

## NEWSLETTER

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### *Message from Roy Fenner*

Congratulations to you all for a successful year. My feelings are with you all around the world as I send you all my best wishes for Christmas and the new year.

**Roy Fenner, Chairman, Board of Trustees**

### *Message from Charles Clayton*

It's great working with you in the PTC movement and this newsletter comes with warmest greetings to our friends and colleagues worldwide from the staff team in Oxford - Annette Clack, Maira Bailey and me. May you all have a successful and fulfilling year ahead!

**Charles Clayton, Chief Executive**

### *Africa*

This exciting new programme started in September and will run until the end of 2014. It includes 45 PTC courses in nine countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Rwanda. A £1.4m UK government fund is shared between the PTCF and the University of Oxford, especially Dr Chris Lavy, who is also running a series of surgical training courses under the grant.

All the PTC courses are run in cooperation with the College of Surgeons in East Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA). The first course took place in Kenya in early December and was very successful.

Over the life of the programme we have the assistance of about 50 UK volunteer doctors. The courses include more extensive measurements of outcomes than we have ever tried before in Africa; we are grateful to Dr Jim Turner, who is currently working in Malawi, for his management of this process.

Thanks also to Dr Jeanne Frossard who is setting up the instructor teams and overseeing the educational content of all the courses, and to Dr David Oloruntoba who is responsible for the overall coordination of the programme in Africa.

### *China*

We are delighted to report that the third phase of the China programme is now under way and will continue until autumn 2013.

The program covered 4 provinces in the first year and 15 provinces in the second year. In this third year the programme will provide training in 24 provinces using about 700 PTC courses for 14000 Chinese doctors.

To celebrate the 3rd year of the China programme, our Chinese colleagues have organised a 2-day Congress, to be held in Zhengzhou, Henan Province from 22nd-23rd June 2013.

## **Congratulations**

We are sure everyone will join us in sending congratulations and best wishes to Ye Ying and Josh Vasby-Burnie on the arrival of their son Noah JiaLe on the 8th December. We wish them all well.

## **PTC REPORT - Bekaa, Lebanon 03-04 November 2012**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this training is to continue the cascade of the training in each Governorate of Lebanon. We aimed to train 20 candidates in the Foundation course for future candidates for the Instructors' course that will take place beginning of next year.

The participants were selected from main hospitals covering Bekaa governorate where we distributed invitations for 23 hospitals among them 7 main hospitals and one medical association has participated that are the follow:

1. Riyak Hospital
2. Dar el Amal Hospital
3. Assi hospital
4. Al Batoul Hospital
5. Chtoura Hospital
6. Palestinian Red Crescent Society Hospital (PRCS)
7. Baalbeck Governmental Hospital
8. Islamic Health Association (IHA)

The rest of the hospitals invited didn't attend mainly because of the location that is 1 hour away taking into consideration the distance between the three parts of bekaa; north, central and west that is widely spread.

### **Executive Summary**

The participants came from as mentioned 8 out of 23 hospital systems; out of 44 participants invited 31 has confirmed their attendance while 22 has attended the course leaving a participation rate of 50%, the course was

hosted by MSF Switzerland.

### **Report**

MSF team made the first on-site and logistic preparation; where we have distributed and met with the general and medical directors of the hospitals to inform about PTC training and have re-contacted the instructors to select the ones available for the training. In addition; coordination meeting was done with the instructors to agree on the tasks & scenarios distribution.

The training facility was at the Dar el Amal Hospital in Baalbeck that is the capital city of Baalbeck district. All skill stations and support desks were situated in one, large meeting room. Projection equipment was available for the teaching and a slaughtered goat was brought in for the demonstrations of chest drain insertions. The course was conducted as planned in the "2" foundation course format.

### **Days 1 & 2: The foundation course**

The faculty consisted of:

**Dr. Mohammed Moussawi**, General physician (Course director)

**Dr. Fathallah Fattouh**, Cardiovascular thoracic surgery (Instructor)

**Dr. Hicham el Maoula**, ER Resident (Instructor)

**Dr Adnan Hosseini**, Pediatrician (Instructor)

**Dr Mohammed Korkomaz**, General surgeon (Instructor)

**Dr. Wael Harb**, Head of medical activities, MSF (Instructor)

Among them 3 were selected during the first PTC training in Beirut as instructors and the rest have attended the instructor course and the course director have validated their participation.

The teaching material was conducted in English but presented in Arabic most of the time. The instructors tried as much as possible dialogue to maintain engagement during the training leaving quite a good interaction level.

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Some of the participants were already familiar with trauma management techniques where it is always that the emphasis of this PTC course, therefore, was on embedding the processes and keeping them simple.

The results of the Multiple Choice Questionnaire were positive; the average of pre test was 64% versus 81% post test. The lowest grade for pre test was 47% compared to 60% post test and when we have asked the participants about the best part of the course delivered during the training the highest score (23.5%) was for most of the topics followed by equally of (17.6%) for Scenarios' practice & skill stations and (11.7%) each for Trauma in children and primary survey and (5.8%) each for summary and burns.

62% evaluated day 1 as very good compared to 32% as good, 6.2% poor and 0.69% didn't answer while the next day the evaluation has improved to be 71% evaluated day 2 as very good compared to 29% as good.

Combined 66% evaluated day1&2 as very good compared to 31% as good& 3% as poor.

Replying to the question; what would you like to change, 69% said nothing followed by 13% develop more scenarios, followed equally 6% each to cover BLS& ABCD, develop more burns and management.

A total of 22 out of 33 invited has attended and 20 has completed the foundation course (see following page). 6 of them are ER doctors, 2 paediatrics, 7 General practitioners, one surgeon, one pediatrics surgeon, one Urologist, one ICU, 3 ER nurses.

## Participants – Days 1 & 2

1. **Dr Sonaya Aaar** ER Riyak
2. **Dr Ahmad Abdallah** ER Riyak
3. **Dr Haider Masri** GP Dar el amal
4. **Dr Abbas Obeid** Urology Dar el amal
5. **Dr Elias el zein** ER Dar el amal
6. **Dr Hussein shall** GP Dar el amal
7. **Dr Ali Rachinni** Pediatrics Dar el amal
8. **Dr shady Hamze** Pediatrics Dar el amal
9. **Dr Majid Nassredine** GP Assi hospital
10. **Mr. Bilal Mismar** ER nurse al Batoul

11. **Mr. Jaafar Shoker** ER nurse al Batoul
12. **Mr Ibrahim shamas** ER nurse al Batoul
13. **Dr Ihsan maoula** GP al Batoul
14. **Dr Bilal Kassem** ER Chtoura
15. **Dr ahmad Yazbek** surgeon pedia IHA
16. **Dr Mohamad Ismail** GP IHA
17. **Dr Maher el masri** ICU IHA
18. **Dr Sajedlallah Moussawy** GP IHA
19. **Dr fayez Mohammed** GP PRCS
20. **Dr Moustapha Rifai** ER Baalbeck Gov
21. **Dr Wassim Haidar** gen sur Baalbeck Gov
22. **Dr Nabil Nasser** ER Baalbeck Gov



As per the previous oral agreement with the instructors from the first training in Beirut, they showed high commitment from different groups to continue the cascade in Lebanon where they showed their willingness to participate support and trained in the other following trainings. As well as, MSF will continue to support the logistics part to be able to carry on the cascade of the trainings.

Following the instructor course there was a brainstorming session evaluating the instructor performance and in order to prepare for the future cascade training of PTC in Lebanon.

The course director and the instructors agreed upon the next training as we did for this training to invite more of hospitals because of the

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attrition rate among the doctors that is always expected and this is how we can be more representative as well.

As the director evaluation, he mentioned that they were able to deliver a good part of the PTC main message that was reflected during the participant interaction during the scenarios and reflected as well in their scores post test. There were an ideal number of participants (20) and a better interaction network compared to the last trainings.



The instructors themselves and the director mentioned that they felt more comfortable now in delivering the training comparing to previous times because they are getting more experience as well. The director with the consensus of the instructors has mentioned to include more scenarios and skill implementation in the program and not to increase only the time for scenarios and to make if possible all the presentation morning sessions then the application in the afternoon.

For some of the lectures they have asked to give it more time like pregnancy and children (45 min) and abdomen and limb (45 min), paediatrics (30-40min) and to decrease the time designated for circulation.

There was some recommendation from the course instructors about some participants that could participate later on for the instructor course that are Dr. Elias el Zeina, Dr. Sonaya Aarar.

The current course director with the instructors has nominated Dr Korkomaz to be the course director for the training in Tyr that will take place after the training of Tripoli where Dr Omar Ayyash has been nominated before to be the course director.

Representatives from each location where the training will take place are more advisable so that to select the instructors that are originally from the area of the training.



## ATLS

We have invited ATLS to attend the training course as per their request but they weren't be able to attend due to other but we will share with them as agreed potential participants that can be nominated as good candidate to attend the ATLS course where they can offer them financial coverage.

## **Acknowledgments**

we are very grateful as usual to the course director and instructors who voluntarily devoted their precious time for the preparation of the training and the delivery of its content and showed their expected enthusiasm to continue and participate for the later cascade at other region of Lebanon.

In particular we wish to thank Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) represented by Mr Fabio Forgione (Head of Mission) for his support and his presence during the two days training, besides MSF Bekaa team for the logistic support and for sponsoring and promoting the course and to Dar el Amal hospital represented by the general director Mr Ali Allam for the use of their facilities and their generous support.

## **MSF Switzerland in Lebanon November 2012**

This report was written by MSF Switzerland in Lebanon. A Copy sent to PTCF in Oxford and to all participating instructors.