NEWS FROM OCEANIA

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

Please visit www.pcc2011.com

PRE CONGRESS WORKSHOPS

The Local Scientific Program Committee is pleased to announce the following Pre Congress Workshops will be held on Saturday 12th March & Sunday 13th March, 2011 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. Please note the cost of registration to these workshops will be independant of the Congress registration fee.

Saturday Workshop
Workshop 1
An Expert Guide to Paediatric Simulation

Sunday Workshops
Workshop 1
Intra-abdominal Pressure Measurement and Management of Abdominal Compartment Syndrome in Children

Workshop 2
The ACORN Workshop

Workshop 3
Non Invasive Hemodynamic Management of Pediatric Sepsis and Shock

Workshop 4
Pediatric Emergency Medicine Course

Workshop 5
Basic Skills for Starting NIV in Pediatric Patients

Workshop 6
Pediatric Critical Care Ultrasound Workshop

Workshop 7
ANZICS Paediatric Study Group: International Collaborative Study Group Meeting
NEWS FROM LATIN AMERICA

On March 13th, 2011 will be held the VI Symposium on Spanish and Portuguese Speaking Pediatric Intensivists under the coordination of Pedro Celiny Garcia (Brazil), Bettina von Dessauer (Chile), Santiago Campos (Ecuador), Norberto Freddi (Brazil). Some specific and remarkable studies conducted by Latin American researchers representing different regions are being selected by the organizing committee.

Additionally, Dr. Aristides Baltodano (Costa Rica) is organizing a panel where the latest Latin American guidelines for some specific pediatric critical care will be discussed. Any additional information can be obtained with Pedro Celiny Garcia celiny@pucrs.br and Aristides Baltodano abaltodanoa@hnn.sa.cr

Season Greetings from the President

Dear Friends and colleagues,

As we approach the end of yet another year, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all that we have achieved and worked through during the year. For most of us, the year has exposed us to many critically ill children and their families. That work is a privilege, but often carries a cost in as we take on the emotional, psychological and physical loads of life threatening illness. I hope that there will be an opportunity to review and reflect on all that you have experienced and done this year.

We are rapidly approaching the 6th World Congress on Pediatric Critical Care, to be held in Sydney. That will be a wonderful opportunity to meet with colleagues from across the world. The programme addresses multiple issues in pediatric critical care across a wide variety of contexts, and promises to be stimulating, interesting and challenging. I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting.

The board has been endeavouring to build an appropriate infrastructure for the Federation, and also to put in place initiatives that will enable us to meet the objectives of WFPICCS. There will be opportunity in Sydney to present what has been achieved, and to seek input from the pediatric critical care community as to how we can develop in the future.

Our dream for 2011 and beyond, is that increasingly children across the world will have access to quality critical care, and that the health care workers who care for critically ill children will be better equipped to provide the necessary care.

Wishing you all the very best for the years ahead, and hoping that you have time to rest and relax with your families at the end of 2010.

Regards, Andrew
NEWS FROM AFRICA

Prof. dr. Andrew Argent delivered his inaugural address marking his full professorship on 24 November 2010. He entitled it: “Pediatric critical care—working on sacred ground.”

As always Andrew Argent spoke eloquently and as you can see from the title provided, it was a real celebration of Prof. dr. Andrew Argent, the intensivist, the thinker, the historian, the teacher, the person—colleague, husband, father, and son! Andrew’s mother, who was celebrating her 94th birthday on the following day was also there.

The whole address as well as an extract is available on http://www.uct.ac.za/news/lectures/inaugural/2010/

Congratulations Andrew

NEWS FROM EUROPE

It is a great honour for the European federation of Critical Care Nursing associations (EfCCNa) and the Danish Society of Anaesthesia and Critical Care Nurses (FSAIO) to announce that Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary is the patroness of the 4th EfCCNa Congress and the FSAIO Spring Congress, Copenhagen, Denmark from 24-26 March 2011.

Please have a look at the website

www.efccna2011.dk
NEWS FROM NORTH AMERICA

NEWS OF THE SISTER PICU PROJECT: "CANS FOR CARE"
We went to Phnom Penh this October and November. This trip had 2 groups of 2 nurses for a 2 week stay. Everyone was very excited to be going to Cambodia. Brie Johnson, who was part of the March trip, was our returning team leader. She was looking forward to see if some of basic safety checks needed for care of the critical ill pediatric patient that she and the other team member initiated were still being followed. The MSICU staff continues to be very supportive of this project. One of the biggest problem we have is the expense of traveling to Cambodia, as a 2 week trip cost about $3,000/person, which each staff member must pay out of their own pocket. We have applied for many grants but unfortunately have been turned down. But we continue to have local benefits to help with money to support the educational needs of the NPH PICU. We hope we can share our experience at the next World Congress in Sydney.

NEWS FROM ASIA

“17th Annual Congress of the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine (ISCCM) & International Critical Care Congress 2011”
We extend our warm invitation to all to participate in this meeting from 16th to 21st February 2011, in Delhi, India.

Eminent National & International Intensivists, Anesthetists, Pulmonologists, Pediatricians & Chest Physicians will deliberate on topics relevant to the current scenario in critical care. The theme of this year’s conference is “Reaching New Heights in Critical Care”

Please visit www.criticare2011.org for further updated information.

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