

## Minutes of the IPSO Business Meeting – Sao Paulo, Brazil, October 7, 2009

*Apologies: Pjotr Czauderna*

1. **Opening** at 4:30 PM
2. **Minutes IPSO meeting 2008 (Berlin)** Were proposed by Shochat, seconded by Spicer, and accepted and verbally signed off by the President
3. **Report from the President** The president thanked all members who spent their time for a splendid 2009 IPSO meeting in person. Jan Godzinski for the program, Roly Squire for the website, Jörg Fuchs for his activities as Treasurer, Dan Aronson for a decade of service as secretary, and Steve Shochat for the achievement of many successes as the IPSO representative in the SIOP-SC. He announced the foundation of the IPSO-Foundation in which money will be allocated to be used for education. Educational initiatives will be welcomed.
4. **Report from the Treasurer – statement of finances, billing process, non-paying members** The financial balance was accepted by the membership without further comments. Letters for payment of dues will be sent to the non-payers. Members that did not pay dues for >3 years will be revoked. Financial payment forms will become downloadable from the website. Rosalinde will be asked to send receipts of payments.
5. **IPSO scholarships for reduced congress fees and travel/accommodation costs: Amount, rules, selection procedure** To hand out scholarships would be congruent to IPSO's mission. However we don't have sufficient means to run it. The selection process will be very difficult to define. Broecker suggested to only pay registration fee for locals that apply. This did, however, not seem meaningful for the upcoming meeting in Boston. It was decided to not yet embark on such project, to wait until the IPSO foundation has been established, but to keep it on the future agenda.
6. **Election of a new EC members:** The nominees were elected by acclamation. Dan Aronson as President elect, Roly squire as secretary, Sandeep Agarwala as EC member, and Jan Godzinski was re-elected as Program Director. All were congratulated by the President.
7. **Election of new Members. New** All applicants for the IPSO membership (n=10)\* were accepted as new members and were congratulated by the President.
8. **Recruitment of new IPSO members** The President urged the membership to invite their trainees, fellows, colleagues, or anyone actively working in the field of Pediatric (Surgical) Oncology, etcetera, to become member of our organization. We need to strengthen our organization in order to become financially viable to fulfill our educational goals!
9. **The IPSO website** Roly Squire presented an overview of the current state of our website. The members area is now accessible by use of a generic name (IPSO – member). Members will get a personal login. The membership is urged to give feedback to the webmaster on what items are wanted to be part of the website.
10. **Future Oncology Meetings: IPSO at EUPSA 2010, Bern, Switzerland – interactive Oncology Course part III;** The membership was informed of the next oncology course in Bern. The last course in Graz has been completely filled. As was achieved as quite successful.

11. **Program Director: IPSO 2010 at Boston, USA** The Program Director announced that next year a combined symposium (IPSO+PROS+SIOP) will be organized on lung metastases on day +2. It will be put in the newsletter in order to make sure that surgeons plan their presence to this symposium.
12. **Appointment of the local Surgical Organizer for Boston** Bob Shamberger was invited to be our local surgical organizer (LSO) and agreed to do so. An official invitation letter and the guidelines for the LSO will be forwarded to him by the secretary.
13. **Evaluation of the pre-meeting in Sao Paulo** The program of the pre-meeting has been achieved as very good. Participants have reacted enthusiastically. Also it has been felt as very positive that the local people had a good opportunity to present their papers. The membership agreed with this summary of the President, and Simone Abib was congratulated for this success.
14. **PBC and IPSO** Wiley proposed a new status for Societies that are not able to attend the annual meeting at Wiley's in Hoboken. This will however not influence our relationship with Wiley. We'll have no room to maneuver since we are not prepared to pay the travel expenses of a representative of IPSO to Hoboken, and we'll accept this new status. The SIOP-EB assured us that it will have no financial influence on the annual PBC grant.
15. **Letter from Dan D'Angio: kidney damage** Dan D'Angio has written a letter to IPSO and to Michael Ritchey to ask for a view regarding information to be given to parents of a child with a mono-kidney. Based on the review by Grinsell et al (Pediatrics 2006; 118: 1019) with good data indicating which sports have caused renal damage. The membership found it of great importance that also children with mono-kidney lead a normal life, despite the fact they are a little more vulnerable than kids who have both kidney's. Most pediatric renal injury is due to traffic rather than by sports. Only three members present (2 from USA, 1 from Portugal) had the opinion that some sports should be avoided. This answer will be sent to Dan D'Angio.
16. **Any other business** Dan Aronson thanked the membership for their trust in him as their Secretary for the past decade, and handed over the (digitized) IPSO archives and the secretariat to Roly Squire
17. **Adjournment** at 17:45 PM

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