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IPSO Newsletter: July 2012

Dear Friends

As you watch the London Olympics I hope your appetite is being whetted for the next international event hosted by the capital of the UK, the **IPSO/SIOP Annual Congress**, which starts in the first week of October.

In this edition of the newsletter there is a reminder of all the important dates for the Congress, as well as guidance regarding registration etc. There is also important information about the **Pre-meeting Educational Day** and the annual **IPSO dinner**- two events you should not miss.

Also in this newsletter:

- Reports from the San Antonio IPSO-APSA meeting
- News from the IPSO Masterclasses
- Call for nominations for the IPSO Executive
- Recommended changes to the IPSO Statutes
- Report from the Secretary
- Report from the webmaster
- President's corner

First, an important reminder. By now you should be familiar with the new secretariat arrangements, and should have paid your annual subscription for 2012. I hope that you have been pleased with the on-line facility for managing your membership and paying your dues.

Some members have not yet taken advantage of this facility. Please note; it is necessary to pay your subscription in order to take advantage of the reduced registration fees for the annual meeting.

If you are unsure how to pay, or have lost your password, please contact our membership section at Kenes Associations Worldwide
membership@kenes.com

Roly Squire

2012 IPSO Congress: London

5-8 October 2012

It is now only a couple of months before the start of the 2012 IPSO annual congress, which is to be held in London in early October. Information about the congress is accessible through the congress website www.siop2012.org.

The draft programme can now be viewed, and there is information about accommodation etc on the website. Remember that IPSO members have the advantage of a reduced registration fee. The website asks for a membership number, but IPSO members do not have a number: simply put down that you are an IPSO member in this field and your name will be checked against the membership directory.

Updates on information about the meeting will be posted on the IPSO website www.IPSOsurgeons.org

Dates for the diary:

Deadline for on-line registration:	29 August 2012
IPSO Education Day:	4 October 2012
IPSO Annual Congress:	5/6 October 2012
IPSO AGM:	5 October 2012
IPSO dinner (see below):	5 October 2012
SIOP Gala dinner:	6 October 2012
IPSO/SIOP/PROS symp*:	7 October 2012

* “nephroblastoma progress and controversies from COG & SIOP”

Education Day

Venue: Institute of Child Health

Thursday, 4 October 2012

09.00 – 17.00 hrs

Keith Holmes has arranged a very exciting programme for the annual pre-meeting educational symposium, designed to encourage discussion about controversies in paediatric surgical oncology. The symposium will be held on the day before the main IPSO congress, at the Institute for Child Health, a famous academic establishment on Guildford Street, near to Russell Square and at the back of Great Ormond Street Hospital. The Institute is not far from the main congress site at the Barbican, but I expect that most delegates will come by the Underground, and the nearest stations are Holborn on the Central and Northern lines, or Russell Square (very close) on the Northern line. The venue has plenty of capacity so no-one should be turned away provided they have registered properly. Registration is free for delegates attending the main congress, and registration is carried out through the congress website (link above).

The provisional programme is as follows:

Neuroblastoma

Faculty: Mr Keith Holmes, Mr Edward Keily, Dr Peppy Brock, Mr Roly Squire,

Overview

Infant Neuroblastoma – where do we stand?

Surgery – How do do it

Stage 3 and 4 – does the surgeon really have a role?

Discussion

Bladder – prostate Rhabdomyosarcoma

**Faculty: Dr Julia Chisholm, Dr Frank Saran, Mr Imran Mushtaq,
Prof Helene Martelli, Mr Patrick Duffy**

Overview
The role of radical surgery
Conservative surgery with Brachytherapy
The radiotherapists view
Discussion

Wilms tumour

**Faculty: Mr Bruce Okoye, Mr Mark Powis, Prof. Jan Godzinski,
Prof Georges Audrey, Prof. Kathy Pritchard Jones, Dr Dan Aronson**

Overview
Stage V disease: what are the issues?
Nephron sparing surgery
Minimally invasive surgery
Tumour in the vein: still a problem?
Discussion

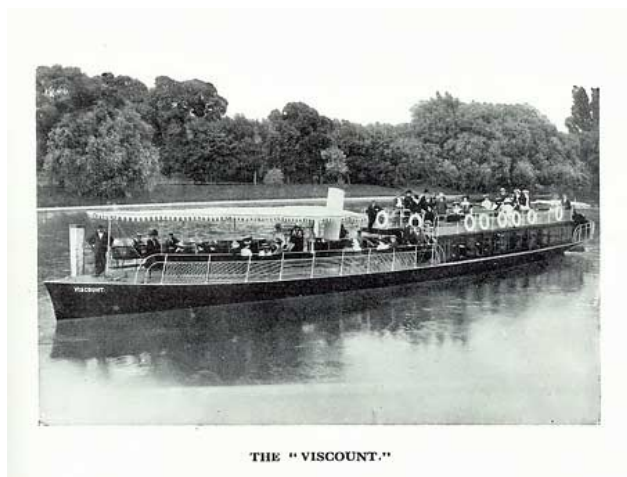
Annual IPSO Dinner

Evening of Friday 5th October 2012.

River Cruise on The Viscount

**Original Thames Steamer
Launched 1908**

£30.00 per person



Keith has organised a wonderful venue for the IPSO annual dinner, one of the most important events on the IPSO calendar.

The dinner is one day earlier than usual to avoid clashing with the SIOP gala dinner, which is on the following evening. This means that Keith will need to know numbers in advance. IPSO delegates will be contacted nearer the time with more details.

Report from IPSO-APSA meeting

San Antonio

19-20 May 2012

IPSO joined APSA in May to organise an oncology symposium as part of their education programme. There was good attendance from IPSO members, and the symposium was a tremendous success, with more than 200 delegates. IPSO and APSA have agreed to hold these joint symposia every 4 years, and on this occasion we were all pleased that the quadrennial coincided with the APSA presidency of Bob Shamberger, an IPSO member who was such an excellent host at the Boston congress in 2010.

Jan Godzinski reports from the meeting.....

Dear Friends and Colleagues,
Dear IPSO Members,

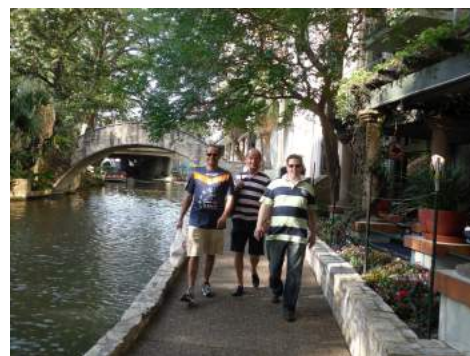
The United States of America is great country, Texas is one of her greatest states, and at the end of this spring San Antonio was the hottest place; this is where APSA hosted IPSO again. The common meetings have become a warm tradition and are more and more scientifically fruitful.

This year the program started with an IPSO-APSA Symposium focusing on neuroblastoma, liver tumors and of course also on other surgical oncology issues. On the next day, we had an educational day on Management of Metastatic Diseases. Excellent lecturers from both IPSO and APSA presented a state of the art in the surgical aspects of treatment of disseminated disease - starting from tactics of surgical treatment (Giovanni Cecchetto), through sentinel lymph node biopsy (Kenneth Gow), standard and innovative technical aspects of metastatectomy (Jörg Fuchs) and hypertermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy (Andrea Hayes-Jordan). The audience had really comfortable time to comment and ask the question, which resulted in fascinating discussions moderated by Pete Mattei (APSA) and myself. The main program of the congress was composed of several oral and poster presentations covering full range of pediatric surgery from neonatal surgery, minimally invasive techniques, and basic research to traumatology. Two fantastic guest lectures supplemented the program: by Dan Green (Robert E. Gross Lecture) on evolution of treatment of Wilms tumor and by Beno Ure (international guest lecture) on minimally invasive surgery and the relationships with classical techniques. One of the last points of the program was debate on challenging cases, where each patient was presented by the moderator and the audience could vote on possible solution. The results and summaries of these opinions were immediately displayed on the screen.



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Of course not only science and surgery were attractive in San Antonio. The venue of the congress, the JW Marriot resort & spa, offered fantastic golf courses, swimming pools and "lazy river" where the delegates could relax after sessions. Discussions and meetings continued also in the evenings - during the several official receptions as well as the more private meetings in the hotel garden or restaurants. Texas has also great history, which is still living in the hearts of its citizens. The Alamo battle is one the examples. Visiting San Antonio one should not miss to walk along the river, but also exploring fascinating history of missions build by Spanish colonisers around the city. After great time spent in Texas, it was a little sad to fly back home, however perspectives for future common meeting are clear and all we will surely meet again.



Jan Godzinski, Poland

IPSO Masterclasses

This summer IPSO ran a course at the EUPSA meeting as usual. The meeting was a joint congress with BAPS, and was held in Rome. Once more the surgical oncology course was a sell-out, and was very successful. It covered year 2 of the three-year programme, and the full cycle will be completed at the 2013 EUPSA meeting in Leipzig.

In the last year IPSO masterclasses have been held in Mumbai & Kiev. If you would like a masterclass to be held in your country please contact the convener, Robert Carachi at r.carachi@clinmed.gla.ac.uk and if you want to know more about the content of the masterclasses have a look at the EBPS website www.paediatricsurgeryexam.org.

Call for Nominations for IPSO Executive

Two positions on the IPSO Executive Council come up for election or re-election this year.

- Stephen Shochat reaches the end of his second (final) term as a member of the Executive (member-at-large)
- Roly Squire has completed a 3-year stint as secretary, and will stand for re-election.

If you wish to stand for election to one of these posts, or to nominate a colleague, please contact the secretary at roly.squire@leedsth.nhs.uk. Elections will take place at the AGM in London. Candidates must be an active member of good standing (ie have paid their subscriptions) and must be proposed in writing by an active IPSO member.

Proposed changes to the IPSO Statutes

The IPSO Executive Committee is recommending two amendments to the Statutes and By-laws to meet the needs of the organisation in the light of changing circumstances.

1. Amendments (1 & 2) to allow the Executive freedom to co-opt any member to fulfil the roles of Programme Director and/or SIOP Scientific Committee Representative. Following reduction in the size of the Executive Committee from 10 members to 8 members in 2008 it has become apparent that it may not always be possible to appoint these posts from the four elected “*members at large*”.
2. Amendment (3) to address the new on-line application process.

Proposed amendments are underlined and in red

Amendment 1.

STATUTES:

ARTICLE 5. The Society will have an Executive Council consisting of the Past-President, a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary and/or Treasurer, and four members at-large, included members with a specific portfolio, i.e. Program Director and SIOP Scientific committee Representative. Their terms of office should be two years, except for the Past-President and President-Elect whose terms of office is one year and the Secretary and/or Treasurer whose term of office is three years.

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Amendment 2.

By-LAWS:

ARTICLE 3.4 The Executive Committee will call for nominations from amongst the membership for ad hoc appointments to relevant boards or committees outside the Society in order to represent the interests of the Society. Such appointments will be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting by majority vote and will be for a period of two

years. Such appointees would report on an annual basis to the Executive Committee. Members accepting such appointment may apply for re-election to the position on two occasions.

Change to read:

ARTICLE 3.4 The Executive Committee will call for nominations from amongst the membership for ad hoc appointments to relevant boards or committees outside the Society in order to represent the interests of the Society. The Executive Council will also be able to appoint any full member to be Program Director and/or SIOP Scientific Committee Representative if a suitable candidate is not found amongst the elected members of the Executive Committee. Such appointments will be confirmed at the next Annual General Meeting by majority vote and will be for a period of two years. Such appointees will report on an annual basis to the Executive Committee, and may be invited to meetings of the Executive Committee if appropriate. Members accepting such appointment may be re-appointed to the position on two occasions.

Amendment 3.

BY-LAWS:

ARTICLE 1.1 New Members must be proposed by two Active Members in good standing. Application for Membership will be accompanied by a summarized *Curriculum vitae*, and will be sent to the Secretary's office at least two months before the Annual Meeting. Applications for Active or Associate Membership will be considered at each Annual Meeting of the Executive Council and a recommendation to approve, reject or defer action made by the Council.

Change to read:

1.1 New Members must be proposed by two Active Members in good standing. Application for Membership will be accompanied by a summarized *Curriculum vitae*, and can be carried out on-line through the membership office, or can be sent to the Secretary's office. Applications will be reviewed by the Secretary, who will be able to give provisional approval, following appropriate consultation with members of the Executive Council.

The following paragraph will remain unchanged:

1.2 All names of Candidates for Active or Associate Membership, which have been approved by the Executive Council, will be circulated at the next Annual Meeting, an affirmative vote of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the voting Active Membership present being necessary for confirmation. Any candidate rejected, either by the Executive Council or at the Annual Meeting, can be reconsidered after two years, after submitting a new application.

These proposed amendments will be voted upon at the AGM in October.

Audit of Deaths following Neuroblastoma surgery

The last newsletter asked members to contact Hugo Heij if they knew of any unexpected deaths in young children in the early post-operative period following resection of neuroblastoma. Hugo gave a presentation on this topic in Auckland and in the discussion it was agreed that IPSO would try to audit this problem.

If you know of a case of unexpected post-operative death following surgery for neuroblastoma in an infant or young child please let Hugo know by simply e-mailing him on the following link h.a.heij@amc.uva.nl Hugo will then get back in touch with you asking for further details.

Report from the Secretary

Kenes Associations worldwide has been running the IPSO secretariat for one year, and we are really beginning to see the benefits. On-line payment of subscriptions is far preferable to the previous paper system, and as we continue to validate the e-mail addresses of IPSO members we will be able to communicate much better than ever with the membership.

IPSO is always keen to welcome new members. If you know of any surgeons who would like to join please direct them to the website www.IPSOsurgeons.org where we now have an on-line application process which is not only easy to use but also rapid enough for new members to take immediate advantage of members benefits such as reduced registration fees for the annual congress.

In the meantime if you have any membership enquiries please feel free to contact the secretariat at membership@kenes.com and there are easy links on the IPSO website

Report from the Webmaster

I hope everyone is keeping an eye on the website. We are trying to make it a valuable resource for IPSO members, featuring a variety of pages and links providing:

- Information about forthcoming meetings
- Links for membership management
- Access to presentations from past meetings
- Copies of old newsletters and minutes from AGMs
- Information about the IPSO Executive
- The IPSO archives

As usual I am keen for members to advise about how the website can be improved, and so if you haven't had a look recently please could you do so before the London meeting. You can use this link www.IPSOsurgeons.org. The members area of the website is accessed using the username: **IPSO** and the password: **member**.

Roly Squire

Presidents Corner

Dear colleagues and friends,

In May I had the privilege to attend the 4th APSA/IPSO joint meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Compared to the last joint meeting the attendance had increased again to over 240 participants who joined in lively interactive sessions that scored high on the evaluating score sheets. No question that we will continue this mutual road with our American colleagues every four years.

As I am writing to you from my small corner, London is still thrilled by its Olympic activities. Competitors from around the world go for this one golden opportunity of their dreams. And it will only be until after the competitive atmosphere subsides that the City will be ready for our annual meeting. Keith Holmes must be thanked for a pre-meeting Educational Day at the UCL Institute of Child Health at 30 Guilford Street on Thursday October 4 and a social event on October 5, both of which look promising and exciting.

Thanks to your hard work and the many abstracts you have submitted; Steve Warmann and Steve Shochat have been able to establish an enticing program that will be thrilling as ever, both scientifically and socially. Jörg Fuchs will be this year's Key Note Speaker with a talk on 'The importance of radical surgery as treatment element in advanced pediatric solid tumors', and the joint session with PROS will be on 'Local Control in Pelvic Tumours', both events on Oct 6. Although then the IPSO program officially ends, the combined IPSO/PROS/SIOP session on controversies in nephroblastoma will be held in the afternoon on Oct 7.

So please take good notice that our IPSO Social Event will take place at the end of the first IPSO day on Friday when we will steam up the Thames competing the SIOP opening/welcome ceremony. This year have to be swift getting your tickets during the morning of the first IPSO day!

Let me use this newsletter as an opportunity to urge you to attend the AGM where you can become more engaged in our organization through your right to vote, to nominate candidates for election, or to stand for election. It is vital to IPSO that as many members as possible will be active in its administration so try to get involved!

I look forward to see you all in London and wish you a pleasant and safe trip to UK.

Daniel C. Aronson
President of IPSO