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## IPSO Summer newsletter 2009

### THE IPSO ONCOLOGY COURSE (PART 2) at the EUPSA/BAPS meeting in Graz, Austria – June 17, 2009

Once more IPSO joined with EUPSA to run an oncology course at the annual EUPSA congress. This year the EUPSA congress was run as a joint meeting with BAPS, in the beautiful Austrian city of Graz.

For the first time the course was oversubscribed, a testament to the success of previous courses and a measure of the need for training opportunities of this kind. There were 50 participants, representing not only European countries, but centres from as far afield as Australia.

This present year 2009 is 'year 2' in the three year cycle of topics covered by the IPSO/EUPSA oncology course (attendance at all 3 annual components entitles the candidate to a certificate of completion of the full course). Excellent presentations were given by Sandeep Agrawala on thoracic tumours, Dan Aronson on liver tumours, Giovanni Cecchetto on germ cell tumours, and Dermot Murphy on statistics. Other members of the faculty (Dawn Penman, Robert Carachi, Larry Hadley and Roly Squire) provided support to the presentations, and took part in a tumour board discussion of problem cases. As previously a MCQ test was held at the end, primarily to reinforce the main educational messages of the day.

The course was very well received, and we will be looking forward to an equally successful day at the EUPSA meeting in Berne, which will be held on Wednesday 2 June, 2010. Please bear this in mind when you are advising your trainees regarding training opportunities in children's surgical oncology. The increasing popularity of this course suggests that it would be wise to book early. Details will be available through the EUPSA website.

#### Roly Squire



## **IPSO PROGRAM DIRECTOR HOLIDAYS CHECKLIST**

Dear Members and Friends,

The program of the Sao Paulo IPSO/SIOP meeting is ready. You will be able to see it at the official Congress Website soon. All of us were working hard for that: authors of papers, organizers, scientific committee members, reviewers, secretaries and many others.

Of course it was not the only work we had to do this year. There were challenging cases, students, meetings, problems and successes.

Anyway - thanks God the holidays are coming !!

But before you leave for your charming summer places, please check:

1. Whether you are registered for the SIOP/IPSO meeting in Sao Paulo. The IPSO days are the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of October, but it may be interesting for younger colleagues to come earlier: the IPSO Surgical Oncology Course takes place on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October (see below)!
2. Do you have your flights booked?
3. Do you have your hotel booked?
4. Are the data for your congress report collected and ready to be transformed into your presentation? Do not forget that the best oral presentation and the best poster will be awarded...
5. Do you want your problem case be discussed at the special difficult case session? This may be helpful and teaching for all of us. Be prepared: cases shall be registered to Dan Aronson and/or Bruce Broecker at the meeting, preferably until lunch break on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>.
6. What do you want to see in Brazil before or after the meeting? There is a link at the Congress Web where you can find some tourist proposals (and have wonderful pre- or post- congress holidays)

**ONLY if ALL** those questions are answered affirmatively, you can pack your things and **leave for holidays !**

Jan Godzinski  
IPSO program director

## **IPSO pre-meeting Surgical Oncology Course on October 5<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Time is running fast, but still we have some places for the Course on Pediatric Surgical Oncology organized just before the SIOP Annual Meeting in São Paulo (on 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2009) by Dr Simone Abib (local surgical organizer), Prof. Jan Godzinski, IPSO and with great support from our Main Brazilian Organizer, Dr Beatriz de Camargo.

You can register via ([rodrigo@somaeventos.com.br](mailto:rodrigo@somaeventos.com.br)) For any information contact Dr Simone Abib ([simoneabib@uol.com.br](mailto:simoneabib@uol.com.br))

Best regards and see many of you in São Paulo - Brazil!

## IPSO PRE-MEETING IN SÃO PAULO 2009

7:30 h Welcome

7:45-8:50 – Scope on Wilms' tumor

Speaker 1	Elizabeth Perlman USA	Pathology and Biology of renal tumours
Speaker 2		Postchemotherapy biology and pathology of WT
Speaker 3	Norbert Graf	Where are we? Clinician's expectations regarding surgery
Discussion	Paul Grundy	

8:50-9:50 – Partial nephrectomies in unilateral Wilms' tumors and bilateral tumors

Speaker 1	Denis Cozzi	Partial Nephrectomy post Chemo and without chemo
Speaker 2	Jan Godzinski	Bilateral tumors
Speaker 3	Maria Teresa Seixas - Pathologist	Margins, nephroblastematosi
Speaker 4	Daniel Aronson	Late results in stage V WT
Discussion	Larry Hadley	

9:50 – 10:10 "What should most of the world's surgeons, who happen to be working in poor countries, be doing for most of the world's children, who happen to live there?"

Larry Hadley

10:10 – 10:30 – Coffee

10:30-11:20 "Unresectable" hepatic tumors and compromised margins in hepatoblastoma

Speaker 1	Piotr Czauderna	When is an hepatic tumor irresectable? What to do when there are compromised margins?
Speaker 2	Paulo Chap- chap/João Seda	Liver transplant in Brazil
Speaker 3	Jean de Ville de Goyet	Liver transplant - PLUTO
Discussion	Rebecka Meyers	

### 11:20-12:05 Huge “benign” abdominal tumors

Speaker 1	Sérgio Tomaz Schettini	Preventing hazardous situations and planning the operatory strategy in benign or boarderline tumors involving the great vessels
Speaker 2	Samuel Aguiar Jr	Surgery of huge abdominal soft tissue sarcoma.
Discussion	Bhaskar Rao	

### 12:05 -12:45 Lunch

### 12:45 - 13:35 Challenges in advanced neuroblastoma

Speaker 1	Antonio Oliveira	Surgery in stage IV and IV S
Speaker 2	Sílvia Toledo	Genetics in NB
Speaker 3	Keith Holmes	Trends in surgery and research in NB
Discussion	Keith Holmes	

### 13:35-14:10 Video Session

4 videos : 2 Brazilian and 2 IPSO

### FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

#### Nominees to stand for election of the Executive Board

This year, four positions within the Executive Board have to be (re)filled. Our Program Director Jan Godzinski will end his first term and can be re-elected, which is strongly recommended by the EB. Roly Squire will end his second term as member, so we need nominees for this position. We need also nominees for a new President elect, and nominees for a new secretary. The Membership is invited to propose any IPSO member of good standing (who paid his dues) to stand as a nominee for the election of one of these posts. It is obvious that the nominee must be willing to stand!

#### Call for Candidates of New Members of IPSO

The importance to expand the number of IPSO members can not be stressed enough! Please consider to propose your chief, colleague, fellow, (chief)resident, registrar, or assistant with an interest in Pediatric Surgical Oncology to become a new member of IPSO. Please fill out the enclosed application form for IPSO membership and return it with a small CV / resumé to the Secretary of IPSO.



### **IPSO honorary members 2008**

Last year in Berlin, Bhaskar Rao and Ray Fitzgerald became the 2008 honorary members of IPSO. Since Ray was not able to be present at the AGM, our past President Richard Spicer was sent by the EB on a mission to Ireland. After an adventurous journey, Richard and Jane Spicer were able to locate Ray in a pub called the Dying Cow in County Wicklow. There they presented him the plaque in this delightful location. The photo shows the plaque, pints of Guinness, the green Irish fields and their happy faces. Ray was in good shape and sends his regards to all old friends and members of IPSO.

### **Annual Dues**

Recently, some of you have received a letter of remittance of your 2009 dues, and of probable unpaid dues from (the) previous year(s). The serious non paying-members ( $\geq 3$  years of unpaid dues) will be removed from our Membership Directory. So pay now if you don't want to lose your membership! Payment is encouraged by credit card. You don't need to fill out a membership number. For any questions regarding the payment of dues please contact our secretary, Rosalinde Kennis, at [secretariat@siop.nl](mailto:secretariat@siop.nl) The Treasurer will issue a receipt to all who paid the membership fee. Please realize that IPSO is a small Society that needs to keep up its financial strength. We can not survive without our dues!

Who knows the current address of Frederick M. Karrer (Denver, CO?) and Ashish Saharia (Houston, Tx?)

**Please check your name, (e-mail) address, phone/fax numbers, and/or position in the 2009 Membership Directory, and please forward any changes to the Secretariat! By mistake, the 2008 IPSO members were not included in the Directory for which we offer our sincere apologies!**

### **Pediatric Solid Tumor e-Board (Pedoncology Yahoo Group)**

We are glad to invite you to join this International academic discussion group on pediatric solid tumors. This discussion involves the interesting cases, problems, suggestions and experience pertaining to **pediatric solid tumors only**. Anyone can bring in a difficult case and ask the international forum for advice. This group is not to anybody's credit but a genuine effort to bring the pediatric surgeons, pediatricians, surgical oncologists, pediatric oncologists, radiation oncologists, cancer biologist, oncopathologist & nuclear medicine physicians from all over the world under one roof, so that we can discuss the pediatric tumors which invariably requires combined treatment modalities. If you would like to join, just reply to this link: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pedoncology>

### **PRESIDENT CORNER**

Dear colleagues,

The Newsletter is an opportunity to urge you all to make an effort to join us in Sao Paolo for what promises to be another excellent meeting. Simone Abib has put together a comprehensive pre-congress educational day which, apart from keeping us up to date with recent developments will highlight the dilemmas of surgical oncology in the developing world. The IPSO supported Educational course in Graz, the second of the three year cycle, was oversubscribed and greatly appreciated by the delegates who managed to get onto the course, a sure sign that our colleagues and trainees recognize the need and approve of our educational strategies. The organizers of the course, which is held in conjunction with EUPSA, and the tutors, deserve our gratitude.

Jan Godzinski has busied himself arranging the submitted abstracts into an attractive and exciting package. The membership is to be congratulated on the ever-improving quality of the submissions. This year Dr Giovanni Cecchetto from Padua will deliver the Keynote IPSO lecture to a plenary session of IPSO and SIOP.

IPSO has also now established a website that, under the webmaster Roly Squires, is user friendly and in future will be used to make announcements of meetings, elections and matters of general interest to the Society. The address is [www.ipsosurgeons.org](http://www.ipsosurgeons.org) Please copy this to your browser and keep an eye open for updates.

IPSO attempts to be a democratic organization, and within any democratic structure members have rights, but they also have responsibilities. One such responsibility is to stand for election, or to nominate candidates for election, to the various positions that are essential to the running of our affairs. Electronic communications these days mean that nowhere is so geographically remote that members should feel excluded. There are, of course, no financial advantages of holding office within our society, and office bearers are *de facto* committing themselves to attendance at the annual meeting, but it is important for the vitality of IPSO that a wider circle of the membership becomes involved in the administration of the society. Such an opportunity is upon us!!! We are calling for nomination for the posts of President Elect, Secretary (Dan Aronson has filled these duties with distinction for a decade), and Executive Member for the terms dictated by the Constitution. The Elections will be held at the AGM in Sao Paolo. Think about this and try to get involved.

Business apart, Sao Paolo is a great place to start a Brazilian adventure after the meeting and I know that the social events will be colourful and exciting. Miss this and you miss out.

Larry Hadley, president

**3rd International Tübingen-Symposium on Pediatric Solid Tumors Local Control in Childhood Soft Tissue Sarcoma**

**In Association with the CWS Study Committee Meeting, IPSO and EUPSA**

**5.-7. November 2009, Tübingen (Germany)**

Dear colleagues and friends,

We would like to invite you to our 3rd International Tübingen-Symposium on Pediatric Solid Tumors. This year`s main topic will be local control in childhood soft tissue sarcoma. The meeting will be held in association with the CWS study group. It was accredited by the International Society of Pediatric Surgical Oncology (IPSO) and the European Pediatric Surgeons Association (EUPSA).

International experts from the field of pediatric oncology, pediatric surgery and radiation therapy will be together discussing current topics of local control in soft tissue sarcoma. This meeting will be a platform for pediatric oncologists, neurosurgeons, pediatric surgeons, radio-oncologists, urologists, orthopedic surgeons, plastic and hand surgeons as well as basic research scientists.

Main topics will be pathology, clinical trials, radiotherapy, surgery, basic research, novel therapies and problem cases.

For further details please visit our website [www.conventus.de/itspst2009](http://www.conventus.de/itspst2009).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Felix Angermüller from our conference agency Conventus (phone +49 3641 35 33 226; e-mail [felix.angermueller@conventus.de](mailto:felix.angermueller@conventus.de)).

We are looking forward to meeting you in Tübingen in November 2009.

With best regards,

Sincerely

Prof. Dr. med. Jörg Fuchs  
PD Dr. med. Guido Seitz  
(Conference Chairs)

# **APPLICATION for IPSO membership**

(please print)

**NAME OF APPLICANT**

**TITLE**

**AFFILIATION**

**ADDRESS**

**NATIONALITY**

**PHONE NUMBER**

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**E-MAIL ADDRESS**

**NAME OF SPONSOR 1**

**NAME OF SPONSOR 2**

**PLEASE RETURN WITH YOUR C.V. TO THE IPSO SECRETARIAT**

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