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Education Committee Meeting Minutes – June 30, 2023

Date : Friday, June 30, 2023
Location : Board of Governors Room, La Nuvola Convention Center
Present : Eytan Blumenthal, Lisandro Sakata, Tanuj Dada, Pradeep Ramulu, Olusola Olawoye, Monisha Nongpiur, Marcelo Hatanaka, Irene Copati, Aakriti Shukla, Carolina Gracitelli, Min Hee Suh, Parul Iccpujani, Xinghuai Sun
Executive Office : Shan Lin, Kaweh Mansouri, Liezl Botha, Fatima Azzahra (minute taker)

1. Welcome

2. Introductions

3. Summary of current activities

a. Online Courses (& Translation)

- i. Opportunity to expand the online courses is to continuously translate these courses into several languages.
- ii. The total number of views on the online courses is very high.
- iii. Currently, WGA does not offer any certificates for these courses, but many people are still interested in learning.
- iv. Deus Bigirimana is working together with his colleague to translate the basic course into Arabic.
- v. WGA Executive Office recently reached out to Irene Copati and Carolina Gracitelli to help translating the Continued courses into Spanish and Portuguese.

b. WGA Newsletters



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- i. The goals of the Education sections on the WGA Newsletter are to introduce the Education Committee members and direct audiences to the WGA.one website.
 - c. WGA Symposia at Regional events
- i. It is welcome to reach out to Pradeep if ever WGA support is needed on any regional event or symposium that covers Glaucoma topics.
- ii. WGA can help populate the symposium and by attaching WGA name to it, it can attract more audiences.
 - d. Guidelines/Standards review
- i. Many organizations have been reaching out to the WGA to have their guidelines an external review.
4. Summary of current activities
 - a. Fundamental Question in Glaucoma
- i. The background idea of the Fundamental Questions in Glaucoma is to share practical information about Glaucoma topic in a short time.
- ii. There are two parts of Fundamental Questions in Glaucoma; 1) Covering important topics in Glaucoma and 2) Skill transfer on basic techniques on how to manage complications or difficult situations.
 - b. Glaucoma Surgical Grand Rounds
- i. The background idea of WGA Surgical Grand Rounds is highlighting the complex and comprehensive situation in glaucoma surgery.
- ii. The content of the webinar is gathering 3-4 glaucoma experts who will discuss techniques on managing the same challenge.



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- iii. The WGA Surgical Grand Rounds has been a success where Glaucoma specialists learn new techniques and ways on how to handle complex situations during glaucoma surgery.

5. New idea – Question-based Learning in Glaucoma

- i. Many people nowadays like to learn from questions.
- ii. For long-term planning, not only collecting questions but also linking these questions into WGA.one contents, such as Fundamental Questions series, WGA Global Webinars, Surgical Grand Rounds, and other contents.
- iii. Action Plan:
 - a) Collecting/creating questions and answers.
 - b) Link each answer to the existing WGA.one content.

6. Open floor to other ideas / comments

a. WGA.one content publication

Educational contents on the WGA.one website is the best glaucoma content available, however some of the content is still not as well-known to the public. It is an idea to have a publication on this content (1-2 pages) on WGA newsletter or social media.

b. Firewall WGA.one account

Currently all content is available on the WGA website and only accessible to those who have WGA.one account. Eytan mentioned that this can be a barrier where people need to take several steps before being able to access the content. Might be an idea to publish some selected content to WGA YouTube channel where people can access the video without creating an account.



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However, it needs to be carefully selected by the committee of which videos can be accessible on YouTube.

c. WGA Podcast

Proposing a WGA education podcast where people can learn on-the-go. Creating a WGA podcast will require more time as this needs to be an individual touch and cannot be done instantly with AI.

d. Developing WGA mobile app for education

Currently the Communication & Technology committee together with Simon Bakker is looking into developing the WGA mobile app. When this is developed, all educational contents including the podcast can be available on the app.

e. Patient-centric questions video

By collaborating with other glaucoma societies, WGA can develop a video series, similar to Fundamental Questions in Glaucoma, but focusing more on patient questions.

7. Action points

- 1) WGA Executive Office to discuss the next planning of Surgical Grand Rounds with Education committee chair.
- 2) Continuing the Fundamental Questions in Glaucoma video series project.
- 3) Education committee members to start collecting and creating questions for the Question-based Learning project.