

RSNA 2013, Nov 2011

Attending: Drs. Ines Boechat, Gloria Soto, Pedro Daltro, Ed Lee, Savyas Adronikou, Dorothy Bulas and George Taylor and staff, Jennifer Boylan

Dr. Boechat opened the meeting by attempting to connect via SKYPE with ESPR representatives, Dr. Cathy Owens and staff, Amanda Dehaye. Regrettably, the internet connection was not strong enough to make a viable connection.

Dr. Boechat then reported to the group that SPR had entered into a 1-year contractual relationship with Amanda Dehaye for administrative support for the launch of the WFPI. This arrangement was entered into with the knowledge and consent of the ESPR leadership.

The group discussed the necessary next steps and agreed that the first task should be the launch of the WFPI website. Dr. Boechat asked Jennifer Boylan to report on the logistics and costs. Jennifer reported that the options through SPR were as follows:

Since the SPR website is entirely self-maintained, WFPI pages could be easily added to the site at no cost. This free option would not be a separate website.

- ⇒ The SPR website company could, for a one-time fee of \$1800, develop a sub-site with the WFPI brand with its own unique URL. (The Image Gently website is a sub-site of the SPR website.)
- ⇒ The group was enthused about the development of a WFPI sub site, but suggested that Jennifer contact the ESPR to learn if their website also offers this functionality. Jennifer clarified that the reason to work with either SPR or ESPR is solely because these two organizations have staff who may be able to maintain the site wherever it ultimately is hosted.

ACTION: Jennifer to contact Amanda to learn about the availability and functionality of the ESPR site. Decision will be primarily based on cost and staff ability to access and update.

George Taylor, SPR past president, joined the meeting as a guest. He congratulated all assembled on their vision and asked to be included in the discussions. Dr. Bulas noted that SPR had disbanded its International Outreach committee several years prior because the leadership recognized that SPR could not independently take on a successful outreach initiative, but could partner with other successful functioning programs. Dr. Taylor encouraged the same approach to the World Federation's initial activities and encouraged collaboration with all successful outreach activities including RSNA's

Outreach programs: <http://www.rsna.org/International/IROR.cfm> and the ACR's efforts:

<https://internationalservice.acr.org/>

The group discussed this approach and agreed that creating redundant programs would not be useful and could have the damaging affect of creating discord or ill-will in the community. All agreed to gather and collect the many resources already available and source in the WFPI website. Dr. Boechat reported that the World Federation officially joined the Image Gently Alliance prior to RSNA and the leaders of the two groups would explore opportunities to collaborate.

Initial programs/web resources:

- Safe – effective Protocol posting
- Dr. Andronikou brought the website “imaging the world” to the group: <http://imagingtheworld.org/> . (Follow-up – MyPacs CEO is now on the Imaging the World Board – Rex Jakobovitz. SPR worked with MyPacs on an earlier outreach initiative.)
- Second opinion service – Jennifer will locate the legal language used when SPR entered in to the partnership with MyPacs. (<http://www.pedrad.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=203>)

Using that approach the group discussed identifying a synergistic organizational home with resources and after some discussion agreed to approach the **ISR** – the International Society of Radiology to learn if there are natural opportunities for collaborations there. Dr. Boechat and Dr Adronikou noted that pediatric radiologist, Dr Han Ringertz is a past ISR president and Dr. Nick Gourtsoyiannis, is the current president. They also noted that ISR is currently involved in distance learning. (Link to ISR Executive Committee here: http://www.isradiology.org/isr/about_executive-committee.php.) Dr. Boechat reported that the ISR's upcoming meeting will be in Brazil: 27th International Congress of Radiology - ICR 2012 - 42nd Sao Paulo Radiological Meeting - JPR 2012 May 3-6, 2012 - Sao Paulo, Brazil. Dr. Boechat would make arrangement to attend this meeting.

Dr. Gloria Soto reported that she had an active contact at the WHO - Dr María del Rosario Perez – and would be happy to make contact on behalf of the WFPI.

⇒ **ACTION:** Dr. Boechat will visit the ISR Booth and open discussions.

⇒ **ACTION:** Dr. Soto will contact the WHO to introduce the WFPI and open discussions.

⇒ **ACTION:** Jennifer/Amanda will assemble the ISR Bylaws for the Board's review. (Available at this link: <http://www.isradiology.org/isr/isr-bylaws-2008.pdf>)

With an action plan in place, the group agreed to adjourn and report by email in the coming weeks.

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