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# World Federation of Pediatric Imaging

Providing a united platform to address global challenges in pediatric imaging

## Small World – the WFPI Newsletter

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### Onwards and upwards – online!

We've said it before, we'll say it again! By choice and necessity, WFPI operates in a virtual world. This is how we can offer truly international access to our meetings, educational material and volunteer reporting services. So we are thrilled to see SPR pioneering a [half-day of web streaming for its 2014 meeting](#), and extend our grateful thanks to Dr. Richard Barth, SPR President, for offering 100 places to non-North American colleagues, free of charge.

SPR is pleased to announce rapid take-up of all 100 places and is now fully focused on the organizational & technological challenges ahead (attendees: watch those time zones!! Kick off [7:50 am EST](#)). The worldwide enthusiasm for this inaugural web streaming gives us great hope for future projects in a similar vein.



SPR is also looking to dovetail with WFPI in the development of an online video library as a joint project serving both North American and international audiences. This is another considerable investment on SPR's part, and WFPI welcomes other member organizations to work with us on these online initiatives too, harnessing WFPI's global reach to extend their own regional and national mandates.

### Other WFPI education initiatives

Haiti

Another educational success in March 2014 with the 3rd ACR/ICC/Grace Children's Hospital Annual Radiology Days rolled out to a capacity crowd of 100 Haitian physicians in March 2014. WFPI was part of the team, with Dr. Dorothy Bulas co-chairing the pediatric imaging program and delivering lectures and hands-on ultrasound sessions with Drs. Jennifer Nicolas and Kimberly Applegate. Running parallel to the Chicago Haiti Health Consortium/ICC Education Symposium, the synergy between the 2 courses worked well, as did the new radiographer program - [more details here](#).



Dr. Dorothy Bulas, WFPI Education Lead and Co-chair 3rd Annual Haiti Radiology Days, delivering a hands-on US session, March 2014.

Mozambique

WFPI's President, Prof. Ines Boechat, spent several days in March 2014 on behalf of UCLA's Centre for Global Health and WFPI, teaching at the University Hospital Central de Maputo. In a country offering some 50 Pediatricians for a population of over 14 million children, this welcoming community faces some immense challenges: [click here for more](#). We hope to link Mozambiquean



Prof. Ines Boechat teaching in Maputo, March 2014



pediatricians into Brazil's thriving pediatric imaging telemedicine network, RADPED, (image left) which recently featured

a lecture by Dr. Pedro Daltro, SLARP President and WFPI Council member.

### WFPI member organizations: global teaching

Drs. Anne Geoffray and Edith Rivoal delivered a 2nd successful pediatric ultrasound course to 25 Rwandan general practitioners coming from all the country's district hospitals or health centers in Rwamagana, Rwanda, on 3-6 February 2014. Run under the auspices of SFIPP (French-speaking society, WFPI member), the course aimed to provide these GPs with the pediatric US basics so as to facilitate diagnosis and timely referral. [Click here for more](#).

WFPI has harnessed the strong ties between SFIPP radiologists and Rwandan physicians to disseminate its pediatric TB imaging tools

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(the Rwandan Minister of Health is a known specialist in HIV-TB) & will keep this dynamic group closely apprised of its TB and other [volume sweep US research and development](#).

Students and Drs. Geoffray & Rivaol, 2<sup>nd</sup> US course, Rwanda March 2014



## ISR and WFPI: Imaging in Tuberculosis

ISR launched its [new online educational module, "Imaging in Tuberculosis"](#) in step with World TB Day on 24th March 2014.



The contents have been provided by the world's forefront radiology organizations with WFPI's TB experts leading the pediatric charge. Dr. Bernard Laya's excellent

"Childhood Tuberculosis" lecture (of considerable Facebook fame - over 1000 Facebook screens reached in 1 week) is included, as are "Sav's 7 Minute Snippets" on interpreting pediatric TB chest films and WFPI's TB Corner.

This ISR module is a fantastic step forward in the gathering of international experts to develop TB tools. Congratulations to Dr. Eric Stern, ISR's TB Steering Committee Chair. We are proud to be part of this effort.

## WFPI outreach partnerships

Ties are being strengthened with two major not-for-profit players in imaging and healthcare in lower resource settings: [Imaging the World](#) (future partnerships in innovative ultrasound in Malawi & elsewhere) and [Doctors Without Borders/MSF](#) via its Diagnostic Imaging Network. We hope to have guests from MSF and our US research project in South

Africa attending our Annual Meeting in June. Stanford University, USA, is also keen to expand its work with WFPI; developing "buddy systems" between resource-diverse facilities remains our overriding goal.



Watch out for the e-issue of WFPI's mini-symposium: due out soon!!



## Upcoming WFPI meetings & international sessions

[SPR Annual Meeting](#), WFPI sunrise session, Friday May 16th 2014, 7- 8:20 am EST/Washington DC time

[ESPR Annual Meeting](#), plenary session: Outreach in Pediatric Radiology, Wed June 4th, 11:10 - 12:30 am ECT/Amsterdam time.

WFPI Annual Meeting, Thurs. June 5th, 2:30 pm Amsterdam time, attendance in the "Seasons Room" at ESPR Amsterdam or online. Member organization representatives, WFPI Council members and any other interested parties are all warmly invited to attend.



ESPR 2014: hosting WFPI's Annual Meeting this year. Online presence also possible and welcomed!

## Africa's global leadership in pediatric imaging

Dr. Omolola Mojisola Atalabi has been appointed to co-chair RSNA's regional committee for the Middle East/Africa. One of her first tasks will be to identify the regions' rising stars to serve on this committee as members. This appointment will also entail ex officio service on RSNA's International Advisory Committee. A leading radiologist in Nigeria (Africa's demographic colossus, accounting



Dr. Omolola Atalabi  
President, SPIN



for 1/6th of the continent's population), Dr. Atalabi is also President of the newly-formed Society of Pediatric Radiology in Nigeria (SPIN), Vice-President of AfSPI and a Council member of WFPI. As Africa grows in prominence on the global pediatric imaging stage, we cannot think of a better Ambassador for WFPI at RSNA than Dr. Atalabi. Our warmest congratulations!