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IPSO Newsletter: July 2021

Dear Friends,

I hope that you are doing well. We will be going to our *second virtual IPSO-SIOP annual congress* in October 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic has not settled in most parts of the world and we hope that our resilience will continue to allow us to improve surgical care for our children with cancer.

One extraordinary project is the development of the IPSO Surgical Practice Guidelines. This is in the final stage of review and we hope that it can be made freely available to every paediatric surgeon. In the following pages, please find new updates on IPSO and how you may contribute and/or benefit. In addition, we have invited SIOP to contribute a section in this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,
Chan Hon Chui
Secretary, IPSO

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I. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear IPSO members,

Greeting to all! I hope you are well and healthy. Our next meeting will be virtual again due to disparities among countries regarding vaccines and travel rules. I miss seeing you all in person.

A very interesting program has been organized for our meeting, please refer to the details below. We are very happy that the Young Surgeons Comm. has been particularly active in building the Education Day program, along with the Program Comm.

We have been working hard to enhance IPSO's visibility worldwide through partnerships with other societies, such as the MoU with SIOP and giving surgical input for the WHO Global Initiative in Childhood Cancer, among others. Another example is launching the IPSO fellowship/training program, which is designed to give support to surgeons in LMICs. A pilot will be initiated in Peru, Sudan and Ghana and the arrangements with local authorities have already been established.

The development of the IPSO guidelines is another very important initiative in this sense, and hopefully we will have them

accepted for publication in an open access journal, so that everybody can access them easily and for free. I would like to manifest our deep gratitude to all authors that volunteered and contributed to this project.

The digital media team has been working on a very interesting proposal aiming periodical deliveries.

The IPSO Surgical Oncology Course will begin at the upcoming EUPSA meeting and a similar program will be delivered in other continental meetings.

If you would like to invite IPSO members to participate in your research projects, you can submit your projects to our secretary for evaluation. Please remember to attach the local IRB approval along with the project.

I cannot thank both the Education Comm. and the Executive Comm. enough for their hard work, support and commitment.

I hope to see you all soon!

*Simone Abib
IPSO President*

II. IPSO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

By Oct 2021, IPSO will be required to elect 3 Executive Council (EC) appointments:

1. President-elect
2. Secretary
3. Executive Council member-at-large

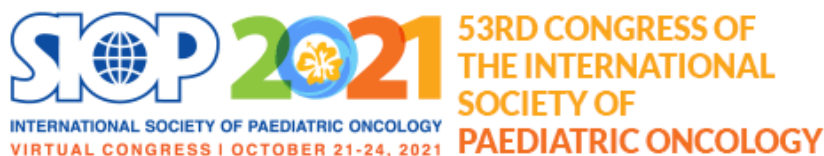
Four active members have graciously stood for the election for Nomination Committee and have been elected: Dr Kate Cross, Dr Jaime Shalkow, Dr Khalid Elmalik, and Dr Edwin Chan. Please look out for the notices for the upcoming EC election.

III. IPSO ANNUAL CONGRESS IS VIRTUAL ONCE AGAIN

The IPSO annual congress was initially planned to be held in Honolulu on Oct 21-24, 2021. When the COVID-19 pandemic did not improve in many parts of the world in April 2021, the decision was made to convert this into a virtual meeting. The programme committee led by Pablo Lobos has designed an interesting programme that will certainly provide excitement to everyone at our annual congress. Further details of the programme will be disseminated to all members in due course. You may also be able to locate it at our IPSO webpage at <http://ipso-online.org> soon.



IPSO Scientific Program Highlights	
Daniel Hays Surgical Skills Seminar	Big chest wall resections: an update Pancreatic tumors: Tips for diagnosis & surgical approach Bladder/Prostate RMS: Critical appraisal of different treatment modalities
Keynote Lecture	Endocrine tumors
IPSO Symposium	Care challenges facing low and middle income countries
IPSO-PROS-SIOP Symposium	Multidisciplinary management of pelvic tumors
Meet the Expert Session	Decision making in abdominal complications in neutropenic patients
IPSO Education Day	Mini Wilms Tumor Symposium Bilateral Tumors IVC and cardiac extension of renal tumors Horseshoe kidneys and other renal anomalies Massive tumor Complications Q&A Vascular access techniques Novel Modalities and uses of diagnostic imaging in Pediatric cancer Radiogenomics 3D modelling and reconstructions PET scanning in solid organ tumors Biopsy techniques Q&A



About the Congress

Dates: October 21-24, 2021

The Congress Programme will be running on **Eastern Standard Time (UTC-5)**.

If you cannot join a session live, you can watch its recording afterwards.

Key Dates for Your Calendar:

July 27, 2021 – Early Registration Deadline

June 24- August 14, 2021 – Late Breaking Abstract Submission

Registration for Congress

<https://siop-congress.org/register/>

IV. IPSO YOUNG SURGEONS

- Collaboration of SIOP-YI and IPSO Young Surgeons. Meeting with. The IPSO Young Surgeons Board met up with Gemma Bryan and Sarah Cohen-Gogo of the SIOP-YI to explore bilateral collaborations.
- IPSO Practice Guidelines. This was an excellent opportunity for many Young Surgeons to participate in the development of the IPSO Surgical Practice Guidelines.
- Organization and participation (as Young speakers) at this year's IPSO Education Day.
- Surgical oncology informed consent project. This is a special team-up with Walt Disney Italy to develop "Monster Allergy" – Walt Disney Italy, Buena Vista Comics. The first draft will be delivering in August 2021



V. MOU BETWEEN IPSO AND SIOP

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) has been finally signed between IPSO and SIOP on April 1, 2021 since the idea was first mooted in 2015. IPSO and SIOP are leading societies for pediatric surgical oncology and pediatric oncology respectively with complementary and interdependent roles. This agreement shall formalize our working relationship and focuses on:

1. Joint scientific meetings,
2. Outreach projects, and
3. Information dissemination.

VI. IPSO PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Paediatric surgical oncology is a rapidly evolving field with improvement in clinical outcome. It is IPSO's mission to ensure each child and young adult with cancer has access to state of the art surgical management, and to encourage global dissemination of best practices.

The Executive Council has tasked the Education Committee to develop the IPSO Practice Guidelines. This is a consolidation of surgical practices in paediatric surgical oncology based on published scientific evidence. We hope this will serve as a concise summary of practice guidelines, made easily available at no charge to any paediatric surgeon.

The Education Committee, chaired by Ted Gerstle, was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our members. There were 19 topics to be prepared with 84 authors from high, low and middle income countries. The first 4 topics began as our pilot project, then followed by a society-wide project. The Executive Council and the Education Committee are very grateful to all authors who contributed to the development of the practice guidelines. The practice guideline has been submitted to an open

access journal for publication, so as to be made easily available.

Topics

1. Management of lymph node enlargement in children
2. Wilms Tumor
3. Venous access for the pediatric cancer patient
4. Surgery for lymphoma
5. Neuroblastoma
6. Germ cell tumors
7. Thoracic tumors
8. Pulmonary metastases
9. Rhabdomyosarcoma and non-rhabdomyosarcomatous sarcoma
10. Osteosarcoma and Ewing sarcoma
11. Liver tumors
12. Surgical strategies in pelvic tumors
13. Rare tumors
14. MIS in pediatric oncology
15. Role of surgery in diagnosis
16. Pediatric surgical oncology and palliative care
17. Pediatric surgery and the immunocompromised patient/BMT
18. Fertility preservation
19. Surgical emergencies in pediatric surgical oncology

VII. OUTREACH PROJECTS

One of IPSO's projects was to provide training and support for pediatric oncologic surgery in LMIC. Partnering St Jude Global Surgery Transversal Program, IPSO hopes to team up with National Cancer Institutes or Universities in Sudan, Peru and Ghana. The main objective of the proposal was to pilot the implementation of a competency-based pediatric surgical oncology curriculum. The project proposal has received tremendous response and we hope to provide more updates in the near future.

VIII. EUPSA SURGICAL ONCOLOGY COURSE

IPSO is collaborating with the European Paediatric Surgeons' Association (EUPSA) to organize a one-day course in Pediatric Surgical Oncology on September 1, 2021, with a continuation or Part II in June 2022. At the time of this Newsletter, the meeting will be held in-person, with no plan for a virtual or hybrid meeting.



Educational Activities

ONCOLOGY COURSE – REGISTRATION FEE € 90,00

Directors: M. Wijnen (IPSO) - J. Fuchs (IPSO) - S. Sarnacki (EUPSA) - P. Losty (EUPSA)

08.00 – 08.15	Welcome	
08.15 – 09.15	Introduction to pediatric oncology	M. Wijnen
	The major role of international societies and committees – protocols	M. Wijnen
	Multimodal concept in the treatment of pediatric cancers: molecular biology, pathology, radiotherapy, nuclear medicine...	P. Losty
09.15 – 10.45	Renal Tumors, Wilms and non-Wilms	
	Umbrella protocol vs COG protocol	J. Godzinski
	Principles of Renal tumor surgery	J. Godzinski
	Bilateral Wilms	J. Fuchs
	NSS	J. Fuchs
	Laparoscopy	
10.45 – 11.15	<i>Coffe break</i>	
11.15 – 12.30	Gonadal tumors & preservation of fertility	S. Sarnacki
	Gonadal tumors and non-gonadal GCT	
	Preservation of fertility	
13.30 – 15.00	RMS	T. Rogers
15.00 – 15.30	Venous Access surgery, indications and surgical pitfalls	M. Wijnen
		P. Losty or
		M. Wijnen
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Coffe break</i>	
16.00 – 17.00	Non-rhabdo's sarcoma	P. Dall'Igna
17.00 – 17.45	Emergency presentation of children cancers: the challenging role of the pediatric surgeon	P. Losty
	Clinical cases – interactions with the attending	
17.45 – 18.00	Take home messages – Conclusion of the Course	

VIII. PAST MEETINGS

The XIIIth SIOP-ASIA Conference held an IPSO Session (virtual conference) on March 20, 2021, after it was postponed from 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are very grateful to Sajid Qureshi and his team for organizing this online congress, and for making it a success.



SIOP ASIA 2020v21
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XIIIth SIOP ASIA CONFERENCE

Saturday, 20th March 2021 | **LIVE** Virtual Congress
 14:00 - 20:30 IST

SIOP ASIA - IPSO Session

Indian Time	Topic
14:00 - 15:00	Wilms Tumor
14:00 - 14:20	Nephron sparing surgery for Wilms tumor: the current guidelines Speaker: Steven Warmann, Germany
14:20 - 14:40	Vascular extension in Wilms tumor: technical considerations Speaker: Sandeep Agarwala, India
14:40 - 15:00	Lymph nodes assessment in Wilms tumor Speaker: Sajid Qureshi, India
15:00 - 16:00	Hepatoblastoma
15:00 - 15:20	Surgical strategy (extreme resections versus transplantation) in advance hepatoblastoma Speaker: Steven Warmann, Germany
15:20 - 15:40	Interventional radiology (PVE, TACE....) procedures for liver tumors Speaker: Suyash Kulkarni, India
15:40 - 16:00	ICG navigation surgery for hepatoblastoma Speaker: Eiso Hiyama, Japan
16:00 - 17:00	Miscellaneous
16:00 - 16:15	Palliative surgical procedures in Pediatric Oncology Speaker: Nitin J Peters, India
16:15 - 16:30	Adrenocortical Tumors in children Speaker: Vishesh Jain, India
16:30 - 16:45	Complications in Pediatric Surgical Oncology Speaker: Chan Hon Chui, Singapore
16:45 - 17:00	Neonatal tumors Speaker: Robert Carachi, United Kingdom
17:00 - 18:00	Neuroblastoma and Soft tissue sarcoma
17:00 - 17:15	Intraspinal extension in neuroblastoma Speaker: Sandeep Agarwala, India
17:15 - 17:30	Cervicothoracic and thoracic neuroblastoma Speaker: Chan Hon Chui, Singapore
17:30 - 17:45	Pretreatment re-excision for soft tissue sarcoma Speaker: Shalini Mishra, India
17:45 - 18:00	Brachytherapy to preserve function in soft-tissue sarcomas Speaker: Siddharth Laskar, India
18:00 - 19:00	Challenging Cases and Treatment Planning Moderator: TBA Chairpersons: TBA Panelists: TBA
19:00 - 20:30	Free papers-interactive discussions

Click on below link for registration

<https://in.eregnow.com/ticketing/register/SIOP2021>

www.siopasia2020.com

IX. SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM SIOP

A special invitation to SIOP to share the important developments of the past year. IPSO and SIOP have always been very close working partners to improve cancer care in children.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As the world continues to battle the COVID pandemic, SIOP has been working hard to help you in your endeavours. The Board made an early decision to hold the [2021 congress](#) in a virtual format again this year, recognising that this increases accessibility to shared learning and research. We were delighted to receive 1,320 abstract submissions, a 20% increase from 2020. Dr Lillian Sung and her team are preparing an [excellent programme](#) and we look forward to welcoming you all there. [Read full message](#)

Kathy Pritchard-Jones

SIOP President, and on behalf of the SIOP Board of Directors

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT-ELECT



We are pleased to announce that Dr Guillermo Chantada has been elected as our new President – Elect. We are grateful and excited for Guillermo to stay on our Board of Directors and continue to bring his unique talent, expertise and perspectives to the work of the society in order to further our **vision that no child should die of cancer: cure for more, care for all.**

He will transition from his current Continental President Latin America role to the President – Elect position at our 2021 Virtual Annual Business Meeting and follow into the footsteps of our current President, Prof Kathy Pritchard-Jones, at the 2022 Barcelona Congress.

NEWS FROM THE SECRETARY

Summer greetings for those above the equator, and winter greetings for those below. We have been busy at SIOP realigning our infrastructure nomenclature and you'll notice on our website that we now have SIOP Networks to reflect the dynamic nature of the work in areas such as nursing, pediatric psych-oncology and nutrition [Read more](#)

Julia Challinor

SIOP Secretary-General

NEWS FROM THE SC & 2021 LOC CHAIR

Dear friends and colleagues, we are very proud to let you know that we have received 1320 abstract submissions for this years and congress and selection for oral and poster presentations is in progress. The Scientific Committee has identified the Schweisguth Prize Winner and the 6 presentations for the SIOP Award Session, among which 3 will win awards.

Also, we would like to announce that the **Late Breaking Abstract Submission** is now open.

Please note that only oral presentations of high-quality and recently available data are appropriate for submission.

Deadline: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 (23:59 EST)

Submit your late breaking abstract [here](#).

We are looking forward to seeing you this fall and hosting our second virtual congress!

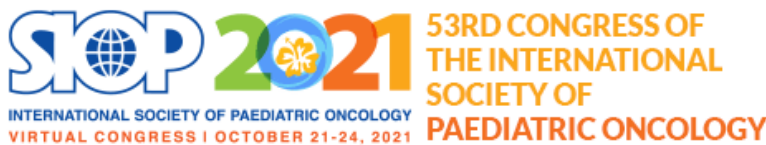


Lillian Sung (SC Chair) & Wade Kyono (2021 LOC Chair)

[Submit Abstract](#)

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS JULY 27

The discounted Early Bird registration fee ends July 27. Make sure to [register early!](#)



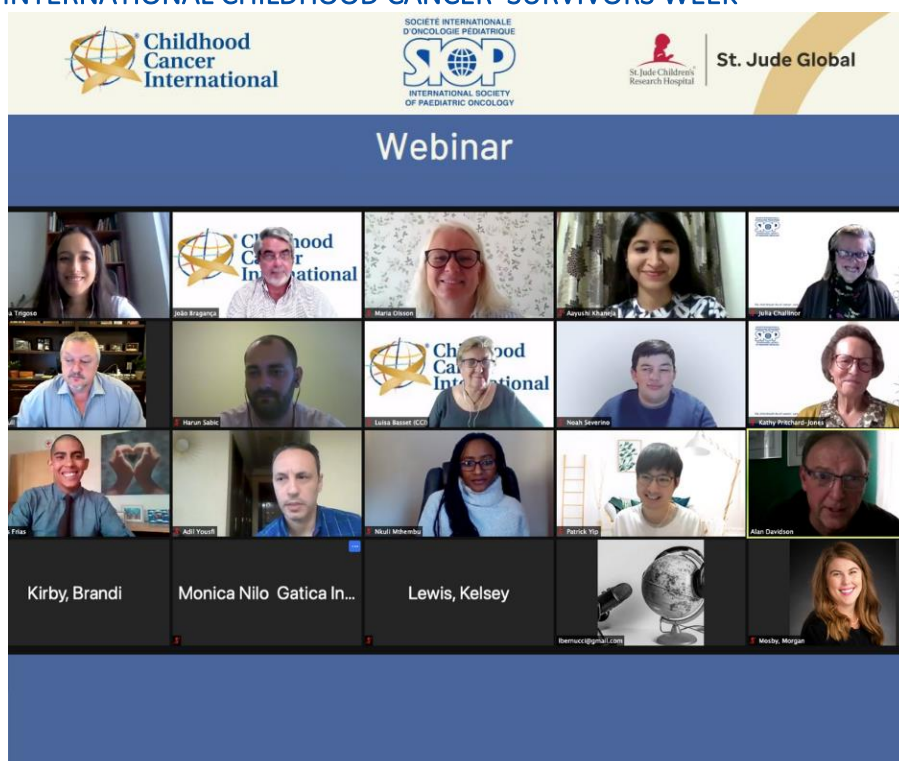
[Register](#)

PODC IS NOW SIOP GLOBAL HEALTH NETWORK

We are happy to announce that the name of “SIOP PODC” has been changed to “SIOP Global Health”. We have made this decision for the following reasons:

- Not wanting to use the term "Developing Countries". The World Bank has also stopped using this term
- Our more extensive role and contribution in recent global perspectives, and emerging volunteer engagement and contributions in WGs from all economic regions around the globe, with 1/3 of members from high income countries in North America and Western Europe, [more information](#)

INTERNATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER SURVIVORS WEEK



The International Childhood Cancer Survivors Week has come to an end. The webinar «**Understanding and coping with the mental and emotional impacts of childhood cancer among survivors**» was an important moment of shared experiences between cancer survivors and health professionals about mental health issues. About **800 people from 70 different countries** joined us to discuss this significant topic for the childhood cancer community.

For João de Bragança, president of CCI, this webinar was “the beginning of a beautiful journey”, leaving the promise that in the future “we will discuss other themes, such as surveillance for late effects, social and legal rights, and fertility” by sharing experiences, listening to the experts, clarifying doubts and involving other stakeholders, namely policymakers.

This webinar was a joint event between Childhood Cancer International (CCI), International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

We are hopeful to be able to add the recording of this event to our Knowledge Centre shortly.

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through IPSO

End of Newsletter

