

# WFPICCS Newsletter

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## NEWS FROM OCEANIA

### 6<sup>TH</sup> WORLD CONGRESS ON PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE -SYDNEY, 2011



6th World Congress on  
**Pediatric Critical Care, Sydney**

Please visit [www.pcc2011.com](http://www.pcc2011.com)

**The following KEY DATES for the meeting have been decided and they are:**

15 March 2010	Abstract opening
10 September 2010	Deadline abstract submission
1 November 2010	Notification of abstract acceptance

A first announcement notice has been placed on the WFPICCS website.

A series of one day pre congress symposia will be held on Sunday 13th March 2011, and expressions of interest are now requested from

various societies wishing to hold a meeting. Please contact David Schell or Tina Kendrick [David1@chw.edu.au](mailto:David1@chw.edu.au) or [tinakendrick@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tinakendrick@optusnet.com.au)

6th World Congress  
on Pediatric Critical Care *See you  
in Sydney  
2011*  
13-17 March 2011

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We look forward to welcoming  
you to a memorable event in  
Sydney in 2011!



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## NEWS FROM NORTH AMERICA

The International Forum of Acute Care Trials (InFACT) is a global collaboration of clinicians and researchers committed to improving the care of patients with severe H1N1 infection through high quality clinical research. The initiative, described in greater detail in a commentary in the *Lancet* (Epub; November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009) brings together 76 individual signatories, 20 research groups, and 22 professional societies (<http://www.infactglobal.org/about/members/>). InFACT activities include a Global Registry that links 5 regional H1N1 registries, three randomized controlled trials looking at the efficacy of steroids and statins as adjuvant treatment for severe H1N1 infection, and a working paper on research ethics during a pandemic (*Crit Care Med*, in press). With the

exception of the registry, our focus currently is largely on adults. We would like to expand that focus to include children, and if you are interested in becoming involved, please contact the InFACT Project Manager, Francoise Ko at [kof@smh.toronto.on.ca](mailto:kof@smh.toronto.on.ca). InFACT seeks to maximize global collaboration in investigator-led clinical research, with the goal of developing a comprehensive picture of the pandemic as rapidly as possible. The InFACT registry will help to answer that question, and will aid intensivists around the world in caring for patients.

To find out more, please visit [www.InFACTGlobal.org](http://www.InFACTGlobal.org).

## WFPICCS SISTER PICU PROJECTS

### ***Cans for Care – Sister PICU Project: Medical/Surgical ICU at the Children’s Hospital Boston, USA***

The Children’s Hospital Boston MSICU “Cans for Care”/Sister PICU project has been active for the past three years. The Cans for Care/Sister PICU project purchased a computer, printer, and camera for the National Pediatric Hospital PICU nursing staff last September. With help from Dr Traci Wolbrink and her project, “PICU without Walls”, the nursing staff of NPH PICU has internet access. We have been communicating with Socheata Menh of the PICU nursing staff on how the MSICU staff can work with them on improving the care they provide to their patients. These discussions have resulted in MSICU nursing staff and Dr Wolbrink developing written and video material on the care of intubated infants/children, a priority of the NPH staff.

This fall/early winter representatives from Children’s Hospital Boston MSICU nursing staff are planning their first onsite visit to the NPH PICU in Phnom Penh. We will be coordinating our visit with Dr Wolbrink so we can take advantage of her experience working

with NPH staff. We intend to establish a working relationship with her project and the Sister PICU project to provide hands on training and educational material on respiratory care in pediatric critical care. We have applied for grant funding from a variety of sources to allow us to send three nurses to NPH, although we have not received a positive reply, we are still hopeful. A nursing/medical library is being put together for NPH PICU staff from books donated by the MSICU staff. We are working on collecting equipment requested by the NPH staff. These will be brought to NPH on the upcoming visit. The MSICU staff is looking forward to our first of many visits to Phnom Penh and the NPH PICU. We want to thank Dr Traci Wolbrink (PICU without Walls) and Pang Nguk Lan (KK Women’s and Children’s Hospital) for all their help and encouragement with the Sister PICU project.

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## NEWS FROM ASIA

The Chairman and Organizing Committee warmly invite you to join us in Singapore for the 1<sup>st</sup> Asia-Pacific Postgraduate Course in Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Care in April 2010. This new international course is modeled after the world-renowned European Postgraduate Course in Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Care biennially taking place in Bern, Switzerland. Incorporating Bernese expertise, Swiss-Australian initiative and Asia-Pacific hospitality, we aim to establish a similar successful pediatric/neonatal intensive care course as a new Asia-Pacific course in Singapore each year. Since 1993 the Bernese concept of lectures, round table discussions and workshops chaired by experts on carefully selected hot topics has stood the test to

facilitate continuous education, dialogue and networking opportunities in a relaxed and interactive atmosphere. Most importantly, the new course aims to bridge an important gap for professionals in the region to easily and directly access world-experts in very highly specialized disciplines of Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Care. We recommend you to have a look at our website [www.intensivecource.com](http://www.intensivecource.com). On behalf of the Organizing & Scientific Committees and Faculty we encourage you to support our innovative vision of a biennial Asia-Pacific Postgraduate Course in Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Care by joining us. We are looking forward to seeing you in Singapore on April 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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## NEWS FROM LATIN AMERICA

### X LATIN AMERICAN CONGRESS ON PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE, GUATEMALA CITY

The X Latin-American Congress on Pediatric Intensive Care will be held in **Guatemala City (Central America) between April 27 and 30, 2010.**

The president of the congress (Doctor Luis A Moya) and his team organized the scientific program considering the more prevalent diseases and pediatric critical care challenges in this region, such as: Sepsis, malaria, Influenza A H1N1 outbreak, ethics, nutrition, cardiovascular disease as well as allocating and optimizing resources in the Pediatric Critical Care.

To cover these issues were invited more than 30 international speakers from Latin-American countries and overseas countries. The deadline for submitting free papers is on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010. More details could be obtained accessing [www.slacip.com](http://www.slacip.com).

Aside of the scientific aspects, Guatemala is a fascinating country to be discovered by visitors. The capital is surrounded by wonderful mountains with 3 (inactive!) volcanoes & the Maya's culture presence



## NEWS FROM EUROPE



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We are looking forward to meeting you in Montreux soon!

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