

New Global Curriculum and Advancement of Pediatrics: Advances in the Southern Cone

10/24/13- Corporate Leaders of Pediatrics Cono Sur (*pictured*) met in October in Curitiba during the 36th Brazilian Congress of Pediatrics. Among the issues discussed, the representatives of Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia and Brazil deepened the debate on the new standard Global Curriculum, developed by the Global Pediatric Education Consortium (GPEC), already approved in previous encounters. It was decided to sign an agreement for its implementation and that each country will choose "units", as has already been done in Brazil, where the new line-up now will start in 2014, on some services. The proposal is to strengthen exchanges between teachers, residents, and preceptors.

The next edition of the principal pediatrics textbook, developed by the SBP, will be based upon the Curriculum and renamed the Pediatric Textbook of the Southern Cone, with authorship of the Societies of the region, launched in Portuguese and Spanish, and possibly also in English. Two committees were formed, a dedicated Pediatric education committee which will, among other tasks, coordinate the drafting of the Textbook. To do so, each country shall indicate topics and authors, according to experience.



The Second Committee created by a representative of each society has as its theme the professional practice. Dr. Eduardo Vaz distributed at the meeting, the Portuguese version of the "Handbook of Prevention, intervention and follow-up of violence to Health personnel in the work", prepared by Argentina Society of Pediatrics. "We will deepen the subject", said the President of SBP, "addressing the legal issues involved in the profession". Safety at work should be discussed in courses, lectures, conferences, and be considered in the process of accreditation of residency programs.

Also presented as an addition to the Brazilian proposal of Childcare consultation with differentiated payment – and, this week, on October 21, joined the Roster of national supplementary health Agency (NSA). For the then-President of Argentina, Gustavo Cardigni Society, was an important suggestion, "a parameter to be adopted internationally," he said. The two committees had their first meeting in Curitiba, reviewing proposals during the plenary sessions.

"There is a great interaction and affinity between the representatives of the Southern Cone regional societies. Our work grows progressively, with commitments among the societies," said Dr. Dioclécio Campos Jr., representative of the SBP to GPEC. For the Brazilian leader, among the prospects that are opening up is "consider development of criteria and standards for professional certification and recertification, as well as for a systematized approach to continuing education with the speed that the profession requires," he stressed.

Already created previously, the Permanent Forum of the societies of the Southern Cone had approved its status and defined its core Executive members. They are: Angela Gentile (President), Dioclécio Campos Jr. (Executive Secretary), Margarita Ramonet (Deputy Secretary) and Gustavo Cardigni (Treasurer). Angela Gentile assumed the Presidency of Argentina Society of Pediatrics on March 21. The headquarters of the Forum will be where the President resides. The next meeting was scheduled for April 02, in Córdoba, Argentina.



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