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## **IPSO Newsletter: August 2015**



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Dear IPSO member

I hope you are having a great 2015.

This has been a busy year for the IPSO Executive Committee, and our President, Steve Shochat, has regularly been in touch with all members by e-mail, updating on a number of issues. This short Newsletter includes reminders about what has been happening. We will discuss this all of this at the AGM on 8 October in Cape Town.

Most importantly this newsletter includes the information you need about the 2015 Annual Congress.

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***Remember: Only paid-up IPSO members get the discounted registration rate for the Congress***

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Sharon Cox, our local organizer, has organised an excellent Pre-meeting Education Day. All IPSO delegates should try to attend. Please make sure your junior surgeons know about the day, and arrive in Cape Town early enough to attend

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The Education Day is on Wednesday 7 October:  
more details on the next page

# 2015 IPSO Annual Congress



You should know by now that the 2015 IPSO Annual Congress will be held in Cape Town in early October. The important dates to remember are:

<b>Wednesday 7 October:</b>	<b>Pre-meeting Education Day</b>
<b>Thursday 8 October:</b>	<b>IPSO Congress Day 1 AGM</b>
<b>Friday 9 October:</b>	<b>IPSO Congress Day 2 (SIOP Day 1) Annual IPSO Dinner</b>
<b>Saturday 10 October:</b>	<b>SIOP Congress Day 2 SIOP/IPSO/PROS symposium</b>
<b>Sunday 11 October:</b>	<b>SIOP Congress Day 3</b>

If you are coming to Cape Town please do not miss the Pre-meeting Education Day. Please let any junior surgeons, or any non-IPSO surgeons who are coming to Cape Town, know about the day, which promises to be of the highest quality.

### *Topics include:*

***Hepatoblastoma  
Oncology in Africa  
Oncological Surgical Emergencies***

***Genetics in Childhood Tumours  
Prophylactic Surgery in Childhood &  
Adolescence.***

**To register for the Pre-meeting and see the full programme please use the following link:**

<http://www.surgicalsills.co.za/siop-congress-ipsso-education-day/register-ipsso-education-day>

**Please note that the Education Day is being held at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital, on Klipfontain Road, Rondebosch, and not at the main congress site. It is not far away; 10 minutes by taxi, and the Education Day will be free for the IPSO delegates**

Information about the Main Congress can be found on the [Congress website](#): this website is continually updated as new information becomes available. Currently there is an outline of the scientific programme, and more detail will become available nearer the time. It is not easy to find out information of specific value to surgical delegates on the Congress website; for instance the link to the Pre-meeting Education Day is not obvious: you have to use the 'Off Programme Meetings' page which is in the drop-down menu bar when you look under the 'Scientific Programme'.

**So please also keep an eye on the [Conferences page of the IPSO website](#).**

If you have any unresolved questions about the Annual Congress, the Pre-meeting Education Day, the IPSO dinner or the 2015 AGM please feel free to e-mail the [IPSO secretary](#)

**Don't forget to bring your problem cases for discussion at the meeting**

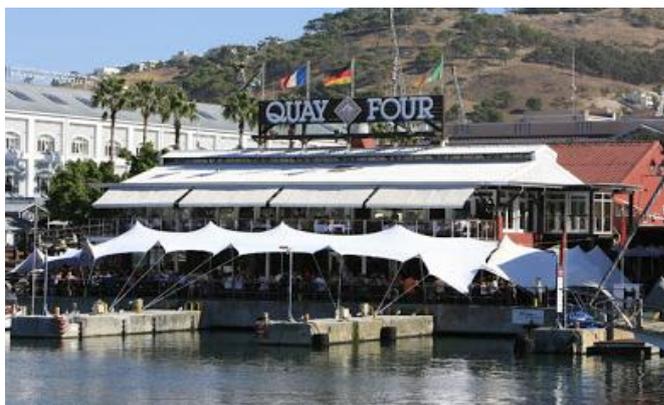
## The 2015 IPSO Dinner

**Date:** Friday 9 October  
**Venue:** Upstairs @ Quay 4  
**Address:** W Quay Rd, V & A Waterfront, Cape Town, 8001, South Africa  
**Time:** 7.30 for 8pm  
**Price per person:** R400

**Website:** <http://www.quay4.co.za/upstairs/>

If you are coming to Cape Town please make sure that you sign up for the Annual IPSO dinner. You will see from the information above that Sharon has secured an excellent venue overlooking the waterfront, and at a very reasonable price.

There will be a set menu which will include a 3-course meal, some drinks, and of course the wonderful company of your IPSO colleagues. Year-on-year the dinner has been a highlight of the IPSO calendar, a must for those IPSO members who can attend the Annual Congress. Partners and friends, including oncologists, are always welcome, but there is a limit on the number of places, so please register for the dinner in advance.



**Register for the IPSO dinner [here](#)**

Payment will mostly be on-site, although there may be an option for advance payment using bank transfer. We ask those who register to pay Sharon as soon as possible when you get to Cape Town. Payment in Cape Town will be in the local currency, Rand (ZAR). More information about payment will be provided at the pre-meeting education day, and at the first sessions of the IPSO Congress, but if you haven't registered in advance for a ticket on-line we cannot guarantee your seat at the dinner.

The menu will have a vegetarian option, Halaal meat suppliers, and Kosher meals can be ordered in for those who require.

More information about the dinner will be posted on the IPSO website as it becomes available. Keep an eye on the [IPSO website](#) and the [IPSO facebook page](#)

## What's happening in 2016

**Dublin 2016:** Next year's IPSO Annual Congress will be held in Dublin, Ireland. Dublin is renowned for its hospitality, and so we know it will be a great success. Please note down the dates: 18-22 October 2016

Please include Dublin in your plans for 2016.

**IPSO-APSA 2016:** Every 4 years IPSO joins the American Pediatric Surgical Association (APSA) to hold a joint symposium linked to the annual APSA Congress. This event will be held at the APSA Congress in San Diego, California, in 2016. Put the dates May 14-16, 2016 in your diary now, and get ready with your abstracts.

You will soon be invited to submit your clinical and scientific research for presentation. This is an excellent opportunity for IPSO members to present their results in a top academic forum in the USA, and to attend one of the foremost international paediatric surgical congresses.



## IPSO Brochure



We are trying to improve IPSO's profile, and introduce IPSO to the vast number of paediatric surgeons around the world who might wish to consider membership. To this end we recently unveiled the IPSO Brochure: you should have received an electronic copy by e-mail.



Please make use of the brochure to introduce IPSO to interested surgeons in your own country or region. PDF copies are available from the secretary, and if you need a batch of printed brochures we can arrange this through our management team at Kenes.



## IPSO on Facebook

Steve Shochat was in touch with all members earlier in the year announcing that you can now keep in touch with your IPSO friends on Facebook. Please have a look at our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ipsosurgeons>

and if you like the pages then you can receive notifications of any updates.

*Were you at the 2014 IPSO dinner in Toronto? If so you might want to see if you were photographed- did the secretary catch your best profile?*

## Sosido

All IPSO members can now receive regular updates on publications relevant to paediatric oncology & paediatric surgical oncology from a web-based facility called Sosido Digest.

You should already be receiving the regular updates to your e-mail address, the one which you use as your IPSO contact address. On the left is a screenshot sample from the last Sosido e-mail.

This is a really useful resource, which allows members to have a quick overview of recent important publications rather than having to trawl through a vast number of publications themselves. I hope that you have already taken advantage of the Sosido communications- if not I recommend that you give it a try.

There will be an opportunity for IPSO to refine our instructions to Sosido and make the publication list more relevant for our practice and interests. This will be discussed at the AGM on 8 October, so please have a look at the titles and journals the next time you receive an e-mail from Sosido, and consider how it might be improved.

If you are not receiving e-mails from Sosido please let the [secretary](#) know.

### Sosido Digest for SIOP and IPSO | Aug 05 - Aug 12, 2015

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Sent: 12 August 2015 21:05

To: Squire Roly (LEEDS TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS TRUST)

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Aug 05, 2015 to Aug 12, 2015 | [Customize digest...](#)

Hello Dr. Squire,

#### New from your communities

SIOP community



New publications

IPSO community



There are no new questions or member publications from the IPSO community this week. Would you like to [ask your colleagues a question?](#)

The International Society of Paediatric Surgical Oncology (IPSO) is a global society of surgeons who specialise in the surgical care of children with cancer, with the goal to standardize and improve outcomes in the treatment of children with cancer around the world.

#### ■ PEDIATRIC BLOOD AND CANCER JOURNAL (ASPHO & SIOP)

Aug 10 2015

##### Identification of discrete prognostic groups in Ewing sarcoma

Erin E. Karski, Elizabeth McIlvaine, Mark R. Segal, Mark Krailo, Holcombe E. Grier, Linda Granowetter, Richard B. Womer, Paul A. Meyers, Judy Felgenhauer, Neyssa Marina, Steven G. DuBois

##### Background

Although multiple prognostic variables have been proposed for Ewing sarcoma (EWS), little work has been done to further categorize these variables into prognostic groups for risk classification.

##### Procedure

We derived initial prognostic groups from 2,124 patients with EWS in the SEER database. We constructed a multivariable recursive partitioning model of overall survival using...

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#### ■ PEDIATRIC BLOOD AND CANCER JOURNAL (ASPHO & SIOP)

Aug 10 2015

##### Prognostic factors for outcome in localized extremity rhabdomyosarcoma. Pooled analysis from four international cooperative groups

Odile Oberlin, Annie Rey, Kenneth L.B. Brown, Gianni Bisogno, Ewa Koscielniak, Michael C.G. Stevens, Douglas S. Hawkins, William H. Meyer, Trang H. La, Modesto Carli, James R. Anderson

##### Background

Extremity rhabdomyosarcomas do not always show satisfactory outcomes. We analyzed data from 643 patients treated in 14 studies conducted by European and North American groups between 1983 and 2004 to identify factors predictive of outcome.

##### Procedure

Clinical factors, including age; histology; site of primary (hand and foot vs. other); size; invasiveness (T stage); nodal...

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## IPSO website

The IPSO website is shortly going to undergo a re-design. Your Executive Committee has asked a team of website designers to provide a new user interface, which will continue to provide the pages familiar to you all, but will also include new interactive pages to improve our ability to communicate and hopefully to discuss clinical problems.

This will be discussed further at the AGM, and the EC would value your advice about what instructions should be given to the website committee. Why not bookmark the IPSO website so that you can keep a regular eye on what is going on: <http://www.ipsosurgeons.org>

## The IPSO Executive

Since the 2014 AGM in Toronto your Executive Committee has continued to hold monthly web-based meetings. Our main focus has been to try and make IPSO a more valuable organisation to you, our members. Many of the new features, such as the facebook page, Sosido and the brochure are already outlined in this newsletter. This work will continue, and the EC needs members to advise about what else we should be doing.

At the 2015 AGM candidates for available positions on the IPSO Executive will be discussed, and where necessary an on-line vote will be carried out after the meeting. This year we will need to decide on a President-elect, to replace Steve Shochat as president in Dublin in 2016, a new secretary, and one new ordinary EC member.

Candidates have already been proposed for these positions: if you would like to propose someone or stand for election yourself please let the [secretary](#) know as soon as possible.

The names and designations of the current EC are on the letterhead on page 1 of this newsletter.

## From the Secretary

We know that many surgeons who would benefit enormously from joining our organisation do not know of its existence. So when you attend regional or international meetings please promote IPSO: distribute the new IPSO brochure; tell your colleagues about IPSO; direct them to the IPSO website [www.ipsosurgeons.org](http://www.ipsosurgeons.org) and encourage them to join.

Our President, Stephan Shochat, has been in touch during the year about IPSO's legal status, and with Jörg Fuchs he has taken legal advice about how we can secure our status as an fully established society, potentially with charitable status. IPSO members were asked to ratify changes to our statutes on the recommendation of the Executive Committee in order to progress this important matter. There was near-unanimous approval of the recommended changes, so the EC are taking the next steps and will report further at the AGM.

As indicated above I will be retiring as secretary following the AGM in Cape Town. It has been a privilege to be your secretary for 6 years, and I hope that you feel that I have represented our society in the way you would have wished. I will continue to do my best to support and promote IPSO as an active member, and I will look forward to seeing you all at many future IPSO congresses

Please feel free to [contact me](#) at any time



*Roly Squire*