



## World Federation of Paediatric Imaging

Providing a united platform to address global challenges in pediatric imaging

### Small World – the WFPI Newsletter

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## Congratulations

The WFPI has secured its first grant! The Society for Pediatric Radiology's Research & Education Foundation has selected the WFPI as the recipient of its pilot award. The decision was reached on the basis of an outstanding concept and a substantive outline of our organization's future plans. With a first injection of funds assured, we're off the starting blocks!



## First WFPI Outreach – Tele-radiology



Our first project: telereading for Médecins sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders, led by the WFPI's Outreach Committee and a team headed by Savvas Andronikou in South Africa. The WFPI's 'on call' volunteers will be referred to the Swinfen/MSF telemedicine consultation site, open to telemedicine and teleradiology consultation. Reports on its functionality have been positive to date. The Internet site is open to health care providers from any MSF location. Some 10% of the cases telereported are pediatric. The images, of marginal quality, are taken on film then photographed using a standard digital camera and loaded onto the Swinfen/MSF tele-medicine site as jpeg images. While approximately 70% are diagnostic, the remainder are poor but show some useful information, especially in correlation with the usually quite detailed clinical precisions. There are increasing calls for tele-imaging throughout the MSF movement, and the WFPI aims to keep in step with the demand.

Future WFPI outreach projects are in the pipeline, all based on the same ethos – 'bolt on' imaging support offered to existing, robust projects run in low resource settings.

## WFPI on the World Wide Web

The WFPI Education Committee' is primarily focused on content for the WFPI website. We hope to be online soon - watch for updates. Suggestions include: online access to journals and books, links to grant sources and applications for international work, pediatric radiology educational/outreach initiatives run by departments and individuals, and a range of pediatric radiology lectures made available by members (insofar as legal parameters allow). Discussions are underway on adapting website content to globally diverse levels of pediatric training, with aims for tie-in with the ESPR's future education plans. **Volunteers are needed and welcomed!**

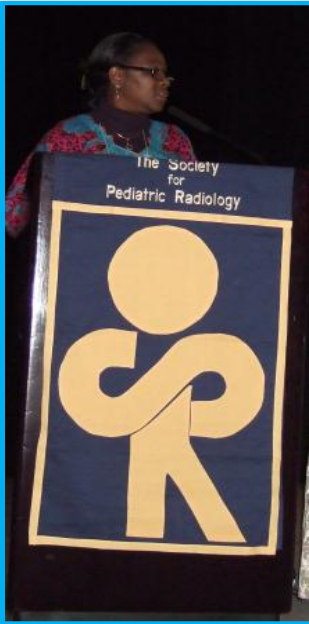




## Africa's on the move

African pediatric imagers are mobilizing! Inspired by the WFPI's call, the recent meeting of the African Radiology Society in Alexandria, Egypt, presided by Dr. Hassen Gharbi, welcomed the creation of a pediatric imaging sub-society, with some 60 radiologists looking to join. The group hopes to take a place on the WFPI Council.

## Global representation



Doctor Omolola Mojisola  
Atalabi

Outreach Committee member Doctor Omolola Mojisola Atalabi gave an inspiring presentation during the recent SPR meeting in San Francisco, outlining the daily challenges confronted by pediatric imagers in Nigeria. Dr Ines Boechat, the WFPI's Founding President, represented the WFPI and Image Gently at the International Society of Radiology's meeting in São Paulo in early May. There are plans to host a pediatric imaging sub-meeting during future ISR meetings, with simultaneous web streaming further extending opportunities to participate. The ISR also offers website educational content and visiting professor programs, as do many other large societies such as the RSNA, the ACR and WFUMB. The WFPI is taking advantage of every opening to pool resources and create synergies.



Doctor Ines Boechat, Founder  
of the WFPI

## WFPI Bylaw Progress



As for the WFPI's bylaws, we're nearly there - thanks to the heroic efforts of the Bylaws Committee, and some intense geo-political discussion! **Deadline: mid-June**, with the institution of the Founding Council planned for Buenos Aires (SLARP meeting) in September. Led by Dr Ines Boechat, the WFPI aims to embark on its second year with a Founding President, Secretary, and Treasurer at the helm. The bylaws will be available for consultation on the WFPI website, along with reports on our progress and financial status. The WFPI wants and maintains a policy of strict transparency; if you have any questions on how we work, how we govern or how we spend, please ask. Meanwhile, we will post all we can to provide a window on our institutional soul.

## What can YOU do?

- **Follow our progress** – on your home society websites and directly on the WFPI website once we go on-line.
- **Join us!** National and supranational societies or sub-groups can become members of the WFPI, and organizations with over-arching regional impact can apply for a seat on the Council.
- **Participate!** Let us know if you want to get involved personally – education (volunteers needed!), outreach, best practices, international representation, and any opportunities to raise visibility over/funds for our work.
- **Give us what you can** - your attention, your donations (ways to donate available on-line soon), and your time.

Help us to help others image worldwide.

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