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Editorial

Dear Friends and colleagues,

As 2009 draws to a close we would like to take this opportunity of wishing you well for 2010.

The World Federation of Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care societies has had a productive year with the publication of the Global agenda of The World Federation of Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care societies and the related editorials and correspondence; the Congress in Florence; the First Asian Pediatric Critical Care meeting in Chandigarh in September; interactions with the Global Sepsis Alliance and ongoing involvement with organizations with an interest in the H1N1 epidemic. A particular success for the year has been the allocation of an impact factor of 2.33 to our journal, Pediatric Critical Care Medicine (PCCM). This is a remarkable achievement and a huge tribute to the work that Pat Kochanek and his team have done in developing the journal.

Many of us had an opportunity to meet at the Congress in Florence, and that was a wonderful occasion to review scientific progress and challenges in paediatric critical care, while meeting with colleagues from across the world.

Planning for the Pediatric World Congress in Sydney in 2011 is going ahead and I hope that you will all be making plans and preparations to join us there. It promises to be a wonderful occasion as we strive.

I hope that you can look back with satisfaction on what you have achieved this year, and reflect with pleasure on the contribution that you have made to the lives of the many people who have passed through your critical care units. I am frequently amazed at what people in the pediatric critical care community achieve – the overall capacity to care; take on remarkable challenges with great ingenuity; and live life with huge enthusiasm and joy, is truly remarkable. It is a great privilege to be part of such a remarkable community. Thank you each and everyone for your contribution during this last year.



For some this time of year is one of celebration. I hope that you will have time and opportunity to relax with family and friends. May this truly be a time of peace and joy across the world.

With best wishes

Andrew Argent and the Executive Board of WFPICCS