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IPSO Newsletter: July 2014

Dear Friends

Time flies by so quickly. It seems like only a short while ago that I was reporting on the 2013 IPSO Congress in Hong Kong, and now the 2014 Congress in Toronto is fast approaching. This newsletter concentrates on preparation for the Toronto meeting, and also reminds everyone about the symposium in Memphis immediately after Toronto, to celebrate the career of one of our founders, and previous IPSO President, Bhaskar Rao.

Please read on to make sure that you have the information you require to arrange your attendance at these two important events.

In this newsletter you can also read about:

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The 2014 IPSO Congress will be held in Toronto from 22 to 23 October. Early-bird registration continues until 21 July 2014

Please read pages 4/5 of this newsletter for further details

Remember: Paid-up IPSO members get a discounted rate

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The Education Day is on Tuesday 21 October: make sure you arrive in Toronto early enough to attend.

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After the IPSO Congress why not go home via the Bhaskar Rao Celebratory Symposium: details on page 5.

2014 IPSO Congress



The 2014 IPSO Congress will be held in Toronto, Canada, in October. This should be a beautiful time to be back in Canada, perfectly timed for the fall foliage.

Important dates for your diary are as follows:

Abstract Deadline: 18 March 2014
Early bird registration deadline: 21 July 2014
On-line registration deadline: 21 September 2104

Now is the time to plan your trip to Toronto. Please try and arrive early enough to sign up for the pre-meeting Education Day, which is free for delegates registered with the Congress. The Education Day is aimed primarily at young surgeons and surgical trainees, but will be of enormous benefit to all surgeons who specialise in paediatric surgical oncology. You can register for both the Education Day and the IPSO/SIOP Annual Congress on-line using the congress website <http://siop.kenes.com/>

The meeting dates are as follows:

Tuesday 21 October:	Education Day
Wednesday 22 October:	IPSO Congress Day 1 AGM
Thursday 23 October:	IPSO Congress Day 2 (SIOP Day 1) Annual IPSO Dinner
Friday 24 October:	SIOP Congress Day 2

When you are making your plans please try to include a stop-over in Memphis to attend the **Bhaskar Rao Symposium**, which immediately follows the IPSO Congress, on Saturday 25 October. Bhaskar was a founder-member of IPSO, was President from 1998-2000. and now is an Honorary Life Member of our society. [More information below...](#)

IPSO Scholarship

You will see from the minutes of the AGM that the IPSO Executive is pleased to announce the introduction of a scholarship to assist a young surgeon in attending the 2014 Congress. The precise details regarding how to apply, eligibility, and the terms and conditions, are available on the IPSO website www.ipsosurgeons.org

The scholarship will include:

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

To be eligible a surgeon must be aged 40 years or younger, must come from a low or low-middle income country, and must have an abstract accepted for oral presentation at the Annual Congress in Toronto. 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.

We are planning that surgeons who are submitting an abstract for the meeting will have the opportunity to register to be considered for the prize at the time of abstract submission. This arrangement is not currently in place, and so an alternative process may be substituted. Please keep an eye on the website.

Problem case session

One of the highlights of the Annual Congress is the problem case session, and the challenging cases that delegates brought to the Hong Kong Congress resulted in some excellent discussion. Please bear this session in mind throughout the year. The Program Director will be requesting notification of potential cases prior to the meeting; further information will be given in the July newsletter.

Celebration for Bhaskar Rao

Saturday 25 October 2014
Memphis, Tennessee

St Jude's Research Hospital is hosting a Symposium and Celebration in honor of Dr Bhaskar Rao.



The Symposium will be held on the St Jude campus in Memphis Tennessee on Saturday, October 25th, just after the IPSO meeting in Toronto. The Symposium will be focussed on present and future surgical management techniques in the treatment of solid tumors in children. Please save this date and plan on joining the celebration for one of our finest. Further details regarding the Symposium will be sent out to members shortly, and will be found on the IPSO website. For more information contact: daphne.sanders@stjude.org

From the Secretary

Nominations for the IPSO Executive Committee: Your Executive Committee is keen to encourage involvement of all IPSO members in the running of the organisation. In his address at the AGM, Dan Aronson emphasised how we wish to ensure that the organisation is run fairly and transparently. Now is the time to consider if you, or one of your colleagues, would like to be stand for election at the next AGM, to be held in Toronto in October. In Toronto there will be at least one new position on the Executive Committee to be filled. A further call for nominations will be included in the July newsletter, but I will be happy for any active member to register their interest to stand at any time up to 3 months before the AGM. If you wish to stand the Statutes specify that you must be nominated by another member. If you make a nomination you must first ensure that your nominee wishes to stand.

Also please let the Executive know if you would like to make a nomination for Honorary Membership.

Members news

IPSO website

When you read this newsletter why not take the opportunity to have a look at the IPSO website www.ipsosurgeons.org and let me know what you think. I try to keep the information up-to-date, and relevant to IPSO members.



Message from the President-Elect

President's Corner



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