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## IPSO newsletter July 2003

### IPSO meeting 2003 in Cairo, Egypt

Since the annual meeting issue of MPO has become oversized, it was decided that in order to reduce space, the program of the IPSO meeting will most likely not appear in print. To make sure our membership has an overview of the program in advance, we have returned to the old tradition to include the IPSO program with the July Newsletter. As last year, the meeting format will be such that the first day of IPSO starts on October 8th, which is at day-1 of the SIOP meeting. Please see the included program and the news from the Program Director.

### News from the Program Committee

#### Annual Meeting 2003

This year there will be no video session as the number of videos timeously submitted did not justify the expense involved. There will be however some interesting posters that will, inter alia, be competing for the Poster Prize of US\$ 250. Also this year, the presented papers will compete for the IPSO best paper award of US\$ 500. The academic programme will be stimulating as always. An additional highlight will be a lecture on "The history of medicine in Ancient Egypt" by Prof Yasser Saad el-Din of Alexandria. We have arranged joint sessions with SIOP on areas of mutual interest and are sure that this meeting will be as stimulating as those in the past. Prof Saad el-Din has arranged a day tour to Alexandria to take place on Saturday 11th October. This will afford members an opportunity to see the new Great Library as well as historic aspects of the city. The Executive committee Meeting will take place on the evening of 7th October with the AGM at the Congress venue on the morning of 9th October. Members are urged to attend the AGM meeting as there are some critical decisions to be made.

Larry Hadley, Chairman IPSO Program Committee

#### Problem case session

As has become a valuable tradition, also this year there will be a problem case session at the Cairo meeting. It has been proven to be an enjoyable and popular

session, and will be moderated by Dietrich von Schweinitz and Daniel Aronson. Anyone who wishes to either share a difficult, unusual or otherwise problematic case, or a case with an unusual outcome or complication with the audience in this session, should contact either or both moderators prior to or at the meeting. Presenters are urged to prepare their case with slides of the pertinent findings (history, exam, radiographs, etceteras) and issues of the case, so that the entire audience may more readily see these findings and participate inter-actively in the discussion. Those cases prepared in this fashion will be given preference.

### **From the Secretary/Treasurer**

Recently you have received a letter of remittance of your 2003 dues, and of probable unpaid dues from (the) previous year(s). Swift payment is encouraged preferably by credit card. The treasurer will issue a receipt to all who pay the membership fee. Please realize that IPSO is a small society that needs to keep up its financial strength. We can not survive without our dues!

Included with this newsletter you'll find the new 2003 Membership Directory. Please check the accuracy of your personal data, and contact the Secretary immediately if you have any change of your address, affiliation, phone or fax numbers, or e-mail address.

Mails to the members below were returned to the secretary. Who knows their address?

Ellen E. Hrabovsky, USA; Luigi Madonna, Italy; Javant Radhakrishnan, USA; Milan Stelnicky, Slovak Republic; Elio Tanaka, Brazil; Victor Valda, USA

### **Election of a new President**

The Executive Council proposes dr. Helène Martelli from Paris, France, as nominee for President Elect. Any active member can be proposed to the EC to be nominated as a candidate by the EC. Proposals must be submitted to the Secretary in writing, at least three months before the Annual Business Meeting in Cairo. The proposed candidate must have agreed to stand.

### **Call for Candidates for the IPSO Executive Council**

Robbert Carachi will end his second term in the EC. Any active member can be proposed for EC Membership. Proposals must be submitted to the Secretary in writing, at least three months before the Annual Business Meeting in Cairo. The proposed candidate must have agreed to stand.

### **Call for Candidates of New Members of IPSO**

The Executive Board recognizes the importance to expand the number of IPSO members. Please consider to propose your colleague, fellow, (chief) resident, or assistant with an interest in Pediatric Surgical Oncology to become a new member of IPSO. Please fill out the enclosed application form for IPSO membership and return it with a CV to the Secretary of IPSO.

### **Rare Tumor Registry**

Please send any cases of rare tumors (= tumors that do not fit into an established treatment protocol) to the Rare Tumor Registry in Amsterdam. Ask for a registration form at [d.c.aronson@amc.uva.nl](mailto:d.c.aronson@amc.uva.nl) As usual, authors

of abstracts regarding rare tumors will be asked to send their case in.

The Registry can be contacted to inquire information regarding rare tumors or to exchange rare tumor tissues for research purposes. Only names of Surgeons whose patients are registered in the database will be given upon request, since patient data are not provided for privacy reasons.

### **Future meetings**

Activities have started for the organization of the second IPSO/APSA meeting, to be held in Ponte Vedra Beach Florida, USA, in May 26-29, 2004. The theme of the combined meeting will be The 'Unresectable' Tumor. Put the dates in your agenda, and start thinking about subjects for your abstracts! All abstract submission will be online at [www.eapsa.org](http://www.eapsa.org) but the abstract link will not be online until the end of August. The deadline for abstract submission will be Oct.31. Registration will also be available online at [www.eapsa.org](http://www.eapsa.org) but probably not before February or March 2004.

### **MPO, the official Journal of IPSO and SIOP**

In January 2004, Medical Pediatric Oncology will include the Hematologic Diseases of Childhood. This expanded Journal will continue as Pediatric Blood and Cancer (PBC), and will thereby also become the official Journal of the American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology. In the coming months, the Executive Council will try to make sure that the new Journal remains accessible for surgical papers at the same threshold.

### **Presidents corner**

While many of you may be enjoying what remains of the Summer, preparations continue for the SIOP and IPSO meeting this Fall. Attendance at this meeting is likely to be smaller than prior meetings but those that brave the trip to Cairo will be rewarded with an excellent program and meeting. Larry Hadley, our program director, has assembled a stimulating program thanks in part to those that have submitted many fine abstracts. The venue itself will be incomparable. There are a number of important issues that will need to be discussed and resolved at the Cairo meeting, including the merger of the *MPO* and the *Journal of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology* and our future relationship with the new journal *Pediatric Blood and Cancer*, the upcoming joint meeting with APSA in May 2004 and our future relationship with that and other organizations. Elections will be held for president-elect and to replace outgoing members of the executive committee. Altogether it will be a busy, stimulating and rewarding week for those that come as we renew old and make new friendships, share the experience and knowledge that advances our craft and see new people and places. I look forward to seeing you there.

Bruce Broecker, President

**APPLICATION for IPSO membership**  
(please print)

**NAME OF APPLICANT**

**TITLE**

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Patient initials:

Date of birth:

Date of Diagnosis:

Pathology:

Stage (if possible):

Organ:

Surgery(S): Yes  No

if Yes: primary  delayed  biopsy only

Chemo (C): Yes  No

Radioth (R): Yes  No

Order of (S), (C), (R):

Tumor tissue stored: Yes  No

if Yes, how: paraffin  frozen  culture  other:

Date of last follow up:

Condition at last follow up: CR  PR  SD  PD  expired

Name of Surgeon:

Name of Institution Address:

Telephone: