



Trust Swinfen, in any situation

Even in the most challenging situations the fantastic work of our Doctors and medical staff continues. Without the superb daily support and monitoring provided by our Consultants and other 'behind the scenes' people, the Trust would certainly not function as effectively as it does.

The development of the Trust has, most deservedly, attracted worldwide recognition for its work in providing support for those most in need. From just one hospital link in 1999 to now, in 2007, over seventy, an ever increasing number of Consultants and dedicated people who work in very dangerous places and under arduous conditions are supporting the Trust. The Trust is there to provide vital support and inter-action between the Consultants and hospitals; we know this is much appreciated by those in need.

Inspirational

A recent comment overheard at a Conference in Washington is an example of the Trust's efforts, "The work of the Trust and its founders is inspirational; it only takes two people to change the world."



Doctors and nurses in training

From Afghanistan, Doctors at Cure International Hospital have used, "Excellent services, both here and in Africa.... (Swinfen Charitable Trust is) an excellent group and very dedicated to serving".

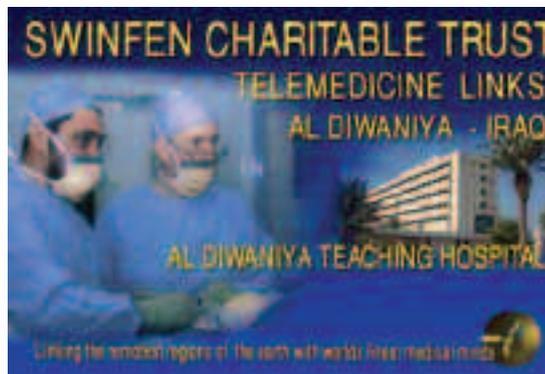
The fulsome praise of the Consultants by the Doctors, whom they seek to advise, is also testament to the value of the service in the eyes of those receiving it.

UPDATE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Tibet A child from a farming family, who spent months with nomads, developed painful swellings on different parts of her body that eventually discharged small larvae. Other than just trying to keep children away from animals, help was sought in identifying an effective treatment. Digital photographs were sent to a Parasitologist for advice, via the Trust, and the problem was identified and an effective treatment was delivered.

Sri Lanka Following the Tsunami in December 2004, we recorded a story of a generous donation from a group of people in Wiltshire. They raised a large sum of money to enable clinics to be set up in Navajeevana East at Kallar. Recently we were pleased to receive a report telling us that the excellent work continues despite security checks, roadside claymore type mines, abduction

of young people, travelling long distances on very poor roads through jungle areas with risks of elephant attacks and flash-flooding during the Monsoon season.



The Dentist is conducting a week of mobile dental clinics every month, treating more than one thousand patients in six months. A visiting Australian GP, acting as a Field Officer, has been able to visit villages and provide primary healthcare, relying often on the Telemedicine Link for difficult cases.

Iraq We now have more than 20 hospital links in Iraq. Every day the situation emphasises the need for dedicated doctors and

medical staff who rely on the help and the support from the consultants that is instantly available through the Trust. We receive countless messages confirming the value of this support that we are delighted to continue to provide.





Thanks from Pakistan

We recently heard from Dr. Noaman Siddiqui, (Program Manager at the Disaster Management Center, Abbottabad, Pakistan) who reminded us that in October 2005, a severe earthquake measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale resulted in the collapse of buildings, killing 87,000 and injuring over 100,000 people. The catastrophe completely demolished 171,884 houses leaving 4 million people homeless (source: World Bank Report).

The Trust was among the first to make its services available to the stricken area.

In his correspondence, Dr Siddiqui, talked about how easy it can be to forget that many people in the world are less fortunate than ourselves and that, as always, the Centre relies on support to continue its operations. He mentions that whilst there is still a great deal of work to be done, the Trust should be proud of the help it provides as it has given a new lease of life to the many people affected by the earthquake.

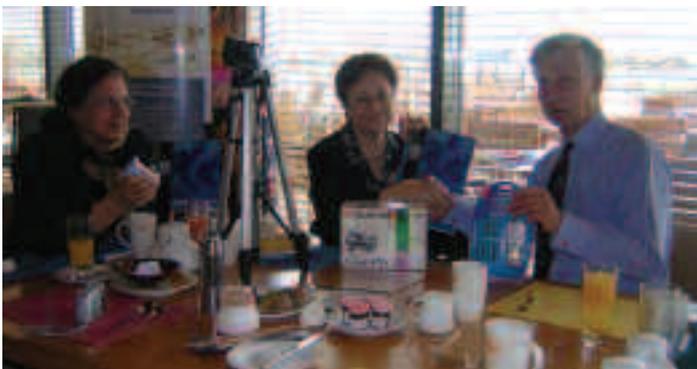
Dr Siddiqui extended his personal thanks to SCT and those involved, noting that "together, we can make a difference for the present generation and those to come."



VIRTUAL HOSPITAL

SCT is proud to operate a Virtual Hospital that never runs out of beds, has no political master and never turns a patient away.

First Medical Exhibition and Conference on the reconstruction of Iraq



Leading International consultants in many specialties presented their work at the conference from 3rd - 6th March in Kuwait. Roger and Pat Swinfen spoke about the work of the Trust both globally and specifically in Iraq. No Iraqi doctors were allowed across the border to attend so now arrangements are in the process to enable them to access the presentations from the conference.

Roger & Pat speak out

Roger and Pat Swinfen were invited to speak at the American Society of Paediatric Dermatology Meeting in Washington DC in early February. They presented a paper on the work of the Trust, with particular emphasis on Dermatology and Paediatric Dermatology. They were also asked to attend the American Academy of Dermatology's Telemedicine Workshop the following day. Dr Hon Pak, the new Chairman of the Group, invited SCT to join their Telemedicine Outreach Programme for the Developing World (two of the Trust's Dermatology Consultants are already members of the Group).



Roger & Pat Swinfen

Roger and Pat Swinfen also attended the Middle East and Africa Council of Ophthalmology (MEACO) Conference in Dubai from 28th - 30th March to present the work of the Trust. The aim of MEACO is to promote the science of ophthalmology among all societies and nations in the area and to promote internal co-operation in all matters pertaining to ophthalmology.

Swinfen Stats

Links:	75
Countries:	24
Consultants:	233
Specialties:	130

