Minutes of meeting of Fetal Ultrasound SIG, 6 June 2012, 8:00 AM EDT

The list of attendees has been given to the ISPD office staff. We discussed the following issues:

1. SIG Mission: To improve the knowledge and use of innovative ultrasound techniques in prenatal diagnosis.

2. Since the last SIG meeting in Amsterdam 2010, two courses have been held. In Barcelona the day before the 2011 congress of the International Prenatal Screening Group (formerly International Down Syndrome Screening Group) started, there was a course on Fetal nephro-urologic diagnosis in the morning in combination with the Fetal Therapy SIG course held in the afternoon on Fetal nephro-urologic prenatal management / treatment. In this years meeting in Miami as part of ISPD Pre-Conference courses, we held a course on Ultrasound of genetic syndromes (non-T21).

3. For future courses, the following topics were suggested:  a) CNS lesions including agenesis of the corpus callosum, Vascular lesions; b) Use of STIC in cardiac evaluation; c) Pitfalls and machine artifacts easy to be missed, Optimal settings, “nobology”; d) Hands-on courses on how to perform different ultrasound skills; e) Placenta; f) Case-reports to be encouraged.

4. Regarding position statements and consensus opinions, the attendees suggested quite a few areas to be explored: a) Guidelines for normal anatomy survey; b) Genetic Sonogram; c) Quality Control and assurance; d) Microarrays and fetal anomalies. It was pointed out that perhaps ISUOG and AIUM were more appropriate to deal with pure ultrasound topics, and that ISPD would better address issues linking Genetics with Ultrasound similar to the course performed at this years meeting. Yair Blumenfeld proposed that he would coordinate a Statement on Microarrays and Fetal anomalies.

5. Tony Odibo communicated that he would prefer to step down from the Chair of the SIG, while Tony Borrell wishes to continue for 2 more years. Tony Borrell was proposed to chair the SIG and the attendees were asked to fill the Deputy Chair position. Monique Haak volunteered.

6. Other ideas for networking and appointment of education coordinators were broached but no definite resolutions made.

Respectfully submitted,
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