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RE:

Eighth Convocation of the International Interplasts: Mallorca, Spain

We are all really excited about the conference. A number of topics were identified in the minutes of the January 21st conference call and they are:

- to offer our Core Values to each other
- to coordinate trip schedules and then later to collate the trip schedules into one schedule
- to integrate personnel (personnel exchange) on these trips
- to establish fax, e-mail, website, chat room, bulletin board teleconferencing and televideo conferencing, any or all of the above.
- to establish an international newsletter, Interlink
- improve the quality of our service
- to place the professional volunteers who call in from various countries looking for work with no previous Interplast affiliation on trips

[prompt: DR. PHILIP ZILLOX]

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to place patients and children with more complex cases from the developing countries into the hospitals in developed countries, that is, link the social work services among us.

to establish one site of Interplast work, which would be an International Interplasts' site - all of us would work to support it.

Of course, the main goal is to unify our efforts and increase the esprit de corps and excitement that we are all feeling. We also would like to include the following issues:

- large teams vs. small teams
- Interplast Germany concept of building hospitals at sites
- training host country doctors and nurses
- fundraising and public relations
- technical sessions: e.g., treatment of noma, types of cleft lip and palate surgery

Please bring your current and future schedules of trips, with names of hospitals where you work and contact people, to Mallorca. We’ll compare them to coordinate our work better.

Please let us know if you have any other ideas to include. As we mentioned in the last letter, the conference will begin with a reception Friday night, April 25th, and end at noon on Sunday, April 27th.

We are planning our next conference call for committee members April 12th. This will be 12 noon for the U.S. members, 6 a.m. for Australia, 5 p.m. for the U.K., 6 p.m. for France, Germany, Holland and Italy, and 7 p.m. for Turkey. Please let Amy Laden know, by fax, what telephone number you can be reached at during your respective times or if you can’t be available. We again thank Mr. Marshall and Ms. Wright for getting up at 3 a.m. for the last conference call.

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