

WFPICCS Board of Directors Meeting

April 1-2, 2008, Viña del Mar, Chile

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES

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Present :

Europe :

Edwin van der Voort

Denis Devictor

Jos Latour

Françoise Martens

Latin America

Gabriël Cassalet-Bustillo

Bettina von Dessauer

Mavilde LG Pedreira

Jefferson P. Piva

North America

Niranjan Kissoon

Maureen Madden

Oceania:

Jonathan Gillis

David Schell

Bev Copnell

Africa & Middle East

Andrew Argent

Minette Coetzee

Asia:

Pang Nguk Lan

Apologies : R Tasker, Vinay, Sunit Singhi, Swee Fong Tan; Nai Shun Tsoi; Yuko Shiraishi; Hirokazu Sakai; Vinay Nadkarni

1. Welcome and apologies

Andrew Argent welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Review agenda, incoming mails

No special comments and no incoming mails

3. Approval minutes WFPICCS business meetings Geneva 2007

The Minutes of the Board meeting, 22 and 23 June Geneva; the General Assembly; 28 June Geneva; and the Board meeting 29 June Geneva were reviewed and approved.

4. Report of the president. Andrew Argent

After a successful world congress, WFPICCS needs to consolidate the basic structure of the Federation allowing us to carry on the projects. Establishing an official secretariat is now a priority, including maintaining and developing the relationships between the member societies.

5. Report of the treasurer. Jos Latour

Jos Latour reported the financial balance and the budget plan. The WFPICCS account of 2007 is approved by a financial auditor. The financial report was approved by the board.

6. The by-laws. Jos Latour.

The amendments were sent to our WFPICCS lawyer, Ann Corbett and approved by the Ministry of Industry Canada on May 7, 2008.

7. Report PCCM, Tex Kissoon.

PCCM is now a successful journal with about 2000 subscribers. Tex Kissoon underlined the role of the WFPICCS in promoting PCCM, in order to expand the subscriptions or to promote the electronic version of the Journal. Impact factor will be available in 2009. Andrew Argent thanked Tex Kissoon and Pat Kochanek for the tremendous job they have done.

8. 4th Edition Roger's Textbook, Edwin van der Voort & Jos Latour.

Thanks to the efforts of Edwin van der Voort and Jos Latour with the editor, 23 free copies of the Textbook were sent to PICUs in developing countries. The board recognized that the Textbook is outstanding with a good representation of WFPICCS. It is "the official WFPICCS" Textbook.

9. WFPICCS Promotion. Jos Latour:

The golden WFPICCS pins are still available. We will have a new brochure. The promotion of the WFPICCS should be made as often as possible at local meeting.

10. Newsletter. Tex Kissoon

Tex Kissoon suggested to published a WFPICCS Newsletter quarterly a year. Two co-editors are in charge of the newsletter: Jefferson Piva and Françoise Martens. They should invite regional and continental societies, members of the Federation to write a part of the newsletter. Articles will be written by physicians and nurses.

11. Report from the regions :

Latin America. *B von Dessauer; G Cassalet-Bustillo; M Pedreira; J Piva*

Currently, a crucial issue is to develop a network between the different countries of Latin-America to facilitate communication. Regarding the SLACIP congress : 450 attendees are expected. Several multi-center studies are ongoing (ventilation, sepsis, etc).

Europe. *Denis Devictor, Françoise Martens.*

ESPNIC created a new educational program for physicians and nurses, the ESPNIC school in Pediatric Intensive Care. The program consists modules on specific topics such as ventilation, sepsis, ethics, metabolism, etc. This could be the first step toward a European diploma in PIC. The ESPNIC 2008 congress, Nice (October 2008), will be a join congress with ESPR under the cap of the European Academy of Paediatrics. More than 12 European societies of pediatrics specialties will be associated.

North-America *Tex Kissoon and Maureen Madden*

Tex Kissoon reported the activities and opportunity to meet: Pediatric Critical Care colloquium, American Academy of Pediatrics, SCCM meetings. A lot on research is going on. The issue is how can we connect these researchers with WFPICCS activities. Maureen Madden reported on the AACN's NTI meeting next May. The American Association of Critical-care Nurses (AACN) is well organized and database which is in the public domain is available.

Oceania : *Jonathan Gillis, Bev Copnell*

The activity is dominated by the organization of the WFPICCS World congress in 2011. Jonathan Gillis raised the question of a catalogue of trials going on in the World. He took as an example the multi-center, international study on fluids resuscitation in adults study, which can be done in pediatrics.

Asia : *Pang Nguk Lan*

The language barrier is a problem to improve critical care standards and may limit the development of appropriate application of critical care technologies and cares by conferences, exchange programs, attachment opportunities. Another issue is the limitation of funding to perform research. One question is to promote multidisciplinary collaboration between physician, nursing and other partners and the collaboration on training program between countries.

South Africa : *Minette Coetzee, Andrew Argent*

A crucial point is to increase links with the Critical Care Society of Southern Africa which is an adult Society with a pediatric branch. Another point is the development of the African pediatric Fellowship training program. Its objective is the provision of subspecialist training for nursing and medical fellows from Sub Saharan Africa including other areas. Many countries have no Pediatric Critical Care and the question is more focused on emergency medicine or neonatology. Andrew Argent emphasized that the epidemiology of the diseases in this region is specific (HIV, trauma, burns, etc).

12. WFPICCS business plan. Andrew Argent

Andrew Argent pointed out that WFPICCS structure is now stabilized with an active board, a good journal, an attractive and updated website, etc.

Breadth of Vision

WFPICCS has a broad international representation. The Federation should be linked with other societies and organizations which have the same global perspectives such as WHO and IPA. On that note: the next IPA meeting will be in South Africa (2010) and WFPICCS could have a specific role. We also need to focus on contacts with pediatric groups, emergency medicine, and acute care groups in the countries where critical care is not well established.

Specific project.

Andrew Argent pointed out that we focus on three items: education, research, ethics.

- Education Andrew Argent

Colleagues want educational material. A major role of WFPICCS is to provide educational programs based on the specific needs of the countries, especially the developing ones. A proposal was done by the executive committee: the congress in Cape town August 2008, will be an opportunity to launch such an innovative program. During the congress, WFPICCS will invite doctors and nurses from African disadvantaged countries, explore their needs and try to answer appropriately, with focused guidelines and practical workshops.

- Research support Tex Kissoon

WFPICCS could establish a data base on current studies. This base could be put on the web, inviting people to participate. The Australian and Canadian critical trial groups could be “resource groups” that can help in delimitating of topics, getting funding, constructing protocols, selecting specific topics such as Dengue, head trauma, age of blood transfusion, etc. It was decided to formalize a structure to carry on this project. This Scientific Committee will involve WFPICCS Board members and non board members. A WFPICCS award on the best publications having had the best clinical impact has been suggested.

- Ethics Denis Devictor

The report of the Taskforce on ethics was distributed. Two documents were approved by the board and will be put in the web site: *the ethical codes for the WFPCCS directors and officers* and *the Ethical codes for WFPICCS-Industrial relationship*. It was suggested to add two other issues: informed consent and ethical approach of resources allocation: (beds, procedures, drugs, etc.).

13. The advisory board, Andrew Argent, Tex Kissoon

Many associated professionals could help the board as fund raisers, lawyers, advisers because they bring a different way of thinking. They could join the Federation in a specific structure, a sort of advisory board. This group would not necessarily meet but it would be contacted regularly to gather their collective wisdom on the issues that are confronting the Federation.

14. Web site Tex Kissoon

Tex Kissoon encouraged to visit the website and explore the sepsis initiative. This represents a good example of a complete on-line program. A loop has been created including the bundles of the sepsis initiative and education material. www.wfpiccs.org

15. WFPICCS sister PICU program Jos Latour

For the moment the PICU of the Children’s Hospital in Boston raised money via several projects named as “Cans for Care” and “Hair for Care”. Our colleagues from Boston adopted a PICU in Cambodia. Also the KKH hospital, Singapore, executed several initiatives with Cambodia and other Asian countries.

16. Endorsement of meetings, Maureen Madden

Maureen Madden presented the draft of a document. There would be 4 levels of endorsement, with 4 categories. There will be fees according these categories, but these fees should be discussed according to the country possibilities, because some of them are not able to afford excessive fees.

17. Evaluation WFPICCS Congress 2007, Jos Latour, Denis Devictor

The evaluation report is ready and will be uploaded to our website in April 2008

18. 6th WFPICCS Congress 13-17 March 2011, Jonathan Gillis, David Schell,

The PCO is appointed: Tour Host. The dates are confirmed Sun 13th March-Thu 17th March 2011. The venue will be the Sydney convention and exhibition center which is already booked. There will be pre-congress meetings on Sat 12th - Sun 13th (possible course could be APLS/PALS-like course with simulation center; Multinational study group, etc). Work is in progress and the website is online: www.pcc2011.com

WFPICCS Board of Directors Meeting is closed on April 2, 2008, at 12H45.