

## QUESTIONS arising from the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 EXCOM minutes

### Re section B: strategic priorities

1/ Do ExCom members agree with the conclusions listed for advocacy through to research?

Yes

2/ Regarding the "sticking point, N°7 - information": is processing non-affiliated outreach project information relevant to WFPI's strategic priorities?

**AfSPI:** yes, agree we should continue to post the info on our website.

**AOSPR:** Lower priority but still can see if we can help.. individual consideration

**ESPR (VD):** see below

**SLARP (GS):** I do think it is valuable and worthwhile to recognise work & efforts performed by individuals, societies or organisations to promote best standards in paediatric radiology practice world wide. It is good that the WFPI recognises this efforts since it enhances the perception of the global interest in this matter, and it is a positive feedback for those persons/entities involved.

**SPR:** Lower priority but see if we can help.

3/ If it is considered insufficiently relevant, are there ways around it so promotion/recognition of individual efforts can still take place?

[An example to fuel reflections: regional and national/supranational societies create their own webpages covering non-WFPI affiliated outreach efforts conducted by their members, WFPI could include the webpage links on its site on pages like this <http://www.wfpiweb.org/ABOUT/Members,contributors,partners/WFPImemberprofiles.aspx>.]

**AfSPI:** agree, adding it as a link on WFPI website.

**AOSPR:** individual assessment through formal application process.

**ESPR (VD):** I realise that information regarding the visit of Maria and Luisa from Portugal took 1 hour to put on the website. Following circulation of ESPR newsletter this is the only communication we received. So, I think we should defer any final decision on this until later when we may have a better idea if we will be flooded with requests. If the requests are many then I think the best option is that member societies put the information on their websites and WFPI provides a link to these member society websites

### Re section C : WFPI's Identity

4/ Do EXCOM members feel comfortable with the label "medical non-profit organization" for public use?

Yes

## **Re section D: in practical terms, WFPI's outreach affiliation – criteria, process**

5/ Do EXCOM members agree with these guidelines?

Yes

6/ Do ExCom members agree with this suggested process?

Yes

7/ Do ExCOM members agree that the process suggested should apply to ALL projects from here on out - including tele-reading sites and projects initiated by WFPI's funding organizations?

**AfSPI, AOSPR, SLARP and SPR:** Yes

**ESPR (VD):** I agree in general. If a request is made for telereading to WFPI then I agree. If lets say a request is made to an individual/s in for example Chicago or Melbourne to assist with telereading then they should be free to proceed without involvement of WFPI

## **Re section E: Outreach funding**

8/ Should some funding be put aside, annual financials permitting?

**AfSPI, AOSPR and SPR:** yes

**ESPR (VD):** Yes, this has always been the view of ESPR

**SLARP (GS):** Yes, ideally the WFPI should have available resources to fund projects sine this enhances visibility and adds value to the federation. Eventually it also can help to generate funds since it is easier to get funding for ongoing successful projects rather than to potential projects. An example (and personal experience) that may be worthwhile mentioning: The Interamerican College of Radiology started 3 years ago a program of scholarships for Latin American radiologists to train in a subspecialty of radiology on demand on their native country. We now have a "bank" of radiological centres with high academic standards that receive for free the scholars during a period of 3 months. Scholars are exposed to a well structured program under the guidance of a specific mentor. The scholars are given US3,000 dollars for their travel and stay expenses. This initiative has been very appreciated by LA radiologists and there is great interest in participating. In 2013 we started with 3 scholarships which were increased to 8 in 2014 and to 12 in 2015 (for the first time 3 paediatric radiology scholarships were included this year to be held in paediatric centers in Madrid, Barcelona and Malaga, Spain) Due to the positive impart of this program the RSNA is now funding 3 of this scholarships (named CIR/RSNA scholarships). I think we could get funding for this sort of scholarships from different organisations. Of paramount importance for the success and efficiency of this program is the selection of the scholars (age, position, leadership in the country, possibility of making the best use of the expertise gained at a country level, etc,etc)... but this can be achieved if there is clarity regarding the objectives of the Scholarships.

9/ Exclusively for outreach work?

**AfSPI:** yes

**AOSPR and SPR:** should include education, teaching materials etc

**ESPR (VD):** I believe all projects should be reviewed and a decision taken on project merit

**SLARP (GS):** I am not sure about the exact meaning of this question, however outreach (in its many different alternatives) is where reserved resources should be placed.

**10/ If just yes, restricted purely to WFPI-affiliated projects?**

**AfSPI:** Yes . Projects must be WFPI affiliated. If not must be funded by the regional societies.

**AOSPR:** Should give priority to our affiliated projects

**ESPR (VD):** I think all projects should be assessed on their merit. If WFPI decides to fund any project then in my opinion it automatically becomes a WFPI affiliated project

**SLARP:** Yes WFPI should fund only WFPI affiliated projects