Dear Colleagues,

As we approach the close of 2012, I extend to you all warm wishes for peace, health, and time to spend with good friends and loved ones.

Prof. Niranjan “Tex” Kissoon
WFPICCS President

SEASON’S GREETINGS
I am so grateful for all you have contributed towards our shared goal to improve the lives of children worldwide; a shared goal with a multitude of challenges.

Please take this time to reflect, rest and revitalize, to appreciate and to give thanks for how we as individuals have been blessed.

Please take time at the close of this year to rekindle the joy of our mission, a joy too easily lost in the frenzy of daily life. With renewed vigor and joy, we will forge ahead with our mission in the New Year. We will plan the next world congress, seek obtain advocacy and sponsorship, and work to deliver affordable, accessible education for health care providers. We will forge ahead with projects to help our colleagues and their patients in order to ensure a brighter future for all.

The world is unsettled and mostly unpredictable. It is easy to be discouraged with lack of progress, setbacks, and new or intensifying natural or man-made disasters. We must focus on the work we can do, the work that has the potential for progress in both the near and distant future. Our work with children, families, health care workers, hospital administrators, and with whom we interact in their communities helps in many ways that may not be obvious in real time. However, we must to inspire others and dream big dreams.

Hope to see you all in the new year.

Warmest personal regards,

Prof. Niranjan "Tex" Kissoon
WF PICCS President
Vice President, Medical Affairs, BC Children’s Hospital and Sunny Hill Health Centre; BCCH and UBC Professor in Acute and Critical Care - Global Child Health; Department of Paediatrics and Emergency Medicine; University of British Columbia; Senior Scientist, Child and Family Research Institute, Vancouver BC, Canada

7th WORLD CONGRESS ON PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE AND CRITICAL CARE

Save the date!
4-7 May 2014 - Istanbul, Turkey

WF PICCS is looking for Editorial Board Members for the WF PICCS Newsletter

The appointment would be for 2 years with the possibility to renew voluntarily with approval of the Editors in Chief.

Please see below more information about the job and how to apply. We look forward to your application.

Job description:
The candidate must have:

- a recognized experience in the field of pa...
NEWS FROM AFRICA

You are all invited to our exciting upcoming conference!

Building Children’s Nursing for Africa
17-19 April 2013
The River Club • Cape Town • South Africa

A participative conference for neonatal, paediatric and paediatric critical care nurses to celebrate and build on what nurses do well in caring for children and their families.

Featuring international key-note speakers from Kenya, Brazil and the USA.

We warmly invite you to attend and to submit an abstract for presentation - for more details see our website www.buildingchildrensnursing2013.co.za

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intensive care
- good communication and writing skills in E

Responsibilities:
The member of the editorial board will:

- Research global events, articles of interest educational materials, in the field of paediatric intensive care
- Submit articles and pictures
- Liaise with WFPICCS member societies and actors of the field in order to collect content
- Set deadlines for newsletter article submissions
- Review all submissions for content and correct spelling, punctuation
- Review the newsletter with the Editors in Chief and the Central Office
- Assist in development of readership

Application:
Please click here to download the application form, fill it in and return it by email to wfpiccsoffice@ke

Thank you!

NEWS FROM EUROPE

PREM 2013
Pediatric Resuscitation & Emergency Medicine Congress
2-3 May 2013
Ghent, Belgium

Dear Colleagues,

2-3 May 2013 we will organise the first European Resuscitation and Emergency Medicine congress in Ghent, Belgium. This congress is aimed at paediatric anesthetists, emergency physicians, and resuscitators. It is endorsed by EAP, EUSEM, ERC, ESPNIC and ESA, with several national societies.

This congress will be an opportunity for you to meet colleagues from different backgrounds but with
Oxidative Stress and the Critically Ill Patient

Editors
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NEWS FROM ASIA

Technical Assistance to Mother and Child Hospital, Vientiane, Laos - A follow-up report

Reported by: Pang Nguk Lan, Singapore

Providing technical assistance to aided institutions is a vital element for their human resource development, as it enables these institutions to gain capabilities that enhance their required skill sets. Since 2010, KK Women’s and Children’s Hospital (KKH) has fostered the Paediatric Emergency and Obstetric Care Train-the-trainer Programme at Mother and Child Hospital of Vientiane, Laos.

The Paediatric Emergency Care programme aims to help the Laotian medical core team devise and develop their own Paediatric Resuscitation course for the local medical community. In addition to training and developing the Paediatric Resuscitation course, the KKH Paediatrics team also reviewed the local triaging process and acute Paediatric management in both the Emergency Rooms and ICU/HDs at the hospital.

The exchange programme entails a visit to Laos once or twice a year to conduct training in the following specialty colleagues from different background but with passion for pediatric emergencies and resuscitation may give rise to new ideas and friendships. The will take place in the beautiful city of Ghent, a place for a short holiday in spring. Not surprisingly is called “the best kept secret in Europe”.

The website www.prem2013.be now contains a define programme and all practical information.

Importantly, it is now possible for you and members of your team to submit abstracts. The top 10 abstracts will be published in the European Journal of Emergency Medicine, they will also get the opportunity to be in the main congress tracks. Poster session will be organised.

I would therefore like to ask you to promote this possibility in your team and I do hope to welcome members of your team next year.

Spread the word,

Be PREMpared,

Friendly greetings,

On behalf of the organising committee,

Prof Dr Dirk Matthys
Dr Patrick Van de Voorde

ESPNIC 2013
24th Annual Meeting of the European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care
12-15 June, 2013

Join us in Rotterdam!

WFPICCS supported the World Prematurity Day 2012
Do you want to have an overview of the activities that took place this year around the world?
Once a year, we conduct training in the following specialty tracks:

a) Recognition of a Sick Child/ Emergent Triaging of a Sick Child
b) Acute Paediatric Resuscitation - Medical, Surgical and Acute Toxicological Management
c) Management of Common Acute Paediatric Medical Emergencies
d) Management of Common Acute Paediatric Surgical Emergencies

Other specific technical skills training includes non-invasive ventilation where the emphasis is on using the simple and inexpensive bottle CPAP system to support and improve respiratory care of a child.

This year marks our 3rd exchange programme. During our trip from 22 to 25 October 2012, one of the Laotian core trainers also participated as a faculty member. As we approach the end of the programme next year, more Laotian core trainers will be invited to conduct the training programme to build up their capabilities.

This 3-year programme is co-sponsored by the Singapore International Foundation - a non-profit, non-government organisation.


EfCCNa Newsletter

The latest EfCCNa Newsletter is now available. Click read.

The International Severe Acute Respiratory and Emerging Infection Consortium (ISARIC)

Please find here the International Severe Acute Respiratory and Emerging Infection Consortium (ISARIC) newsletter.

“The International Severe Acute Respiratory Consortium (ISARIC) is a global collaboration of 20 hospital-based clinical research networks. It ensures clinical researchers have in place the open access protocols and data-sharing processes that will allow them to respond to rapidly emerging diseases with epidemic or pandemic potential, such as the pandemic H1N1 influenza and SARS outbreaks, potentially, other rapidly emerging public health threats.
