

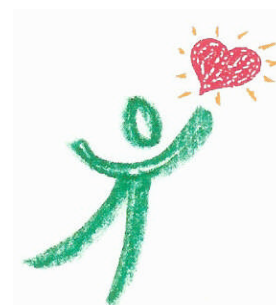
# World Federation of Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care Societies

## SUMMARY

### Minutes WFPICCS Board Meeting

Sheraton Hotel, Buenos Aires, Argentina

27, 30, 31 August 2005



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**In Attendance:** Edwin van der Voort (Chair), Jos Latour (minutes secretary), Alan Duncan, Maureen Madden, Bev Copnell, Peter Rimensberger, Andrew Argent, Santiago Campos, Jefferson Piva, Eduardo Schnitzler, Nirranjan Kissoon.

**Apologies:** Robert Tasker, Jacques Lacroix, Ann Thompson, Bo Sun, Jesus Pulido, Hirokazu Sakai, Irene Chan, Sinut Singhi.

### Saturday, August 27, 2005

#### 1. Welcome

Edwin van der Voort warmly welcomed the board members to the meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

#### 2. Review of the agenda

The agenda for the next few days of the WFPICCS Board meetings was reviewed. Three points were added; Pediatric Critical Care Textbook; International Pediatric Association; Corporate Affairs.

#### 3. Incoming mail

##### 3.1 Letter from Robert Tasker concerning the Cambridge Fellowship program, 20 June 2005

The board recognizes the valuable input of Robert Tasker to promote international learning opportunities for junior physicians. To make these programs visible to our international colleagues, the Board decided to have these programs listed on the WFPICCS website, [www.wfpiccs.org](http://www.wfpiccs.org).

##### 3.2 Letter from Barry Wilkins concerning a research group network, 6 August 2005

The letter from Barry Wilkins, Chairman of the ANZICS pediatric study group, suggesting liaison with similar international groups at the time of the World Congress. The proposal is to use the 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Pediatric Critical Care in Geneva 2007 to organize a platform to forge links and maybe join up for some studies/trials. The board agreed that WFPICCS should facilitate this initiative. The WFPICCS website, [www.wfpiccs.org](http://www.wfpiccs.org), is a medium to list such initiatives.

##### 3.3 Email Jacques Lacroix regarding his resignation from the Board

Edwin van der Voort received an email from Jacques Lacroix indicating that he is resigning as a Board member. The Board recognizes the valuable input of Jacques Lacroix and warmly thanks Jacques Lacroix for his international contribution.

#### 4. Pediatric Critical Care Textbook, Chief Editor David Nichols

Edwin van der Voort received a request by David Nichols, chief editor of the Textbook of Pediatric Intensive Care, for a joint WFPICCS venture in producing the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Textbook. The vision of David Nichols is that WFPICCS leaders add the international perspective on various issues.

The WFPICCS Board agreed to work together with David Nichols and LWW on this project. The Board also suggested looking at the possibilities of having the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Textbook translated in other languages like Spanish. SLACIP is willing to be actively involved in this process.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Textbook will be launched at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress Pediatric Critical Care in Geneva, 24-28 June, 2007.

## **5. Approval of the Minutes of Porto Alegre**

The minutes of the WFPICCS Board meeting in Porto Alegre, October 2004 are approved.

## **6. Elections of Board Members**

At this time the elections of the Board of Directors need to be established according to the WFPICCS By-Laws. Jacques Lacroix and Alan Duncan have both resigned as Board members.

ANZICS has elected Dr. Jonathan Gillis, Westmead Children's Hospital in Sydney, Australia to become the new Board Director from Oceania. The Board welcomes the appointment of Jonathan Gillis and is looking forward to working closely with him.

Jacques Lacroix is replaced by Vinay Nadkarni, director of the Pediatric Critical Care Fellowship program in the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia (USA).

The complete board, including addresses can be found on the WFPICCS website.

A restructure of the WFPICCS Board of Officers was suggested to reflect the true nature and aims of WFPICCS. In order to establish global representation on the Board of Officers it is suggested that an attempt be made to have representation from all World regions in the Board of Officers. The Board of Directors also recognizes that continuity in the Board of Officers and Board of Directors is important.

## **7. Report of the President**

Edwin van der Voort, WFPICCS President, reported on his past years activities.

- Regarding the promotion of WFPICCS, he was invited at national pediatric critical care meetings in various countries including India, China, Chile, Colombia, Argentina, Brazil. On all occasions Edwin van der Voort gave a presentation about WFPICCS and this was well received.
- 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Pediatric Critical Care, Geneva 2007: The progress of the Congress is going according schedule.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Textbook Pediatric Intensive Care: This project started in 2005 and in the meantime agreed by the Board of Directors.
- PCCM: Issues regarding the contract with WFPICCS and LW&W have mainly been solved by Geoff Barker and Tex Kissoon.
- WFPICCS Website: After reviewing several options, Tex Kissoon established the WFPICCS website. [www.wfpiccs.org](http://www.wfpiccs.org)
- During the meeting Edwin van der Voort recognized the contribution that Alan Duncan has made to WFPICCS. Edwin van de Voort officially thanked Alan Duncan for his work.

## **8. Report PCCM (Tex)**

Tex Kissoon was in close contact with Patrick Kochanek and LW&W to renew the contract between WFPCCS, LW&W and SCCM which will remain valid till 2007. In 2007 WFPICCS will need to renegotiate the contract. Tex Kissoon has sent a summary report of the contract by email to the Board members. The journal has grown. Abstracts of the 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress Geneva 2007 will be possible to have them published before the Congress if we send the abstracts early enough to PCCM.

## **9. Report of the Regions**

### *8.1 Latin America (SLACIP)*

Santiago Campos presented a report about the WFPICCS Latin American activities of the past year.

### *8.2 Europe (ESPNIC)*

Denis Devictor presented a report of the WFPICCS Europe region's activities of the past year.

### *8.3 North America (SCCM)*

Tex Kissoon presented a report of the WFPICCS Northern American activities of the past year.

### *8.4 Oceania (ANZICS)*

Alan Duncan presented a report of the WFPICCS Oceania region of the past year.

### *8.5 Asia*

The Asian Board members are not present at this meeting.

### *8.6 Africa*

Andrew Argent presented a report of the WFPICCS African region of the past year.

**A summary of all reports will be published on the WFPICCS website [www.wfpiccs.org](http://www.wfpiccs.org)**

#### **10. Report WFPICCS Nursing**

- The WFPICCS Nursing Regional Group of 12 nursing leaders has been updated. In particular the Latin-American representative, Prof. Mavilda da Pedreira, has been very active in promoting WFPICCS in Latin America. An email list of over 100 PICU nurses is established and these nurses receive information in Portuguese and Spanish about various activities.
- WFPICCS Nursing has identified 56 nursing societies related to pediatric critical care. A data base, with contact addresses and the leaders of these societies, has been set up.
- WFPICCS Nursing has strong links with the World Federation Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) and European federation Critical Care Nursing association (EfCCNa). Both federations will endorse the Geneva 2007 congress and promote the congress.
- WFPICCS Nursing is in discussion with IPOKRATES Nursing to organize a pre-congress post graduate course. These discussion will follow with the Congress Organizing Committee (COC).

#### **11. Report treasurer**

Alan Duncan presented for the last time the WFPICCS financial report. WFPICCS is financially in a modest positive balance. There are two major tasks to do: Elect a new WFPICCS treasurer and find a new WFPICCS corporate bank account.

#### **12. WFPICCS Membership**

After discussion it was agreed that membership is an important but complex issue. Although in the By-Laws the membership registration and members are defined, these articles are not always consistent to the structure of the national or regional pediatric critical care societies. As WFPICCS does not have an established secretariat yet, we face difficulties of having effective administration.

#### **13. Congress Planning Committee**

Since the 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress Pediatric Critical Care in Geneva 2007 is approaching fast, the Board must now turn it's attention to the 6<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Pediatric Critical Care to be held in 2011. A new Congress Bid document for 2011 need to be written. After discussion it is agreed that the 6<sup>th</sup> World Congress would rotate to a region other than where the previous World Congresses were held (Northern America 2000 and 2003 and Europe 1996). The Board of Directors agreed to the following composition of the Bid Review Committee.

Denis Devictor (Chair)

Tex Kissoon

Maureen Madden.

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### **Tuesday, August 30, 2005**

#### **14. Best pediatric paper award, Buenos Aires 2005**

Edwin explained the process for deciding the best pediatric paper award of the 9<sup>th</sup> WFSICCM World Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2005. The reviewers were Edwin van der Voort, Andrew Argent and Alan Duncan. The prize of the paper is a complementary registration fee for the 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Pediatric Critical Care in Geneva 2007. The best paper of Buenos Aires was: Norberto Freddy and his group from Sao Paulo (Brazil) entitled *Lung mechanics and pulmonary function after polyethyleneglycol addition to the exogenous surfactant in an experimental model of ARDS*.

#### **15. Future of WFPICCS**

To be discussed are the documents from Alan Duncan about the short term and long term goals of WFPICCS and the letter from Geoff Barker about his final thoughts and suggestions for WFPICCS. Edwin has send out an excel file with all the actual suggested activities and committees and asked the Board members to fill in their names at various committees. After discussion we agreed that not only Board members should do the work but as an example a Board member can be the leader of a committee and work together with other individuals from members societies.

The list of the WFPICCS goals is very long. We need to focus. From a perspective of developing countries it is very hard to follow the politics and work of the federation. We had established a well-

known system to provide resources and to provide a clear system how we work e.g. societies know what and how we work and how they can participate in the federation.

It is agreed that WFPICCS has potential of becoming a strong and active Federation. However we have also to clearly outline the working relationship between the member societies.

WFPICCS has supported largely SLACIP which is recognized by the local leaders and colleagues.

#### **16. Geneva 2007; [www.pcc2007.com](http://www.pcc2007.com)**

Peter Rimensberger gave a presentation on the progress of the organization the 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Pediatric Critical Care in Geneva 2007. The congress website with all information: [www.pcc2007.com](http://www.pcc2007.com)

#### **17. Regional meeting**

Various regional meetings and cooperation were discussed including the International Pediatric Association (IPA) meetings. Edwin van der Voort will send a mailing to IPA to ask for further information and to continue the dialogue.

Board members need to make the regional societies aware that WFPICCS is interested in participation in regional meetings. A very good example is the cooperation between WFPICCS and WFSICCM during the Buenos Aires Congress.

#### **18. WFPICCS Corporate affairs**

The Board of Officers need to be re-elected. Alan Duncan is stepping down as Treasurer and Jefferson Piva wants to be replaced as Board Officer but is not leaving as a Board Director representative from Latin America. In order to establish the World representation in the Board of Officers, Andrew Argent and Eduardo Schnitzler are willing to become Board Officer.

The proposed new Executive Board and to be approved by the full Board is:

Edwin van der Voort (President)

Andrew Argent (Vice-President, Corporate Secretary)

Jos Latour (Vice-President, Nursing Affairs and Treasurer)

Tex Kissoon (Vice-President, Journal and Business Development)

Denis Devictor (Vice-President, Chairman Congress Planning Committee)

Eduardo Schnitzler (Vice-President, Society Liaison Officer)

The composition of the Board of Officers reveals that Asia and Oceania are not currently represented. This is a major concern and can be looked at when making amendments of the By-Laws.

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## **Wednesday, August 31, 2005**

#### **19. Report of PCCM by Patrick Kochanek**

PCCM will publish abstracts from several meetings and Patrick Kochanek is very keen in publishing more abstracts of international meetings.

Conflict of interest seems to become an issue regarding the industry sponsored trials. Registration of any intervention study is needed as proposed by major established journals. Before submitting, an author must complete the conflict of interest form otherwise an article can not be submitted.

At this World Congress in Buenos Aires, around 200 interested persons visited the LW&W booth and showed interest in PCCM.

PCCM does not have an Impact Factor yet although it is expected by next year. It is therefore important that articles published in PCCM are cited many times in other articles.

Currently PCCM does not have many industry advertisements in the journal. Patrick Kochanek urged Board members to find, via personal contacts, medical industries who are interested in advertising in PCCM.

Another potential market is Neonatal Intensive Care. Patrick Kochanek is keen to promote neonatal articles. At this point PCCM does not have a neonatal section but this could be considered. Patrick Kochanek recommended that Board members promote the submission of neonatal articles.

Tex Kissoon thanked Patrick Kochanek for his work and the wonderful working relationship which is making the PCCM journal so successful.

**20. WFPICCS Website: [www.wfpiccs.org](http://www.wfpiccs.org)**

The WFPICCS Website is online due to the efforts of Tex Kissoon and Susanne Mackinnon. The success of [www.wfpiccs.org](http://www.wfpiccs.org) requires ongoing input from all Board members. If somebody would like to contact WFPICCS from outside, is there a contact button that leads to an email address? Answer: At the bottom of every page it a button 'contact us' that leads automatically to the email address of Susanne Mackinnon. Beside her email address, all Board members have listed their email address on [www.wfpiccs.org](http://www.wfpiccs.org)

**21. Evaluation of the 9<sup>th</sup> World WFSICCM Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2005**

Edwin van der Voort had a meeting with the organizers of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Congress 2005. He received preliminary information about the evaluation of the Congress. So far the congress seems to be very successful. In total there were about 4200 participants. There were 478 pediatric participants (physicians and nurses) from 34 countries. The scientific program was very good. There was good cooperation and integration between the adult intensivists and the pediatric intensivists. From WFPICCS point of view the timing of this congress was good as it is half way to our 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Geneva 2007.

**22. Future Board Meetings**

The next WFPICCS Board meeting will be in Tokyo, Japan, November 2006.

The next WFPICCS Board of Officers meeting will in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, June 2006.

**23. Closing Remarks**

On behalf of WFPICCS, Edwin van der Voort presented a gift of thanks to Alan Duncan who is retiring as WFPICCS Treasurer and Board Member. The gift was greatly appreciated by Alan Duncan and he wishes WFPICCS prosperity and success in the future.

**The President expressed his gratitude to all Board members for attending the Board meeting.**

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**Farewell of the WFPICCS Treasurer: Dr Alan Duncan**

