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IPSO Summer Newsletter 2010

Dear Friends

I must start with an apology.

Since taking over the reins as secretary of IPSO I have been struggling to catch up with the duties of the post, and did not manage to put together a January newsletter. This reflects on how magnificent job my predecessor, Dan Aronson, did when he was secretary. Dan has set a high standard, and I will do my best to build on his work.

So this will be a bumper issue, since it covers events from 2009 (including reports from the Sao Paulo congress) as well as an update on 2010.

Please make sure you know about the plans for the 2010 congress in Boston. The pre-meeting course entitled "Update and recent Advances in Pediatric Oncology for Surgeons" looks very exciting, and the preliminary details for the rest of the meeting are equally mouth-watering. Please see page 4 of this newsletter.

As you read this newsletter I would like you to consider whether there are any additional topics that you would like to be included in future newsletters, or indeed if there are other forms of communication that you would like me to introduce. For a while I am combining the roles of webmaster and secretary, and I hope that this may be an opportunity to develop our use of electronic dialogue.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Boston. One of the great strengths of IPSO is its informality, which encourages free discussion and a wonderful environment for the transfer of knowledge and information. I hope that during my tenure as secretary I will know that I have gained a wide circle of friends from around the globe.

2009 IPSO/SIOP Congress: Sao Paulo, Brazil

Starting with the pre-meeting course on 5 October, Sao Paulo, the financial capital of Brazil, hosted an excellent meeting. Many of us were daunted by the prospect of going to such an enormous city, with a reputation for traffic jams and crime. What we found was an extremely well organized meeting held in an oasis of tranquility, in a fascinating city that has a vibrant culture, excellent food.....
.....and traffic jams.



Simone Abib was our host and local organizer, and we are all extremely grateful for the excellent job she did. Her deft touch ensured that the meeting ran with silky smoothness, and the IPSO dinner was a carnivore's delight. I think even the Argentinians were impressed.

Thank you, Simone!

The meeting began, as has been the recent custom, with the pre-meeting course, which provided both state-of-the-art presentations for less experienced paediatric surgical oncologists and an update some for the old hands. There were presentations on Wilms tumour, hepatoblastoma, sarcoma and neuroblastoma, with a particular focus on those tumours which present a difficult challenge to the surgeon.

The main meeting included the IPSO keynote lecture on 'surgery for rare tumours', and a combined SIOP-IPSO session on ovarian tumours. There were a number of excellent oral and poster presentations; choosing the best proved to be so difficult that the IPSO prizes were shared.

The best paper awards went to:

- Amos Loh (KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Singapore)- diagnostic delay in pediatric solid tumors.
- Federica de Corti (University Hospital of Padova, Italy)- initial surgery in patients with non metastatic rhabdomyosarcoma RMS): Analysis of compliance to surgical guidelines of the European Paediatric Sarcoma Study Group (EPSSG) RMS2005 protocol.

The best poster awards went to:

- Dennis Cozzi (Sapienza University Hospital, Rome, Italy)- wait and see strategy in congenital adrenal neuroblastoma: an interim report.
- Francisca Gutierrez (Instituto Nacional do Cancer, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)- evaluation of factors involved in the long term central venous catheter breakage in pediatric patients.

All-in all another successful IPSO congress.

Minutes of the IPSO Business Meeting – Sao Paulo, Brazil, October 7, 2009

Apologies: Pjotr Czauderna

1. **Opening** at 4:30 PM
2. **Minutes IPSO meeting 2008 (Berlin):** were proposed by Shochat, seconded by Spicer, and accepted and verbally signed off by the President
3. **Report from the President:** the president thanked all members who spent their time for a splendid 2009 IPSO meeting in person. Jan Godzinski for the program, Roly Squire for the website, Jörg Fuchs for his activities as Treasurer, Dan Aronson for a decade of service as secretary, and Steve Shochat for the achievement of many successes as the IPSO representative in the SIOP-SC. He announced the foundation of the IPSO-Foundation in which money will be allocated to be used for education. Educational initiatives will be welcomed.
4. **Report from the Treasurer – statement of finances, billing process, non-paying members:** the financial balance was accepted by the membership without further comments. Letters for payment of dues will be sent to the non-payers. Members that did not pay dues for >3 years will be revoked. Financial payment forms will become downloadable from the website. Rosalinde will be asked to send receipts of payments.
5. **IPSO scholarships for reduced congress fees and travel/accommodation costs: Amount, rules, selection procedure:** to hand out scholarships would be congruent to IPSO's mission. However we don't have sufficient means to run it. The selection process will be very difficult to define. Broecker suggested to only pay registration fee for locals that apply. This did, however, not seem meaningful for the upcoming meeting in Boston. It was decided to not yet embark on such project, to wait until the IPSO foundation has been established, but to keep it on the future agenda.
6. **Election of a new EC members:** The nominees were elected by acclamation. Dan Aronson as President elect, Roly squire as secretary, Sandeep Agarwala as EC member, and Jan Godzinski was re-elected as Program Director. All were congratulated by the President.
7. **Election of new Members. New** All applicants for the IPSO membership (n=10)* were accepted as new members and were congratulated by the President.
8. **Recruitment of new IPSO members** The President urged the membership to invite their trainees, fellows, colleagues, or anyone actively working in the field of Pediatric (Surgical) Oncology, etcetera, to become member of our organization. We need to strengthen our organization in order to become financially viable to fulfill our educational goals!
9. **The IPSO website** Roly Squire presented an overview of the current state of our website. The members area is now accessible by use of a generic name (IPSO – member). Members will get a personal login. The membership is urged to give feedback to the webmaster on what items are wanted to be part of the website.
10. **Future Oncology Meetings: IPSO at EUPSA 2010, Bern, Switzerland – interactive Oncology Course part III;** The membership was informed of the next oncology course in Bern. The last course in Graz has been completely filled. As was achieved as quite successful.
11. **Program Director: IPSO 2010 at Boston, USA** The Program Director announced that next year a combined symposium (IPSO+PROS+SIOP) will be organized on lung metastases on day +2. It will be put in the newsletter in order to make sure that surgeons plan their presence to this symposium.
12. **Appointment of the local Surgical Organizer for Boston** Bob Shamberger was invited to be our local surgical organizer (LSO) and agreed to do so. An official invitation letter and the guidelines for the LSO will be forwarded to him by the secretary.
13. **Evaluation of the pre-meeting in Sao Paulo** The program of the pre-meeting has been achieved as very good. Participants have reacted enthusiastically. Also it has been felt as very positive that the local people had a good opportunity to present their papers. The membership agreed with this summary of the President, and Simone Abib was congratulated for this success.
14. **PBC and IPSO** Wiley proposed a new status for Societies that are not able to attend the annual meeting at Wiley's in Hoboken. This will however not influence our relationship with Wiley. We'll have no room to maneuver since we are not prepared to pay the travel expenses of a representative of IPSO to Hoboken, and we'll accept this new status. The SIOP-EB assured us that it will have no financial influence on the annual PBC grant.
15. **Letter from Dan D'Angio: kidney damage** Dan D'Angio has written a letter to IPSO and to Michael Ritchey to ask for a view regarding information to be given to parents of a child with a mono-kidney. Based on the review by Grinsell et al (Pediatrics 2006; 118: 1019) with good data indicating which sports have caused renal damage. The membership found it of great importance that also children with mono-kidney lead a normal life, despite the fact they are a little more vulnerable than kids who have both

kidney's. Most pediatric renal injury is due to traffic rather than by sports. Only three members present (2 from USA, 1 from Portugal) had the opinion that some sports should be avoided. This answer will be sent to Dan D'Angio.

16. New members: the following were welcomed as new members of IPSO

Torbjörn Backman	(sponsors: Kullendorff/Monclair)
Robert Shamberger	(sponsors: Shochat/Davidoff)
Christopher Weldon	(sponsors: Shochat/Davidoff)
Omar Abdulwahed	(sponsors: Martelli/Aronson)
Federica de Corti	(sponsors: Cecchetto/Aronson)
Danielle Nunes Forny	(sponsors: Gonzalez/Dall'Igna/Rao)
Krzysztof Bronowick	(sponsors: Godzinski/Aronson)
Yves Heloury	(sponsors: Martelli/Gauthier)
Maximillian Stehr	(sponsors: von Schweinitz/Aronson)
Beate Haeberle	(sponsors: von Schweinitz/Aronson)

17. **Any other business** Dan Aronson thanked the membership for their trust in him as their Secretary for the past decade, and handed over the (digitized) IPSO archives and the secretariat to Roly Squire

18. **Adjournment** at 17:45 PM

The IPSO Paediatric Surgical Oncology Course (part 3): EUPSA meeting: Berne, Switzerland: June 2010

Once more IPSO ran the paediatric surgical oncology course at the start of the annual EUPSA congress, this year held in Berne, Switzerland. The course seems to go from strength to strength, and for the second year running it was over-subscribed. The course runs on a three-year cycle of topics, with a certificate of completion awarded to delegates who attend each of the three components. This year was the third year of the cycle, and three of the 41 participants were awarded their certificates of completion.

The feedback from this year's course was exceptional, with all components scoring highly. Talks were given on *non-rhabdo soft tissue sarcomas* by Dietrich von Schweinitz from Munich, on *thoracic wall tumours* by Sandeep Aggrawal from Delhi, and on *endocrine tumours* by Dan Aronson from Nijmegen & Robert Carachi from Glasgow. These were capped by a state-of-the-art keynote lecture on *radiotherapy & brachytherapy* given by Helene Martelli from Paris & Dermot Murphy from Glasgow. The international faculty was completed by Alan Howatson from Glasgow, who provided pathology input throughout the day. The day finished with the faculty convening a 'tumour board' to discuss difficult cases brought by delegates.



Look out for next year's course, which will be held in conjunction with the EUPSA annual meeting in Barcelona. We highly recommended the IPSO course to senior trainees or young specialist surgeons who will have a significant practice in paediatric surgical oncology.

Roly Squire &
Robert Carachi

2010 IPSO/SIOP Congress: Boston, USA: 20-24 October, 2010

As you will already know, the annual meeting this year is being held in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr Robert Shamberger is our local organiser, and has been doing an immense amount of preparation to ensure that the meeting is a success. The programme looks very exciting- I hope you will be able to attend.

IPSO 2010 starts with a pre-meeting course on Wednesday 20 October, which is planned to run from 9am – 2pm. The title for the day is **An Update and Recent Advances in Pediatric Oncology for Surgeons**, and the provisional programme is as follows:

- Soft Tissue Sarcomas- Andrea Hayes-Jordan
- Role of anti-angiogenic therapy in pediatric solid tumors- Andrew Davidoff
- Current hepatoblastoma trials- Rebecka Meyers
- Results of recent North American trials in Wilms Tumor- Peter Ehrlich
- Recent surgical advances in management of bone tumors- Mark Gebhardt
- Role of the MR/OR in the management of pediatric brain tumors: Introducing new technology into current therapy- Liliana Goumnerova
- COG trials in germ cell tumors: recent outcomes and current studies- Frederick Rescorla
- Rhabdomyosarcoma- David Rodeberg
- Role of surgical resection in the cure of neuroblastoma- Mike LaQuaglia

The pre-meeting course will be held at The Children's Hospital, and registration is through the SIOP electronic registration process.

The IPSO annual meeting continues from Thursday 21 to Friday 22 October, and merges into the SIOP annual meeting, which runs from Friday 22 to Sunday 24 October. These are just some of the highlights:

Dr. Jan Godzinski has organized a very interesting symposium entitled

“Toys and Tools in Pediatric Surgical Oncology”

that will take place on the morning of the 1st day of the IPSO meeting (October 21st). Topics to be discussed will be sentinel lymph node biopsy, tissue dissection techniques, and techniques of nephron sparing resections including bench surgery for renal tumors.

Dr. Dietrich Von Schweinitz will be presenting the keynote address for IPSO entitled **“Translational Research and Surgical Strategies of Childhood Solid Tumors”** on the afternoon of the 2nd day of the IPSO meeting.

On October 23rd (SIOP Day 2) at 1300 after the completion of the IPSO meeting there will be a **joint SIOP/IPSO PROS Symposium dealing with the management of pulmonary metastases**. There are a number of other presentations that will be of interest to the surgeons and every attempt has been made to prevent major conflicts with the main IPSO meeting.

On October 22nd (day 1 IPSO meeting) at 1200 PROS has a keynote address dealing with advances in proton beam therapy and on October 23rd at 0930, Dr. Roebuck will be giving a key note lecture that is entitled **“New Interventional Technology in Radiology”**. In addition there will be a number of free paper sessions on day 2 of the SIOP meeting (October 23rd) following the Pulmonary Metastasis Symposium that will be of interest to surgeons.

Over 50 abstracts have been submitted for the IPSO meeting and a very exciting meeting is being planned. Of particular note we have initiated a new session this year, in which the top four abstracts will be presented together in a PBC session (Friday 23 October: IPSO V) and will be eligible to be published in a special section of the journal **Pediatric Blood and Cancer** entitled **“Best of IPSO papers”**.

Finally, Boston is a wonderful city to explore and Dr. Shamberger is making arrangements for the IPSO dinner on the night of the 2nd day of the IPSO meeting (October 22nd) at one of the famous Boston restaurants. We look forward to seeing you in Boston. I am sure you will enjoy not only the scientific but the social aspects of IPSO/SIOP 2010.

From the Secretary

Call for nominees to stand for election to the IPSO Executive Board

This year there is just one position to be filled, for a board member to replace Patrizia Dall'Igna. The membership is invited to propose any willing IPSO member who is of good standing (ie has paid his or her dues) to stand as a nominee for election to this post. I would like to hear of any nominations prior to the Business Meeting, which will be held in Boston on Thursday 23 October, and so I would be grateful if you could email me if you wish to make a nomination or be nominated, to roly.squire@leedsth.nhs.uk

Call for New Members

All organisations need new members to replace those who are retiring, and IPSO is no different. We are also keen to encourage all paediatric surgeons who have a significant commitment to children's cancer to join, to widen our global pool of experience and knowledge. This has got to be good for the care of children in all countries. Please consider if you have colleagues or senior trainees who may benefit from IPSO membership, or perhaps surgeons that you have encountered who are from parts of the world where they may not have heard of IPSO, but would like to become part of our global organisation. I attach a membership application form at the end of this newsletter, and this can also be found on the website.

There are real benefits to being a member of IPSO, such as reduced registration fees for the annual IPSO/SIOP congress, reduced subscription fees for the journal *Pediatric Blood & Cancer*, and communications such as this newsletter. Primarily membership encourages communication between specialists from the more than 40 countries who have similar interests but may have quite different clinical practices.

Roly Squire

From the Treasurer

We currently have more than 150 members. Outstanding fees accumulated over the last 3 years to approximately 10.000 €. By the end of February, the letters of dues have been sent out to the members. 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! Every member can download the payment form from the IPSO homepage.

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! The proceedings about terminating IPSO memberships will be finally discussed in Boston 2010.

Jörg Fuchs



Website news: ipsosurgeons.org



Over the last 24 months I have endeavoured to keep the website up-to-date as an information resource for IPSO members, but I have not had the opportunity to develop. In particular I am keen to add to the members password-protected area. I hope that I will be able to make some of the presentations for the Boston meeting available, so that those who attend can refresh their memory of particular highlights, and those who are unable to attend can see what they missed.

Please have a look at www.ipsosurgeons.org and let me know what you think. Look out for me at Boston.

Roly Squire

The President's Corner

The World Cup is now behind us so those of us in this part of the world can get our lives back. Congratulations to the Spanish team and commiserations to the Dutch, and the thirty other teams that didn't win. The noise of the dreaded vuvuzela has at last abated and in searching for a use for the thousands of plastic trumpets now taking up space in rubbish bins the world over I came across this innovative idea from Papua New Guinea. It would be worth it for the peace!!

We look forward to the annual meeting in Boston which is almost upon us. In addition to the scientific sessions which Jan Godzinski and Steve Shochat have been busy organizing on our behalf there will be many opportunities for social interaction. Don't miss out!!

We have been warned that the meeting coincides with the Head of the Charles River regatta, apparently a very popular event, and that accommodation will be in short supply. Please book early.

Additional to our main programme the committee of PODC has organized a symposium on the management of Wilms' tumour in sub-Saharan Africa, a topic that will be of interest to many members. Details can be got from Trijn Israels at trijnisraels@hotmail.com.

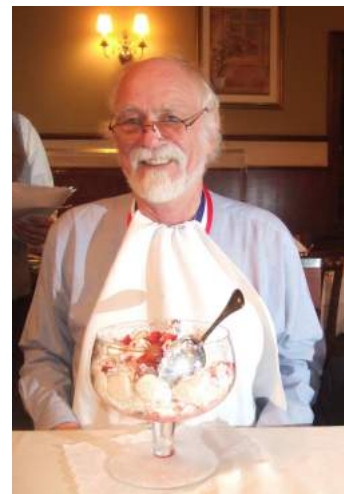
As usual we will have plenary sessions with oncology colleagues as well our traditional "Problem Case" session. I remind you that podium time is limited and this is run on a "first come, first served" basis.

Participants should bring their presentations in Powerpoint and give them to Dan Aronson or Bruce Broecker who will chair the session.

Of course Boston will also host the AGM of our society. This is our opportunity to give direction to the development of our organization, elect office bearers and approve the actions taken by the Executive Committee in your name, or disagree as you see fit. Please participate.

Boston in the fall is a wonderful place to be and I'm sure we can look forward to a meeting that is scientifically stimulating and socially exciting.

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Larry Hadley

Application for IPSO membership

Please pass the attached application form to anyone suitable that you think would benefit from joining our organisation, or of course anyone whom you think would enhance our membership if they could be encouraged to join.

Dear Applicant

Please find the attached application form for membership of IPSO.

You will be required to get sponsorship from two IPSO members. If you do not know anyone who could sponsor you please get in touch with the secretary, who will be able to advise. Please fill out the form and then send it to the IPSO secretariat. We will also require a brief version of your CV, enough to demonstrate your activities and experience in the field of paediatric surgical oncology.

It is usually easiest to submit your application to the secretary on line: roly.squire@leedsth.nhs.uk This email address, fax number and postal address are all on the form. Applications are considered at the annual IPSO business meeting (the next one will be in Boston in October 2010). Receipt of your application will be confirmed, and you will be notified of the outcome of your application following the annual meeting.

An IPSO member will receive the IPSO newsletter biannually, and is eligible to subscribe to 'Pediatric Blood and Cancer' at the reduced rate of Euro 50. There is also a reduced rate for registration at the annual IPSO/SIOP meeting. The annual fee for IPSO membership is Euro 60. The first fee will be collected during the year following successful application.

APPLICATION for IPSO membership

(please print)

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Title:

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Home address (if preferred for communication):

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