiro replaces Pedro Daltro as the 2nd RepDir – she is hugely active in Brazil.

TC: to discuss with Rutgers Jan, but could step in as Treasurer, have been acting Treasurer to date (with Gloria's thanks)

JN: JN will become Vice-Secretary

Agreed:

GS, JN and Alexandra Monteiro: welcomed to their new roles!

IB stays on ExCom as Past President for a year (bylaws), then keep the Founding President involved for as long as needed alongside Presidents and Past Presidents.

3/ Next ExCom meeting

First Thursday of every month

Next date: 2nd July (June: replaced by ESPR/Graz meetings)

Agreed that monthly meetings would continue, even if people can't make them all. Can vary topics and attendees if appropriate.

3/ Leadership Meeting, 5th June – online/Graz, ECT 10-12 am

IB: working session, smaller numbers. Please submit agenda items if you have them. ExCom encouraged to attend this meeting if possible. (Bad news for GS, if in Cancún Mexico: it's at 3am.....). JN also online.

Agenda ideas: invite national society leaders & discuss their involvement. Present outline of outreach approach and vote on the budget for outreach funding. Look at concrete project implementation: which roles are open to international volunteers.

4/ Annual Members' Meeting, 5th June – online/Graz, 1:30 – 3pm

Have a poster and holding slides during the meeting flagging the date and welcoming any interested parties.

More formal meeting – President and Treasurer's report, focus on activities, especially areas of change and hot issues.

5/ IDoR

DB: outline of IDoR book project, poster ready, need ideas at institutional level.

AD: presented possibility of WFPI running Case of the Day (during November) in partnership with Radiopaedia.org (<http://radiopaedia.org/>) – big, big international reach. Use cases from all regions, run a competition to collect/select them beforehand. Could perhaps run a similar but separate initiative during IPR week – in the IPR IT committee's hands.

Meeting adjourned. Next ExCom meeting: Thursday 2nd July 2015