NEWS FROM OCEANIA

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

The Scientific Committee was delighted to welcome you to WFPICCS 6th World Congress on Pediatric Critical Care! On behalf of the PCC 2011 Organising Committee we would like to thank you for your participation in the 6th World Congress on Pediatric Critical Care held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Sydney, Australia. Over 1450 delegates, exhibitors and sponsors attended the Congress from more than 78 countries. A special thanks is also extended to our speakers and our sponsors for their invaluable contribution and support over the duration of the Congress. We trust you found the Congress delivered an exciting, motivating and stimulating program and provided you with the opportunity to network with colleagues.

Our 142 invited speakers included 35 Nursing and Allied Health professionals, from all around the globe. We accepted 870 abstracts, and of these 125 were selected as oral presentations. All accepted abstracts will be published in the supplement to Pediatric Critical Care Medicine (March 2011).

In designing the programme, one of our key missions, was to integrate medical, nursing and allied health contributions in our plenary and break-out sessions. Another key mission was to design a programme that would incorporate a global perspective to the care of critically ill children, bringing together cutting-edge science, state of the art technology, global health challenges, and some of the fundamental principles of critical care practice that affect us all.

The Scientific programme started on Monday with introductions from our Congress Chairs and WFPICCS President. The opening keynote address was from Dr Charlie Corke. Dr Corke is an adult intensivist in Geelong, Australia. He is a renowned speaker, and author of the book “Saving Life …. or Prolonging Death”. This provocative book has prompted healthcare workers and the public to address some of the most sensitive dilemmas and decisions that confront us in a world of increasing intervention and technology.

PCCM, and Abbott sponsored prizes for the
top abstracts in: Quality and Education; Nursing; Medical and Basic Science.

Quality and Education (sponsored by Abbott)
Keeping ‘Kids Safe’: Facilitating best practice in the PICU
Amanda Ullman, D. Long, D. Horn, J. Woosley, M. Coulthard.
Royal Children’s Hospital, Brisbane The University of Queensland, Brisbane.

Medical (sponsored by PCCM)
International cohort study of nutrition delivery in mechanically ventilated children in the pediatric ICU
Nilesh Mehta, L. Bechard, M. Wang, D. Heland, C. Duggan
Children’s Hospital Boston, MA, USA; Kingston General Hospital, ON Canada

Nursing (sponsored by PCCM)

Lung recruitment post endotracheal suctioning prevents deoxgenation
Jacqueline Jauncey-Cooke, A. Schibler, F. Bogossian, C.East
Mater Children's Hospital, Brisbane The University of Queensland, Brisbane; The University of Melbourne, Australia

Basic Science (sponsored by PCCM)
Perioperative seizures in a lamb model of infant cardiopulmonary bypass
Lauren Hicks, P. Namachivayam, J. Smolich, J. Gunn, D. Penny, L. Shekerdemian
The University of Melbourne; Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne; Murdoch Childrens Research Institute, Melbourne, Australia

The Congress closed with a final plenary session with a futuristic flavour!
See you in 2014 in Istanbul

NEWS FROM EUROPE

We are inviting you to participate to the 2nd European on Pediatric and Neonatal Cardiac Intensive Care Conference (May 4th – May 7th, 2011, Montreux, Switzerland).

There are still some openings for participating at this high level educational and scientific meeting. We can only encourage you to check-out the program online (www.epncic.com) and not to miss the opportunity to register as soon as possible, participants number being limited to 250. Do also not miss to register for one or several pre-conference workshops, which will offer many hands-on opportunities for participants.

We look forward to meeting you in Montreux.
ESPNIC 2011 is dedicated to promoting and advancing the art and science of **paediatric and neonatal intensive care**. Major topics to be addressed include: heart surgery, pain control and sedation, monitoring and influencing the immune system, organ support/organ replacements, neonatal respiratory failure, quality and performance improvement, critical care pharmacology, resuscitation, and brain protection. For more information on the congress we would like to kindly invite you visit our website at [www.kenes.com/espnic](http://www.kenes.com/espnic).

**EDITORIAL NEWS**

The earthquakes in New Zealand (February) and later in Japan (March) remembered us the power of nature and our limitations. Disasters are part of the topics we have to learn and teach about.

All our regards and feelings for the people who were involved.

After 4 years being the co-editor of the WFPICCS newsletter Jefferson Piva has decided to step down. We all thank Jefferson for his contribution to the newsletter and we welcome Bettina von Dessauer as the new co-editor of the newsletter.

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