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January 2009

The London Marathon 25th April 2010



Hon Lt Chandra Bahadur Gurung, a retired Gurkha, is to run the 2010 London Marathon for The Swinfen Charitable Trust to raise funds for a Telemedical link to a clinic Khalte (Parbat), Dhaulagiri, in Nepal. As many areas in the developing world are in need of our help the more money we raise the more hospital links can be achieved specialist medical advice can be given to doctors in remote places.

Donations can be made at the Virgin Money Giving website by clicking [here](#).

8 December 2009

Lord Swinfen was one of three finalists in the Parliamentarian of the Year Awards (International Section). This event is open to all parliamentarians who are proposed award. Roger has been nominated and reached the finals in previous years and we hope that he will be successful in the future.

November 2009

NEW TRUSTEE

The Trust is honoured and delighted to welcome Professor Karen Rheuban to the Board of Trustees.

Professor Rheuban is Current President of the American Telemedicine Association.

She brings a wealth of experience to the Trust and has been supporting us as a consultant (Paediatrics) for a number of years.

Among her other appointments at the University of Virginia, USA, Health System, she is..

- Professor of Pediatrics
- Senior Associate Dean for Continuing Medical Education and External Affairs
- Medical Director, Telemedicine Program.

23rd - 25th September

AMERICAN TELEMEDICINE ASSOCIATION MID-TERM MEETING , PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA.

Roger and Pat attended the three day meeting between 23 and 25 September. A busy session!

1. Recruited two more specialists
2. Approached by an organisation running medical clinics for children in HAITI, and now in process of setting up a Telemedicine link for them. (First in Haiti)
3. Approach by Prof. Maurice Mars, SCT consultant, (Nelson Mandela University , Kwa Zulu Natal) about TELE-AUDIOLOGY, wishes to set up a pilot study in this exciting new field of medicine . SCT has made contact with the people running this, and we await their next move.
4. ATA Director of Communications Benjamin Forstag has kindly put SCT in touch with the directors of the Specialized Paediatric Hospital in GAZA, Palestinian Territories may set up links for the doctors working there. Lady Swinfen has written to all of the doctors.

27 July 2009

Lord Swinfen attended a two day Meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Telemedicine Association. 27th/28th July)
Roger and Pat Swinfen also had Meetings with Dr Mike Brennan, President of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and Mr Agron Ferati of The International Medi

13 July 2009.

Roger and Pat Swinfen had the opportunity to meet with Miss Maureen Lines of the Hindu Kush Conservation Association on her visit to UK. (SCT supports Maureen's link in her work with the Kalash people of the North West Frontier Province)

18 June 2009

The 10th Anniversary of the Trust was marked with a Reception at The Travellers Club, Pall Mall, London.
A number of Dignitaries, Consultants, without whom the Trust could not operate, and Friends were present.

28 April 2009.

Roger and Pat Swinfen attended the American Telemedicine Association's Annual Conference in Las Vegas 25th -28th April.
Dr Joe Kvedar, won the President of the ATA's Individual Leadership Award.
Professor Richard Wootton, Trustee also attended the conference.

30 April 2009

Lord Roger Swinfen's election to the Board of Directors of the American Telemedicine Association (ATA) became formal on 28 April 2009. Roger is one of very few internationalists to have been elected to the Board.

Professor Karen.S. Rheuban of the University of Virginia, and a consultant of SCT's has been elected as President of the American Telemedicine Association.

8 April 2009 – Trek to Everest.

Two of our supporters set off on 5 April to walk to the Everest Base Camp, hoping to raise funds for the Trust. To see details of their trip and make a donation [download](#)

Note this is by cheque not part of the donations bit.

We much appreciate any help you can give.

12th March 2009

'Need a doc?' Article in Gulf News...<http://archive.gulfnews.com/articles/09/03/12/10294092.html>

"No place is too remote or baffling for the telemedicine system that has helped doctors in Antarctica and solved unusual cases. In its 10th year of operation, the UK-based Swinfen Charitable Trust (SCT), links up with the Oasis Hospital in Al Ain."

By Carolina D'Souza

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A new book entitled **"Telehealth in the Developing World"** has been published by RSM Press.

The details of the new book are at <http://www.rsmprss.co.uk/bkwootton8.htm>

A chapter written by the Swinfens, Richard Wootton and Peter Brooks entitled **"A low-cost international e-referral network"** is included

Lord CRISP says in the foreword **"Who can fail to be impressed by the SWINFEN CHARITABLE TRUST and its journey? It has pioneered the use of the electronic technology to ensure that people working in isolation in poor countries can benefit from the opinions of specialists in the richest countries."**

10 March 2009

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The Swinfens attended the "Rethinking Global Health, Political and Practical challenges from Foreign and Security Policy" Conference at Chatham House on 10th/ 11th. Various topics were discussed, including, leadership and power in the global health agenda and understanding the role of health in helping countries in post-conflict environments. We hoped that the involvement of SCT would be a critical part of this support. We await developments to report on later. British, US, Norwegian, Japanese, South African and the US/British military and many NGOs were among the attendees.

2 to 5 February 2009

The Swinfens attended a Meeting in New York at the United Nations hosted by UN Habitat and International Council for Caring Communities. This was followed by a meeting with Prof. K. S. Rheuban with Mrs Kendra Davenport of Project Hope by way of update on the Project.'

From an MD in the USA

"It is a pleasure to see the wonderful continued support by the Swinfen Trust and related staff and clinicians. Our medical students are increasingly aware and motivated engaged in global health issues and the Trust provides an outstanding example of positive impact on the lives of children and their families"

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