

The World Federation for Pediatric Imaging

Providing a united platform to address global challenges in pediatric imaging

IPR 2021 update

WFPI's IPR 2021 Rome Participation

The conviction that there was a need for a stronger pediatric voice within imaging and that 'strength lies in numbers' were key facets in the foundation of the World Federation of Pediatric Imaging (WFPI) announced at the International Congress of Pediatric Radiology in London in 2011.

Created by all major pediatric radiology societies from five continents, WFPI is an umbrella organization uniting all involved in pediatric imaging. Recognizing the limited resources each regional society has to offer international initiatives, the founders encouraged the formation of WFPI to increase our community's outreach effectiveness and impact. Our aim is to provide an international platform, to have one voice and one message in addressing global challenges in delivery of pediatric radiology education.

10 years on and WFPI is now working and collaborating with major international organisations (UN, WHO), international radiological societies (ISR, ESR, RSNA) and multiple national radiology organisations through all continents.

Aims

- To establish the number of Paediatric Radiologists per country around the world.
- To assess how the training of a specialist Paediatric Radiologist is defined in different countries
- To demonstrate the availability of centres offering dedicated training in Paediatric Radiology, and whether this covers all imaging modalities

Methods

- Using WFPI members, and regional & national member societies, a survey was distributed to Paediatric Radiologists around the world. Responses were collated from 75 countries to the following questions:
 - How is a Paediatric Radiologist defined in your country, and how are they trained?
 - Dedicated 2-year fellowships at an accredited Paediatric Radiology centre
 - Non-standardised training after Radiology residency – an ‘Apprenticeship’
 - Optional training during residency (of at least 4 months)
- A combination of the above
- Based on this definition, how many Paediatric Radiologists are there working in your country?
- What proportion of Paediatric studies are reported by Paediatric Radiologists?
- How many centres are there in your country that offer formal fellowships in Paediatric Radiology? What imaging modalities are available?

Europe

- 28 respondents – 128 Paediatric Radiologists
- 14 countries have centres offering dedicated fellowships
- All these offer training in Digital Radiography (DR), US, CT, Fluoroscopy & MRI
- 9 countries offer training in Nuclear Medicine and 6 in PET/CT
- The majority of countries have at least 1 Paediatric Radiologist per 100,000 children – the exceptions are Turkey, Germany and Albania (although countries have different definitions of Paediatric Radiology Training)

Asia/Oceania

- 14 respondents – all have dedicated Paediatric Radiologists
- The number of children per Paediatric Radiologist ranges from 18 million (India) to 40,000 (Australia and Qatar), although India requires a fellowships for the role. The majority have more than one specialist/million children.
- The proportion of Paediatric studies being reported by Paediatric Radiologists ranges from 100% (Thailand) to 12 countries have centres offering dedicated fellowships
- All of these offer training in DR, US, CT, Fluoroscopy & MRI. There is partial availability of Nuclear Medicine (11 countries) and PET/CT (9)

With five global regions, all holding equal voting rights, radiologists from every part of the world are represented and included in the educational programs and wide range of initiatives and projects.

In October 2021, at the International Congress of Paediatric Radiology in Rome, we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Federation. It was remarkable to feel and belong to the international family of paediatric radiology, meeting old and new friends from different countries and continents, enjoying the camaraderie and making new plans and projects for the future.

WFPI leaders and volunteers were well-represented on the congress program with 24 different speakers presenting 29 talks and 2 posters.

[Program linked here](#)

Posters linked below

- [WFPI Activities and Achievements 2011-2021](#)
- [WFPI 2021 Global Pediatric Radiology Mapping Project \(Update from 2017\)](#)

WFPI is open to everyone who would like to be involved and improve the imaging of children worldwide. Only through the collaboration and communication, can we achieve the best and sustainable results.

If you like to know more and be involved in the WFPI activities, please, do get in touch (wfpi.office@gmail.com) and visit our website: www.wfpiweb.org.

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