

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG)
SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS PANEL (SBHP)**



26.05.2011 – 13:30/14:00

Royal Manchester Children's Hospital

Meeting of Chair and Elected Chair with the Europe Team Leader

MISSION STATEMENT: The Special Interest Group - Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Panel aims at improving the quality of life of all patients affected by spina bifida, other neural tube defects (NTDs), hydrocephalus or its complication. This effort will result in the publication of guidelines, policies, and integrated care pathways (ICPs), identification of resources, facilities and specialized centres worldwide. Given the global nature of the SIG, a particular effort will be made to work carefully in a culturally adjusted fashion, to reduce the risk of unequal support, in different geographical areas.

Dear All,

Mr. Alan Dickson, Team Leader of for Europe, for the SIG-SBHP (WFNR), myself and Mr. Maximilian Cervellione, met on the 26.05.2011 to discuss a few issues, related to the Global Panel and to the European Team setting up process.

- I will contact Mr. Malone to request his participation to the Executive Team of the Global Panel.
- Mr. Cervellione will inform us regarding the requested participation of Prof. Sponseller (USA) as Expert Consultant in Paediatric Orthopedics, within the the Global Panel.
- Mr. Dickson will start the set up of the European Team, contacting all nations. Dr. Giovanni Mosiello, from the Neuro-Urology and Urodynamics Division of Bambino Gesù' Children's Hospital, Rome, Italy, has been suggested as Team Leader for Italy.
Dr. Giovanni Mosiello contacts are:
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- Miss. Sarah Almond has joined the European Team, lead by Mr. Dickson, on the 26.05.2011 and will support Mr. Dickson and the team in the works of the SIG-SBHP.
- Mr. Cervellione, Mr. Dickson, will start to plan" their participation to the "7th World Congress of Neurorehabilitation (16-19 May, 2012; Melbourne – Australia), in order to participate to the SIG-SBHP Symposium and to the SIG-Executive Meeting. All Members of the Global and Regional Teams, are encouraged to participate and to contribute to the Symposium with presentations on relevant subjects/specialities, (e.g. Urology, Neurosurgery, Bowel Management, Sitting Issues, Physiotherapy and OT, Neurorehabilitation, Home Care, etc.). www.dconferences.com.au/wcnr2012
- Regarding the guidelines, it has been decided tha we will maintain the ones published by the SBHPGA, in the past, and we will adhere to the ICCS Guidelines after collegial revision and acceptance. ICCS is presently developing documents regarding the management of the neurogenic bladder

and on the management of incontinence in adolescents and young adults. Dr. De Gennaro and/or I will update the SIG regarding this matter, later on, this year.

- I have received the "Contact Card" from Prof. Austin, Dr. De Gennaro and Miss June Rogers. I look forward to receive a contact card from all the members of the SIG at Global and Regional levels. Please, do this, at your earliest convenience.

I remain available for any clarification, regarding the above mentioned points.

Date: 01.06.2011

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Mario Patricolo
Chair of SIG-SBHP

