The Pulmonary Vascular Research Institute (PVRI) China Taskforce was established as a section of PVRI with the aim of exploring collaboration with doctors in China who have an interest in pulmonary vascular disease. PVRI China task force continues its active participation in organizing national pulmonary vascular meetings and education courses in China. During the last year, a number of meetings, social and research activities were held in China. Physicians and scientists on the pathology, clinical presentation and management of PE and PH. Every opportunity was made to engage external speakers and create future international collaboration opportunities. PVRI-China Taskforce with the help of Chinese Medical Society (CMA) and the Chinese Thoracic Society (CTS) enabled the following activities.

May 5th, 2014: World Pulmonary Hypertension Day. A series of educational and social activities for pulmonary hypertension were held in Beijing with the support of the I-seek pulmonary hypertension advisory group. More than 20 multidisciplinary physicians participated in the activities. The issues of health education, social support, medical insurance and standardize treatment for Chinese pulmonary hypertension patients were discussed.

Sept 15th-18th 2014: The 14th National Conference of Chinese Thoracic Society was held in Zhengzhou, China. This meeting provided a communication stage that would ensure further progress in the epidemiology, diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary vascular disease including pulmonary embolism and pulmonary hypertension for physicians, scientists and other health care providers in China. Prof Bruce Davidson, from University of Washington School of Medicine talked about Thrombolysis of Pulmonary Embolism, State of the Art, 2014. A thoroughly discussion of the indications, dosages and regimens of pulmonary embolism was held during the meeting.

August 2014: China Heart Congress. The one day and half pulmonary vascular disease session was attended mostly by cardiologist. Professors Martin Wilkins, Jason Yuan, Xiansheng Chen, Jianguo He, Lan Zhao, Zhenguo Zhai gave lectures in the meeting, covering topics in advances in PAH, as well as in congenital heart disease and medical and surgical treatment of chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension.

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The second PVRI AGM and first Scientific Workshops were held in Marbella.

- The first PVRI China meeting takes place in Xin Jiai, and continues on a yearly basis to this day.
- PVRI India Task Force is established in Cochin in November.
- PVRI website takes off under the leadership of Dr. Antonio Lopes.

July 12th-14th and Oct 29th -31st 2014: Two education courses on standardizing the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary embolism and pulmonary hypertension were organized. These courses provided updates on several important aspects including diagnosis and treatment of acute pulmonary embolism and pulmonary hypertension, diagnosis technology, and standard thrombotic and anticoagulant therapy, and clarified a standardized operational procedure for imaging pulmonary hypertension. These two courses brought some most recent points from the ESC 2014 pulmonary embolism guidelines and ACCP pulmonary hypertension guidelines. The courses provided an excellent learning and communication platform for physicians.


History of PVRI

- Initial planning meeting held at Heathrow, UK, between main founders Ghazwan Butrous, Stuart Rich, Martin Wilkins and Nick Morrell, as well as Evangelos Michalakos, Marc Semigran, and Fritz Grim- menger.
- The third AGM and second Scientific Workshops take place in Mexico City, Mexico.
- The fourth official PVRI AGM takes place in Lisbon, Portugal.
- First paid member of staff recruited.
- Nikk’s first joins the PVRI.
- The PVRI Sub-Saharan Africa Task Force holds its first meeting.
- The PVRI 15th AGM is held in Panama City, Panama.
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- Christine Holt joins the PC team as their first paid member of staff in the Chicago office.
- The Pan-African Pulmonary Hypertension Cohort Registry (PAPH) initiative is supported via the PVRI Sub-Saharan Taskforce.

- Scientific Meeting held in Bad Nauheim, Germany. 400 attendees.
- Full-time Chief Executive Stephanie Barwick recruited.
- First Summer Symposium on Drug Discovery & Development held in Bethesda, USA. 100 attendees.
- PVRI conducts a feasibility study for an online course on PVD.