

Minutes: IPSO Business Meeting

Thursday 21 October 2010
John B Hynes Memorial Convention Center
Boston, Massachusetts

Chair: Larry Hadley (President)
45 IPSO members

1. **Welcome** from the President: 17.00 hrs
2. **Minutes from the 2009 Meeting (Sao Paulo):** the minutes were accepted as a correct record (proposed by Steve Shochat, seconded by Jenny Walker).
3. **Report from the President:** the President thanked the members of IPSO who have Steve Shochat with regard to the scientific programme. He thanked members of the Executive Committee for their work on behalf of the Society over the past year, and offered special thanks to Patrizia Dall'Ignio, who is leaving the Executive Committee after 4 years of service. He reflected on what a good year it had been for IPSO.
4. **Report from the Treasurer:** the secretary presented the statement of finances on behalf of the Treasurer, who had sent his apologies. The Society has a positive balance of over €26,000 (statement of accounts dated 31 July 2010), with improved receipt of members dues in 2009/10. The President suggested that in view of the robust state of the Society finances we could now plan to set up an educational fund, and proposed that the Executive should be charged with taking this forward. There was assent from the members present. It was also proposed that members who have defaulted on payment for 3 or more years should be taken off the membership list. This was agreed.
5. **PBC session:** Steve Shochat explained to the members that the second day of the IPSO meeting in Boston will include a new session this year, which will be called the 'PBC session'. Bob Arceci, Editor in chief of Pediatric Blood & Cancer, has agreed that 4 selected abstracts will be presented in this session, and may then be 'fast-tracked' for publication. The IPSO scientific representatives have agreed a process to choose the four best abstracts from those submitted for presentation at the IPSO annual meeting, The authors will be asked to present at the PBC session, and they will also be asked to present a full manuscript, which will be considered by the scientific representatives. If considered to be suitable the manuscript will be recommended to Dr Arceci, who will only ask for one further independent review, and will arrange for fast-track publication. Dr Shochat expressed his thanks to Dr Arceci, and recommended that members present should pass the word to colleagues encouraging submission of good quality research to the IPSO annual meeting as a mechanism to expedite publication of their work.
6. **IPSO prizes:** the President expressed thanks to Wright Medical Technology for their generosity in continuing to sponsor prizes for the best presentations at the IPSO annual meeting, and thanked Bhaskar Rao for his role in arranging this sponsorship. He announced that this year there would be a \$300 for the best paper (judges: Godzinski & Dall'Ignia) and \$200 for the best poster (judges: Czuderna & De Corti).
7. **Auckland 2011:** Phil Morreau, IPSO local organiser for the next annual meeting invited everyone to the Auckland, New Zealand, to be held for October 26 – 30, 2011. He announced that the main themes of the SIOP meeting will be; the adolescent patient; unique challenges of the Pacific (provision of oncology care to remote places). He drew attention to the congress website www.SIOP2011.com and also to the fact that the rugby football world cup final will be held in Auckland just prior to the meeting, on 23 October.

8. **IPSO Educational courses:** Robert Carachi gave a brief oral presentation about the IPSO course that has been held at the EUPSA meeting over recent years, to lead a discussion about whether this model could be extended to other paediatric surgical associations. The IPSO-EUPSA course runs as a 3 year cycle, covering all major paediatric surgical oncological topics, and is delivered by members of IPSO. Approximately 50 delegates attend each year. The course administration is run by EUPSA, who also provide a small honorarium for the IPSO delegates, recently in the form of free registration to the EUPSA meeting. Robert Carachi proposed that IPSO could set up a faculty who could deliver this course to other associations, with the aim that there would be a positive balance (ie IPSO would make a small profit rather than a loss) and that appropriate expenses etc were paid to members of the faculty. There was wide discussion, including the recommendation that local resources should be used where possible, that the initial request should come from the local organization, and that IPSO should maintain financial independence. It was felt that this should not be considered to be a money-making venture for IPSO. The EUPSA registration for the course is currently €90: it was observed that this may be too much for many countries who would like to take advantage of the offer, but it was agreed that the registration fee would not be the responsibility of IPSO. The members present gave full support to this initiative. It was noted that delegates receive an electronic version of the textbook prior to the course, and it was agreed that it would be good if IPSO were invited to write a foreword to the next edition
9. **Administrative changes to SIOP:** the President notified members of forthcoming changes to the administrative offices of SIOP, which will also result in changes for IPSO. The full picture is not clear, but SIUOP will be run from a new office in Geneva, and Rosalinde Kennis, who has been administrative secretary for IPSO as well as SIOP for many years, will be resigning. The changes will occur in January 2011. The membership will be informed in due course of the impact of these changes to IPSO. It was agreed that we should approach this as an opportunity rather than an obstacle.
10. **Report from the Webmaster:** Roly Squire asked for feedback about the website, which should still be considered to be under development, and focused on the restricted members-only pages. It was agreed that for the time being a generic password was easier for members to manage, and the username/password were given to all members present. It was agreed that these should be circulated in the newsletter. A new initiative was discussed- to include pdf versions of presentations given at the annual meeting. This was approved by the membership.
11. **Election to the Executive Council 2010:** three nominations had been received to replace Patrizia Dall'Igna on the IPSO executive, and following a secret ballot of members present, using a single transferable vote, Chui Chan Hon from Singapore was voted onto the Executive Committee.
12. **Election of New IPSO Members:** The following were elected to IPSO membership.
- Georges AUDRY (sponsors: Martelli/Gauthier)
 - Sophie BRANCHEREAU (sponsors: Martelli/Gauthier)
 - Maria Pilar Abad CALVO (sponsors: Rao/Salas Valverde)
 - Nicholas COST (sponsors: Broecker/Aronson)
 - Constantinos HAJIVASSILIOU (sponsors: Carachi/Aronson)
 - James HAMILL (sponsors: Aronson/Squire)
 - Mark KAYTON (sponsors: Godzinski/Shochat)
 - Philip MORREAU (sponsors: Godzinski/Shochat)
 - Michael NIGHTINGALE (sponsors: Heloury/Squire)
 - Francisco PERROTTA (sponsors: Rao/Fernandez-Pineda)
 - Andres PI OSORIA (sponsors: Rao/Aronson)

- Massimiliano SILVERI (sponsors: Aronson/Squire)
- Katharina WENKE (sponsors: Hadley/Aronson)

13. **Appointment to Honorary Membership of IPSO:** Bruce Broecker was elected to honorary IPSO membership in recognition of his dedication to children's cancer surgery, including his commitment to IPSO as demonstrated by his spell as President in 2002/3
14. **Inauguration of new President:** Larry Hadley handed over the chains of office to Dan Aronson, the new president of IPSO. Dan thanked Larry for his work as president over the last 2 years, and then Bruce Broecker gave a brief presentation portraying the highlights of Larry's presidency.
15. **Adjournment:** the meeting adjourned at 18.18hrs