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## IPSO Newsletter: July 2017

Dear Friends

Hope 2017 has been a fruitful time for you! As we move into the third-quarter, many of us are making preparations for the upcoming annual meeting in Washington DC. It will surely be a good opportunity to network, catch-up and make new friends.

In the meantime, let me update you on:

- Upcoming Executive Committee (EC) elections
- IPSO webpage
- Updates on 2017 Congress in Washington DC
- Messages from your Secretary & President



Registered for the congress?  
Have a problem case to present?  
Signed up for IPSO Dinner?

**If you have not already registered,  
Register Online Now!**  
([siop2017.kenes.com](http://siop2017.kenes.com))

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a discounted rate**

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## **Upcoming IPSO Executive Committee Elections**

As a statutory requirement, the following positions of office will be up for election soon after the IPSO annual congress in Washington DC in Oct 2017. They are (1) President-elect, (2) Treasurer, and (3) Executive Committee Member-at-Large.

A nominating committee has been formed with 8 current EC members and 4 active members. The latter 4 active members, chosen through online-election held in June 2017, are Simone Campos Abib, Giovanni Cecchetto, Andrew Davidoff, and Rodrigo Chaves Ribeiro.

### ***Nominate your colleague or yourself !***

Only active members will be eligible to be nominated for the upcoming elections. Nominate by writing to either our secretary, Chan Hon Chui ([surgeryforchildren@gmail.com](mailto:surgeryforchildren@gmail.com)) or our president, Robert Shamberger ([robert.shamberger@childrens.harvard.edu](mailto:robert.shamberger@childrens.harvard.edu)) or anyone in the nominating committee. Nomination closes on Aug 1, 2017.

The slate of candidates will be announced at our Business Meeting on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## **Renew your IPSO membership**

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](http://www.ipsosurgeons.org) to renew your membership.

## **IPSO Webpage**


The IPSO webpage is up and running at [www.ipsosurgeons.org](http://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](mailto:sajidshafiques@hotmail.com)). Feedbacks are welcome.

## UPCOMING

### IPSO Congress in Washington DC Oct 12-15, 2017

Marriott Wardman Park

2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington DC, DC20008, USA

	<h4>IPSO Programme Highlights</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Oct 12<sup>th</sup><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Daniel Hays Surgical Skills Seminar</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Management of Pulmonary Metastases</li><li>➢ Surgical Challenges in Hepatic Surgery</li><li>➢ Management of Vascular Encasement in Solid Tumors</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>Oct 13<sup>th</sup><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Keynote</b> : Minimally Invasive Surgery in Pediatric Oncology</li><li>• <b>IPSO Symposium</b>: Management of Thyroid Tumors in Children</li></ul></li><li>Oct 14<sup>th</sup><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>SIOP-IPSO-PROS Symposium</b>: Controversies in Management of NRSTS</li></ul></li></ul>
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IPSO's annual congress will be held in Washington DC (at the Marriott Wardman Park) this year. Once again, it will be held in conjunction with the annual SIOP meeting. The congress will continue to have highlights in the IPSO Keynote Lecture, Daniel Hays Surgical Skills Seminar, IPSO Symposium and SIOP-IPSO-PROS joint symposium, Problem Case Session and more.



**IPSO Programme Committee** (co-chaired by Sabine Sarnacki and Simone Abib, comprising of members Andrea Hayes-Jordan, Chan Hon Chui, Tatsuro Tajiri, Jed G Nuchtern, Jorg Fuchs and Marc Wijnen) worked hard to set-up this year's programme.

**Anthony Sandler, our local organizer**, will be coordinating our congress activities. He is the Chief of Pediatric Surgery at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington DC.

**IPSO Annual Congress starts on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>**. There will *NOT* be an IPSO pre-congress education programme prior to the annual congress this year. Instead, we encourage IPSO members to stay beyond Oct 13<sup>th</sup> to participate in

the SIOP sessions that will certainly interest surgeons. Do stay-on for (i) SIOP-IPSO-PROS Symposium on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, (ii) Symposium on Renal Tumors: more than just Wilms tumor on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, and (iii) SIOP free paper sessions on various categories of solid tumors.

**Problem Case Session** will be held on October 12th 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 Sabine Sarnacki, Simone Abib or Chan Hon Chui before the meeting. (Sabine Sarnacki: [sabine.sarnacki@nck.aphp.fr](mailto:sabine.sarnacki@nck.aphp.fr), Simone Abib: [simoneabib@uol.com.br](mailto:simoneabib@uol.com.br), Chan-Hon Chui: [chchui@surgeryforchildren.com](mailto:chchui@surgeryforchildren.com))

**IPSO Annual Business Meeting** will be held on October 12th after the IPSO Problem Case Session. It is the responsibility and obligation for all members to attend this meeting.

### IPSO Dinner

at the Lebanese Taverna (2641 Connecticut Avenue) on Oct 13<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 10 pm. This is conveniently located just across the street of the meeting hotel. This year, the tickets for the dinner will be purchased online when you register for the meeting. So please register online early.



### Secretary's Corner

I have been most encouraged whenever I receive new membership applications. I always marvelled at the diversity we have and the many different backgrounds we practise paediatric surgical oncology. IPSO is a unique organization with a common purpose to further our collaborations and improve cancer care in children. Please bring our congress banner and our brochure (found on our webpage [www.ipsosurgeons.org](http://www.ipsosurgeons.org)) to all who may be interested.



We look forward to your active participation in the upcoming meeting. Mark your calendar 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](mailto:secretary@ipsosurgeons.org).

Chan Hon Chui  
Secretary, IPSO

## President's Corner

I look forward to seeing many of you at the IPSO meeting! The Program Committee has assembled an excellent group of speakers for the program as well as selected outstanding abstracts for presentation. I know that this meeting will be educational for all of us. The venue is convenient by subway to the many sites of interest in Washington, D.C. I am hopeful that you will be able to visit them after the meeting sessions.

There is no Education Day this year as Dr. Chui has indicated. It is hoped that many IPSO members will then be able to stay the extra day for the segment of the SIOP meeting when the solid tumor sessions will be held. The SIOP Scientific Committee has arranged for these sessions to all occur after the IPSO sessions, avoiding the conflicts we have frequently seen in the past. This will allow all of us to attend both our IPSO sessions as well as the SIOP sessions on Wilms tumor, neuroblastoma, hepatoblastoma and the other solid tumors in which we have great interest.

Please register for the IPSO banquet when you register for the meeting. It should be an enjoyable dinner and great time to talk with all of our friends and colleagues. Dr. Sandler has arranged for this to be held in a restaurant conveniently just across the street from the meeting hotel.

Robert C. Shamberger  
President, IPSO