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IPSO/SIOP Meeting 2007 in Mumbai, India

We were privileged to be the guests of our friends in Berlin from 2 – 6 October 2008. Jan Godzinski and the Programme committee organised a stimulating programme which reflected the global and growing family of IPSO. The challenge for the Surgeon is common whether it involves robots and 3D imaging or malnourishment and poverty.

The Pre-meeting Education Course in Charite Campus Virchow – Klinikum (*SIOP day minus 2*) comprised beautifully produced operation movies. These included partial nephrectomy and tumour thrombus in nephroblastoma, pancreatic carcinoma and abdominal neuroblastoma, with problems which had not been removed by the editors. The session included endoscopic surgery which must be embraced by IPSO, but with caution. The course was organised to perfection with excellent catering (*see below*).

IPSO day 1 (*SIOP day minus 1*) found us in the excellent Estrel Convention Centre. Richard Spicer, now past president, opened the meeting proper with a comprehensive morning dedicated to nephroblastoma. Congratulations to Sabine Sarnacki for the prize winning paper on tumors in Denys Drash syndrome. The 'lunch break' did not really allow sufficient attention to the many excellent posters but those who attended were rewarded by the opportunity to speak directly with the authors. Congratulations to Edith Bons for her prize winning presentation, a memorial to Frans van der Staak her senior colleague who died suddenly a few days earlier.

The afternoon session on miscellaneous and thoracic tumours illustrated the technical expertise of our colleagues with very honest presentations of surgical challenges. The problem case session presented even more challenges to which the audience contributed much helpful advice and sympathy.

At the business meeting Richard Spicer summarised his time as president, demonstrated the increasing popularity of IPSO and welcomed new members. His final duty was to pass on the chain of office to Larry Hadley.

Saturday (*SIOP day1*). Started with a comprehensive review of the SEER database on malignant pancreatic tumours, then important reports on difficult aspects of hepatoblastoma from SIOPEL and Bicetre. Two single centre reports on the neuroblastoma illustrated the surgical challenges of high risk disease.

We then joined our colleagues from PROS for a comprehensive programme with superb reports and lectures on soft tissue and Ewing sarcoma. The lecture theatre was packed with standing room only. It was good to see Bhaskar Rao back in fine

form after his recent injury. Reports on central venous access, microwave hepatic surgery and retinoblastoma ended the morning. The IPSO/PROS session continued after lunch and was followed by one on miscellaneous tumours including lymphoma, carcinoid, thymoma and those diagnosed prenatally. This demonstrated the variation in surgical responsibility and generated much discussion. Dan Aronson gave a superb keynote lecture summarising the challenges and achievements of SIOPEL. The meeting closed with an important session on neonatal tumours which stimulated animated discussion on an issue which arises with increasing frequency. There then followed a delightful traditional surgical dinner at Restaurant Gugelhof.

Highlights

Our memories are of splendid hospitality in a fascinating city with a scientific meeting of outstanding quality. The organisation the congress was faultless. Our stay in Berlin even covered the splendid reunification celebrations in Tiergarten on 3rd October.

Annoyances

No coffee or food in the 'breaks' on Friday October 3rd (*SIOP day minus 1*)

Thanks

To the local organisers Jorge Fuchs and Steve Warmann and the city of Berlin.

Keith Holmes

London

Minutes of the IPSO Business Meeting – Berlin, Germany, October 3, 2008

Apologies: Jenny Walker, Bruce Broecker, Ray Fitzgerald

1. **Opening** at 5:25 pm
2. **Minutes IPSO meeting 2007 (Mumbai)** were accepted without corrections
3. **Report from the President** The President described the past year as successful for IPSO. We have seen a steady growth of our Membership. The combined IPSO/APSA meeting in May has been perceived very positively both by the IPSO EC as well as by the APSA Board of Governors.
4. **Report from the Treasurer** The financial balance was shown and accepted by the membership. The IPSO-APSA meeting has also financially been a success. We will propose the APSO board of governors to put the money in an 'IPSO-APSA fund' to be used for the next combined meeting.
5. **Election of a new EC members:**
Nominee for Treasurer – Joerg Fuchs was elected by acclamation
Nominee for SIOP Scientific Committee Representative – Steve Shochat was elected by acclamation
6. **Election of new Members.** New Applicants for the IPSO membership (n=22):
Yogesh Kumar SARIN (sponsors: Rao/Aronson)
Ran STEINBERG (sponsors: Holmes/Aronson)
Lalit PARIDA (sponsors: Rao/Aronson)
Winfried BARTHLEN (sponsors: vSchweinitz/Fuchs)
Maryann A. MUCKADEN – Radiation Oncologist (sponsors: Quereshi/Sailukar)
Carlos Humberto VICUNA MARINO (sponsors: Rao/Aronson)

Wilson Armando CAICEDO TULCANAZA	(sponsors: Rao/Aronson)
– Orthopedic Surgeon	
Erwin HERNÁNDEZ DIAZ	(sponsors: Rao/Aronson)
Enrique TOME	(sponsors: Rao/Aronson)
Majed A. SARAYREH	(sponsors: Carachi/Aronson)
Ferran Torner RUBIES	– Orthopedic Surgeon (sponsors: Rao/Aronson)
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Rachid HAIDAR	– Orthopedic Surgeon (sponsors: Rao/Aronson)
Jaime Shalkow KLINCOVSTEIN	(sponsors: Rao/Aronson)
Edward KIELY	(sponsors: Rao/Aronson)
Timothy Nicolas ROGERS	(sponsors: Spicer/Walker)
Guido SEITZ	(sponsors: Fuchs-Warmann)

All applicants were elected for Member; Muckaden, Caicedo Tulcanaza, Rubies, and Haidar for AssociateMember

7. **Election of Honorary members:** Bhaskar Rao and Ray Fitzgerald were elected and congratulated by the President. The President specifically thanked Bashkar Rao for his never increasing activity to expand the IPSO membership. Both were given a plaque as a token of their honorary membership (that will be handed to Ray Fitzgerald in person by the President)
8. **Recruitment of new IPSO members** The President urged the membership to ask trainees, fellows, colleagues, anyone actively working in the field of Pediatric (Surgical) Oncology, etcetera, to become member of our organization
9. **The IPSO website** Our new website is finally in the air! www.ipsosurgeons.org It was introduced and shown by Roly Squire, who is the creator and appointed webmaster. Its costs will be approximately £ 200 / year. The membership was very grateful. Links will be made with SIOP, EUPSA, BAPS, APSA, etcetera.
10. **Future Oncology Meetings: IPSO at EUPSA 2009, Graz, Austria – interactive Oncology Course part II;** The second cycle of courses started at the EUPSA meeting in Istanbul, and the second course will be given at the combined EUPSA/BAPS meeting in Graz on Wednesday June 17, 2009
11. **Program Director: IPSO 2009 at São Paulo, Brazil** Jan Godzinski pointed out that the 2008 program had turned out to be very busy, specifically due to the amount of combined meetings with the sister-societies. The EC decided to maximize the combined meetings to two. The pre-meeting course on interactive hands-on surgical procedures that started in Mumbai, and this year organized by Jörg Fuchs, has again been rated successful by the participants and will be repeated depending on the local organizing committee. Simone Abib was appointed as our surgical representative in the São Paulo Local Organizing Committee.
12. **Any other business** Besides a unanimous plea by the membership for the availability of at least coffee and water at the meeting on day -1, there was no other business
13. **Presidential succession** The President thanked the membership for their trust in his presidency and handed over the chain of office to our new President Larry Hadley. He thanked Richard Spicer for his passed leadership and all he had done for our organization.
14. **Adjournment** at 6:15 PM

From the Treasurer

We currently have 161 members, of whom only 7 did not pay their dues - they form a combined debt of E 410. This is an all times low record and shows the success of our membership policy of the past years.

By mid January, the letters of dues have been sent out to the Membership. There is always some confusion about the membership number asked on the form. This form is also used by SIOP for SIOP members and refers to the SIOP number, BUT NOT to the IPSO number. Thus, with the payment of IPSO dues, no membership number has to be added!

Please be prompt with your payment this time and make sure you also pay your outstanding dues if there are any. Payments are easy and can be done with credit cards, so there should be no excuse. The IPSO memberships will be stopped, if payments have not been received for three years!

Jörg Fuchs

Fund raising for the IPSO/SIOP meeting

The Executive Board would like to ask all members to try and contribute to Fund rising for our annual meeting. You can contribute by contacting any (medical) firm you regard as a potential donor that would be receptive to sponsorship. In case of a fruitful contact, please pass this information to either our Program Director (jgodzin@wp.pl), President (Richard.Spicer@ubht.nhs.uk), or to the Secretary (d.c.aronson@amc.uva.nl).

From the Secretary

With this newsletter you'll find the new IPSO Membership Directory. Please check if your details are correct, especially your mail address and phone/fax numbers.

Please remember to forward any change of address and/or affiliation ASAP to the IPSO secretariat! Sometimes it's difficult to relocate our members...

Who of you is aware of the new address of the following IPSO member

- Dr. Kohei Hashizume, Tokyo

Thanks to the excellent work and energy of Roly Squire, our webside is in the air!! Please try www.ipsosurgeons.org If you have anything you think to be of interest to be put on our webside, or if you have any comments, please contact Roly our appointed webmaster at roly.squire@leedsth.nhs.uk

Note that this year's dead line for the IPSO abstracts is again March 20th. Presentations for the difficult case session do not need abstracts and can be submitted at the meeting. They must fit within one of the following categories. *'Cry for help'*, *'the most stupid thing I ever did'*, *'a good trick that can be of anyone's use'*, or *'follow up from the good advice you gave me last year'*.

Presidents Corner

2009 promises to be a good year for IPSO. Planning for the meeting in Sao Paolo is well advanced and Dr Jan Godzinski is working hard, along with Dr Simone Abib, to put together an enticing program. His efforts will however come to naught unless they are supported by the membership. There are many ways in which you, as a member, can contribute to the meeting. Firstly of course submitted abstracts are the soul of our discussions and the more the merrier. Doctors in Third World countries see many more patients with malignancies than colleagues in the First World. Share that experience.

Posters are also valuable and members worried about their fluency in English may find this an easier medium in which to present. (There is also a poster prize of an indecent number of US dollars up for grabs). But problem cases also provide lively debate and can sometimes help resolve clinical dilemmas. All that is needed is for you to bring your presentation on Powerpoint to the meeting and contact Dan Aronson or Bruce Broecker on arrival. You do not have to “submit” your case, the session is run on a first come first served basis. Finally, and probably most importantly, you can get involved in the discussions that follow each presentation, preferably from the floor but certainly afterwards in the tea break.

It is also important that you become involved in the management of your Society. Be at the AGM and voice your frustrations or plaudits. Stand for election to the various committees and positions. Electronic communication means that no matter where you are in the world you can hold office within IPSO. New blood is always necessary to keep the Society vibrant and responsive to the membership’s aspirations but you can’t be elected if your name is not on the ballot paper.

You can also get involved by participating in the social program. This is very important to IPSO and the opportunity to network with colleagues from around the world should not be missed. In Sao Paolo there will be “educational” sessions preceding the actual congress. This practice started in Mumbai and has proved popular, so come along and participate.

Drs Godzinski and Abib are counting on your input. So is the rest of the Membership.

Larry Hadley,
President

APPLICATION for IPSO membership

(please print)

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TITLE

AFFILIATION

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