



# WFPICCS Newsletter

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## News from the WFPICCS' Executive Board.

### From the President's Desk

I hope that 2008 has been a productive and enjoyable year for the pediatric critical care community around the world.

Over the last few years WFPICCS has stabilized considerably and moved to a position where it is:

- Internationally recognized
- Associated with a very successful World Congress with increasing attendance and increased diversity of attendance
- Associated with a very effective and high quality journal
- Partnered with an authoritative textbook (Rogers' Textbook of Pediatric Intensive Care)
- Associated with an active and informative web site
- No longer in debt

These are considerable achievements and we can rightly pay tribute to all the people who have made all this happen. However new developments are in the pipeline and the organization is moving ahead.

To date there have been 3 WFPICCS endorsed meetings around the world this year including the 9<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Pediatric and Neonatal Ventilation (in Montreux, Switzerland) the IX Congreso Latinoamericano de Cuidados Intensivos Pediátricos (in Viña del Mar, Chile) and the 5<sup>th</sup> Jaipur Congress on Critical Care Medicine (Jaipur, India). All of these meetings have been attended by representatives of the WFPICCS board, and have given us further insight into the incredible diversity and richness of pediatric critical care across the world.

The WFPICCS board met in Viña del Mar, Chile, and has been able to map out a clear direction for the years ahead. One of the intentions of the board is to improve communication across the world, and this newsletter (Edited by Jefferson Piva and Françoise Martens) is one of the first tangible results.

As we have looked at WFPICCS, it is clear that we have a unique organization with contacts across the world. Our membership includes an amazing range of experience and insight into the issues that affect critically ill children across the world. We have roots in diversity, and through our members a broad vision of the ways in which critical care can improve the health and welfare of children throughout the world.

Our focus is to develop ways in which we can assist with the care of critically ill or injured children throughout the world.

The starting point is research in its broadest sense: finding out what the issues are; defining the problems; discovering potential solutions and monitoring their implementation. We are aware that we can only contribute to the development of critical care in a region if we understand the detail of the issues in that particular place, the needs and concerns of the people there and the resources that are available. Thus we are encouraging contact between people across the world. The various congresses will help with this, but we are also establishing a research support group on the web site (<http://www.wfpiccs.org>), which will help people to:



- Get into contact with others with similar interests
- Develop research projects
- Find assistance for the development of research protocols

Once we understand the needs, we are more able to respond to the many and diverse requests for educational material. There are many opportunities to present research findings and developments at congresses across the world. Short courses are being developed and implemented, and we are increasingly finding groups of people who are interested in developing educational material that could be available at minimal cost across the world. The Latin American community has already started with a textbook on Pediatric Critical Care that will be available on the internet (Dr. Aristides Baltodano [abaltodano@hnn.sa.cr](mailto:abaltodano@hnn.sa.cr)).

As we develop the research and educational programs, we are deeply concerned about the ethical issues related to the practice of

critical care across the world, and the Ethics Task team under the leadership of Denis Devictor has already started producing guidelines for ethical practice in the field of pediatric critical care. We hope that our colleagues and members across the world will respond to these guidelines and enter into a vigorous debate around these issues.

Pediatric Critical care is always demanding, often challenging and sometimes overwhelming. I am constantly reminded of the immense contributions made to the care of sick children by people across the world, often at great personal cost. However the costs of critical care are often offset by the intense rewards of the work, and particularly by relationships developed with remarkable people. It is my hope that this organization will help to nurture relationships across the world, and in so doing benefit children, but also support all those who care for them.

Andrew Argent  
President

### **Report of the 5th World Congress on Pediatric Critical Care in Geneva 2007.**

There were 2017 participants attending the congress (448 Nurses, 235 Trainees, 1007 Physicians and 187 Key note Speakers). The top ten participants per country were United Kingdom (253) United States (233) Switzerland (129) Canada (100) Germany (96) Australia (81) Brazil (75) France (66) Italy (42) Spain (42) and Japan (41).

The participants by continent showed Europe (52.2%) North America (18.5%) South and Central America (9.8%) Asia (6.7%) Middle-East (5.5%) Oceania (4.8%) and Africa (2.2%).

The full evaluation report can be downloaded from the WFPICCS website.

### **The 6th World Congress on Pediatric Critical Care - Sydney 2011.**

The Congress will take place in Sydney 2011, 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of March.



The venue will be the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Center.

The local Organizing Committee has booked some progress in the organization of the congress, they have developed a first draft of the program planning and the PCO is appointed: Tour Host.

There will be pre-congress meetings on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011.



### **9<sup>th</sup> Congreso Latinoamericano de Cuidados Intensivos Pediatricos Vina del Mar-Chile.**

The congress was held in Viña del Mar between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2008. There were 425 Physicians, 105 Nurses and 45 Therapists attending the congress, coming from different countries in Latin American and also from North America, Africa, Asia, Australia and Europe. National and International renowned experts in all areas of Pediatric Critical Care presented clinical and scientific lectures that were a unique learning experience for all who attended the congress.

A wide range of research and fascinating case studies were presented in both oral presentations and poster sessions.

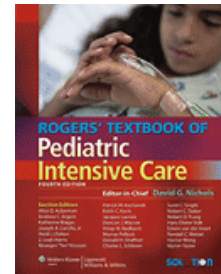
There were 162 posters selected, the best 12 of those were chosen for oral presentations. Without any doubt this Congress was a success and we thank the organizers for their input and hard work and wish them the best for the future.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Congreso Latinoamericano de Cuidados Intensivos Pediatricos will be held in Guatemala in 2010.

### **Roger's Textbook of Pediatric Intensive Care** The official WFPICCS Textbook

The fourth edition (2008) of the Roger's Textbook is a partner of WFPICCS and regular updates of clinical issues will be published in the official WFPICCS journal *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine*.

To purchase the Roger's Textbook, please visit [www.rogerspediatricintensivecare.com](http://www.rogerspediatricintensivecare.com)



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