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How I make use of the experience and knowledge gained from the ISRRT world congress 2018 in Trinidad and Tobago

First of all, I would like to express my great appreciation and gratitude to all those who made the opportunity for me to participate in this event possible.

The ISRRT world congress 2018 was a cauldron of academic, cultural and scientific exchange. During the congress and at the ISRRT council meetings I gathered much knowledge and experience. In addition to the great professional development I had the opportunity to experience the culture, the warmth of the people, the knowledge and passion shared by all the professionals and the delicious cuisine.

I returned home from Trinidad a day later than the schedule due to the storm in New York on the night of 16th April. Our flight which was due to land in New York had to land in Vergenia. So we missed the connecting flight on that day and had to reschedule the journey. On the following day we came back to New York, again later than the scheduled time. There was only a short time enough to catch the connecting flight so the ground crew has not loaded my baggage. I returned home without the baggage which I received two days later.

Immediately after I had to start working in the School of Radiography covering the arrears of work for 12 days I was away.

Consequently, I had completely forgotten about this report. I am extremely sorry for the delay sending this report.

However, I did not forget to continue my duties as the president of the society too. I summoned a council meeting and inform them about the proceedings of the ISRRT council meeting and the world congress. I informed them that our bid to World congress 2012 was a near miss and the winner was Thailand. But all agreed that it was a good experience and we would continue to bid for the successive events. Our council congratulates the newly elected Board of ISRRT.

With the new experience I had to plan for our annual scientific session and the Annual general meeting. It was held on 1st July 2018. We organized two interesting lectures with the theme of 'We care'. One is about how to improve patient care. This lecture was conducted by the Director Training of the Education, Training & Research Unit of the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka. The other lecture was about how do we care about ourselves to improve quality of life and the life styles as a perspective of a psychotherapist. It was conducted by an eminent psychotherapist and a consultant counselor. Both lectures were very interesting, thought provoking and useful. They were highly appreciated by the participants.

I also did a presentation with the new knowledge I gained at the world congress. I taught them about the new trends in Radiotherapy simulation, planning and treatment, which I learnt from the World congress plenary sessions.

I educated the membership about the installation of a CT scanner inside a Container Truck, which I saw in my hospital visit. I told them how to make use of the available infrastructure facilities to maximize the service and care.

The 46 candidates who completed the MRI Advance certificate course conducted by the society were awarded after this session. At the AGM which followed I was re-selected as the President and the ISRRT council member.

Next we are planning to organize a workshop on practical implications of CR and DR with the help of Prof. Napapong Pongapong, the ISRRT vice president for Asia-Australia. This is in line with the World radiography day celebrations which falls on the 8th November. We are planning to start a new CT diploma training programme in near future.

At the same time we have called for submission of papers and write-ups to be published in the next issue of the "Radiographer", the official publication of the society. This will be launched on the world radiography day.

This way I will continue to carry out new activities to enhance the knowledge of our members and to improve the radiological services to provide better patient care, radiation protection and accurate diagnosis and treatment. I will also take action to make them think in a new horizon to improve the professional standards. I will try to persuade the new coming radiographers to join the society and to take part more actively, so that our active membership increases and our annual membership fee to ISRRT also will increase in next year.

I will take action to expand international collaboration and to increase knowledge sharing, research work and evidence based practice.



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