

PTC NEWS

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LETTER FROM FOUNDER CHAIRMAN

Dear All,

Welcome to the second Primary Trauma Care Newsletter.

Over the year 2004 we have seen great expansion in Primary Trauma Care activities and organisation. Annette has joined us as the PTC Administrator. Thanks to her and Trish Greenall for their on-going support for the administrative side of PTC.

At the World Congress on Anaesthesiologists in Paris we met as a foundation with many of the Regional representatives present. The Primary Trauma Care Foundation Board of Trustees and Executive Committee's have been formalised. As ever, we are very grateful to the Regional Representatives for their essential work within the regional offices of PTC.

The on-going work in all Regions has been tremendous, in particular Asia where we have seen a rapid expansion of PTC activities in Pakistan, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka.

In the second part of 2004 we have seen a new course in Bangladesh with representatives from India, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan training up doctors and nurses in the management of severe trauma. Follow on PTC Foundation courses have been held, most recently in Karachi in November.

Negotiations with the International Red Cross Committee and the Ministry of Health in China continue to take a lot of our time, and hopefully will be rewarding in the future.

New PTC activities for the next 3 months include courses in Vietnam, Mozambique, Lesotho, Ghana, Rwanda, Mongolia and Paraguay.

From the General Office, we are updating our website with a more interactive interface. We will be posting regular newsletters as well as regional reports and summaries of working documents.

All queries and requests can be made through admin@primarytraumacare.org.

We look forward to a very exciting year in 2005, which has started well with a £10,000 grant from Sainsbury's HEADLEY Trust to cover our core costs. Thank you again for all the huge amount of work that people are putting into this organisation.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Douglas A. Wilkinson
PTC Chairman.

TRAINING MATTERS

New Instructor training manual (updated November 2004)

Updated Instructor Course slides (November 2004)

Updated basic PTC slides (November 2004)

Now available by email at - admin@primarytraumacare.org

OXFORD NEWS

APPOINTMENT OF ANNETTE CLACK



Annette joined us in October 2003 to assist with PTC Administration.

CHARITABLE STATUS APPLICATION

This is grinding its bureaucratic way forward with the help of our Oxford solicitor (no fees).

TRUSTEES

The following were elected at General Meeting held in Paris - April 2004:

Douglas Wilkinson	Chairman
Roy Fenner	Secretary
Michael Dobson	Treasurer
Frank Walters	
Robert McDougall	

The following were elected as Additional Trustees

Haydn Perndt
John Beavis



AFRICA

BENIN

Awaiting clarification of dates for Workshop to be presented at the West African College of Surgeons, for 2005.

GHANA

A two-day trauma course was introduced to Tamale (October 2004). PTC is working on further assistance with the country.

LESOTHO

Will be introduced to Lesotho - April this year. As with all PTC programmes, much planning has gone in to ensuring the success of this opportunity.

MALAWI

Course planned.

MOZAMBIQUE

The Ministry of Health in Mozambique have requested PTC course for the country. Discussions are underway.

ASIA

BANGLADESH

Very successful PTC courses introduced to Bangladesh in November 2004 - congratulations to Rebecca Jacob and her team.

KARACHI

Following initial PTC course in November 2004, PTC was invited back to Karachi to present "repeat" basic PTC Course and Instructor Course, thus providing a good foundation for the spread of PTC in the country.

NEPAL

During May 2004, 53 participants attended 2-day PTC and Instructor Courses at Bir Hospital in central Kathmandu and Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital in the North of the country.

VIETNAM

PTC courses were held at Viet Duc in Hanoi in December 2004. Further meetings scheduled in Cambodia and Hanoi in 2005.

CHINA

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On-going discussions/meetings with Ministry of Health in Beijing.

MONGOLIA

PTC (via Rob McDougall in Australia), have received request from The MSA (Mongolian Society of Anaesthesiologists) to improve training of anaesthesiologists in Mongolia.

MIDDLE EAST

IRAN

Michael Dobson is planning meeting with Ministry of Health and WHO officials early 2005, to discuss PTC training support in the country.

PALESTINE

PTC was invited to submit a (draft) Budget for United Nations Relief and Works Agency (September 2004). PTC looks forward to discussions with them.

PACIFIC REGION

SAMOA

Two PTC courses plus an Instructor course are planned for early April in Apia. The Team are looking to attract up to 50 participants onto the programme.

SOUTH AMERICA

VENEZUELA

Venezuela now has 12 new PTC instructors following a very successful PTC course in February this year. Congratulations to Oscar Gonzalez and his team.

PARAGUAY

PTC now has 27 trained instructors in Paraguay. The programme was held in Ascuncion in December and was very well received.





VENEZUELA (Feb. 18-21 2005)

PURPOSE OF THE VISIT

To run two PTC courses, one PTC basic or conventional and one PTC instructor's to Venezuelan Doctors and to spread the concept of PTC in this new country.

PLANNING AND COORDINATING

The real - great effort lies on Dr. Juan Carlos Duarte, a local anaesthesiologist, interested in a new method of learning Trauma management, and then teach Trauma management to others.

We must also thank Dr. Pedro Ibarra, our actual Latin American leader of the Educational Committee of the WFSA in this region.

They made contact with me, as regional PTC Chairman, to coordinate all things related to PTC Courses, and Dr. JC Duarte did a great job in a record time of less than 2 months!! We are really convinced that PTC is a valuable tool from now on in Venezuela.

COURSE PARTICIPANTS

17 Doctors took place on the Basic course: 8 anaesthesiologist, 5 surgeons, 2 traumatologist. 1 nurse (Male in ICU), 1 fireman and 1 intensive care Doctor. They all completed the 2 day course and received the certificates at the end.

12 Doctors took the instructor's course, 4 anaesthesiologist, 5 surgeons, 2 traumatologist, 1 ICU Doctor.

They all received the 2 full day instructor's course and got they Diplomas at the end.

There are 12 new PTC Instructors in Venezuela.

COURSE INSTRUCTORS

Genuine PTC instructors from 3 countries were in Caracas leading the 4 day 2-courses. From Ecuador, Dra. Nelly Castro, From Chile: Dr. Italo Zamudio, From Paraguay, Dr. Roberto López, Dr. Hugo Gomez (PTC Paraguay leader) and Dr. Oscar González Allen.

This was a second line, South American Team, with various courses behind them.

DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES

The arrival to Caracas took several hours from one instructor to another. Roberto Lopez and Oscar González Allen arrive together 3 am on day 17 February. Dr. Hugo Gomez midday on the 17th, Nelly Castro, pm on the 16th, first to arrive, and Italo, late on the 17th.

They all together stayed at the Hotel "Paseo Las Mercedes", in Center Caracas, a modern, very convenient environment, with a big mall included, all facilities on hand for all.

The venue for the Courses was the Central University of Caracas, Escuela de Medicina; "Dr. José María Vargas", de Caracas, a place about 20 Kms from the Hotel. Local Doctors drove us everyday, early morning and evening, specially because there is a huge traffic in Caracas at all times. That is why nobody spent one dollar in transportation.

The venue was very convenient, and the main speakers room was easy to handle during the day. The use of an In Focus device was available the 4 days long, during the instructors course, the OHP was out from the beginning (on instructor's course) and the students had to use the flipchart straight ahead without much problems (Flexibility!!), and they did very well.

Food and coffee was provided with no problems at all, also beverages and sweets, just in case somebody need it.

At the end they print the Diplomas at the same venue and were rendered to the new assistants and instructors, as well as to each members of the crew.

Everything went well in the venue, and the only small inconvenience perhaps was the big distance from the Hotel, but we had in mind that this was good because we all had the chance to see Caracas in various places, day and evening, a huge, modern city.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Nil. We encouraged them for future events to promote further the PTC courses to the media.

COMMENTS ON PTC BASIC

Feb 18-19, a two day conventional course, following the same structure that we normally run on a type course like this. The performance during the test was great, from 85 to 100% correct answers, they were all (90%), ATLS students and instructors, and did not surprise us at all. We knew it beforehand.

All of the students participated very actively and they all received their Diplomas, included the fireman rescuer officer, the ICU nurse. The 5 member crew had one particular topic to go through, and all went uneventfully well.

COMMENTS OF PTC INSTRUCTOR'S

12 out of 17 Doctors participated actively, and only after the end of day 1, they all said that the Instructor's course is very interesting, and even better, at the end of day 2, they all claimed: "This is the best instructor's course we ever had before in Venezuela, included the ATLS ones, and PHTLS".

We were so surprised at the beginning, and we all feel very proud of our general performance. It was very demanding, high standards of knowledge from all participants, and finally we could feel that PTC has a good future in Venezuela.

The final 3 part presentations from the students was just excellent, and they were very happy the way we taught them, the scenarios were just perfect and all learned a lot.

RELEVANCE OF THE VISIT

After the end of the instructor's course, Dr. Juan Carlos Duarte (Venezuelan PTC Leader), took me for dinner and introduced me to Dra. Gioconda de Lizarraga, President of the SVA, Dr. Xavier Marquez, Secretary (Next President), and Dra. Beatriz Maneiro.



After a cool starting, I explained them the spreading of the PTC project during the last 7 years and they finally understood that PTC is possible in Venezuela, and in the next course they will participate as students, to become part of the course project.

I am very grateful to Dr. Juan Carlos Duarte (Anaesthesiologist), and Dr. Enrique Montbrun (Surgeon), and first hand to Juan Carlos, they will run PTC courses in the future, and I can assure that they will do it in the best way possible. They both are ATLS and PHTLS Instructors, but now married to a new and best model, the PTC project.

PTC CRITIQUE FORMS

We had them from all students, our lowest qualification was 2 and mostly we had 3 to 5 in their opinion about PTC and us. We are quite happy after that.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

The Venezuelans are planning to run many PTC courses from now on. The seed is there, and will grow fast I guess. They think that 7 courses per year at least they can run there without much problems. I told them it is not that easy, and wish them luck. I warn Dr. JC Duarte that in many situations the leader can feel very abandoned and lonely, but I am sure he will find the way, Enrique is very, very good as well. We trust them for the brilliant future of PTC in Venezuela.

MATERIALS PROVIDED FOR THE COURSE

They all had the PTC Manual, well in advance. The high standards on both test, showed that reality. This was the strongest group that we ever taught so far, and is a great opportunity for us instructors to improve even more our teaching skills.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

PTC Latin America is tremendously indebted to Dr. Juan Carlos Duarte, the Venezuelan PTC Leader, and also to Dr. Enrique Montbrun, both very active Doctors in Anaesthesia and Surgery. The future of PTC is brilliant in their hands.

As Chairman of PTC Latin America I am very grateful to all instructors that had the opportunity to visit Caracas and run perhaps and so far, the most important and "non return" step of PTC towards success!!

Thanks to my friends from Paraguay, Dr. Hugo Gomez, and Dr. Roberto López. My special and warm thanks to Dra, Nelly Castro from Quito, Ecuador, and our fellow instructor and friend, Dr. Italo Zamudio, from Santiago de Chile.

This was a great PTC Course, and for the future we see a sparkling light ahead of the PTC project.

A special thanks to Dra. Angela Enright, to Dear Ruth Hooper, Dr. Frank Walters, our natural liaison, Dr. Michael Dobson and wife and Dr. Douglas Wilkinson.

To Abbott Venezuela and Organon Venezuela, and of course to the "Escuela de Medicina, Jose Maria Vargas", de Caracas, Venezuela.

To all Venezuelan colleagues that treated us like real friends, and acted as taxi drivers for us all, at all times.

My many thanks to all of you.

Dr. Oscar González Allen
Chairman PTC Latin America

IN FORTHCOMING ISSUES OF NEWSLETTER

Reports from:

- Lesotho
- Samoa
- Iran

CONTRIBUTIONS

We welcome contributions for forthcoming issues of the Newsletter.

Please send items to admin@primarytraumacare.org

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT & THANK YOU
to Annette & Nick Clack**