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IPSO Newsletter: February 2018

Dear Friends

Warm greetings to all! We had a great annual meeting in Washington DC in Oct 2017. Besides learning about new scientific developments in pediatric surgical oncology, we met old friends and made new ones too. We are looking forward to the coming year especially our meeting in Kyoto, Japan.

This newsletter includes:

- Changes to the IPSO Executive Council
- About 2018 Congress in Kyoto, Japan
- A review of the 2017 Congress in Washington DC
- Minutes of the 2017 AGM
- Messages from your Secretary & President



Abstract submission deadline is **1 April 2018**

Remember: Only paid-up IPSO members get a discounted rate

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IPSO is offering a **Scholarship** to help a member attend the
Annual Congress
Please turn to page 6 for details

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CHANGES IN THE IPSO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

With the completion of the annual meeting in Washington DC and the elections soon after, the Executive Council was reconstituted. We are happy to announce that:



Jörg Fuchs (Germany) will serve as the President-elect this year. He will concurrently serve as our representative to the SIOP Scientific Committee.



Marc Wijnen (Netherlands) has been elected as Treasurer.



Pablo A Lobos (Argentina) has been newly elected as member of the Executive Council.



Paul Losty (UK) has been re-elected for a second term as member of the Executive Council

We say *Thank-You* to these 2 wonderful individuals:



Sajid Qureshi (India) relinquished his position in the Executive Council after 4 years.



Stephen Shochat (USA) has completed his term as the Past-President. In the past years, he served in the Executive Council as our President, President-elect, Past-President and representative to the SIOP Scientific Committee.



The IPSO Executive Council met in Washington DC: (from left) Sabine Sarnacki, Paul Losty, Simone Abib(non-EC Programme Comm co-chair), Bob Shamberger, Stephen Shochat, Sajid Qureshi, Eiso Hiyama, Chan Hon Chui (*Jorg Fuchs was not available for the photo)

IPSO WEBPAGE

The IPSO webpage is up and running at www.ipsosurgeons.org. 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 chat room. If you encounter any problems, please notify our webmaster Sajid Qureshi (sajidshafiques@hotmail.com). Feedbacks are welcome.

YOUR IPSO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

A fiscal year is a period that we use for accounting purposes. IPSO's fiscal year is January 1 – December 31. Therefore members need 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 www.ipsosurgeons.org to renew your membership.

IPSO SUBCOMMITTEES 2017-2018

Education Committee	Programme Committee	New Members Committee
<i>Sharon Cox (Chair)</i> <i>Ted Gerstle (Vice-chair)</i>	<i>Sabine Sarnacki (Co-chair)</i> <i>Simone Abib (Co-chair)</i>	<i>James Wilde (Chair)</i>
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IPSO EDUCATION COMMITTEE – NEW !

Surgical Oncology Site on the Cure4Kids website

The IPSO Education Committee are creating an on-line resource of Educational Material for its members. The site is to be held on the 'Cure4Kids' website, under the tab 'Groups' and is entitled "Surgical Oncology"

To make this endeavour a success, we need your assistance in 2 ways:

1. We are asking members who wish to be involved and have access to this site to register on the Cure4kids site. Go to <https://cure4kids.org> and register. Once you have registered on Cure4Kids, I can add you to the Surgical Oncology Site where the material will be available. You will need to mail me (Sharon.cox@uct.ac.za) informing me that you wish to be added once you have a cure4kids login.
2. We are looking to our members to provide any educational material in the form of review articles, well written case reports, chapters you have written, PowerPoint presentations you have given, recorded webinars and especially videos of operative procedures that you are happy to share with your colleagues and fellow members – all relating to Paediatric Surgical Oncology. These need to undergo a review by the Education Committee and need to be OK'ed by the administrators of the site – as their patient confidentiality rules apply. Please do let me know if you or your institution has such material.

The screenshot shows the Cure4Kids website interface. At the top, there are logos for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Cure4Kids, along with the text 'Sponsored by WILLIAMS-SONOMA, INC.'. Below the logos is a navigation bar with tabs: Home, myC/K, Education, Oncopedia, Groups, Meetings, Library, and Find. Two red arrows point to the 'Education' and 'Groups' tabs. Below the navigation bar, the 'Surgical Oncology' group page is displayed. It includes a sub-navigation bar with tabs: Home, Members, Documents, Announcements, Discussions, Calendar, Ideas, Projects, Education, and Admin. The main content area shows the group name 'Surgical Oncology', the leader 'Sharon Cox (sharon.cox@uct.ac.za)', administrative contact 'Ana Shuler (ana.shuler@stjude.org)', and subscription status 'You are currently a member'. There are buttons for 'Unsubscribe', 'Add to My Favorites', and 'View all My Favorites'. The purpose is listed as 'Discussion interesting cases', and there is a feedback link. It also shows 'Members: 9', 'Discussions: 1', and the last discussion comment: 'private or open? 2018-01-26 21:43:52'.

The Committee would like to make this site as user friendly and helpful as possible. For this we need your help in populating the site. Things like this take many months if not years to develop so your help is greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING

IPSO Congress in Kyoto, Japan Nov 16-19, 2018



**50TH CONGRESS
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL
SOCIETY OF
PAEDIATRIC
ONCOLOGY
KYOTO, JAPAN
NOVEMBER 16-19,
2018**

*Save
the date!*



IPSO's annual congress will be held in Kyoto, Japan this year. It will be held in conjunction with the annual SIOP meeting. The congress will continue to have highlights in the IPSO Keynote Lecture, IPSO-PROS symposium, IPSO-SIOP-PROS joint symposium, Daniel Hays Surgical Skills Symposium, Problem Case Session and more. Details will be announced in due course.

Professor Tatsuro Tajiri is our local organizer who will be coordinating our congress activities.



You can contribute

by submitting your abstracts for presentation. Abstract submission is available online until **April 1, 2018**. Find out more at our IPSO website (www.ipsosurgeons.org), or you may also navigate through www.siop.kenes.com

Submit your abstracts in the correct ABSTRACT CATEGORY

If you would like your papers to be presented and discussed at the IPSO congress, make sure you submit your abstracts under "2. Discipline, **Surgery (IPSO)**".

DO NOT submit under "disease orientated" that will end up in other non-IPSO sessions.

Jesse Ternberg Scholarship 2018

Eligibility & benefits

In 2014 the IPSO Executive Committee launched the first IPSO scholarship. This has been named after Jesse Ternberg MD since 2016. It is intended to assist a young surgeon in attending the IPSO annual congress.

The scholarship will include:

- Free registration for the Annual Congress
- Up to €1500 towards travel and accomodation
- A ticket for the annual IPSO Dinner

To be eligible a surgeon must be aged 40 years or younger, must come from a low or low-middle income country (please refer to country classification by income at <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519>), and must have an abstract accepted for oral presentation at the Annual Congress in Kyoto, Japan. The scholarship will be awarded to the eligible applicant who has the highest abstract score. Abstract scoring is entirely blind with regard to the author, so we believe that this will ensure fairness & transparency.

How to apply

We expect that surgeons who are submitting an abstract for the meeting will have the opportunity to register to be considered for the scholarship at the time of abstract submission, and it will be important to send proof of eligibility to the IPSO secretary at the same time to ensure that your application is valid.

LOOKING BACK

IPSO Congress in Washington DC
2017



The 2017 IPSO Annual Congress was held in the Marriott at Wardman Park, Washington DC in October. The meeting was very successful, special thanks to Anthony Sandler (picture below), our local organizing chair and the excellent program formulated by the IPSO Program Committee chaired by Sabine Sarnacki and Simone Abib.



IPSO Annual Congress Oct 12-15, 2017
Marriott at Wardman Park, Washington DC, USA.

The IPSO congress kicked off with a large audience in Virginia Hall on Oct 12th. The first session was on “Neuroblastoma and Fertility” with papers from the Netherlands, China, India, and the UK. Analysis of surgery for neuroblastoma, surgical complications of the urinary tract and neuroblastoma in children were presented followed by fertility preservation and laparoscopic ovarian cortical strip harvesting.



Daniel Hays Surgical Skills Seminar was again very popular among the audience. Steven Warmann(Germany) spoke on the management of pulmonary metastases, C Chardot(France) on the surgical challenges in hepatic surgery and Michael La Quaglia(USA) on the management of vascular encasement by solid tumors. All 3 speakers gave excellent reviews of their experiences in difficult surgical situations.

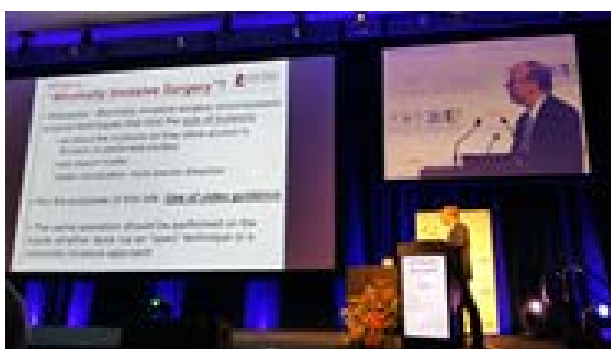
The session on Renal Tumours and Lung Metastases saw papers on bilateral Wilms tumors, surgical resection of residual lung nodules after chemotherapy with stage IV favorable histology Wilms tumor, biopsy of renal tumors, violations of surgical guidelines for Wilms tumor nephrectomy and inter-ethnic differences in Wilms tumors. Image guided localization technique for lung metastases, prognostic impact of pulmonary nodules diagnosed at initial presentation in osteosarcoma were also presented and discussed.

Problem Cases Session was chaired by Roly Squire(UK) and Anthony Sandler(USA). A local expert panel formed by M Ladra(radiation oncology), D Bulas(Radiology), H Meany(Pediatric Oncology), and P Guzzetta(Pediatric Surgery) saw a large number of cases being presented and actively discussed by the panelists and the audience in the room.



Day 2 of the IPSO congress started with the Robert J. Arceci Best of IPSO session. We heard 4 high-quality presentations of different topics. G Seitz(Germany) presented the outcome of patients suffering from rhabdomyosarcoma of the female genital tract, A Hayes-Jordan (USA) presented her study on pelvic peritonectomy prevents recurrence of desmoplastic small round cell tumor after CRS and HIPEC. F Guerin presented the outcome of localized liver-bile ducts rhabdomyosarcoma according to local therapy, a report from the EPSSG RMS 2005 study. E Hiyama (Japan) presented the Japanese experience in ruptured hepatoblastoma patients. Following this exciting session was the next session on rare tumours. In this session, a very wide range of topics were discussed, ranging from appendiceal carcinoid tumors, melanoma, solid pseudopapillary pancreatic tumors, pancreatic head tumors, thyroid cancers, cytoreductive surgery and hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy for peritoneal tumors, to minimally invasive surgery in pediatric surgical oncology.

In the afternoon, an IPSO symposium on Management of Thyroid Tumours in Children was held. SG Waguespack(USA) gave a very comprehensive overview followed by D Ledbetter's(USA) excellent presentation on the surgical management.



The IPSO Keynote lecturer this year was Andrew Davidoff(USA). He gave an excellent lecture on Minimally Invasive Surgery in Pediatric Oncology, describing its benefits but also cautioning the pitfalls if not used wisely. MIS is here to stay and IPSO and SIOP should lead in its evaluation and categorize its appropriateness in pediatric oncology.

The last IPSO free paper session was on liver tumors, GCT and RMS. Papers presented included excellent works from Russia, Egypt, India, Japan, Germany and Mexico. The day ended with short presentations on the Best IPSO Posters. A total of 12 posters were presented in the Virginia Hall.

At the end of the day, all of us adjourned to the Lebanese Taverna for our IPSO banquet.

On October 14th, the IPSO-PROS-SIOP Symposium on Controversies in the Management of Non-rhabdomyosarcoma Soft Tissue Sarcoma (NRSTS) was held in Marriott Salon 1. Chaired by Simone Abib(Brazil), A Ferrari(Italy) presented the oncologist's view, A Hayes-Jordan(USA) presented the surgical viewpoint, while S Terezakis (USA) presented the radiotherapeutic viewpoint.

Jesse Ternberg Scholarship 2017



This year's IPSO scholarship was awarded to Dr Ahmed Elgendy (Egypt). His submitted abstract on "Multidisciplinary Management of Hepatoblastoma: 8 year Experience" scored highest among the eligible scholarship applicants.



Best Oral Presentation



This year's oral presentations were of very high standards. The best oral presentation award went to *Sandeep Agarwala(India)*. He presented "Incidence, treatment and outcome of recurrent malignant germ cell tumors: a single institution experience".

Best Poster

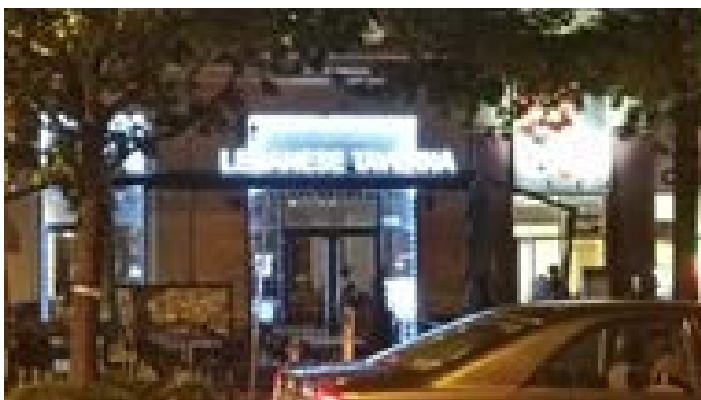


The best poster prize was awarded to *Christine Sorg(Germany)*. Her presentation was on "Curcumin in rhabdomyosarcoma: Influences on photodynamic and cytotoxic effects in vitro".

IPSO Dinner

Oct 13th, 2017 at Lebanese Taverna, 2641 Connecticut Avenue, Washington DC

The IPSO Dinner was held at the Lebanese Taverna, conveniently located just across the street from the meeting hotel. Its close proximity to the the scientific meeting allowed all of us sufficient time to catch-up with old friends and make new ones. The food was just excellent!



Invited Reflections

First experience with IPSO Congress

By Dr Ahmed Elgendy, from Egypt (IPSO scholar 2017)

I could not find adequate words to express my pleasure in attending the last IPSO meeting at Washington DC. This event was magnificent by all means, firstly from the ideally organized schedule filled with a high-class scientific content and secondly, the cheerful annual dinner which was a perfect chance for social networking with other colleagues from the parts of the world. It was a great opportunity to spend wonderful days of scientific-sharing in our battle against childhood tumors. I also had the honor to meet many professors & experts who are considered Heroes of Pediatric Surgical Oncology for all young surgeons.

The meeting had state of the art presentations & lectures presented by IPSO experts from whom I benefited immensely and will definitely be reflected in my acumen in the future. I believe that exposure to such great work whether national, continental or international will have positive impact in our practice and helps in establishing national guidelines.

I joined the IPSO since 2014. I can clearly notice much improvement every year in this great society such as the new renovated IPSO website, weekly Sosido notification, sub-committees, new members joining annually, scholarships for young surgeons and the successful congresses annually. I would be very keen to attend & participate in the IPSO meeting every year.

Finally, many thanks and sincere appreciation to the distinguished IPSO Executive Board & members. I hope to see you all again in Kyoto.

Invited Reflections

My first IPSO Congress

By Ms Christine Sorg, Medical Student from Germany (Winner of Best IPSO Poster 2017)

The SIOP 2017 was the first conference I attended. Back in Germany I am a medical student in my last year and besides my studies I work on my doctoral thesis in pediatric surgery. The aim of my study was to investigate the influence of curcumin on rhabdomyosarcoma. I was really surprised after getting my invitation letter from the SIOP committee telling me that I am not only presenting a poster but being nominated for the 'Best Poster Award' as well.

With the help of my supervisor I created my poster and a short presentation for the poster discussion to present the results of my doctoral thesis. At the end it actually became a little bit stressful because I also had to prepare for an internship in the Philippines which started directly after the conference. I was really glad when I finally arrived in Washington DC. Besides practicing my presentation, I had some time to discover the city and was impressed by the nice atmosphere of the capital. At the SIOP I mostly attended the IPSO (International Society of Pediatric Surgical Oncology) presentations because pediatric surgery is my favorite subject.

I really enjoyed the presentations and discussions about current research in pediatric

surgical oncology as well as the opportunity to participate in them. It gave me the chance to gain new insights into studies I had no experience with before such as the management of clinical trials. The presentation that impressed me the most was: 'Pelvic peritonectomy prevents recurrence of desmoplastic small round cell tumor after CRS and HIPEC' by Dr. Hayes-Jordan on Friday morning. It was an interesting combination of a clinical and experimental study and I heard about this rare tumor in children for the first time. Furthermore it was good to see how pediatric surgeons establish new surgical methods for cancer treatment.

The poster presentation on Friday was a little bit disappointing because there were only few people attending. Nevertheless the few that visited me at my poster were really friendly and it was a pleasure to have some refreshing discussions about my work. It was a good practice to explain the results of my experiments to others and, moreover, it improved my presentation skills and use of the English language. In the end I even got some new suggestions for my future experiments. Presenting on a stage in front of many influential persons later on that day was a bit intimidating and of course I was nervous. Thanks to familiar faces in the audience, a relaxed atmosphere in the Virginia Hall and a lot of practice, my presentation went well. The discussion afterwards was challenging but really interesting although I didn't get the joke at the end.

The following dinner was delightful and I was overwhelmed by the good feedback for my presentation. I did not expect to win the 'Best Poster Award' and shaking the hand of Dr. Shamberger, the IPSO president, at the end of the evening. I was also impressed by the nice and friendly atmosphere between the IPSO members and of course the Lebanese food was amazing. Due to the SIOP I could leave Washington DC on the next day happy and richer in experience. Most impressive was the fact that everyone on this conference worked to achieve the same goal: Fighting Cancer in Children. Thank you for the great time!

Notice: Upcoming meetings

7th International Tuebingen Symposium on Pediatric Solid Tumors.
28th-29th September 2018
Main topic will be on **Pediatric Soft Tissue Sarcoma**. This will be cooperation with the international societies CWS, EpSSG, and COG. Further details will follow shortly.

Album





IPSO Business Meeting: Agenda

Thursday 12 October 2017

16:30-17:15h

Venue: Virginia
Marriott Wardman Park, Washington DC, USA

Chairman: Robert Shamberger

Attendance: 70 members

1. Welcome
2. Minutes from the IPSO Business Meeting in Dublin on 19 October 2016. *(previously circulated in the March newsletter and then by email on Oct 10th, 2017)*
3. President's report
Meeting changes - online dinner reservations, IPSO banner for meeting room, meeting room slide
4. Secretary's report (Chan Hon Chui)
5. Treasurer's report (Chan Hon Chui for Joerg Fuchs)
6. Programme Committee's report (Sabine Sarnacki and Simone Abib)
7. Education Committee's report (Sharon Cox)
8. Webmaster's report (Sajid Qureshi)
9. Recognition of outgoing EC members (RCS)
 - . Sajid Qureshi
 - . Joerg Fuchs
 - . Stephen Shochat
10. Recognition of Local Arrangements Chair Anthony Sandler (RCS)
11. Nomination Committee Report (Chan Hon Chui)
12. Invitation to IPSO Kyoto 2018 (Tatsuro Tajiri)
13. Confirmation of new IPSO members (total:16)
14. New Business

15. Adjournment

Minutes

1. Welcome. Bob thanked all the members attending the business meeting.
2. Minutes from the IPSO Business Meeting in Dublin on 19 October 2016. (*previously circulated in the March newsletter and then by email on Oct 10th, 2017*). Minutes were accepted (Proposed by Roly Squire and seconded by Sandeep Agarwala).
3. President's report
Bob reported the efforts to strive for closer working relationships with SIOP and Kenes (our secretariat). Since the Dublin meeting, we have successfully implemented changes to meeting logistics like having an online dinner reservation, an IPSO banner for meeting room, and an IPSO slide in the meeting room.
4. Secretary's report (Chan Hon Chui). (1) Membership report that was prepared by Kenes, our secretariat was presented. There were 159 members (135 active members, 9 honorary members, 9 retired members and 6 associated members). 16(11%) were new members. Majority of our members were in the 40-59 age group. (2) IPSO scholarship this year has been awarded to Dr Ahmed Elgendy(Egypt) who will be presenting his paper on Oct 13th at 5:30pm. (3) Changes in the Executive Council, Stephen Shochat, Joerg Fuchs, and Sajid Qureshi will step down from the EC after this meeting. Therefore elections will be called soon after this meeting to fill these positions. (4) The list of new members (16 in total) were presented, confirmed and welcome into our midst.

. Fransiska Kusumowidagdo (Indo)	Chan Hon Chui/Stephen Shochat
. Michael Leung (HK)	Paul Losty/Sabine Sarnacki
. Daniel Rhee (USA)	Peter Ehrlich/Paul Colombani
. Andrecia Moga (Romania)	Chan Hon Chui/Steven Warmann
. Santosh Kumar Mahalik (India)	Sandeep Agarwala/Sajid Qureshi
. Todd Heaton (USA)	Robert Shamberger/Peter Ehrlich
. Stephen Dunn (USA)	Mark Kayton/Andrea Hayes-Jordan
. Pratheep Samraj (India)	Sajid Qureshi/Shalini Mishra
. Simone de Oliveira Coelho (Brazil)	Simone Abib/Rodrigo Chaves
. Gideon Sandler (Australia)	Andrea Hayes-Jordan/Michael Nightingale
. Grigore Cernaianu (Germany)	Jorg Fuchs/Jan Godzinski
. Zaida Castellero Melendez de Machaj (Panama)	Pablo Lezama Del Valle/Jan Godzinski
. York Tien Lee (Singapore)	Amos Loh/Chan Hon Chui
. Joyce Freitas (Brazil)	Simone Abib/Rodrigo Ribeiro
. Peter Ferguson (Australia)	Michael Nightingale/Joanthan Karpelowsky
. Vikram Khanna (India)	Sandeep Agarwala/Sajid Qureshi
5. Treasurer's report (Chan Hon Chui presented on behalf of Joerg Fuchs). With reference to the document attached, the balance ("Capital") in the bank account was 33,303.52€. The income for the year was 7887.10€ solely from membership fees. Total amount on expenditure was 9857.67€. The reasons for the negative balance in comparison to last year's (positive balance [2016] 3.059.14 €) are (a)cost for homepage, (b)travel reimbursement, (c)late reimbursement of the prize from Cape Town and (d) iPad prize. A question raised by a member was whether the 2747€ was a recurring yearly expenditure for the website. He was informed that the yearly maintenance fee was about 700€. Treasurer's report was passed.
6. Programme Committee's report (Sabine Sarnacki). Sabine shared the role of the programme committee and the abstract-submission statistics. A total of 87 abstracts were submitted this year. 29 were chosen for oral presentation, 12 for oral poster session, 25 posters for poster boards, 10 for publication only (PBC), 9 rejected and 2 posters were removed. For the upcoming Kyoto 2018 congress, we are discussing on an educational day with the JSPHO, and allow our IPSO's papers to participate in the Young Investigators (YI) award. Sabine has met up with Marinka Hol and Reineke Schoot both in charge of YI awards and had great exchanges. Following Kyoto, the next meeting will be in Lyon 23-26th October 2019.

7. Education Committee's report (Sharon Cox). Sharon introduced her committee (G Cecchetto, Gahad Ahmed, A Ryabov, H Wang, S Shochat, G Seitz, P Lobos, T Gerstle). They have conducted Adobe Connect committee meetings. Online meetings conducted in August on Germ Cell tumors by Simone Abib, in September on Rhabdomyosarcoma by Guido Seitz and in November will be one on Wilms tumor by Peter Ehrlich. In addition, Sharon will be spending a day (immediately after this meeting) at St Jude's Global Pediatric Medicine Department to meet with the Director of the Cure 4 Kids web site to discuss a collaboration or use of this site. It was also planned that IPSO should have a session in all local SIOP and other oncology continental meetings. When there is something new to share, we will send the information to each committee member and request that they send on their local mailing lists. Members could also contribute recorded lectures for discussion by the education committee.
8. Webmaster's report (Sajid Qureshi) Sajid informed the membership that the website is fully functional and exciting. Members will need to go online and register for a password so as to be able to access the members-only areas. If there is a problem, members should contact Sajid directly and he will assist.
9. Recognition of outgoing EC members (Bob). Bob acknowledged and thanked the following for their exemplary service:
 - . Sajid Qureshi who was EC member and webmaster. After his stepping down from the EC, he will continue as our webmaster.
 - . Joerg Fuchs who was treasurer for the past 6 years. He was not able to be in Washington DC due to his concurrent duties at the German Society of Pediatric Surgeons today.
 - . Stephen Shochat who steps down as past president this year. He served the EC over a very long period and we are very grateful for his service.
10. Recognition of Local Arrangements Chair Anthony Sandler. Anthony had to leave early today but we thanked him for his efforts to make our meeting possible. We will present a token of appreciation to Anthony at the IPSO dinner on Oct 13th.
11. Nomination Committee Report (Chan Hon Chui). In view of the completion of EC terms of service, we will be conducting elections this year for the positions of president-elect, treasurer and EC member-at-large. Earlier this year, a nominating committee was formed after an election of 4 active members to join the 8 EC members. These 4 elected members were Giovanni Cecchetto, Simone Abib, Rodrigo Ribeiro and Andrew Davidoff. The nominating committee met and nominated the following: (1) President-elect: Joerg Fuchs, (2) Treasurer: Marc Wijnen, (3) Members-at-large: Pablo A Lobos and Michele Ilari. Paul Losty has been nominated for a second term as EC Member-at-large. Following this meeting, the membership will receive online ballots to vote.
12. Invitation to IPSO Kyoto 2018 (Tatsuro Tajiri). Prof Tajiri made an exciting presentation on the upcoming conference in Kyoto from 16-18 Nov 2018. He mentioned that his team will be planning a pre-meeting educational event on 15 Nov 2018 in conjunction with the JSPHO meeting.
13. New Business. There was no other business.
14. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1715 hours.

Secretary's Corner

It gives me great pleasure to organize this newsletter as we compiled the events that occurred over the last year. It is exciting to see many of us coming forward to serve in our subcommittees, especially the New Members committee, Education Committee and the Programme Committee. Many of the new suggestions and ideas have resulted in improvements in the function of IPSO. I look forward to greater participation from all members, after all, IPSO is meant to benefit all of you!

We look forward to your active participation in the upcoming meeting in Kyoto. Mark your calendar, submit your work, and remember to register for the meeting early. I continue to look forward to your comments and feedback. Please feel free to contact me at secretary@ipsosurgeons.org.

Chan Hon Chui
Secretary, IPSO

President's Corner

Greetings to all! I would first like to thank Dr. Chui for compiling this informative newsletter which graphically describes the wonderful IPSO meeting held in Washington, D.C. and details the plans for our meeting in November in Kyoto. This promises to be another rewarding meeting. The Program Committee has already assembled an outstanding series of lectures and they are preparing to review the submitted abstracts shortly. I am certain the program will be as exciting and informative as last years.

I am excited to let everyone know that we have a new arrangement with the editor of the journal Pediatric Blood and Cancer that the journal will publish a special supplement issue in which papers from the Robert Arceci Best of IPSO Session will be considered for publication. This new arrangement will serve two goals from my perspective. First, it will provide a venue for turning these exciting abstracts into publications in a highly regarded journal. Second, it will provide the readers of the journal insight into the cutting edge research performed by surgeons. We will ask that the manuscripts be submitted electronically to the journal for review prior to the meeting. While publication is not guaranteed, the editor has agreed to help the authors address any concerns regarding the manuscripts raised by the reviewers.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Kyoto.

Robert C. Shamberger
President, IPSO