3rd International Clubfoot Symposium a Success!

The 3rd International Clubfoot Symposium, Celebrate the Past, Create a Pathway for the Future, was held in Barcelona, Spain from June 1-4, 2014. More than 250 attendees from 45 countries gathered to celebrate the wonderful legacy of Dr. Ignacio Ponseti.

The following link to the Ponseti website reveals a photo gallery, tribute to Dr. Ponseti as well as the Proclamation for World Clubfoot Day.


Thank you to all those who supported this event by attending the Symposium or contributing financially to ensure additional Ponseti providers had the opportunity to attend. If you are interested in helping fund future Symposia, please contact us at 1.855.766.7384.

USAID Countries Represented at Symposium

The USAID grant provided support for country champions and stakeholders from Nigeria, Peru and Pakistan to participate in the International Clubfoot Symposium.

Participants were selected to share posters and presentations with the audience.

Thirteen participants from these countries attended a pre-Symposium meeting with the Guidelines committee on June 1st to review the clinical clubfoot guidelines.

A day-long post Symposium meeting with country champions, PIA, MSH and USAID was held June 5. Country champions presented their project activities to date and organized in small groups to work on future scale-up strategies.
Upcoming Visitors to the Clubfoot Clinic

Ponseti International is pleased to host visitors for two weeks of training with Dr. Jose Morcuende. Upcoming visitors to the clubfoot clinic include:

- **August 25**: Dr. Mohmoud Odat from Jordan
- **September 14**: PT. Gina Richardson from the Caribbean
- **September 28**: Dr. Alibek Abdrakhmanov from Kazakhstan
- **October 19**: Dr. Tariq Amin Sheikh from Oman
- **November 9**: Dr. Rodolfo Frez from the Philippines
- **November 30**: Camille Quan Soon from Trinidad
- **November 30**: Dr. Hushnud Rustamov from Uzbekistan

Most of our visitors receive funding from a Ronald McDonald House Charities Grant.

Ponseti International Developing Guidelines for Practitioners

PIA has convened a guidelines development group, including representatives from Pakistan, Peru, Nigeria, Brazil, and PIA. The group met via webinars to determine a methodology for arriving at these guidelines, and then twice in person to develop the guidelines.

The Guidelines include patient specific decision algorithms for clubfoot diagnosis, classification and management of:

- Untreated Non-Walking Clubfoot
- Untreated Walking Clubfoot
- Syndromic Clubfoot
- Persistent Clubfoot
- Post-Surgical Clubfoot
- Atypical-Complex Clubfoot

Each algorithm was developed with its own Decision Support and Procedure Tables that summarizes the evidence for the algorithm and procedures advocated during treatment. These algorithms and tables are generic, and hence applicable for many countries. A draft of the guidelines was presented for discussion at the 2014 International Clubfoot Symposium in Barcelona. Drafts of the guidelines are being reviewed by the PIA Guidelines work group.

Guidelines Working Group members in Dubai April 2014: Dr. Omolade Lasebikan, Prof. Olayinka Adegbehingbe, Dr. Jose Morcuende, Tomeka Petersen, Dr. Monica Nogueira, Dr. Shafique Pirani, Prof. Anis Bhatti, Dr. Mansoor Khan, and Dr. Hersey Barriga. Not pictured: Prof. Edith Parker and Dr. Thomas Cook.