

**Minutes WFPICCS General Assembly
28 June 2007
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Venue: Room AB, Palexpo, Geneva

Chair: Edwin van der Voort

Present on behalf of the WFPICCS Board: Jos Latour, Tex Kissoon, Eduardo Schnitzler, Edwin van der Voort, Andrew Argent, Jonathan Gillis

Welcome

Edwin van der Voort opened the meeting and welcomed the over 500 individual members of societies that are member of WFPICCS.

WFPICCS activities

Edwin van der Voort provided feedback on activities over the last 4 years since the WFPICCS General Assembly in Boston 2003. He highlighted:

1. The current meeting in Geneva which has been attended by over 2000 delegates from over 90 countries in the world;
2. Regional meetings which have now taken place in Porto Alegre (Brazil), Tokyo (Japan) and Chandigar (India);
3. The development of the website under the leadership of Tex Kissoon with support from Jos Latour

Jos Latour commented on nursing affairs, highlighting:

1. Various regional meetings and WFPICCS Nursing workshop have been organized in close cooperation with colleagues.
2. The fact that nursing meetings have taken place in these regional meetings with very close co-operation between the nursing and medical delegates.
3. WFPICCS nursing has established a world-wide network of pediatric critical care nurses communicating on various hot topics and providing a debate.

Financial affairs

Jos Latour, the WFPICCS Treasurer, provided feedback about the financial affairs of the Federation. In essence the Federation had very little money available following the Boston congress in 2003, but since that time have managed to avoid the development of debt. Following the Geneva meeting, the financial affairs of the Federation will be more stable.

Amendments to By-Laws

Edwin van der Voort explained that the society members of the Federation were essentially the national and continental societies. These were represented on the WFPICCS Full Board. Essentially the announcement of amendments to the By-Laws was for information and not for voting. Voting has been done on 23 June 2007 by the voting representatives of the member societies of WFPICCS.

Amendments of the By-Laws were:

- Board of Directors; Point 8a
Six (6) individuals who are representatives of Full Members who are nursing based organizations elected by the Full Members who are nursing based organizations. Represented in 8b, 6 regions.
- Board of Directors; Point 10
... Directors shall be elected for terms of four (4) years. Maximum duration of Board membership should be eight (8) years. There may be an additional four (4) year term if a person is elected to executive service

The announcement of the increase in number of nurses was greeted with acclaim.

Announcement of new Board

Edwin van der Voort announced that the new WFPICCS Board of Directors would include:
Latin America: Bettina von Dessauer (Chili) and Jefferson Piva (Brazil), two additional ex officio members still to be announced;

North America: The members from North America are still to be decided upon by the member societies;

Europe: Robert Tasker (UK) and Denis Devictor (France);

Asia: Sunit Singhi (India) and Swee Fong Tang (Malaysia), other members still to be announced;

Oceania: Jonathan Gillis (Australia) and David Schell (Australia) as ex-officio member;

Africa: Andrew Argent (South Africa) other member to be announced;

Nursing: Pang Nguk Lang (Singapore), Yuko Shirashi (Japan) ex-officio, Bev Copnell (Austarlia), Maureen Madden (USA), Mavilde Pedreira (Brazil), Francoise Martens (Belgium) ex-officio, Jos Latour (The Netherlands).

Mrs. Patricia Moloney-Harmon (USA) raised the issue that it would be better for the medical and nursing Board members to be announced by region rather than separately as medical and nursing. This was generally agreed.

One attending colleague raised the suggestion that there needed to be appropriate representation of the Middle East. This was agreed.

Awards

Peter Rimensberger (on behalf of Pat Kochanek) announced the two winners of the PCCM awards for the best abstract and presentation at the Geneva World Congress 2007.

The PCCM award for the best presentation on Basic Research went to: Rachel S. Agbeko from the Institute of Child Health at University College in London, UK; The association of mannose binding lectin deficiency and systemic inflammatory response syndrome is unaffected by other complement and cytokine single nucleotide polymorphisms.

The PCCM award for the best presentation on Clinical Research went to: Claudio F. Oliveira from FMUSP in Sao Paolo, Brazil; An outcomes comparison of ACCM/PALS guidelines for pediatric septic shock with and without central venous oxygen saturation monitoring.

Edwin van der Voort then thanked Peter Rimensberger and his team for the outstanding organization of the 5th World Congress on Pediatric Critical Care, Geneva, June 2007. He presented him gifts on behalf of WFPICCS.

Announcement 6th World Congress Pediatric Critical Care

Edwin van der Voort announced that the 6th World Congress on Pediatric Critical Care in 2011 would take place in Sydney, Australia. Jonathan Gillis and Bev Copnell then presented a short video presentation regarding the World Congress.

Future action

Edwin van der Voort then commented on projects that are under way including:

1. Development of educational materials that would be available in a number of formats;
2. Development of collaborative research projects under the leadership of Barry Wilkins.

Bala Ramachandaran (India) raised the issue of possible free access to PCCM for people in developing countries. Tex Kissoon provided feedback from the journal, and Trevor Duke and Alan Duncan provided information that this could be organized via the UNARI. Trevor Duke in particular would follow up on this process.

A request was made for access to electronic copies of presentations made at plenary sessions during the 5th World Congress. Peter Rimensberger responded that:

- It had not been financially possible to record all the presentations;
- Sepsis Initiative sessions have been videotaped, and this will be available on the website;
- It was agreed that major presentations could be made available on the website in PDF format if the speaker agreed.

Bala Ramachandaran (India) again raised the point that in future meetings, material could be made more generally available using publishing facilities in countries such as India.

Mohamed Aboidy (from Egypt) suggested that it would be wonderful if educational material could be made available for developing countries.

Jos Latour suggested that members of WFPICCS could look at material available on the website, and commented that WFPICCS member societies could facilitate access to that material.

No further questions or remarks were given by the delegates

The WFPICCS General Assembly was closed at 13.00 hours



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