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## THIS MONTH

In this edition, we feature:

- Chairmans Report
- Introduction to PTC South American summit
- PTC Report - January 2006 - Santiago, Chile

## CHAIRMANS REPORT

Dear All,

Welcome to the next edition of the Primary Trauma Care Newsletter, which concentrates on our PTC South American Regional Summit as well as including some of the PTC reports from South America in the last year.

I am hugely indebted to Frank Walters, Oscar Gonzalez and his team for all the on-going work in this area.

I am pleased to receive a letter from the President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England stating that the Royal College of Surgeons endorse the Primary Trauma Care Courses. We have been privileged to have them also endorsed by the Royal College of Anaesthetists as well as the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists. As you know the Primary Trauma Care manual is part of a WHO publication and I am sure that the endorsement of both Colleges of Surgeons and Anaesthetists for PTC programmes worldwide will be a great benefit to surgeons and anaesthetists alike, who are working tremendously hard to successfully manage these patients and their environment.

My greetings to you all

Douglas Wilkinson  
PTC Foundation Chairman.

## SOUTH AMERICA

### INTRODUCTION TO SOUTH AMERICAN PTC SUMMIT - SANTIAGO de CHILE

**January 2006**

PTC started in South America, like so many good things as a result of great leadership, friendship, enthusiasm and a bit of luck. By chance I went to Asuncion in the early 90s, interested in establishing cooperation with people in Paraguay. I was advised to contact Dr. Oscar Gonzalez-Allen, and the rest is history. His friendship, enthusiasm and ability to look ahead and beyond his immediate surroundings enabled us to work together for a number of years, organising meetings. This picture is worth a thousand words (Fig 1)



During the World Congress of Anaesthesia in Montreal 2000, we met and discussed the possibility of introducing PTC to Paraguay. Preliminary plans were made to run a course the following year. Our first basic course took place in Asuncion in September 2001. I will never forget September the 11th. We were discussing major disasters when numerous mobiles amongst the audience started ringing. Douglas Wilkinson came into the lecture theatre, ashen faced and told us what he had seen on the hotel TV. We were lucky in having in addition to the European compliment, instructors from Chile, Italo Zaimudio and Ecuador, Susana Cueva. At that meeting, Hugo Gomez, a senior traumatologist based in Asuncion became the

coordinator for Paraguay and Oscar Gonzalez-Allen the organiser for the South America Region. Slides were translated into Spanish and work was commenced on preparing a manual.

The next stroke of good fortune was the decision by Dr. Michael Dobson, Oxford and his wife, Shirley to spend 3 months in Asuncion. In typical fashion, Mike immediately started to work out ways he could teach and run a courses. Shirley Dobson, an educationalist with enormous experience has made a major impact on the instructor courses for PTC. Doctors often believe that they are natural teachers. Shirley expertly and skilfully illustrated how wrong this was and how we can do so much better. They helped to set up an instructor course in Asuncion. In addition they went to Quito to help Susana Cueva establish PTC in Ecuador. Since then courses have continued in Paraguay and Ecuador. New countries have joined all with enthusiastic leaders, Victor Pineda in Guatemala, Juan Carlos Duarte in Venezuela, Italo Zaimudio on Chile and Aagje de Wit in Suriname.

South America is a large place and to date there has not been an opportunity for the coordinators in each country to get together and discuss their experiences, feedback and issues. Thus a summit was planned to take place in Santiago de Chile to coincide with a basic and an instructor course being organised by Italo Zaimudio. The most recent versions of the Instructor Manual, and the instructor and basic slide sets were discussed as well as the Spanish translation to ensure all countries in future would be able to use the same material. Other issues included the working relationship with CLASA and the WFSA. We were delighted to welcome the immediate past President of CLASA, Dr Manuel Galindo and the WFSA Education Committee representative for South America, Dr. Pedro Ibarra. We were especially grateful to them both for giving up their time to come. In addition we needed to discuss the new ideas and developments coming from the Foundation in Oxford.

All this was put together very quickly and I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all those who made it happen, especially Italo Zaimudio who was out host and Dr. Angela Enright who was able to support some delegates.

Frank Walters  
Bristol UK June 2006



## **PTC REPORT January 2006, Santiago, Chile**

### **Purpose of the visit**

The main objectives of this visit to Santiago, Chile were:

### **Present and Future of Trauma Management and Training in Chile Dirección SSMO – MINSAL, 6 January 2006**

Meeting with the local authorities of the Ministry of Health, Senior Surgeons, Professors of the Universities and administrative staff of the National Health Service.

This event happened the 6th January at the auditorium of Eastern Metropolitan Health Service (SSMO) by the invitation of Dr Maria Angélica Silva, Head of Planification at SSMO.

After kind opening words by Deputy Director Dr Hector Olguin. Main speakers at this event were:

- a) Dr Maria Angélica Silva, Chief Planification SSMO, Ministry of Health (MINSAL).
- b) Dr Paulo Granata, Coordinator of the Program for Emergency Medicine Specialists, University of Chile.
- c) Dr Eduardo Caamaño, Head Emergency Service, Hospital Luis Calvo Mackenna.
- d) Dr Silvana Cavallieri, Dr Italo Zamudio, Chilean Society of Anaesthesia.
- e) Dr Pedro Herskovic, Director of the School of Medicine of the University of Chile.
- f) Dr Mario Uribe, FACS, Professor Surgery, Transplantologist, Senior ATLS Instructor.
- g) Dr Jorge Rodriguez, Trauma Coordinator for the Ministry of Health.
- h) Douglas Wilkinson, President, Primary Trauma Care Foundation.



i) Oscar Gonzalez Allen, Chairman, PTC Latin America

The contents of the program were carefully chosen with months of anticipation.

Topics treated at this meeting are crucial for the development of a coordinated trauma management system in Chile. Trauma is the fourth cause of death globally and the first cause within the 15 – 50 age group. Paradoxically there is no legislation for prevention or treatment.

One of the main conclusions is that although we use SAMU for prehospital care and ATLS for emergency care, there is no such coordinated system at the moment. Another main issue is that although students of medicine have topics related to trauma this is based on different specialties (surgery, traumatology, neurology, etc.) and not as a systematic approach like the PTC course. The representative of the ministry of health Dr Jorge Rodriguez told us that inclusion of the politraumatized into the Explicit Guarantees in Health (GES) will take place by 2007. A decision must be made by the Ministry in respect to the system to be applied.

### **Present and Future of Trauma Management and Training in Chile**



**08:00** Welcome words. Dr Hector Olguin  
Introduction. Dr Italo Zamudio

Epidemiology of Trauma in Chile. Dra. Maria Angélica Silva

Today's trauma management in Chile. Dr. Paulo Granata

Paediatric trauma management at HLCM Dr. Eduardo Caamaño

Anaesthesiology Societies in Latin America and trauma management teaching. Dra. Silvana Cavallieri

Schools of medicine in trauma management learning. Dr. Pedro Herskovic

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The surgeon in trauma management. Dr. Mario Uribe

The MINSAL and Trauma in Chile. Dr. Jorge Rodríguez

Trauma management in developing countries.  
PTC Foundation and trauma management training.  
Dr. Douglas Wilkinson

PTC Latin America in trauma management training.  
Dr. Oscar Gonzalez - Allen



### ***First Latin American Summit of PTC Instructors, Saturday 7th January 2006***

**08:00** Historical Recount, actual state of affairs and future vision for the next 5 years for PTC Latin America. Oscar Gonzalez - Allen, Chairman, PTC Latino América.

PTC Overview. Douglas Wilkinson

- PTC overview
- The one day instructors course
- New instructor Manual, translation into Spanish
- Recent set of slides instructor's course – translation into Spanish
- Review Basic Course Manual and slides, already in Spanish

Experience with PTC in Guatemala - Victor Pineda

Chilean experience with PTC - Italo Zamudio

PTC experience in Paraguay - Hugo Gomez

PTC experience in Ecuador - Susana Cueva

PTC experience in Suriname - Aagje de Wit

Future of PTC - Douglas Wilkinson

- Structure of PTC 5 years time – 5 year plan
- In individual countries

- In the South America region
- Relationship with Oxford
- Relationship with CLASA

Financial Support for a Promising Future. Frank Walters

- 1 - Start up process for new countries. Start up package: projector and manikin
- 2 - New forms
- 3 - Business Plan – Budget

The summit was held at Abbott Laboratories Chile and all the meals were provided free to all PTC staff, students and visitors. Personal and warm thanks are given to Mr. Marcelo Diaz and Mr. Pablo Monsalve from Abbott Laboratories Chile for their constant support and helping hand during the Summit Meeting on the 7th and the Instructors Course the 10th January. Every assistant could appreciate the technological installation that was provided for us during the meeting. In addition, the meals, the secretarial help and printing facilities were fundamental to accomplishing the task.

Basic PTC course, Sunday 8th and Monday 9th January 2006

- 4 - Instructors PTC course, Tuesday 10th January 2006

### Executive summary

A basic and instructor course was run with 10 students and 8 instructors. The basic course was successful with all improving their mean MCQ score and giving good feedback. All these except for the non-physicians were recommended to take part in the instructor course. The instructor course, which followed immediately was successful, with good feedback having 12 students and 10 instructors.

Key staff involved in planning and co-ordinating Local planning and coordination: Dr. Italo Zamudio Villarroel, Local secretaries: Elena and Maria and Dr. Oscar Gonzalez-Allen (President PTC Latin America (Paraguay)).



### Professional aspects of the visit

At the meeting held on Friday 6th many people, who are working on this topic and who had never met before had the opportunity to discuss problems and express their views. Crucial contacts were made for the future planning in Chile of trauma instruction/management and economical coverage of trauma management.



### Course participants, 8th and 9th January 2006

- Dr. Manuel Galindo** Medico Anestesiologo  
**Dr. Pedro Silvano Barbieri** Medico Anestesiologo  
**Dr. Pedro Ibarra** Medico Anestesiologo  
**Dr. Jorge Tagle Alegria** Medico Cirugia Pediatrica  
**Dr. Guillermo E. Concha** Grossi Medico Cirugia Pediatrica  
**Dra. Patricia Rivera Cardenas** Medico  
**Srta. Katherine A. Soto Schulz** Kinesiologo  
**Dr. Cristian A. Vera Fierro** Medico Anestesiologia  
**Dra. Maria Loreto Castellon Zirpel** Cirujano Dentista CirugiaMaxilofacial  
**Dr. Jose Ignacio Barrios Tapia** Cirujano Dentista CirugiaMaxilofacial

### Course instructors

- Dra. Susana Cueva** Instructor Ecuador  
**Dra. Alexandra Vela** Instructor Ecuador  
**Dr. Santiago Alban** Instructor Ecuador  
**Dr. Oscar Gonzalez - Allen** Instructor Paraguay  
**Dr. Hugo Gomez Fernandez** Instructor Paraguay

**Dr. Julio Canata Velasquez** Instructor Paraguay  
**Dr. Frank Walters** Instructor Inglaterra  
**Dr. Douglas Wilkinson** Instructor Inglaterra  
**Dr. Victor Pineda** Instructor Guatemala  
**Dra. Eugenia Perez** Instructor Guatemala  
**Dr. Italo Zamudio V.** Instructor / Organizer Chile

### Details of activities

Accommodation was organized at Hotel El Vergel [hotelelvergel@tie.cl](mailto:hotelelvergel@tie.cl) in El Vergel St. in the heart of Providencia, Santiago, Chile for all of the visitors from abroad.

We wish to thank Fresenius Kabi Laboratories for the coffee and sandwiches during the Special Meeting on Friday 6th and all the meals we had served during the Basic PTC Course. This was possible thanks to contact made with Ms. Lorena Inostroza and Ms. Carolina Cobos. Besides, the carpets and the printing of the manuals were of great help for the students and critical for the success of the course.

### Subsidiary activities

During these four days there were plenty of social activities: A lunch on Friday 6th at "De Cangrejo a Conejo" restaurant and dinner on Saturday 7th at "San Frutoso" restaurant, with degustation of nice Chilean wines and a variety of interesting meals thanks to the generosity of PTC Foundation.

On Monday 9th we gathered at the "Insaciables" for unlimited pizza cuts and pints of beer.

A last dinner on Tuesday 10th at the "Liguria" restaurant with a degustation of some top of the line Chilean wines and northern Italian food, thanks to the generosity of Abbott Laboratories Chile.

### Media coverage

Pedro Ibarra will kindly put on the internet a summary provided by the local coordinator and a selection of the multiple photographs taken during the meetings.

### Evaluation of the success and relevance of the visit

Immediately before the two courses there were 2 one day meetings to discuss the future of trauma management in Chile and a summit of representatives from all the Latin American countries carrying out PTC courses. There was also a visit by representatives from two countries (Argentina and Colombia, where they are thinking

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of starting PTC). Very important from a political point of view was the presence of Manuel Galindo, the past president of CLASA and of Pedro Ibarra from the Education Committee of the WFSA. At the meetings we were able to cover a wide range of topics and with many representatives present we ensured that a large number of topics were covered. Running a basic course and an instructor course immediately after was also good as we have plenty of skilled instructors. The courses went well. The disappointment was, that despite plenty of advertising and having 24 people indicate that they would come, few did eventually attend.

### PTC Instructor course participants

**Cristian Vera** Chile  
**Katherine Soto** Chile  
**Patricia Rivera** Chile  
**Hugo Begazo** Chile  
**Carlos Dominguez** Chile  
**Ramon Correa** Chile  
**Jorge Tagle** Chile  
**Waleska Ubierna** Chile



**Pedro Barbieri** Argentina  
**Manuel Galindo** Colombia  
**Pedro Ibarra** Colombia  
**Guillermo Concha** Chile

### PTC Instructor course instructors

**Dra. Susana Cueva** Instructora Ecuador  
**Dra. Alexandra Vela** Instructora Ecuador  
**Dr. Santiago Alban** Instructor Ecuador  
**Dr. Oscar Gonzalez - Allen** Instructor Paraguay  
**Dr. Hugo Gomez Fernandez** Instructor Paraguay

Dr. Julio Canata Velasquez	Instructor	Paraguay
Dr. Frank Walters	Instructor	Inglaterra
Dr. Douglas Wilkinson	Instructor	Inglaterra
Dr. Victor Pineda	Instructor	Guatemala
Dra. Eugenia Perez	Instructor	Guatemala
Dr. Italo Zamudio V.	Instructor / Organizador	Chile



**Observations and recommendations for future visits in your specialty and suggestions as to how such visits could be modified to contribute further to the projects objectives**

Some suggestions and ideas for future courses:  
A method of charging half or perhaps the complete fee in advance should be considered to ensure people value the course and don't just let you down at the last minute.

The course could be promoted better by using the electronic mailing list of the Scientific Societies. I think being next to the hospital and using the emergency room for log rolling was a good idea and worth repeating. Besides, I like the area we used for the basic course. That worked well.

Running to time should be better. In the future, we need a firm chairman/organizer in the Chilean team to keep pushing things along, stopping discussions and over-running lectures. I noticed Oscar Gonzalez doing this quite well during both days. While, the Abbott building was nice and their support good, ideally we should have had rooms that are for the workshops, which could have been organized better.

**Details of any teaching or other material provided**

The teaching material provided was that supplied for the PTC manuals and slides. Rooms and projectors for the Basic PTC course provided by the University of Chile. Mannequins were provided by PALS Chile.

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We wish to thank all of the instructors that came from so far away: Susana Cueva, Santiago Albán and Alexandra Vela from Ecuador; Oscar Gonzalez Allen, Julio Canata and Hugo Gomez from Paraguay; Victor Pineda and Eugenia Perez from Guatemala; Douglas Wilkinson and Frank Walters from the UK; the chief of the Emergency Service Dr Eduardo Caamaño, the secretaries Elena and

Maria, Marcelo Diaz and Pablo Monsalve from Abbott Laboratories Chile; Lorena Inostroza and Carolina Cobos from Fresenius Kabi, and specially thanks to our special guests from Colombia Pedro Ibarra (WFSA) and Manuel Galindo (CLASA) and from Argentina Pedro Barbieri.

**LATEST NEWS**  
**PTCF has now received CHARITY STATUS**  
**More details in the next edition**

**IN FORTHCOMING ISSUES OF PTC NEWSLETTER**

**Reports from:**

- Australasia
- China

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**CONTRIBUTIONS**

**We welcome contributions for forthcoming issues of the Newsletter.**

- Course reports and photographs
- Upcoming course details
- Country visits
- All PTC news welcome

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