NEWS FROM OCEANIA

6TH WORLD CONGRESS ON PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE - SYDNEY, 2011

The following KEY DATES for the meeting have been decided and they are:

- 15 March 2010: Abstract opening
- 10 September 2010: Deadline abstract submission
- 1 November 2010: Notification of abstract acceptance

A first announcement notice has been placed on the WFPICCS website.

Pre Congress Workshops and Meetings
6th World Congress on Pediatric Critical Care

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The Organizing Committee is seeking expressions of interest from Societies or other interested parties considering a pre congress workshop or meeting at the 6th World Congress, to be held in Sydney in March 2011.

All pre congress meetings will be organized by the relevant organization; however the program must be approved by the Scientific Committee. The pre congress meetings will be supervised by Dr Jonathan Egan, Co Chair of the Scientific Committee. No financial costs will be borne by the conference organizers for the pre congress sessions, including speaker travel or accommodation costs. An additional charge for delegates attending pre congress meetings is likely, pending requirements of the organizers.

The pre congress meetings will be held on Sunday 12th March 2011 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.
AFRICA AWAITS YOU

The Neonatal Nurses Association of Southern Africa (NNASA) together with The Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN) are pleased and proud to inform you that NNASA together with The Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN) are hosting the 7th International conference for Neonatal Nurses (ICNN) at the ICC in Durban, South Africa from the 24 - 27th October 2010.

We would like to invite you to join us for this memorable conference. Neonatal care is under the spotlight at the moment as we strive to achieve the millennium development goals. In many countries poor funding, inadequate staff and equipment, and almost no training opportunities have resulted in impossible work loads, disillusionment, frustration and an inability to recruit and retain staff in this highly specialized and stressful field.

Our theme “Excellence against all odds - researching solutions to global challenges” reflects the aim of all neonatal nurses to constantly give of their best in their pursuit of excellence in patient care despite these odds. The conference will support this by offering pre-conference skills workshops and a comprehensive 2 1/2 day scientific program of local and international presenters who will equip delegates with knowledge of the latest research and practice to facilitate the implementation of evidence based neonatal care.

This will be a great opportunity to promote neonatal nursing within South Africa and indeed Africa as we hope to attract many delegates from our continent. We will take pride in showcasing our local neonatal units through optional hospital visits where our international guests can see the standards of care we have achieved-against all odds! We also hope this will be a spring board for other African countries to launch neonatal nursing associations of their own and to develop national neonatal and maternal care policies that will impact on the devastating perinatal mortality rates we have in Africa

We have huge expectations for this conference and hope to attract thousands of professionals involved in newborn care to come and share our vision. We hope to encourage innovation, reward excellence, inspire, motivate and promote passion for our calling. Although NNASA is a new association - dynamite comes in small packages!

Don’t miss this opportunity! We look forward to welcoming you to Durban; South Africa our warm friendly rainbow nation.

Watch our website for further updates and booking:
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NEWS FROM EUROPE
Three Societies. One Congress. A wealth of Knowledge
Join over 3,000 prominent pediatric clinicians, researchers and nurses at EAPS 2010. A rich scientific program comprises groundbreaking information on pediatric medicine, research and neonatal care. Meet us in Copenhagen for another prestigious pediatric congress organized by the three foremost European paediatric societies: The European Society for Pediatric Research (ESPR), the European Academy of Pediatrics (EAP) and the European Society of Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC).

NEWS FROM LATIN AMERICA
The 10th Latin American Congress on Pediatric Intensive Care – under the auspices of SLACIP – was held on April 26-30, 2010 in Guatemala. A broad scientific program was covered with experienced speakers coming from the various Latin American countries. It was interesting to observe that different approaches chosen in consequence of dissimilar human and technical resources did not affect significantly the outcomes in several diseases. Andrew Argent and Edwin Van der Voort (members of the WFPICCS executive board) and David Schell (Chairman of WFPICCS World Congress 2011 – Sydney) were present and had the opportunity of discussing with the SLACIP members suggestions for future WFPICCS world congress. In the same way that was occurred in the previous world congresses, it was agreed to have a SLACIP meeting in Sydney on the day before the onset of the World Congress. This pre-congress meeting will be under the coordination of Pedro Celiny Garcia (Brazil), Bettina von Dessauer (Chile), Santiago Campos (Ecuador) and Norberto Freddi (Brazil).

Dr Eduardo Troster (Brazil) was elected the new President of SLACIP. The 11th SLACIP congress 2012 will take place in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Details can be obtained from the website: www.slacip.com.br

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