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IPSO Newsletter: June 2013

Dear Friends

Welcome to the 2013 Summer Newsletter.

In this newsletter you can read about:

- The 2013 Congress, in Hong Kong in September
- The IPSO Pre-meeting Education Day
- The IPSO dinner
- Call for nominations to the Executive
- Proposed revisions to the IPSO statutes
- IPSO masterclass
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- President's corner

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We are all looking forward to the 2013 IPSO Annual Congress, which will be held in Hong Kong in September.

The deadline for reduced-rate online registration is 23 August

Remember: Paid-up IPSO members get a discounted rate

The Education Day is on Tuesday 24 September: make sure you arrive in Hong Kong early enough to attend: the main meeting is on 25-26 September

You can sign up for the free Pre-meeting IPSO Education Day as you register for the congress

The IPSO Annual Dinner is planned for the evening of Thursday 26 September: you cannot book your place yet, but please keep this evening free.

Do you have a problem case that you wish to discuss with your IPSO colleagues?

2013 IPSO Annual Congress

Hong Kong

24-26 September 2013

<http://www2.kenes.com/siop>



We hope that many of you have already registered for the IPSO Annual Congress, in Hong Kong on Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 September.

At the time of registration you can also sign up for the pre-meeting Educational Day: this is highly recommended, and does not incur any additional cost. For details about the Education Day please see the separate paragraph below.

Also please note the sections of this newsletter which refer to the Annual IPSO dinner, and the new arrangements we are trialling to improve the 'problem case' session at the Congress.

IPSO Annual Congress 2013

25-26 September 2013

The provisional congress programme is now available on http://www2.kenes.com/SIOP/SCI/pages/IPSO_programme.aspx. As regular delegates will know, we run our meeting alongside the SIOP Annual Congress. IPSO starts one day earlier than SIOP, which allows many paediatric oncologists to join us on the first day of our meeting- IPSO day 2 is SIOP day 1. The SIOP continues for a further 2 days, and there are a number of sessions on Friday 27 & Saturday 28 September which may be of interest to the paediatric surgeon. Please note the following dates:

Standard online registration deadline:	Friday 23 August 2013
Educational pre-meeting :	Tuesday 24 Sept 2013
IPSO Congress day1: IPSO AGM	Wednesday 25 Sept 2013 " "
IPSO day 2 (SIOP day1): PROS/IPSO symposium IPSO Keynote address IPSO dinner (details to be confirmed)	Thursday 26 Sept 2013 " " " " " "

Symposium: infant solid tumours: Friday 27 Sept 2013

The IPSO keynote speaker will be Jan Godzinski, who will speak on: *Conservative surgery in paediatric oncology: how to weigh risks and benefits?*

The PROS/IPSO symposium is on: *Combined surgical/radio-oncological approaches for paediatric solid tumours.*

Please remember that in order to take advantage of the reduced registration fee you will need to have already paid your 2013 IPSO membership .

Problem Case Session

Wednesday 25 September

15.30-17.00

The IPSO problem case session is one of the highlights of the scientific meeting, and is usually well-attended by paediatric oncologists as well as surgeons. It is an opportunity for delegates to get advice about the management of a difficult or unusual current case, as well as a chance to discuss how a particularly challenging problem has been treated, to see if the 'experts' at the meeting would have done anything differently. In order to improve the educational value of this session the IPSO Executive Committee and Scientific Committee are introducing some new arrangements for this session, so that it can be more structured.

There will still be the option for delegates to bring current problems to the meeting without prior submission, to assist with decisions about management of the child. For more planned case discussions about interesting or challenging cases we ask that the delegates submit a brief abstract to Steve Warmann, Chairman of the Programme Committee, by e-mail in advance of the meeting. To be certain that your case is discussed please submit details one month prior to the meeting, ie by 23 August., but later submissions will still be considered provided there is time.

Steven.warmann@med.uni-tuebingen.de

IPSO Pre-congress Educational Day

Tuesday 24 September 2013

Time: 0900 to 1700

Venue: Department of Surgery, Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong

There is not much information about the IPSO Education Day on the SIOP Congress website, but when you register for the congress you can tick a box which gives you complimentary registration for the education day.

Preliminary Program for the IPSO Education Day

Registration: (0815-0900)

Opening Ceremony: (0900-0915)

- Introduction: Professor Paul Tam
- Opening Speech by Guests of Honour: Professor JinZhe Zhang, Professor Xin Nie

Group photo (0915-0920)

Session 1: Hepatic/ Pancreatic tumour (0920-1100)

- Overview of Diagnosis and Treatment of Paediatric Liver Tumours
- Liver Resection for Paediatric Liver Tumour
- The Role of Liver Transplantation for Unresectable Tumour
- Pancreatic Tumour: What are the Surgical Options?

Tea break (1100-1120)

Session 2: Vascular/ Lymphatic malformation (1120-1240)

- Overview of the Clinical Management of Vascular/ Lymphatic Malformation
- Surgical Management of Vascular/ Lymphatic Malformation
- Multidisciplinary Approach on the Management of Vascular/ Lymphatic Malformation

Lunch (1240-1350)

Session 3: Evidence based medicine for childhood tumour (1350-1510)

- How to Conduct a Prospective Study in Paediatric Oncology
- Systematic Review & Meta-Analysis for Paediatric Childhood Tumour
- Molecular Based Risk Stratification of Neuroblastoma and Its Clinical Implications

Tea break (1510-1530)

Session 4: Tumour board discussions / How I do It? (Video demonstration) (1530-1700)

- Tumor Board Meeting: Case Illustration
- 4 cases for discussion (each 15 mins) - from Beijing, Chongqing, Shanghai and Hong Kong
- Video demonstration (each 10 mins)

Confirmed Speakers:

Professor Paul Losty, *Liverpool*

Mr. Roly Squire, *Leeds*

Professor Holger Till, *Graz*

Professor See-Ching Chan, *Hong Kong*

Professor Godfrey Chan, *Hong Kong*

Dr. Albert Chan, *Hong Kong*

Dr. Alan Chiang, *Hong Kong*

Plans for the IPSO Dinner

Thursday 26 September

The Annual IPSO Dinner will be held on the evening of Thursday 26 September, at the end of the IPSO scientific meeting. A fun evening is planned including a harbour cruise and fine dining at a restaurant on a nearby island. We cannot confirm the venue, at present but anyone who knows Hong Kong will already be anticipating a very special night out with friends and colleagues.



Unfortunately the IPSO dinner is unavoidably on the same evening as the SIOP gala dinner. We recommend that all IPSO delegates attend the IPSO dinner that night, which will be much better value. We anticipate that the IPSO dinner will cost in the region of 40 Euro. Please keep an eye on the conferences page on the IPSO website for further details.

We realise that some delegates may have already paid for the SIOP gala dinner at the time of registration, but may now prefer to attend the IPSO dinner. It is usually possible to return tickets for the SIOP dinner at the meeting as there tends to be a late demand.

The local organisers will need to have some idea of numbers for the dinner in advance of the meeting, and so we plan to be in contact with IPSO members and other Hong Kong delegates nearer the time explaining how places at the dinner can be reserved.

Nominations for the IPSO Executive

Do you want to be on the IPSO Executive Committee? This is formal notification of posts which will be up for election at the AGM in Hong Kong. Sandeep Agarwala is completing his second term, and therefore IPSO members are asked to submit nominations to the secretary for a 'member at large'. Steven Warman will have served 2 years on the Executive Committee, and is also our Programme Director. Steven will stand for re-election for a second term. Dan Aronson will be completing his year as immediate past president, and so it will be time to choose a president-elect. Traditionally members have made suggestions regarding the choice of next president, and the executive Committee has made a recommendation. IPSO is a democratic organisation, and so all nominations will be accepted. The secretary will only accept nominations in writing: **by post** to Roly Squire, IPSO Secretary, Department of Paediatric Surgery, Leeds LS1 3EX, UK; **by fax** to +44 113 3925827; **by e-mail** to roly.squire@leedsth.nhs.uk. Please can nominations be submitted by **Friday 23 August 2013**, one month before the meeting. Any member can propose any other member to stand for membership of the Executive. Please ensure that the nominee is in agreement. If there is more than one nomination for either of the posts the Executive Committee will organise a ballot at the AGM.

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. These amendments have been previously recommended to the membership, and are being announced once more to meet the statutory requirements, prior to being voted on by the members who attend the AGM on Wednesday 25 September 2013 in Hong Kong.

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 active member to be Program Director and/or SIOP Scientific Committee Representative. Such appointments will be confirmed at the next Annual General Meeting by majority vote and will be for a period of two years (Program Director) or three years (SIOP SC Representative). 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. In order to receive the benefits of IPSO membership in relation to the Annual Meeting, new members must have paid their first subscription by a minimum of one calendar month prior to the first day of the Annual Meeting.

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 $\frac{2}{3}$ 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 on 25 September 2013.

IPSO Masterclasses

Another successful IPSO masterclass was held at the EUPSA Annual Congress in Leipzig, on June 5th. This annual arrangement looks set to continue, so expect another masterclass at the 2014 EUPSA meeting in Dublin. These masterclasses are popular, and can be over-subscribed, so encourage your trainee surgeons to apply early. The Dublin masterclass will be the first in the 3-year cycle; attendance at each of the 3 years merits a certificate of completion.

The next masterclass will be held at the World Federation of Associations of Pediatric Surgeons (WOFAPS) meeting, to be held in Berlin in October. The Oncology Educational Day will be held on Sunday 14 October, and the main topics will be liver tumors, soft tissue sarcomas & bone tumors. Further details, including registration, can be found on the meeting website www.wofaps2013.com.

The IPSO faculty would be pleased to provide masterclasses at other centres throughout the year. If you would like to organise an IPSO masterclass at your centre please contact the organiser, Professor Robert Carachi, at r.carachi@clinmed.gla.ac.uk.

Subscription Update

It is now more than 2 years since Kenes International took over the management of IPSO's membership. The secretary is pleased with the arrangement, since payment of the annual dues has been much more reliable than previously, and the on-line system encourages members to update contact details.

At the time of writing 118 IPSO members have completed the necessary process for 2013. IPSO is continuing to attract new members, and it is likely that 2013 will be IPSO's strongest year to date, but there are still nearly 50 surgeons who have been IPSO members, but are not currently on the list because of failure to pay the annual subscription. It is likely that some of these would like to continue with membership, but have not provided either the secretary or Kenes with accurate and contemporary contact details. If we have out-of-date contact information then the surgeon will not be receiving this newsletter.

If you are a paid-up member you should be able to view the on-line membership directory, and the secretary would be grateful if you would have a look to see if any of your colleagues are unexpectedly not included- a quick e-mail to either your colleague

or to the secretary could easily sort out any contact problems of this sort.

Paying annual subscriptions is much easier than it used to be. The membership web pages are very easy to use, and they give alternative methods of paying. If you have a problem please feel free to get in touch with the membership team at Kenes, either by email ipsomembership@kenes.com or telephone (+41 22 906 91 69). If you have any problems please contact the IPSO secretary, Roly Squire, at roly.squire@leedsth.nhs.uk .

Some members find it easiest to pay the annual subscription at the annual meeting. This facility will continue, but the payment will need to be for the following year if the member wishes to take advantage of concessions, such as the reduced registration fee for the meeting. For 2013 we have asked that Kenes allow a member who has paid for 2012 to remain active throughout this year if they wish to pay at the meeting, *provided that they agree to pay for 2013 & 2014 at the same time*. If you wish to take advantage of this please contact the secretary in order to have the arrangement validated.

Members news

The IPSO newsletter is a good way to inform surgical colleagues around the world of important news relating to IPSO members, past or present. The next newsletter will be in January 2014. Please feel free to contact the secretary any time between now and then if you have a news item which you would like to be included.

Audit of Deaths following Neuroblastoma surgery

Once more IPSO members are asked to reflect if they have experienced sudden and unexpected/unexplained deaths following surgery to resect a neuroblastoma. The following request has been included in the last three newsletters, but there has not been much response. It is being included for a final time. We will report in Hong Kong regarding the effectiveness of this approach as a mechanism to investigate rare clinical problems in paediatric surgical oncology.

The last two newsletters 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.

This is a very important issue, which we are unlikely to be able to address without multinational collaboration. Hugo is trying to find common themes in these unusual cases with a bad outcome, hoping to advise on how they can be avoided in future. Please reflect on the operations you have carried out on younger children with neuroblastoma over the last 5 years or so, and if you can recall any unexpected deaths or near-misses 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.

IPSO website

I continue to remind members to have a look at the IPSO website www.ipsosurgeons.org hoping to have some feedback as to how it can be improved. There are no innovations this year, and I have not managed to put as many of the London congress presentations online compared to the Auckland meeting in 2011. I would be pleased to hear if anyone finds these useful: they are in the members-only pages, and the access remains the same as previously. Username: IPSO Password: member

Please have a think about what new features might be of interest, and let me know at: roly.squire@leedsth.nhs.uk

Roly Squire

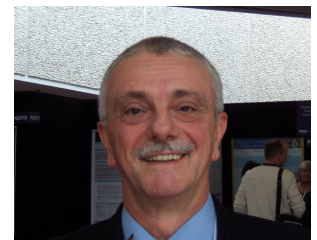
President's corner

Dear Colleagues and Friends

I hope that you have all had a fruitful and happy year so far.

This year many opportunities have been on offer to meet together and discuss surgical oncology. Recently the Annual Course on Pediatric Oncology Surgery has been held at the EUPSA Meeting in Leipzig; in addition, after our SIOP-IPSO meeting of September, another important Surgical Oncologic Course has been planned in October in Berlin in occasion of the 4th World Congress of Pediatric Surgery. These courses represent very good opportunities and young colleagues should be encouraged to attend.

The time runs fast and now we are approaching to our annual IPSO meeting in Hong Kong. I believe that the sessions of the Congress and the Educational Day will represent a very special event from the scientific point of view for the opportunity to discuss our experiences with those of the Chinese colleagues. Moreover the Symposia with Radiotherapists and Oncologists and the Keynote lecture will enrich the program. I know that the local



organizer Paul Tam with his staff; our program director Steve Warman; and the SIOP Scientific Committee representative Steve Shochat are arranging an outstanding program.

The general assembly will be important for you to attend. I strongly encourage you all to actively participate and to send soon, and before the deadline, your proposals in election to positions that have been announced. This is a real opportunity to influence the direction and the development of our Society.

I think that also the social program will be exciting and we'll have the opportunity to appreciate the beauties of the place.

I look forward to being in Hong Kong and to seeing old friends and making new ones.
My very best wishes to you all

Giovanni Cecchetto