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## IPSO Newsletter: August 2016

Dear Friends

I hope that 2016 has so far been fruitful and meaningful for you.

Our annual meeting in Dublin is just a few months away. Please remember to register online for the meeting. An exciting scientific programme has been drawn up by our programme committee.

This newsletter includes:

- Getting to know IPSO's sub-committees
- EC Elections
- Upcoming 2016 Congress in Dublin
- Review of 2016 IPSO-APSA Meeting, San Diego
- Review of 2016 SIOP-Asia Meeting, Moscow

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*Have you registered for  
IPSO Congress? Education Day?  
Bring a problem case to discuss?*

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**IPSO Scientific Programme in Dublin**  
<http://ipsosurgeons.org/conference/ipsio-siop-dublin-2016/>

**Renew Your Membership Today !**  
Log onto <http://ipsosurgeons.org>

## Getting to Know IPSO's Sub-committees

Do you know that IPSO has 4 sub-committees? Through these focused committees, IPSO's functions become more structured with greater involvement from the membership. IPSO is evolving into a member-centric society to serve its members even better. Let me introduce them to you:

### **1. IPSO Programme Committee**

[This committee plans scientific programme of all meetings & reviews submitted abstracts.]

Simone Abib (Brazil) – Chair

Andrea Hayes-Jordan (USA)

Marc Wijnen (Netherlands)

Chan Hon Chui (Singapore)

Sabine Sarnacki (France)

Eiso Hyiama (Japan)

Piotr Czauderna (Poland)

Ex-Officio (local arrangement committee): Sri Paran (Dublin), Alistair Dick (Belfast)

### **2. IPSO New Members Committee**

[This committee looks into the needs and developments of our new members.]

Andrea Hayes-Jordan (USA) - Chair

James Wilde (Switzerland)

Rodrigo Chaves Ribeiro (Brazil)

Michele Ilari (Italy)

Gehad Admed (Egypt)

Philip Morreau (New Zealand)

Gloria Gonzales (Chile)

Hany Gabra (UK)

Sharon Cox (South Africa)

### **3. IPSO Education Committee**

[This committee looks into the educational opportunities around the world.]

Jan Godzinski (Poland) - Chair

Giovanni Cecchetto (Italy)

Robert Shamberger (USA)

Steven Warmann (Germany)

Gloria Gonzales (Chile)

Gahad Ahmed (Egypt)

Andrew Ryabov (Russia)

Huanmin Wang (China)

Sharon Cox (South Africa)

### **4. Statutes & By-laws Committee**

[This committee looks into updating the Statutes and By-laws, making them relevant.]

Chan Hon Chui (Singapore) – Chair

Giovanni Cecchetto (Italy)

Roly Squire (UK)

Joerg Fuchs (Germany)

Sajid Qureshi (India)

## Executive Council Elections

1. Simone Abib will be completing her term of office at the Dublin congress. *We need nominations!* Members may nominate suitable members or themselves for the upcoming election. Please write to Chan Hon Chui (IPSO secretary, email: [chchui@surgeryforchildren.com](mailto:chchui@surgeryforchildren.com)) before October 14, 2016 for the nominations. Nominated members must be willing to stand for the election. Nominees will be introduced at the Annual General Meeting on October 19, 2016 before an election by online voting.
2. Sabine Sarnacki will be standing for re-election for another term.

## IPSO Fiscal Year and Dues/Subscriptions

A fiscal year is a period that we use for accounting purposes. IPSO's fiscal year is January 1 – December 31. Therefore members are required to pay dues or subscriptions early every calendar year. Members who pay dues timely will benefit from access to newsletters and members-only areas on IPSO website, reduced registration fees at annual meetings, voting rights and committee memberships. *So, please pay your dues today!* Log onto <http://ipsosurgeons.org> to renew your membership.

## Annual IPSO Congress in Dublin Oct 19-22, 2016

- Education Day: Oct 18th, 2016
  - Catheters, surgical role in lymphomas and other biopsies, surgical complications, Chest wall reconstruction, intervention radiology.
- IPSO Day 1: Oct 19th, 2016
  - Surgical Skills Seminar:  
Tips and tricks in advanced neuroblastoma surgery  
Cytoreductive Surgery  
And more...
- IPSO Day 2: Oct 20th, 2016
  - IPSO Keynote Lecture: Vascular Tumors in Childhood
  - IPSO-PROS Symposium: Management of Chest Wall Tumors
- SIOP Day 2: Oct 21st, 2016
  - SIOP-IPSO-PROS Symposium: Contemporary multi-disciplinary Management of Neuroblastoma



## Naming of IPSO Scientific Sessions

The Executive Council has decided to name 2 sessions after 2 great individuals who contributed in extraordinary ways to IPSO.

- (1) DANIEL HAYS SURGICAL SKILLS SEMINAR
- (2) THE ROBERT J. ARCECI BEST OF IPSO

## IPSO Scientific Programme

This year's scientific programme has been designed by our 7-member Programme Committee chaired by Simone Abib. The programme covers broad categories of

surgical oncology with many interesting topics that will benefit all participants.

**(a) IPSO Day 1 October 19, 2016**

Daniel Hays Surgical Skills Seminar

Tips & Tricks in Advanced Neuroblastoma Surgery

Bladder/Prostate RMS; Bladder Salvage Operation

Bladder/Prostate RMS Radical Resection

**(b) IPSO Day 2 October 20, 2016**

IPSO-PROS Joint Symposium: Management of Chest Wall Tumours

IPSO Keynote: Vascular Tumours of Childhood

**(c) SIOP-IPSO-PROS Symposium October 21, 2016**

Local Management of High Risk Neuroblastoma

## IPSO Education Day

Sri Paran, our local organizer, has come up with an excellent Education Day programme that will be informative for trainees and recently appointed consultants. Highlights of the day include central line access, surgical roles in lymphoma, surgical complications, indications & contraindications of MIS in paediatric surgical oncology, and case discussions. You may find the detailed programme at:

<http://www.olchc.ie/Education-Training/Medical/IPSO-Education-Day-2016/>

Date: October 18, 2016 (Tuesday)

Time: 0930h – 1630h

Venue: Albert Hall, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin 2, Ireland

Registration for the Education Day is free and is required by August 31, 2016. Please send the following details to [paediatric.surgery@olchc.ie](mailto:paediatric.surgery@olchc.ie) :

- (1) Name of participant
- (2) Institution
- (3) Country
- (4) Whether you will/will not attend IPSO Dinner on 20 October

## IPSO Problem Case Session

One of the highlights of the scientific component of the annual IPSO Congress is the Problem Case Session. This year it will be held on Wednesday October 19 at 1530h, in the same auditorium as the rest of the IPSO sessions. It is an excellent opportunity for surgeons to bring difficult and challenging cases for discussion. A multidisciplinary panel of paediatric oncologists, surgeons, radiation oncologists, and radiologists will be available.

Now is the moment to recall problem cases from the last few months which you would like to discuss, or even current cases where discussion at IPSO could help with your management. Please email the cases to Chan Hon Chui or Simone Abib before the meeting.

Chan Hon: [chchui@surgeryforchildren.com](mailto:chchui@surgeryforchildren.com)

Simone: [simoneabib@uol.com.br](mailto:simoneabib@uol.com.br)

## IPSO Business Meeting

The IPSO annual general meeting will be held on October 19, 2016 after the IPSO Problem Case Session. It is the responsibility and obligation for all members to attend this meeting.

## IPSO Webpage

Our new webpage <http://ipsosurgeons.org> is now available. Please go to the webpage and obtain your log-in information. Only active members will be able to login. Once you login you will be able to access the members-only site which contains interesting educational material as well as a new chat room. If you encounter any problems, please notify our webmaster Sajid Qureshi ([sajidshafiques@hotmail.com](mailto:sajidshafiques@hotmail.com)). Feedbacks are welcome.

## APSA-IPSO Symposium 2016



Every 4 years, IPSO joins the American Pediatric Surgical Association (APSA) to run a joint paediatric oncology symposium alongside the APSA Congress. This year the meeting took place in San Diego on May 14-15, 2015 in San Diego.

APSA and IPSO put together an outstanding programme that was very much appreciated by the attendees. Topics discussed included minimally invasive surgery, genetic correlations, options in reconstruction for cancer surgery, and rare tumours. There was also a spectacular cases discussion. A total of 9 oral papers and 8 posters were presented.

IPSO also took part in the APSA's Cancer Committee meeting to discuss on how we can better manage this partnership in the future.



*Reported by Simone Abib, IPSO Programme Comm Chair*

## SIOF-Asia Congress 2016



A parallel session on Surgery was held at this year's 10<sup>th</sup> SIOF-Asia Congress. It was held in Moscow, Russia from 25-28 May 2016. The pre-congress workshop, named "Surgery Mentorship", was held on 25 May 2016 at the Dmitry Rogachev Federal Research Center of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and Immunology. Real-time surgical demonstration was performed on patients for thyroidectomy, resection of recurrent pulmonary metastasis, and laparoscopic splenectomy. There was enthusiastic discussion among the invited panelists and the audience.

Subsequent parallel sessions on surgery saw as many as 13 oral presentations held at the Russian Academy of Science.



*Reported by Chan Hon Chui*

## Secretary's Corner

The past 6 months has been a busy period for the IPSO Executive Council. We kept ourselves very busy with the intensive preparation for the upcoming Dublin annual congress. As I was serving in both the Executive Council and the Programme Committee, I could feel the heat of those involved and the determination to make this meeting an extraordinary one. I hope all of you will be able to benefit from it.

We look forward to your active participation in the upcoming meeting. Mark your calendar for all the important IPSO events. Besides the IPSO scientific programme, remember the IPSO Education Day, IPSO Annual General Meeting, and the IPSO Dinner.

We have also opened up new avenues for communication between the EC and the membership. I would like encourage you to communicate via our members-only chat-room on our webpage ([www.ipsosurgeons.org](http://www.ipsosurgeons.org)).

I continue to look forward to your comments and feedback. Please feel free to contact me at [secretary@ipsosurgeons.org](mailto:secretary@ipsosurgeons.org).

Chan Hon Chui  
Secretary, IPSO

## President's Corner